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October, 2020

*Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert
Isaiah 43:19*

*"For I the Lord do not change;
therefore you,
O children of Jacob,
are not consumed.
Micah 3:6*

Have you noticed a crispness in the air and some colors on the trees? The yearly Autumn change is starting. The Preschool children are back in the classroom. The familiar sounds of playing and learning, praying and singing are wonderful to hear ringing around the building. Some of the normal fall school routine has not returned – parents no longer come in the building to drop off students and say hello. Some new routines are in place – taking temperatures and asking health questions as children come to school.

Along with Preschool, our yearly Bible Studies are also in full swing. It is good to meet and talk and pray and study together. Many of the familiar routines continue – men and women meet and talk every other Thursday along with the Confirmation class. Praise God for His gift of learning together in His Word! Some of our Bible Studies feel a little different – meeting outside or farther apart. Some also include new opportunities – Tuesday morning Weekly Readings on Facebook Live along with Zoe Jonah study (every other Thursday).

It is good to be “back into it”. We missed our routines when we stopped meeting together in March. As we meet again in ways that are both familiar and changing, it is tempting to mourn what was instead of looking ahead to the new ways God is giving us to be together. But our lives have always been a process of change – big and small.

We are thankful that God is the Unchanging, Faithful One. We look ahead to the new ways God is giving us to be in His Word and to share His love. God has never ceased being at work and His work will never end. We thank God for all the ways – new and old – to tell the same Good News that Jesus is the Crucified and Risen Savior of the world. The Gospel of Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Praise God for His unchanging mercy!

Happy Autumn,

Pastor John

BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 4	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 65	Deuteronomy 29:1-15	Matthew 6:25-34
October 11	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 46	Daniel 1	Romans 8:37-39
October 18	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 11:1-9	Luke 1:46-55	John 1:9-14
October 25	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 53		Luke 7:1-22

WORSHIP THEMES IN OCTOBER

September 27: King David – Pride, Fall, and Mercy

October 4: God provides in all times

October 11: Exile – God’s Mercy in all places

October 18: Christmas – God’s Mercy in the flesh

October 25: Ministry – God’s “Hands on” Mercy

BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

Beginning September 27: “Who Do People Say I Am?”



Hungry for the Word of God? “Zoe” means “life” and Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life” (John 6:35). Come enjoy time together digesting the Word. 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Study of the book of Jonah.



We are now gathering for all services indoors.

As with many things in life today, this decision was met with great joy and great concern. The decision to move inside was made with much conversation and even more prayer - especially considering our brothers and sisters who should not or will not meet indoors at this time.

Please continue to follow safe procedures in Christian care for others:

- If you are not feeling well, stay home and join in worship online
- If you are in a higher-risk health category, stay home and join in worship online
- If you gather in person for worship, wear a face covering
- If you gather in person for worship, engage in fellowship keeping a safe distance
- Above all, keep your brothers and sisters in prayer

Please respect others' level of comfort with gathering, wearing face coverings, etc. There are many reasons for each person's choices.

As we continue in this process, we live together in God's grace.

Freely you have received, freely give. (Matthew 10)

Each week, bulletins are available to download from the website for those worshipping online or gathering in person.

Throughout the past months, we have been in prayer and discussion about the Lord's vision for Prince of Peace. Our God continues to be at work in 2020! The Overall Vision Plan has been given to Elders and Mission and Ministry Council. As our Leadership refines the vision and takes the first steps, continue to keep them and the process in your prayers. Your input and conversation over the past many months have been invaluable! This is the Lord's Vision for all His people at Prince of Peace -- watch for even more ways to participate as the Vision is narrowed and the work increases!!

Time of Prayer for our Nation
Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.

Join in prayer as we prepare for national elections. We pray together for God's wisdom, guidance, and peace in His will and way.

Gather at Prince of Peace and on Facebook Live.



Feeding the Community

We are in the process of starting a 'Mini Food Pantry.' Thank you to those who are organizing and building. Find out more about the Mini Food Pantry at <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

Our free food pantry is almost done! Thank you to Seth Alder for building it! Thanks also to John Ewald for donating supplies and to Mark Smith for making and printing the signs. We are planning to install it in the next 1-2 weeks. It will be located on the southwest corner of the parking lot. We will need ongoing donations of non-perishable food and personal care items, so we can stock the pantry. There is a printed list of suggested items on the collection table in the narthex. This pantry is free to all in need!

Catechism – Same God, Same Faith, New Process

Last year, we have started a new process for Catechism (First Communion and Confirmation) at Prince of Peace. All students entering 4th-8th grade who have not yet completed First Communion Instruction and/or Confirmation are encouraged to attend with a parent.



Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month.

First Communion classes – contact Pastor John to schedule a class for your student.

POP Vision Coordination Team: You may contact Seth Alder, 419-509-9888, mr1alder@gmail.com; Wendy Alder, 419-346-1684, wdalder69@gmail.com; Levi Halka, 567-377-7278, Levi.Halka@rockets.utoledo.edu; Richard and Linda Stanley, 419-450-0392, sillysally@bex.net; Erin Stine, 419-450-9749, Erinlynn584@yahoo.com; Lyle Stine, 419-340-7818, Steamfitter2010@yahoo.com and Lauren Roe, 419-654-2736, laurenroe89@gmail.com.

Cherry Street Mission Team:

We are collecting items for CSM every month. For October, the item is **TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTH BRUSHES**. November's item will be **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GLOVES**. Please donate these items to help support the Cherry Street Mission and the Sparrow's Nest Missions.

Update: Our donations from last year – 8 bottles of foot powder; 184 combs; 17 hair brushes; 26 bottles of mouth wash, 101 bars of body soap, 38 pounds of deodorant, 72 tubes of toothpaste, 27 toothbrushes, 48 pair of gloves, 46 knit hats, 47 pairs of socks, 12 blankets and 80 bottles of water were a blessing to many men and women in our community!!! Well done!!!



Knit and Pray:

Do you know someone who is going through a hard time and would appreciate knowing that Jesus is with them? Please give them one of the prayer coverings and a printed prayer paper to let them know they are not alone.

Knit and pray is suspended for now. Next meeting is tbd.

MISSION UPDATES:

Becky Kuelker will be with us in October!

Come have "Dessert time with Becky" following the Saturday service on October 10th! Talk with Becky and hear about God's work in Mexico! For the sake of current protocols, if you plan to share a dessert, please bring individual servings or store-bought.

Joe Boway is traveling to Liberia. When he returns, we look forward to a visit!

Mark and Dana Renner and Miguel and Rachel Gonzalez are back in St. Louis for their final year of seminary. Keep them in prayer as they prepare for public ministry!

We look forward to the possibility of hosting some of our missionaries soon. Pray that the Lord will continue to open doors for His Word for all nations!

For updated news on all our missionaries, check the Missions Wall at Prince of Peace.

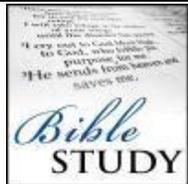
We are supporting two Seminary students – Mark (Dana) Renner and Miguel (Rachel) Gonzalez. If you would like to send them a personal note of encouragement, please contact the office and we will get you their address!



We are taking orders for pavers for the Memorial Garden. There are two sizes - 4x8; 2 lines; \$75 and 8x8; 2 lines; \$125. Additional lines can be added for \$10. You can do up to three lines on the 4x8 and 4 lines on the 8x8. All proceeds will go into the Memorial Fund. Questions? Contact Cathy Reichow at creichow@danrsauto.com.

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✦ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – "Who Do People Say I Am?" – professing Christ crucified in a world of cheap imitations, beginning September 27th
- ✦ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – at 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month – Zoe Bible Study – the book of Jonah (also on Facebook beginning around 7:20 p.m.)
- ✦ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at PoP – and on Facebook Live
- ✦ **THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
- ✦ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – Love Rules
- ✦ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – for those wishing to learn more about being a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace. A new class will begin soon. Questions or sign up – talk with Pastor John.



Men of the Church:

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST MONTHLY

Plan to get your weekend started on the right foot on the first Saturday of each month by attending the Men's monthly Prayer Breakfast.

- ✓ Each month enjoy a good breakfast (our cooks are great);
- ✓ Pray for each other and for Prince of Peace Congregation.
- ✓ We hope to see more men join us for this great time of

fellowship.

Men's Bible Study is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Study continuing this month: Pastor Weiss' devotional on The Lord's Prayer



Women of the Church:

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The Women's Bible study beginning September 10th is Love Rules. Contact Jodi Halka or Amy Genszler for information and to sign-up.



MITE COLLECTION

Please remember to bring in your MITE boxes at any time and drop them in the "big Mite Box" at the Information Table in the lobby! A supply of new Mite Boxes will be here soon. Watch for them on the table next to the large mite box in the narthex.

OLD GLASSES and CASES [an LWML project]



There is a box on the table near the entrance in which you can place any old eyeglasses and cases that you would like to discard. (One person's junk is another person's treasure.) These items are donated to MOST [Mission Opportunities Short Term], a LCMS Ministry working with many congregations in Michigan and Ohio, who fit them with new lenses and take thousands of pairs of glasses giving them to many folks, in countries where optical services are non-existent. This is an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



FLOWERS!!! WE HAVE MANY OPEN FLOWER DATES!!! PLEASE SIGN UP! Flowers are \$30 per weekend. Thank you!

FLOWER VASES: When you take your Sunday altar flowers home, please return the plastic cup liners to the church so that we can use them again. Thank you!

Please be sure to pay for altar flowers if you signed up to provide them. The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday and is payable to Prince of Peace. Use a pew envelope and indicate it is for altar flowers. Thanks for your cooperation. If you haven't paid, and it's been at least 2 weeks since your flowers were on the altar, Julie will place a reminder envelope with the date of your flower placement in your mailbox.

We are no longer able to give Beth Allen's a color preference. Sorry for the inconvenience!

Official Acts September:

Wedding:

John and Judi Shilling

Properties Team: We need volunteers for the Properties Team to do minor repairs. Please contact Dan or Cathy Reichow with any questions at 419-392-1470 or danrsauto@aol.com

The Property Team



ELDERS IN TOUCH.... our Elders Ministry Team is organized to be in touch with our members. They are working at contacting all of our members on a regular basis. Here is a listing of our elders and the alphabetical groups to which they are assigned. Feel free to contact Pastor John, or one of our elders if we can serve you.

a. Tom Smith	419-343-8553	(Alder > Coffey)
b. Bob Roe	419-266-5426	(Cornell > Geldien)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Genszler > Sam Jones)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Sue Jones > Kate Mayer)
e. Gary Garbers	419-693-7651	(Mays > Peters)
f. Jim Bragg	419-690-2608	(Pfefferle > Sarns)
g. Don Halka	567-377-2248	(Sattler > VanCamp)
h. Phil Miller	419-691-7727	(Vanderhorst > Zieroff)

*****As we prepare our newest directory, we need information! There are person and household forms in the office. Please take the time to fill these out so we have accurate records for statistical reporting, as well as for updated contact information. Turn into the office or give to Pastor John when you have completed. Thank you!*****



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A DIGITAL COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER INSTEAD OF THE PAPER COPY BEING SENT TO YOUR HOME, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO WE CAN ADD YOU TO THE LIST WHO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SAVING US COST – POSTAGE, PAPER, INK, MACHINE USE – AND TIME TO ASSEMBLE! ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED. THIS WILL ALSO SAVE US EXTRA POSTAGE COST.

Check out the website (www.princeofpeaceoregon.com):

- For more devotions
- For Bible Studies
- For worship materials
- Sermons, songs, and each week – bulletins to download



Our favorite time of year in the classroom is here – fall! The children love the farmer’s market, finger painting pumpkins and making homemade applesauce. The room smells and looks wonderful. Fireman Jim will be coming to teach us about fire safety. Class pictures will be taken and we will end the month with a fall party. The Lord has provided a wonderful world of sights, sounds, and smells for us. We are truly blessed.

Happy Fall and many blessings!

Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly
Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell
Sub – Erin Stine
Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661



Sign Up Sheets on Bulletin Board:
 Altar Flowers

Save Your Aluminum Beverage Cans and put them (crushed) in the bin by the church garage at the north end of the parking lot. This recycling project provides funds for our AGAPE FUND. **(No plastic bottles please – only aluminum!)**



Spread the News!!! We are pleased to announce that Prince of Peace has received thousands of dollars through Thrivent Financial’s Thrivent Choice* Program. By directing Choice Dollars®, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent.

If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted.

IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT MEMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW. YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO HELP US RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MISSION MONEY!!



God at Work

How has God been at work in your life?

God is at work in your life in big ways and small ways, through everyday occurrences and miracles. Let's encourage one another in God's work. Share a story of God's work in your life – maybe it's how God brought you to faith, maybe it's a "small" event recently or years past. Write a note or email. Put the story in Pastor John's mailbox or email him at pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com. (Your story will not be shared without your permission.)

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Russ Bell, Marilyn Brown, Delia Mestousis, Kate Mayer, Deb Hartke, Bob Roe, Mike Thanasiu, Rocco Donofrio, Sue Jones, Glendora Boway, Dwight Griffin, Kym Snyder, Carol Cicak, Tom Bragg, Caroline Buchanan, Jason Rhuland, Chris Peters, Sue Pfeifferle, Bill Kelly, Carol Rigg, Paige Ozanski, Chuck Brinkman, Saylor Vanderhorst, Michael Wells, Becky Kuelker, Fred Bordner, Jean Newman, Vicki Melms, Steve Jones, Pat Miller, Pam Downour, John Danford, Joyce Smith, Barbara Camp, Deanna Snyder, Don Williams, Lyle Brinkman, Richard Stanley, Jim Fennewald

(Please contact the office if you would like someone added to the prayer list, or no longer would like your name on the list.)



- + for those dealing with the reality of the pandemic for friends and family**
+for your church – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God's will
+for those serving in the armed forces – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler
+for our missionaries –
-Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa
-Pastor Dave Erber, LCMS missionary in Nigeria, West Africa
-Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico
-Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church missionary to the children in Liberia
-POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims
-Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo
-The Pregnancy Center, Toledo
-Rachel Meyer, LCMS missionary in Uganda, East Africa
+our 'adopted' seminary students –
-Miguel and Rachel Gonzalez
-Mark and Dana Renner
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As we missed several months of being together for regular worship, we also missed time with our missionaries. We look forward to the times when travel resumes and our world-wide missionaries are able to join us and share God's work.

This time of pandemic has been especially difficult and uncertain for missionaries. As we all rely on God for all needed things in life, please consider a special gift if you are able to help support one or more of our missionaries.

Prayers for our Nation

The authorities that exist have been established by God. (Romans 13:1) As we prepare to take the opportunity to vote this November, we pray for the Lord's guidance, wisdom, and mercy. We seek the Lord and recognize that He alone is King of Kings. *"Jesus answered [Pilate], "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above."* (John 19:11) We pray on our own, as we gather for worship, and will have a special prayer time on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m. Gather with us at PoP or on Facebook Live.



October Activities at PoP

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Every Saturday/Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM (Saturday) Worship 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Youth Time 2:00 PM A.A.						
				1 7:00 PM – Zoe Bible Study	2	3 8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast
4	5 7:00 PM – Youth Praise Team Practice	6 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM – Praise Team Practice	7	8 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies 7:00 PM - Confirmation	9	10 Dessert with Becky Kuelker following service
11	12 7:00 PM – Youth Praise Team Practice	13 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM – Praise Team Practice	14	15 7:00 PM – Zoe Bible Study	16	17
18	19 7:00 PM – Youth Praise Team Practice	20 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM – Praise Team Practice	21	22 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies 7:00 PM - Confirmation	23	24
25	26 7:00 PM – Youth Praise Team Practice	27 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM – Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM – Time of Prayer for the Nation	28	29	30	31

October Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

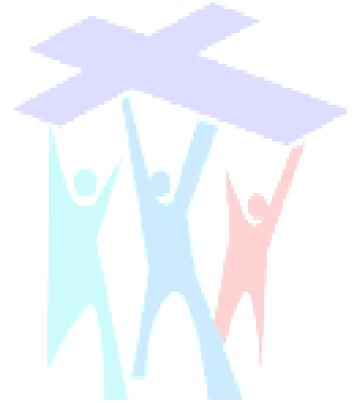
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 <i>Brennan and Sami Roe</i>
4	5 <i>Chris and Connie Mulinex Lyle Stine</i>	6 Jodi Halka	7 Sally Gyebnar	8 <i>Jim and Debbie Bragg Sue Pfefferle</i>	9 Rachel Burgess <i>Seth and Wendy Alder</i>	10 Mackenzie Wells
11 Levi Halka	12	13	14	15	16 Pastor Gerry Hartke	17 Hannah Blausey <i>Shannon Sharlow and Elizabeth Breier-Sharlow</i>
18 Lexie Conti	19 Ben Breier Jamie Campbell	20 Jennifer Silvers Kevin Campbell Matthew Snyder	21 <i>Chris and Peggy Peters Chuck and Charmaine Brinkman</i>	22 <i>Joe and Tina Daniels</i>	23	24 Brian Cornell <i>Randy and Autumn Shaneck</i>
25 Sandy Lewinski	26 Shawn Clark	27 Lucas Heebsh <i>Lyle and Erin Stine</i>	28 Betty Newton Kym Snyder Rebecca Cornell	29 Caroline Buchanan	30 Catey Hart Janie Mays	31 Grant Laurell Lisa Maletich

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Volunteer Schedule for October 2020	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	*	*
Ushers	*	*
Readers	*	*
Acolytes	*	*
Communion Servers (Bread)	*	*
Communion Servers (Wine)	*	*
Altar Guild	*	*
Pew Care	*	
Goodies:	As we gather indoors for worship again, if you are willing to serve, please contact Julie or Pastor John.	



Discipleship at Home and in Community



We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways. If you have served or are willing to serve in worship, please turn in an I/T survey. Encourage others in the ways they can serve, too. If you do not fill out a sheet, we have to assume you are no longer able to serve in that capacity. Let's encourage one another in the many ways we can serve the Lord together gladly!

***If you would like to help in any of these areas, contact Pastor John. Thanks!!**

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Sunday School: 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
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