



# Tidings

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## AUGUST 2025

School will be starting in a couple of weeks, but we still have more than seven weeks of summer left! I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing one so far. It has been hot the past couple of weeks, but we should be enjoying slightly cooler temperatures to begin August.

As of July 17, your offerings have exceeded the budget by \$2,020.21. Thank you for your giving to support our church as well as our outreach ministries.

Thank you to our donor for the two AEDs that are now installed in the church: one in the narthex and the other in the Fellowship Hall. You will soon see new first aid kits upstairs and downstairs.

We also have several members who have signed up to learn how to use the AEDs/First Aid Training. We are working to get the class set up.

The church council is working on a Safety Plan. Council is reviewing a rough draft put together by Joel Karlson. Thank you to Joel for his work on the plan.

The Church Council approved a new insurance carrier. The premiums from our previous carrier jumped significantly. The reasons we were given are that premiums are on the rise and also for our roof claim from five years ago. The new carrier will save us a lot of money, but the premium is still a little over \$2,000 more than what was budgeted. Thank you to Heather Roberts for getting bids from other carriers for the Council to review.

The Council also approved a lease for a new copier contingent upon any post-agreement costs.

The Council is also reviewing revisions to our Facility Use Requests. We have a few groups that use the church. They pay a deposit and in most cases, they give the money to the church for the use of our facility.

Property Representative Bill Ernst presented a lengthy list of work done by volunteers. Thanks to everyone who has donated their time to keep the church building, lawn and landscaping maintained. Bill said a project that needs to be done is resealing the parking lot.

The next church council meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Brett Onstott  
Prince of Peace Church Council President

**NOISY OFFERINGS AUGUST 2 & 3** for the victims of flash flooding in central Texas the first of July.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—August 3 through August 7, held at Messiah Lutheran, 925 E. Seminole Street, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (dinner served at 5:00 pm each night)

**WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**—TBD

**OUTREACH TEAM MEETING** Tuesday, August 5 at 6 pm in the library.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** is taking a summer break and will resume in the fall.

**SEWING & CRAFTING DAY** at the church is held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Fellowship Hall (9 am until ?)

**AUGUST 9 & 10:** Name Tag Weekend!" (check your mail slots in the narthex for your name tag and wear your nametag at church!)

**ADULT & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** are on break for the summer

**MUTUAL MINISTRY MEETING**—Tuesday, August 12 at 3 pm in the library

**POP GAME NIGHT** Thursday, August 14 at 3 pm—5 pm and 6 pm—8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE SPRINGFIELD CARDINAL'S GAME** Friday, August 15. Gates open at 6:05 pm—game begins at 7:05 pm.

**VETERANS BREAKFAST** at 9:00 am on the third Thursday of the month @ Scrambler's, 1131 East Republic Road, Springfield

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** August 21 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with approximately 4.5 million members in more than 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

### ELCA & CENTRAL STATES SYNOD CONTACT INFORMATION

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Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
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420 West 14th Street, Suite 101  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105  
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Bishop Susan Candea until August 31, 2025  
Bishop Donna Simon as of September 1, 2025  
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### POP Council & Team Leaders 2025

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*Council Meeting Minutes* are attached on the bulletin board located outside the church library and are available for all members to review. \*denotes a non-council, team leader

## WORSHIP WITH US

**Saturday Evening Worship Service**  
**at 5 pm with Holy Communion**  
(casual, praise music)

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 am**  
**with Holy Communion**  
(Traditional)

## Welcome to the Table of Our Lord!

We welcome all baptized Christians to the table of our Lord who come seeking reconciliation and restoration, with God and with the people of God, through the assurance of Jesus' real presence with us in the sacrament. Adults and children who have not yet been instructed in the sacrament are welcome to receive a blessing. Since we seek to include everyone in this holy meal we offer: the Host in the form of gluten free wafer upon request along with regular bread and red wine or white grape juice, is presented in individual cups to protect health.



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

1. Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service;
2. Mail offerings to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810;
3. Give electronically by downloading the "VANCO MOBILE" app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; select Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO and give at your convenience;
4. Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom where you will see the opportunity to give online;
5. Scan the QR code. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the "VANCO MOBILE" app



**Remember to check the voice mail message on the church phone (417-881-0833) and/or facebook or the church webpage (pop-elca.net) when inclement weather could impact worship services or events planned at the church**



# Join us for Vacation Bible School!

**Dates: Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>–Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

*(dinner served at 5:00 pm each night)*

**Location: Messiah Lutheran Church, 925 E. Seminole Street**

**To register for VBS go to: <https://vbsmate.com/events/mlcspfmo/31274>**



## **NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 6 & 7**

We will receive New Members Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7. If you would like to become a member of Prince of Peace, please be sure to speak with Pr. Carl Gauck.

## **WELCOME HOME BAGS**

The Congregational Care Team wants everyone to know there are “Welcome Home” bags on the Usher’s Counter at the back of the church for the taking. These bags were given initially shared with the congregation on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> during the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Please avail yourself of these additional bags as they contain already stamped post cards which are ready to mail after you add a note and an address. These bags also contain pieces of candy which will go bad if left to sit indefinitely. Thanks!

## **UPDATE TO THE CHURCH’S FACSIMILE OPTION**

May 2025, the church updated its’ phones and phone service provider to a new company. The option to update the facsimile line became obsolete. The church copier has the capability to “scan and send to an email account via a copier email.

## **REV. DONNA SIMON ELECTED CENTRAL STATES SYNOD BISHOP**

The Rev. Donna J. Simon, Kansas City, Missouri, was elected June 7, 2025 to serve a six-year term as Bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The election took place during the synod assembly, June 5-7 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Olathe, Kansas. Rev. Donna Simon has served as pastor of St. Mark Hope and Peace Lutheran Church in Kansas City since 2000 and as Director for Evangelical Mission with the Central States Synod since 2016. Rev. Simon earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from San Francisco State University in 1991; a Master of Divinity from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Thousand Oaks, California in 2000; and Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Mission and Leadership from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2016. PLTS and Luther are two of seven ELCA seminaries. She will take office September 1, 2025 and will be installed September 28, 2025. The Rev. Susan Candea is retiring after serving as the Central States Synod bishop since 2019.

## **N.O.A.A. WEATHER ALERT RADIOS**

Last autumn, two N.O.A.A. weather alert radios were installed in the building. One weather alert radio is located in the church workroom and the other weather alert radio is located on the kitchen counter. If the radio should alarm, please listen to the message to determine if any action needs to be taken, then press the large “weather snooze” button which will quiet the radio until the next weather alert message is issued.



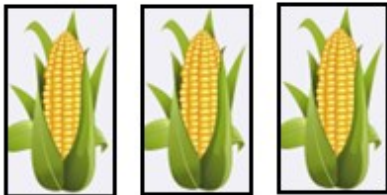
# Celebrating the Journey... Forty-five years of Ministry

We thank God for forty-five years of ministry. This milestone is an opportunity to share stories of faith and ministry as we look toward Year 50 in 2030. Letters received from members and former members are shared in the "Tidings."

**Karen Bergemann**, former PoP member living in Minnesota, recalls the **Polka and Praise Service** for the People of God in 2003 and the **Sweet Corn Feed** (with photos) in 2005. She sends her greetings and says "hi" to everyone.

## REMEMBER WHEN...

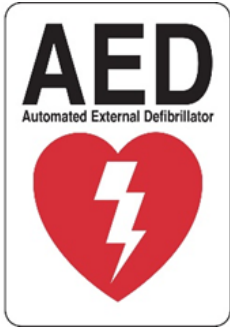
A **Polka and Praise Service** for the People of God was celebrated in 2003 at Prince of Peace (in Springfield) led by Carol and Gerry Larson from Minnesota and again at a later date when it was led by PoP instrumentalists. The liturgy and hymns were set to old-time waltz and polka tunes.



## SWEET CORN FEED (2005)



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AED TRAINING!**



Volunteers are needed to learn how to operate the new AEDs. The training shouldn't last more than two hours. We need members from both services. The training will most likely be on a Saturday morning. The more that sign up for training, the better prepared we are in case there is an emergency. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet by the Narthex if you are interested.

## **PRINCE OF PEACE-SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS GAME**

### **“FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT”**

**AUGUST 15, 2025 @ HAMMONS FIELD**

1. Wear Prince of Peace or Springfield Cardinal logo tee-shirts.
2. Game starts at 7:05 pm–Gates open at 6:05 pm.
3. Faith and Family Night – Christian Concert and fireworks follow the game. Christian Artist is Austin French who is sponsored by 88.3 The Wind, a local Christian radio station.
4. Our seating is along the right outfield, patio-section A. Buffet will be set up on the concourse. If you want to purchase other food/drink, only credit/debit cards can be used, as the stadium is a cashless venue.
5. Paper tickets will be distributed on the weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are not at church, you can pick up your tickets from Heather during the week. (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 9:00 am until 4:30 pm).
6. Stadium bag policy: No bag or item larger than 5”x9” will be permitted into the stadium unless it is a clear bag.
7. One factory sealed water bottle per person is allowed.
8. City parking lots across from Hammons Field cost \$10 to park. Parking is free at Price Cutter on National and only a few blocks to walk, if desired.



*If you have questions, please see Sue Wilford.*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you would be willing to help with the online streaming of Sunday worship services, please see Worship and Music Team Chair Nyssa Brockhoff or Council President Brett Onstott.

## **FACILITY USE APPLICATIONS**

If you would like to use the church facility for an upcoming event, applications are located outside the church's workroom underneath the council mail slots. You may also contact the church office to request an application be mailed and/or emailed to you. Once the application is filled out, please submit to the church office for the application to be forwarded on to the Church Council President for inclusion at the next Church Council meeting.

## **DO YOU EVER BUY BEST CHOICE BRAND FOODS?**

If so, we can help Least of These Food Pantry by simply saving the **bar code from that brand & bringing them to church.** It's a totally free way to help! **There is a clear plastic container with a yellow lid in the cry room. Just drop the bar code in there.** Please don't bring empty cans nor whole labels; please just cut **only the bar code** off. **Only Best Choice is accepted.** Thank you so much. *Gayle Bell, Outreach Team*

## **SEW PIANIST LAUREN JACKSON LAST DAY SEPTEMBER 1**

Pianist for Saturday Evening Worship services over the last couple of years, Lauren Jackson, last Saturday to play the piano at PoP will be Saturday, September 1. Lauren will be leaving Springfield to travel to the country of Belgium to study in a Carillon program for a year. *What is carillon?* It is a musical instrument (generally located inside a tower!), consisting of at least twenty-three cast bronze bells in fixed suspension, tuned in chromatic order and capable of concordant harmony when sounded together. It is played from a clavier, or keyboard, containing wooden levers and pedals wired to clappers or from a keyboard with electric action operating the clappers.

## **SEWING & CRAFT DAYS**

Join us every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until ? in the Fellowship Hall for a day of Sewing & Crafting! Leania Carter coordinates our group. We assemble in the Fellowship Hall with our respective craft projects and also work on community outreach projects.

## **NAME TAG WEEKENDS!**

**Our next Name tag weekend is August 9 and 10!** Please remember to wear your name tags for "Name Tag Weekend!" Name tags should be in your mail slot. If not, there are some stick-on name tags on the side rail in the narthex. *Evangelism Team*

## **MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

The Mutual Ministry Committee's purpose is to assist any new staff, including a pastor, in relocation issues. We also serve as a liaison between the Pastor, or the staff and the congregation. The goal is free and open communication within our church. We are there to hear any ideas, concerns, or other feedback one may have. We will process such information as a group and pursue if necessary. Please ask if you have any questions. Our current Team Members are Kathy Corwin, Leania Carter, Barry Killian, Angie Messner, Brett Onstott, Herb Peterson and Pastor Dale Wilford. *Mutual Ministry Team*

## **CARE RIDES**

Would you like a ride to worship services, church events, doctor appointments, to pick up medication, and/or go grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help with sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you would like to utilize this service or would like to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144 or the church office. If Sue Bergeson does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. Thanks! *Congregational Care Team*

## **WORSHIP LIVE STREAMING**

A reminder to go to the church website if you cannot find the worship service easily on Facebook-go to pop-elca.net, and scroll down half way on the home page until you find the word **WORSHIP** underlined. Click on it and the service will open up automatically on Facebook. If for some reason a worship service is not streamed live, please remember to check back later to see if the service was uploaded at a later time. *Worship and Music Team*

# SERVANTS OF THE LORD

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes. Thanks! *Patty Killian*

Saturday	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Acolyte	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner
Worship Asst.	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Reese Minasian	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
Sunday	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Acolyte	Bella Guillen	Oliver Kavanagh	Lila Teaster	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen
Worship Assistant	Cherie Guillen	Dr. Shawn Wahl	Julie Karlson	Brandon Otzelberger	Leania Carter
Greeter	Sue Stelford	Jessica & Alec Rosa	Jim & Carol Kerns	Patricia Van Aken	Kathy Corwin
Usher	Bill Ernst	Ross Jahn	Joel Karlson	Dave Jahnke	Mark Duneman
Hosts	Amy Moore & Dixie Dumler	Sussan Stelford & Sue Wilford	Jackie Higgins & Greg Verheyen	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Dave & Tammy Jahnke
Communion Set up	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams	Marlene McWilliams
Musician	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr
Tellers	Susan Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Burke & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Kathy Corwin & Gail Ernst

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<i>Caroline Wake</i>	<i>August 7</i>
<i>Carol Lewis</i>	<i>August 9</i>
<i>Becky Skare</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Oliver Kavanagh</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Justin Aden</i>	<i>August 17</i>
<i>Katie Wallenburg</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>Terry Johnson</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>Barb Gielow</i>	<i>August 27</i>
<i>Makenna Wallenburg</i>	<i>August 30</i>

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Greg & Sue Bergeson, 48 years August 19*  
*Per-Nicklas & Kelsey Brinck, 7 years August 25*  
*Chuck & Sherry Jones, 52 years August 18*  
*Jim & Carol Kerns, 67 years August 10*  
*Eileen & John Lammers, 61 years August 22*  
*Brad & Tonya Messner, 40 years August 24*  
*Ron & Donna Mohr, 65 years August 9*  
*Rod & Heather Roberts, 41 years August 4*  
*Gina & Jim Steffins, 39 years August 30*  
*Jeremy & Jessica Stelford, 7 years August 18*

## Just a reminder....

If you do not see your name and birthday listed on the month of your birthday, or wedding anniversary listed on the month of your wedding anniversary, or if your information listed is incorrect, please contact the church office at 417-881-0833.

## AUGUST 2025 Daily Devotions

*Thoughts to Ponder*  
 by Pastor Larry L. Sydow  
**[larry.sydow@gmail.com](mailto:larry.sydow@gmail.com)**

*Prayers by* Pastor Bruce Freeman,  
 Hospice Chaplain [bruce259@msn.com](mailto:bruce259@msn.com)

*Former POP Pastor Larry Sydow emails the church the devotionals each month. You can pick up a printed copy of the Devotional booklets on the credenza facing the stairwell in the church narthex.*



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