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*"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever... Deuteronomy 29:29*

If you ask people to describe God, you will get many different answers. Some may answer "God is powerful" or "God is distant" or "God loves everyone" or "God is only imaginary". Just as important (and more foundational) to what people think about God is why. How do you know who God is? People often form their ideas of God (without knowing it) based on their own experiences filtered through human reason or what they have been told is solid science.

It is important to stop and ask ourselves, "Why do I believe what I believe?" "How do I know who God is?" When we actually stop to ask the question (and honestly seek the answer) we recognize that what we know of God is not based on ourselves. We have no need to "figure it out" or "make it up". God has revealed Himself to us. God has shown us all we need to know about Himself – through His creation, His actions, and especially through our Savior Jesus.

In creation, we see the power and wonder (and variety) of God. People are constantly trying to withstand or harness the power of water, wind, and creatures. All these things God spoke into existence. The beauty of the flowers and the variety of climates show the creativity of our Creator. The immensity and perfection of God is seen in the vastness of the universe (many aspects we have not even begun to know) and the intricacy of the atom – and the balance in which all creation hangs together.

In God's actions, we also see His power but we see the personal nature of God. As Jesus changed water into wine at a wedding in Cana, God cares for every detail of your life. We cannot see all things as God does, but when we begin to see life from God's perspective, our daily work becomes a gift – at home, in our occupations, in our community. God is at work in subtle and powerful ways.

Most specifically, God has revealed His very nature in Christ Jesus. *...at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son*, Hebrews 1:1-2 God put on flesh and lived among His creation for one reason: to live perfectly under his law and die to earn forgiveness for you, me, and all creation. In this, God reveals His very heart. Jesus said, *"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."* John 14:9 Through His Word, God repeats *The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love*. Psalm 103:8

God does not reveal everything to us. We cannot fully comprehend God. But God reveals what is important for us to know about who He is to us. Next month, we will continue with how we can be discerning in how we see God today – especially in the people around us. Look for God's work in your life today as together we are Sharing Jesus – Living His love through discipleship at home and in community.

In His Story,  
Pastor John

## The Word in June

| 6/4/2023             | 6/11/2023               | 6/18/2023        | 6/25/2023            |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31 | Genesis 6:5-13, 7:11-16 | Exodus 12:21-28  | II Samuel 12:1-9, 13 |
| Isaiah 43:1-7        | I Peter 3:18-22         | Hebrews 10:10-18 | Romans 3:19-24       |
| John 1:1-5           | John 1:43-51            | Luke 22:7-20     | Matthew 22:41-46     |

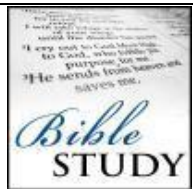
### WORSHIP THEMES IN JUNE

June 4: HIStory - Creation  
 June 11: HIStory – Noah  
 June 18: HIStory – Passover  
 June 25 – HIStory – David

### BIBLE STUDY IN JUNE

*Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies!*

**Have you wondered** or been asked what evidence is there that the *Bible is really God's Word* or that *Jesus really rose from the dead*? Sunday Adult Bible Study will begin a new study **June 4: The Case for Christ**. Join in the discussion of how to share the truth with our neighbors!



### Adult Bible Studies:

- ✦ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – “The Case for Christ” beginning in June
- ✦ **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – Will resume on September 14 with 10 Imperfect Men.
- ✦ **THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – Will resume on September 14 with Great Women of the Bible Part 3.
- ✦ **MEN’S BREAKFAST** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8:00AM
- ✦ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – If you would like to explore what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace, contact Pastor John to schedule a class.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

We are on summer break but will resume in the fall. This program is for children in grades pre-k through 5th! Any questions, please contact Alison Laurell at 419-699-9687.



**Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God** First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all students entering 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade. **First Communion** is a two-session class for students and parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class. **Confirmation** is a two-year class for families with students 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month. There will be an informational meeting before the new session begins in the fall.



Official Acts May: None

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## **SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:**

**Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace!** The Lord has given the vision and the process is underway to continue the vision of the past 60 years! We are in the process of realizing the Lord's Vision for the future – new staff, additional building space and new ministry opportunities!! You can always share your thoughts and ideas with the Building Team – contact Cathy Reichow or Pastor John.

**If you missed attending a presentation,** watch a recording on our Facebook page with a link to the YouTube video: *PoPCampaign*.

**If you were unable** to bring a Capital Fund Drive commitment pledge to the Lord, you can always place it in the offering plate in the future.



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### **Raising Kids God's Way**

There is a new opportunity to get together with other parents – sharing ideas on how to raise kids to know Jesus in today's society! We will be meeting on **Sunday, June 11 at 9:15** in the library. *There will be childcare provided* as Sunday School is on summer break. Come to discuss parenting as a Christian. Talk to Amy Genszler or Jordan Jones if you are interested!

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### **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. The closet is full of yarn for you to take to create prayer blankets.

**Thank you to all those who have donated yarn the past couple of months! We appreciate the support and prayers!**

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**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** Food Pantry supplies are getting very low. Any food or personal care items you would like to donate, would be appreciated. We are also in need of Thrivent members to request a \$250 action card, which would be used to purchase items. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to know how to get a card, please contact Corrine at 419-699-7724.

POP is hosting a **once-a-month food pantry** through Seagate Food Bank. It is on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10-11am. If you would like to help with the Saturday distribution, or the Friday pick up and packing of food, please contact Cathy Reichow.

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### **MISSION UPDATES:**

For updated news on all our missionaries and Adopt-a-Students, check the Missions Wall at Prince of Peace.

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**Stewardship Team:** Would you like to be involved with the stewardship team? Cathy Reichow has taken this leadership position and would love to talk to you about what all this team is up to! Contact her at 419-392-1468, or at [creichow1958@gmail.com](mailto:creichow1958@gmail.com).

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**Properties Team:** Check the bulletin board to sign up for summer mowing and minor repairs. Please contact Dan or Cathy Reichow with any questions at 419-392-1470 or [creichow1958@gmail.com](mailto:creichow1958@gmail.com).

The  
Property  
Team

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 [creichow1958@gmail.com](mailto:creichow1958@gmail.com).

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### **Women of the Church:**

**THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. We are studying "*Great Women of the Bible*". Contact Jodi Halka or Amy Genszler for information. **We will resume in the Fall on September 14.**

### **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.

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### **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 **at 8:00 a.m.**

- ✓ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. ***10 Imperfect Men*** is the study. **We will resume in the Fall on September 14.**

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## It's Time for the Family Outreach Service and Picnic!

Invite your friends and neighbors, family and...whoever!

**July 9 we will worship together and enjoy food and fun!**

Saturday service – indoors at 5:30.

Sunday **ONE** service – outdoors at 10am.

Watch for signups for food coming soon.

Mark your calendar and join the fun!



## Altar Flowers

A SIGN UP FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

**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.

Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our

prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey](https://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey) and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.



## Vacation Bible School

**June 19-22 6:00-7:30 pm**

**Invite your friends and neighbors!**

**See the table in the narthex to register and learn about ways to donate materials and time!**





Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

**We are registering for the 2023-2024 school year, so please spread the word.**

*The Preschool Faculty would like to thank those who help to make things run smoothly throughout the year:*

Our Preschool Board for their prayers and support: Laura Roe, Alison Laurell, Erin Stine, Judy Brower, and Judy Young.

Pastor John for his wonderful Chapel time and his gift of music.

Judy Young for taking care of the laundry each week.

Kristy Zieroff who puts the room together every Sunday.

Madison Campbell for her efficient office skills.



Thank you to all our Prayer Pals this year for all your prayers and support for the children!

Lastly, to the congregation for the years of support and prayers, thank you. Your preschool mission has reached hundreds of children and their families.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!**

Many blessings,

**Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly**

**Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell**

**Sub – Erin Stine, Jared Kelly, Madison Campbell**

**Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661**

\*\* Thanks to our wonderful PreSchool Team and staff! You are a faithful blessing to so many in our community!

\*\*Did you notice the new PreSchool doors? Our faithful PreSchool leaders applied for a grant for PreSchool upgrades.

Watch for big and small improvements in the coming months! \*\*



**Watch for details about a Game Night and Campout at Prince of Peace! Games, a bonfire, S'Mores, and fun for everyone!! Stay tuned!!!**



Have some fun and support Bella Vita (The Pregnancy Center)

June 15

5:30-8:00.

Sign up on the bulletin board!

As you read this, Summer is upon us! You deserve some relaxation and inspiration this Summer. **Why not stop into our Library** [*right next door to Pastor John's office*], and pick up a good book or two for some special reading time? Let me suggest just a few titles and authors.

The shelves on the far right as you face them are all novels. If you are looking for a particular author, like I was, these Novels are arranged by author, alphabetically. I was looking for a book **by Frank Peretti**, which I had read back in 1986. I found it and several more good ones by Frank.

**FRANK PERETTI**—His novels help Christians see the battles that are going on in the Spiritual Realm and how our prayers can help people who are struggling. *“For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness. Therefore take up the full armor of God... (Ephesians 6:12-13).*

**THIS PRESENT DARKNESS** is a good book to start with as we become better equipped to pray in our world today.

**THE PROPHET** a good book to give you insight into some of the forces that affect the T.V.

News.

**MARJORIE HOLMES**—is a best-selling author and her books are loved by many. They bring Scripture to life. She has been a columnist for Women's Day Magazine and the Washington Star. Why not try:

**THE MESSIAH.** In this book and others, she recreates the stories of the Bible in full human dimension. If you have watched The Chosen series on TV, you will enjoy her stories about Biblical people.

**KAREN KINGSBURY**—who was called by TIME Magazine “the Queen of Christian Fiction,” has written several Series of books that are on our shelves. One that I suggest:

**SUMMER: A SEASON OF HOPE.** It is one of a series called the Baxter Family Drama. You will be introduced to some wonderful Christian people.

**JAN KARON**—is one of Carolyn Weiss' favorite authors of Christian Fiction. Several of Karon's books sit on our shelves, awaiting your reading pleasure. A good place to start could be:

**AT HOME IN MITFORD.** It is a comedy where mysteries and miracles abound. Once you enter the world of Mitford, you won't want to leave.

In the middle of the wall of shelves is one shelf labeled, “GREAT PEOPLE” These books are non-fiction but filled with inspiration. On that shelf you will find at least 13 books by

**MAX LUCADO**—If you haven't read one of his books, treat yourself to a great read. You won't regret it. He writes Christian Inspiration for many things we face, such as **FEAR, ANXIETY, FACING OUR GIANTS, GRACE, WHEN GOD WHISPERS YOUR NAME** and many more.



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**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. Joe Daniels  | 419-266-5426 | (Cornell > Geldien)     |
| c. Mark Sattler | 419-699-7723 | (Genszler > Jones)      |
| d. Lyle Stine   | 419-340-7818 | (Keiser > Maletich)     |
| e. Gary Garbers | 419-693-7651 | (Mayer > 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) |



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## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

If you need prayer (or know someone who does) contact the Prayer Chain. If you would like to join the Prayer Team in praying for our brothers and sisters regularly, join the Prayer Chain. Contact Tina Daniels at [tinajobobb@gmail.com](mailto:tinajobobb@gmail.com)

### Remember in Your Prayers:

**+for healing** – Gertrude Brant, Chuck Brinkman, Marilyn Brown, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Eric Losie, Phil Miller, Jackie Reynolds, Paige Smith, Deanna and Richard Snyder, Tony Williams

**+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, Stacy Galla, Nate Millard, Andrew Pindor

**+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

-Fellowship of Christian Athletes

-Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo

-The Pregnancy Center, Toledo (Bella Vita Network)

**+our 'adopted' seminary students** –

-Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler



**Discipleship at  
Home and in  
Community**

Deaconess Intern Amy has a new email: [deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com](mailto:deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com)

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# June 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<br>Schedule<br>5:30 PM (Saturday)<br>Worship<br>8:00 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>12:00 PM Youth Time<br>2:00 PM A.A. |                             |  |                        | 1                      | 2          | 3<br>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast             |
| 4<br>Celebration of<br>Graduates (all services)   | 5<br>7:00 PM Elders Meeting | 6<br>9:00 AM – Weekly<br>Readings Study                          | 7                      | 8                      | 9          | 10                                       |
| 11<br>9:15 AM Raising Kids<br>God's Way   | 12                          | 13<br>9:00 AM – Weekly<br>Readings Study                         | 14                     | 15                     | 16         | 17                                       |
| 18 Father's Day   | 19<br>6:00-7:30 PM VBS      | 20<br>9:00 AM – Weekly<br>Readings Study<br><br>6:00-7:30 PM VBS | 21<br>6:00-7:30 PM VBS | 22<br>6:00-7:30 PM VBS | 23         | 24<br>10:00 Drive Through Food<br>Pantry |
| 25  | 26                          | 27<br>9:00 AM – Weekly<br>Readings Study                         | 28                     | 29                     | 30         |  |
|   |                             |  |                        |                        |            |  |

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# June Birthdays and Anniversaries

| Sun                                | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                               | Sat  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 28                                 | 29   | 30   | 31   | 1  | 2<br>Becky Mays<br>Tony Maletich  | 3  |
| 4<br>Lana Wells                    | 5  | 6<br>Chris Miller<br>Dave Breier<br>Nadia Smith<br><i>Matt and Chelsey<br/>Genszler</i>                        | 7  | 8  | 9<br>Autumn Shaneck<br>Deb Hartke | 10<br><i>Andrew and Samantha<br/>English<br/>Ed and Sue VanCamp<br/>Kurt Wells</i> |
| 11                                 | 12<br><i>Brent and Melissa<br/>McCoy</i>                       | 13<br>Teresa Hart  | 14   | 15<br><i>Bob and Laura Roe<br/>Elliott Lants</i> | 16                                | 17<br>Jessie Williams  |
| 18<br>Chrissy Sarns                | 19   | 20<br><i>Brian and Kattie<br/>Richards<br/>Jason Smith and Sarah<br/>Hartke-Smith<br/>Jon and Emily Hartke</i> | 21<br><i>Ryan and Stephanie<br/>Shafer</i>                         | 22   | 23                                | 24<br>Kelli Wells  |
| 25<br>Ashley Wells<br>James Brower | 26<br><i>John and Betty<br/>Newton<br/>Phil and Pat Miller</i> | 27<br>Ella Pfefferle   | 28<br><i>Ken Silvers and<br/>Jennifer Kesler<br/>Sarah Mendoza</i> | 29   | 30<br>Arcadian Barry              |  |



| Volunteer Schedule for May 2023   | 5:30 PM                             | 8:00 AM   | 10:30 AM      |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>   | All God's people!                   |           |               |
| <b>Ushers</b>   | Talk with the Elder for the service |           |               |
| <b>Projection</b>   |                                     |           |               |
| <b>Camera</b>   |                                     |           |               |
| <b>Sound Board</b>  |                                     |           |               |
| <b>Readers</b>  | Jack DeJohn                         | Al Hoar   | Tony Maletich |
| <b>Acolytes</b>   |                                     |           |               |
| <b>Elder</b>  | Lyle Stine                          | Jim Bragg | Joe Daniels   |
| <b>Communion Servers (Wine)</b>   | Talk with the Elder for the service |           |               |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  |                                     |           |               |
| <b>Pew Care</b>   |                                     |           |               |
| <p><i>Whether you currently serve or would like to learn,<br/>contact Pastor John to make sure you are in the rotation!</i></p> |                                     |           |               |

**We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways.**

How has God gifted you to serve in His Church?

Can you pour a glass of juice? Can you read?

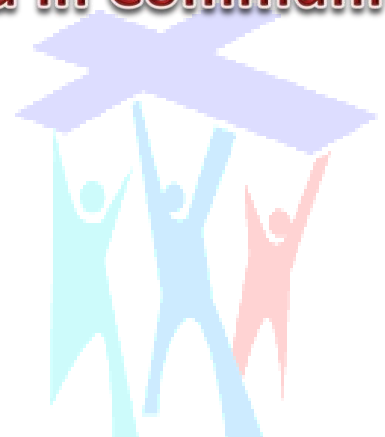
Can you pick up papers? Do you know anyone else with "special skills" like these?

You can serve your church family!

Contact Pastor John at any time!

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**and in Community**



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Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM

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