

May

2024

PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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Serving at Prince of Peace

Ministers:
All Members

Pastor:
+ Andrew Jones

High School Ministry Leader:
+ Chase Gilliland

Church Office:
+ Erin Smith, Secretary

Service Times
+ Saturday, 5:00 PM
+ Sunday, 9:00 AM

Sunday School
+All ages 10:15-11:00

**2024 Congregation
Officers:**
+ David Cluver, President
+ Chase Gilliland, Vice President
+ Sue Grindley, Secretary
+ Janice Koss, Treasurer

MISSION STATEMENT

***We are a family of
believers, united to
know Christ, and to
make him known.***

Confirmation

The Affirmation of Baptism service is an important moment in a young Christian person's life. At the tender age of 14 or so, young people in many churches have the opportunity to make a choice, to publicly take a stand for their faith in Jesus. They publicly proclaim that Jesus is Lord. But more than that, they proclaim that Jesus is their Lord. It is a big moment, one that can impact the remainder of a young person's faith life.

On May 5, a group of 4 young people at Prince of Peace will have the opportunity to make a proclamation of faith. They have completed 2 years of instruction and exploration of who Jesus is, and what He means in our lives. They have lived faith together in classroom exercises and small group conversations. They know faith, and are blessed in faith. They are Greta Goldenstein, Ashley Jannusch, Royce Loschen and Wyatt McKinney.

We call this moment of declaration the Service of Confirmation. This title finds its roots in the time of the church long ago when a traveling pastor would visit a congregation and confirm the actions that happened in his absence. But this is actually better understood as a moment when we Affirm our Baptism. It is a moment in a person's life when they say yes to God's promise that was given to them in baptism. There is no one among us who can confirm what God has already done. We don't have the authority to confirm, to verify what God has done. We don't put our stamp of approval on God's grace. We can only affirm it, consent to it, say yes to it, submit to it. Our choice is to live in the grace that God extended to us in our baptism, whenever that might have been.

Confirmation has figured large in the life of Prince of Peace. Since 1965, there have been classes as large as 19 and as small as 3. Some of the current leaders of our congregation were a part of those earliest confirmation classes. Many different pastors have served over those years, and many different members of the congregation have served as teachers and leaders. But no matter who is leading the classes, or leading the service, there is one Lord.

Join us on May 5 for a wonderful celebration of faith. Pray for these 4 young people. We have a good and gracious God who loves us very much. Let us celebrate that together!

Pastor Andy



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

FIRST SUNDAY FUNDAY! - Be sure to join us on May 5th for the next First Sunday FUNday!! If you would be willing to lead a FUNday craft, please let Tammy Vallee know!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We still need a couple people willing to substitute teach when other teachers are not available. This is a great (and easy, low commitment) way to support this important ministry! Please consider volunteering to substitute when other teachers are sick or will be out of town! The lessons are preplanned and easy to follow--please ask Tammy Vallee, Amy Hager or Chase Gilliland if you have any questions!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you are interested in helping with VBS this summer, please talk with Tammy Vallee.



The Fellowship Committee wants to celebrate and thank all the moms in our congregation for all that they do. Look for us in the fellowship area after evening service on May 11th and after morning service on May 12th, we'll have a special treat for you!

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The Rite of Confirmation will be Sunday May 5th. Congratulations Greta Goldenstein, Ashlee Jannusch, Royce Loschen, and Wyatt McKinney!



In honor of Memorial Day, the church office will be

closed on Monday May 27th.

FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are needed for Fellowship. If you would like to host a Fellowship Hour, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Wingler.



Don't forget to bring in your IGA receipts! Please put them in the box labeled "IGA Receipts" outside the sanctuary.



The Landscape Committee is looking for people to help with the landscaping at church. If you are interested, please contact Rick Ackerman at Rick.Ackerman01@gmail.com



80 jars of each peanut butter and jelly are needed for Feed the Need. Donations are taken to the Methodist Church so the food boxes can be packed for distribution. We thank you for your generosity!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 28; Maundy Thursday	7PM	69
March 29; Good Friday	7PM	65
March 31; Easter Sunday	TOTAL	234 (No 5PM Service)
	5PM	9AM
April 6/7	19	72
April 13/14	35	114
April 20/21	32	112



Many of us in the family of faith here at Prince of Peace have events and happenings in our lives that we'd like for others to know about, but we don't know how to get the word out. This might be bridal showers, parties, life and health challenges, or the loss of loved ones. If you have something happening in your life that you want to share with others in the church, please contact the church office and we will add it to the next month's newsletter.



Volunteers are needed to deliver weekly meals each Monday for Meals on Wheels. The monthly sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Impact Life Blood Center will host a blood drive on Tuesday, May 9 in the East Fellowship Hall from 4 – 8 pm. To schedule your donation time, go to



<https://www.bloodcenter.org/donate/locations/illinois/champaign-urbana/>



Family or person interested in decorating the large bulletin board in the ELC hallway seasonally. Your time and ideas are all you need as many materials are located in the west fellowship storage area. Please call Sherrill Mohr for details: (369-5587)

POPS PLUS

POPS Plus will meet at Rich's on May 16th at 9:00AM. If you would like to join us, a signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Pray and Play Fellowship



WHO: POP MEMBERS

WHEN: The second Thursday of each month

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: West Fellowship Hall

This is a gathering for those who would like to play board games or card games. Come join in the fun!



MEN'S GROUP

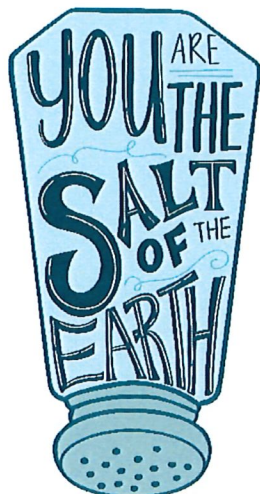
The Saturday morning Men's Group began a journey through the book of Romans on January 20. This study is being led by Pastor Andy, and explores the Biblical book that was central to Martin Luther's re-discovery of God's grace. All men are invited on Saturday mornings, beginning at 7am.



Choir practice has one date change in May. We will be practicing on **Wednesday May 8th at 6:30pm**. The rest of May will remain the same; Thursdays at 6:30pm.

STEWARDS of GOD'S INFLUENCE

Salt & Light



When we think of influence, what often comes to mind is title and position, fame and fortune or status and authority. But you may well have all or a few of these things and still not have influence. Influence is God-given. It's a gift given by him through the Holy Spirit for the benefit of bringing about his will.

The Four T's of Influence are time, talents, treasure and testimony. And we are called in baptism to unleash these gifts through the church and into the world. These are visible expressions of faith, and they demonstrate all the opportunities that are given to us for the sole purpose of influencing others.

Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount explains how we are to be salt and light, and to bring our saltiness (influence) into the world.

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16

If we lose our saltiness or light, then we lose the ability to influence. Salt preserves, and it also enhances favor. We are the salt of the earth. We are also the light of the world. If we are the light as Jesus has said we are, then we are called to take our gifts of time, talent, treasure and testimony into the darkness of this world and light it up with the presence of his promise proclaimed in the gospels.

So often, you hear the word "stewardship" and it immediately conjures images of money, annual campaigns and fundraisers. And although these annual campaigns are an important focus of stewardship, stewardship encompasses so much more. It is one of the markers of genuine discipleship.

There are those who are very generous in their financial support of their congregations and the NALC but choose to serve very little in ministry. They write a check but don't engage in ministry and the profound joy of serving our Lord. On the other hand, there are people who prefer to serve their congregation as a substitute for financial contributions. But, the capacity to do effective ministry takes the weekly financial offering, the time to invest one's natural God-given abilities and professional skills and the testimony of each us to sustain and expand the reach of his Church.

How we use our time, talents, treasure and testimony to unleash his influence in our lives and how we pass this influence on to others is as important as how we use our wealth and manage our money. If we are not influencing others, we will surely be influenced by them.



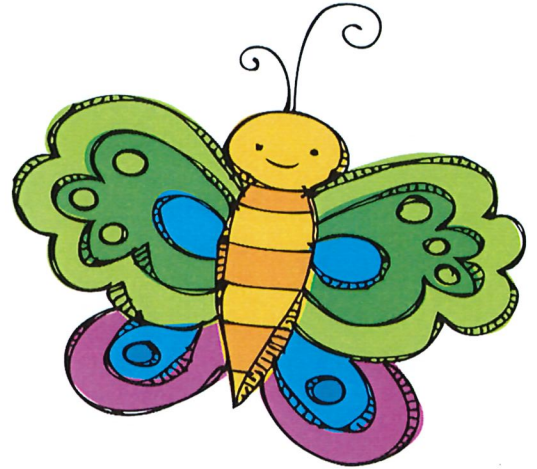
What's Been Happening in Early Learning?

We've been busy learning about Flowers/Plants, Mother's Day, Zoo, and Sea Life/Ocean. Classroom's will be doing fun projects for Mother's Day. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held in April. The Green Frog and Blue Horse children have been practicing for graduation that will attending Kindergarten this Fall.

The children were excited for the warmer weather and the chance to get outside to play. Soon the grade school will be on Summer Vacation and the children will start to go on field trips and have classroom visitors from Homer Lake, U of I Wildlife Clinic, Kona Ice, and many more.

The preschool children have been working hard this past month learning new Spanish colors, and numbers.

Graduation ceremony will be May 9th in the sanctuary.



School Wide Themes:

Flowers/Plants
Mother's Day
Zoo
Sea Life/Ocean
Picnic/Summer

Bible Verses

Review

Color & Shapes:

Oval, Heart, Crescent,
Hexagon, Diamond



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Dennis Aden
Donna Huls
Mike Wallace

Molly Fenters
Abby Immke

Henry Fruhling
Paul Swinford

Mike Halbach
Kim Walden

Parker Acton; family friend of Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland
Michael Adwell; uncle of Katelynn Gilliland
Anna Boulaharis; daughter of Wakefields
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler
Valerie Wallace-Camp; daughter-in-law of Pat Camp
Jerry Cencula; uncle of Nichole Jones
Jeanine Dietrich; friend of Micki Suits
Amy Dufelmeier; cousin of Franzen's
Lonnie Fiscus; friend of community
Susan Fiscus; friend of community
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Tylor Fulk; friend of community
Pam Furrer
Gordon Gilly; friend of community
Mike Trautman; friend of Gerald & Darlene Sappenfield
Bob Grona; father of June Kopmann

Wendy Grunwald; mother of Ryan Munsterman
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Ann Ludwig; friend of Deb Melchior
Debbie Martinez; friend of community
Kile McKee; co-worker of Jodi Gilliland
Glenda McMinn; step-sister of Micki Suits
Dean Meece; uncle of Katelynn Gilliland
Hannah Nirider; niece of Jennifer Nirider
Linda Rasmussen; mother of Tracy Wilson
Mildred Rincker; mother of Sharan Carmichael
Shirley Rothermel; mother of Susan Allen
Trinity Sabol; niece of Winglers
Wanda Shade; mother of Stephanie Wingler
Ken Turner; friend of Katelynn Gilliland
Nic Turner; co-worker of Jodi Gilliland
Betty Young; sister of Bev Goldenstein

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Matthew Collins	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Colorado Springs, CO
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in South Korea
Tyler Haake	Illinois Air National Guard
Jesus Olmedo	Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Marine, Las Vegas, Nevada
Mitchell Pittman	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy Jones – Air National Guard – Ohio
Michael Scott	Friend of Swinford family – Stationed at AFB in Minot, ND
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Clovis, NM
Forrest Volz	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy – Marines, Stationed in Hawaii



May 4/5 6th Sunday of Easter

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Aaron Hager

GREETERS: 9:00 Aaron & Amy Hager

ACOLYTE: 9:00 Emma Wilson

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Carmine Dwyer

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

May 11/12 Ascension of Our Lord

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Vicky Hastings
9:00 Todd Goetting

GREETERS: 9:00 David & Amber Cluver

ACOLYTE: 9:00 Jebb Aden

LAY READERS: 5:00 Vicky Hastings
9:00 Pat Camp

ALTAR FLOWERS: Vicky Hastings in memory of Vicky's mom Lorraine Watson; The Hill Family in celebration of Ann Hill's Birthday

May 18/19 Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jason Emmert

GREETERS: 9:00 Mark & Kim Howard

ACOLYTE: 9:00 Brady Blunier

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Lori Stewart

ALTAR FLOWERS: Aaron and Amy Hager

May 25/26 The Holy Trinity

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 June Kopmann

GREETERS: 9:00 John & Carmine Dwyer

ACOLYTE: 9:00 Jaxon Blunier

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Zack Wingle

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gary and Sandy Ferguson in memory of Kenneth Rhodes

MAY USHERS

Saturday: OPEN

Sunday: Mike & Tami Voges

May 26: OPEN

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Katelynn Gilliland

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00 Lois Hewerdine

9:00 Sandy Ferguson

Fellowship Servants:

May 5: Greg & Becky Mills

May 12: OPEN

May 19: John & Carmine Dwyer

May 26: OPEN

MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)
May: Vicky Hastings





Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship  ARBOR DAY	April 29	April 30	May 1 9:30-12:30 Home Extension, W Hall	2 Feed the Need 6:30 Choir	3	4 7:00 Men's Study
5 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion & Rite of Confirmation 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship 	6 9:00-3:00 Quilts of Valor, West Hall	7	8 6:30 POP 8th Gr. Confirmation Rehearsal	9 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE 1:30 Pray & Play, West Hall 4-8 Blood Drive, East Hall 6:15 ELC Graduation, Sanctuary	10	11 7:00 Men's Study
12 Ascension Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship 	13 2:00 Ladies Outreach	14	15 6:30 Choir	16 6:30 Choir	17	18 7:00 Men's Study
19 Pentecost 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship 	20	21 6:30 Council	22	23 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 Choir	24	25 7:00 Men's Study Bring Peanut Butter & Jelly for Feed the Need
26 The Holy Trinity 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship Bring Peanut Butter & Jelly for Feed the Need	27 Office Closed 	28	29	30	31	June 1 7:00 Men's Study 5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion



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