



PRINTS OF PEACE

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

Ministers:
All Members

Pastor:
+

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

**2026 Congregation
Officers:**
+ David Cluver, President
+ Chase Gilliland, Vice President
+ Katelynn Gilliland, Secretary
+ Janice Koss, Treasurer

MISSION STATEMENT

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

REFORMATION

THEN NOW ALWAYS

Every year on the last Sunday in October (October 25, 2026), many churches set aside the day as "Reformation Sunday". If you didn't grow up in the Lutheran church or with this practice, you might wonder where this tradition comes from, and why some congregations continue to practice it.

So.....what is Reformation Sunday, and why should we care 509 years later?

The History of Reformation Sunday

Our story begins in the 16th century – 1517 to be exact. Bear with me here— what follows is a very simplified explanation of complex theological, political, and economic events that all coincided.

Across Europe, the Roman Catholic Church was engaged in one of the greatest fundraisers in all of history.

If a person – out of contrition for their sins and as a sign of repentance – made a financial gift to help with building Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, then the church would furnish that person with a certificate acknowledging that gift and promising that they or their loved ones would be freed from a portion of the misery expected in the afterlife.

In short, the church at that time taught that even those bound for heaven had to be cleansed of their earthly sins and this cleansing (purging) in the afterlife took place in a place called Purgatory. The certificates offered by the church (called "Indulgences") promised to lessen this time of cleansing for oneself or others who had already died.

November 1st was an important day for the selling and buying of these indulgences, known as All Saints Day on the church's calendar.

The day before, on October 31st, a German Monk named Martin Luther posted a list of 95 Theses – 95 reasons that he objected to this practice of selling indulgences. Along with other writings by Martin Luther, those 95 reasons went viral.

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Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do – including the buying of indulgences or doing enough good work. ***Instead, we are forgiven because of who God is.*** We are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy.

His teachings and writings got Martin Luther kicked out of the church. But he didn't go alone. Others agreed with him, and after his death those who agreed with Luther became known as Lutherans and also as Protestants.

Every Protestant church traces their roots back to this moment in history.

Why does Reformation Sunday matter?

October 31, 1517 was a long time ago. Why does it continue to matter and be remembered in our churches today?

1. Reformation Sunday gives us an opportunity to tell our story – a time to remember

We all have a family story – how we got to this point in history. Stories about parents and grandparents, about the things that have shaped our families over the years.

Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people, like Martin Luther, who risked everything so that we are able to gather and worship in the manner we do.

2. Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things

Throughout the year we preach about many things in the church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the core of our faith; the very thing that compelled Martin Luther and others to risk their lives. ***God loved us first and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.***

3. Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better

Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better. We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God is gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all we are is a gift from God.

Happy Reformation Sunday!

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." Martin Luther

In Faith and Fellowship,
Janice Koss, Treasurer



The first review night is Sunday, October 11 at St. John from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend.

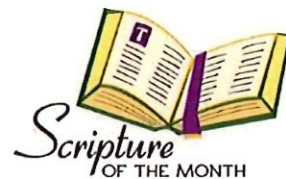
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
August 29/30	26	80
Sept 5/6	25	92
Sept 12/13	19	95
Sept 19/20	32	87



Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Feed the Need

with your donations of peanut butter and jelly! The next distribution dates are Thursday, October 1 and 29 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.



October 4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 5:1-7; Ps 80:7-15; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46

October 11 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 25:1-9; Ps 23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14

October 18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 45:1-7; Ps 96:1-9; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22

October 25 – Reformation Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 46; Rom 3:19-28; John 8:31-36



Adult and Children Sunday School classes meet each week at 10:15am! Children's classes are PreK-K, 1st-3rd, and 4th-8th.

First Sunday Funday is back on October 4! Children are invited to join us for a fun craft. If you would like to volunteer to lead a Sunday

Funday craft or help with Sunday School, please contact Chase Gilliland at 217-778-0892 or chase.gilliland1@gmail.com

Pastoral and Lay Leadership Monthly Services Schedule:

Pastoral Leadership: Pastor Jim Lehmann and Pastor Donna Smith

Lay Leadership: Dave Cluver, Jason Emmert, Dwayne Gilliland, Todd Goetting, Cindy Goetting, Roger Koss, Zack Wingler

1st Saturday and Sunday Pastor Jim Lehmann

2nd Saturday and Sunday Lay Leadership

3rd Saturday Pastor Donna Smith (also blessing communion for Sunday service)

3rd Sunday Lay Leadership

4th and 5th Saturday and Sunday Lay Leadership



The Call Committee and Church Council continue to work prayerfully as we prepare for the next chapter at Prince of Peace.

Building on our previous workshop, we recognize the need for greater clarity and more specific direction as we move forward in the call process—particularly in identifying the qualities and pastoral leadership our congregation is seeking and developing a clear vision for the future of Prince of Peace.

To help us with this important work, Pastor Jim Lehmann and Pastor Donna Smith will lead a second workshop on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

in the East Fellowship Hall.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts and hopes as we prayerfully consider the future of Prince of Peace.



POPS PLUS

Wiener Roast at 5:30pm on Thursday, October 15 at the home of Tom & Sue Grindley: 1108 CR 2375 E, Homer. Hot dog buns and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered side dish and lawn chair. Any questions, call Sue at 217-621-0421. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can come.

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 Men's Group meets every Saturday morning at 7:00am. All men are invited to join us for a time of study and fellowship.

THE LORD WILL
guide you ALWAYS;
HE WILL satisfy
YOUR NEEDS
IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND
AND WILL strengthen
YOUR FRAME.
ISAIAH 58:11, NIV

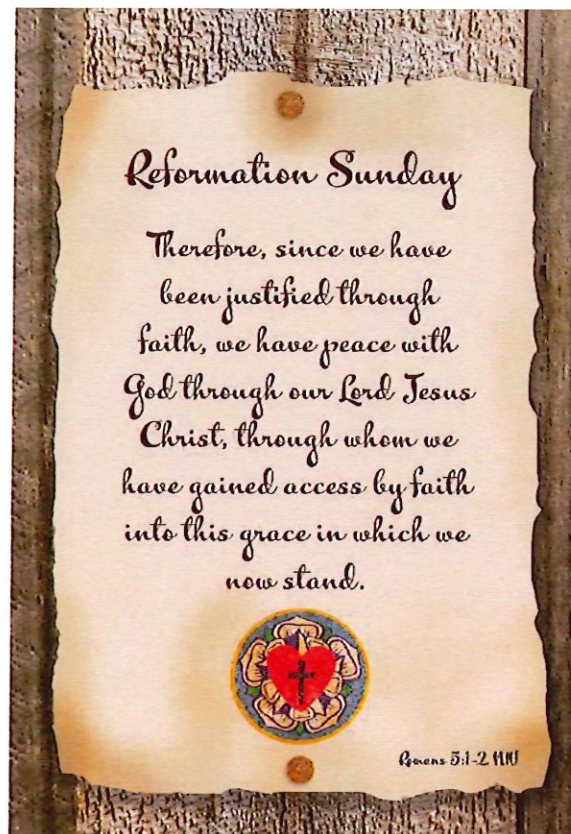
A decorative illustration of a branch with several orange and yellow autumn leaves.



Council highlights from the September meeting.

- Zach Wingler will serve as our adult Confirmation representative at Royal. Confirmation will be held on Sunday evenings.
- Confirmation Expectations for Confirmands:
 - Church Attendance - 75% of services
 - Acolyte
 - Sermon Notes - each service
 - Confirmation Attendance - 75% of classes
- Preparing for Fall Festival October 17, 2026 6:00pm - 8:30pm.
 - Hot Dogs, chips, drinks, smores will be provided
 - Congregation will be invited to provide sides and desserts
- Call Committee update –
 - Congregational profile is 90% complete
 - Pastor Jim Lehmann & Pastor Donna Smith will lead a Congregational Workshop on Saturday, October 17th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.
 - Tori Beach Videography was hired to film the congregational video that will be presented with the congregational profile.
 - Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Prince of Peace November 15, 2026 at 6:00pm. Chase Gilliland and Zack Wingler are coordinating with local churches.

Full Council minutes are available every month to read in the Narthex.



The poster features a light beige background with a central rounded rectangle containing the event details. This central area is surrounded by a border of various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, some with black outlines. The text is in a warm, brownish-orange color.

Fall Festival

October

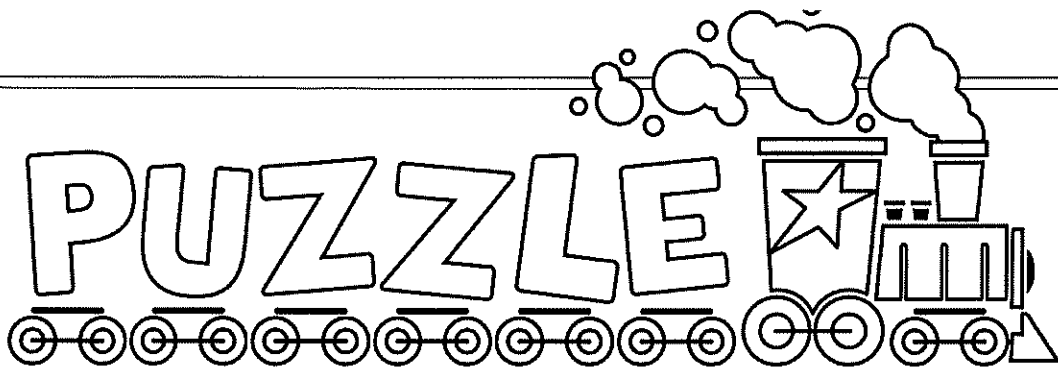
Saturday

17

at 6 p.m.

2026

Potluck dinner, s'mores,
and a hayrack ride!



JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise.
They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down
the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!



FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER





_____!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gayle Bartell
Dale Kopmann

Lyn DeWeese
Pastor Dennis Meyer

Molly Fenters
Brad Mohr

Mardella Jannusch
Jeff Mohr

Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's
Kim Brooks-Allen; friend of POP
Tim Brooks; friend of POP
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Winger
Dustin Buford; friend of Greg & Becky Mills
Mike Cooper; friend of Brad & Sherrill Mohr
Tammy Croe; cook at POP Early Learning Center
Kay Fiscus; neighbor of Kenny & Donna Weaver
Susan Fiscus; friend of community
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Pam Furrer; friend of community
Bobbi Grigsby; daughter of Terri Modd
Ed Grindley; brother of Tom Grindley
Wendy Grunwald; mother of Ryan Munsterman
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Seth Hatchel; cousin of the Wingers
Donna Huls; friend of Tom & Sue Grindley
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Jesus & Elena Lucio; parents of Miguel Lucio

Sandy Maury; friend of POP
Danny Meece; uncle of Katelynn Gilliland
Chris Miezio; friend of POP
Jennifer Mitchaner; friend of Carmine Dwyer
Sharon Mowry; friend of POP
Jesus Olmedo; nephew of Miguel Lucio
Michelle Orvis; friend of Terri Modd
Amy Parry; niece of Terri Modd
Bryan Perkins; brother of Erin Smith
Sue Phillips; friend of POP
Linda Rasmussen; mother of Tracy Wilson
Mike Romine; friend of Lowell & Micki Suits
Shirley Rothermel; mother of Susan Allen
Kayla Sabin; daughter of Stephanie Winger
Mitch Schoolcraft; friend of Tom & Sue Grindley
Larry Sparks; friend of the community
Casia Veeck; granddaughter of Terri Modd
Chad Walker; family friend of Goldensteins
Joe Young; son of cousin of Micki Suits

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Buch	Nephew of Todd and Cindy Goetting
Matthew Collins	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Middle East
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in Decatur, IL
Tyler Haake	Illinois Air National Guard
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Eielson, AK



October 3/4 19th Sunday after Pentecost

PREACHER/LAY MINISTER: 5:00 Pastor Jim Lehmann
9:00 Pastor Jim Lehman

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

GREETERS: 9:00 Sandy Ferguson

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Troy & Tammy Vallee in
celebration of their anniversary

October 10/11 20th Sunday after Pentecost

PREACHER/LAY MINISTER: 5:00 Zack Wingler/
Linda Green
9:00 Zack Wingler/
Linda Green

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Dave Cluver

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 June Kopmann

ALTAR FLOWERS: Zack & Stephanie Wingler in
celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary

October 17/18 21st Sunday after Pentecost

PREACHER/LAY MINISTER: 5:00 Pastor Donna Smith/
Roger Koss
9:00 Roger Koss

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Janice Koss

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gordon & Linda Green in
celebration of Matt & Kayla's 4th anniversary

October 24/25 Reformation Sunday

PREACHER/LAY MINISTER: 5:00 Jason Emmert
9:00 Jason Emmert

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Katelynn Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Mike Voges

ALTAR FLOWERS: Ken & Melinda Pratt in celebration
of their 35th anniversary

October 31/November 1 All Saints' Day

PREACHER/LAY MINISTER: 5:00 Pastor Jim Lehmann
9:00 Pastor Jim Lehmann

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Dwayne Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jodi Gilliland

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

USHERS

OPEN

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Katelynn Gilliland

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00pm: Lois Hewerdine

9:00am: Scott & Lori Stewart

Fellowship Servants

October 4: Jeff Klotz & Amy Ward

October 11: Rob & Mary Benoit

October 18: Greg & Becky Mills

October 25: Jeff Klotz & Amy Ward



OCTOBER

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship, w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	5 9:00am Quilts of Valor 	6 5:30pm Christian Education	7 6:30pm YGG	8 1:30pm Pray & Play, West Hall 7:00pm Call Committee	9 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE	10 7:00am Men's Study
6:00pm Confirmation, St John, Royal 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	12 5:30pm Fellowship 2:00pm Ladies Outreach	13 5:30pm Christian Education	14 6:30pm YGG 	15 7:00pm Call Committee 5:30pm POP's Plus, Tom & Sue Grindley's Home 7:00pm Call Committee	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 5:00pm Worship 7:00am Men's Group 10:00am Congregation Workshop, East Hall 5:00pm Fall Festival, East Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion
6:00pm Confirmation, St John, Royal 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	19	20 6:00pm ELC Board	21 6:30pm YGG	22 7:00pm Call Committee	23	24 7:00am Men's Study
6:00pm Confirmation, St John, Royal 25 Reformation Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship 	26 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE	27 6:30pm Council	28 6:30pm YGG	29 7:00pm Call Committee 5:00pm Feed the Need 7:00pm Call Committee	30	31 5:00pm Worship 7:00am Men's Group 
6:00pm Confirmation, St John, Royal			6:30pm YGG			5:00pm Worship



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