



# THE PROCLAIMER

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*"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. ... The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:1-5, 10*

We know who God is because He has revealed Himself to us throughout history – through His Creation and more specifically through Jesus. (See the Proclaimer from June...)

God continues to reveal Himself – His love and mercy – through Pastors and Leaders and fellow Christians today. *Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

Acts 20:28

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.* Ephesians 4:11-12

But Jesus is clear: there are those who may claim to be preaching God's word but are liars.

How do we tell the difference?

One test is by actions. No real shepherd climbs over the fence! Does the one claiming to speak God's Word live in a non-God pleasing way —making a profit for himself off people, doing them harm, or just bending the rules? Not that any person is without sin but watch for patterns of behavior. When we meet someone who claims to speak for God, do they also walk with God? Is the person honest? Kind? Merciful? Truthful? Obedient to the proper authority? *For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.* Titus 1:7-9

The other test is by the Shepherd's voice. Does the one preaching the word talk like Jesus—does he say the things Jesus says? Or does he contradict Jesus—add to His teaching or neglect things Jesus told us? Does someone claim to provide for you and protect you, or does he point you to the Only One who provides and protects – God. This is why we read the Bible regularly, gather with other Christians in worship and Bible, teach the Word to our children! You will soon develop an ear for the Shepherds voice. Then, if somebody sounds "off" to you, he probably is.

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." How? By giving Himself into death for our sake, to rescue us out of the power of sin, death, and the devil. By rising from the dead, so that all of us who trust in Him will rise also and live forever with Him in joy and peace. We are His sheep, and He is our true Shepherd. We listen to Him and speak His Word with one another.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.* Colossians 3:16

Next month, we will explore more specific ways God gives us to reveal His love and mercy to one another.

*Following the Shepherds Voice with you,  
Pastor John*

## The Word in July

7/2/2023	7/9/2023	7/16/2023	7/23/2023	7/30/2023
Daniel 1:1-20	Zechariah 9:9-12	Isaiah 11:1-9	Isaiah 61:1-2	Isaiah 53:3-6, 10-12
Romans 8:37-39	Romans 7:14-25a	1 John 4:1-4	Hebrews 2: 1-4	Romans 6:1-11
Mark 5:1-20	Matthew 11:25-30	John 1: 9-14	Luke 7: 18-22	Luke 24: 36-48

### WORSHIP THEMES IN JULY

July 2: HIStory – Exile  
 July 9: God’s mercy everywhere  
 July 16: HIStory – Christmas  
 July 23: HIStory – Jesus’ Ministry  
 July 30 – HIStory – The Cross and the Empty Tomb

### BIBLE STUDY IN JULY

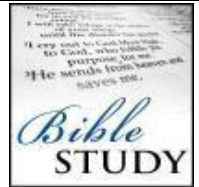
*Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies!*

We are studying The Case for Christ through July 16.

Join the Sunday Adult Bible Study as we begin a **new study July 23**: God-sized Mercy: Jonah. Join in the discussion of how God shows mercy as only He can through the story of Jonah.

#### Adult Bible Studies:

- ✝ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – “The Case for Christ” concludes July 16. God-sized Mercy: Jonah begins **July 23**.
- ✝ **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 (due to the holiday, Men will meet **July 8**)
- ✝ **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.**

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Official Acts June:  
**Funeral 6/3 Nathan Freeman (NM)**  
**6/23 Lisa Cook (NM)**

**Baptism 6/25 Aurora Rose Shaneck**

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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, July 16 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:** We need personal care products for the mini food pantry in the parking lot. If you want to donate, we need shampoo, soap, deodorant, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, etc.

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.

**MISSION UPDATES:**

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

**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).



Online giving just got easier! Download the Vanco app.  
Search for "Prince of Peace" (be careful there are many of us!) or use the invite code: GDFARS

**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).



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).



**Prince of Peace Family Game Night and Campout**

**Friday July 28 beginning at 5:00 pm**

Come to the parsonage backyard and join the fun!



We will have sign up sheets for food (hot dogs and buns will be provided). There will be games to play, S'mores to make, and an evening bonfire with a devotion and singing. Pitch your tent in the backyard or park your camper in the church parking lot. If you have any questions please talk to Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler.  
Hope to see you there!! (We have a rain date of August 4, just in case!)



**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.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board so sign up to bring food to share.  
There will be outdoor games and face-painting for kids of all ages!!  
Mark your calendar and join the fun!



**Faith and Family Night at the Toledo MudHens!**

August 20     2pm Q/A with MudHens players     4:05 game  
Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Deaconess Intern Amy for details!



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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.

## **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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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.







Toledo Zone  
Ohio District

# *LWML*

## *Toledo Zone Workday Even*



*Mark your July 2023 calendar!*

*Please come join us for a fun-filled workday:*

*On Saturday, July 22, 2023  
from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm*



*at*

*Findlay, Concordia*

*1431 Sixth Street, Findlay, Ohio*



*Lunch will be provided by the ladies of Concordia.*

*If anyone is interested in carpooling, arrangements can be made.  
Carpooling may be from multiple areas, so please let us know early.  
Please email Corrine at [cssattler@gmail.com](mailto:cssattler@gmail.com) if you would like to carpool.*

*"Thank you to Thrivent for Action Team Funds."*

*We will be doing the Lord's work by working on the following:*

- *blankets*
- *cards for Phil's Friends*
- *Diapers for Orphan Grain Train*





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 has received a grant from the State of Ohio. Some of the improvements you are seeing around the room such as carpets, paints, doors, new classroom materials, and toys were provided by this grant money. A big thank you to Jamie and Marianne who helped us with this process. Many thanks for your help in spreading the word about our openings for next fall!

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

## **PRINCE OF PEACE LIBRARY**      A resource center for you

By Pastor Don Weiss

The books and resources have been rearranged on the shelves according to topics. We hope this will make it easier for folks to find a book that might be of help or interest to you. There are cards in the books, but at this time, there is no need to check out the book. Just take it with you as needed, bring it back when you're finished, and put it on the shelf where you found it for others to use.

This summer, why not take a look at what is in our Library that may be of help to you and your family as you grow closer to Jesus in faith? This month we point you to two shelves that may be of interest: Family Resources and DVDs.

These two shelves are the top two in the row just to the left of all of the novels. The shelves are labeled. While the shelf with Family Resource books are probably most helpful to parents, the shelf above with DVDs will be useful for any age. On the left side of the shelf are kids videos, stories, and movies. In the middle are some instructional videos, and next to those are Christian movies. Pick out one or two and take them home to watch. Just put them back on the shelf when you bring them back and they will be ready to entertain another family. May the Lord bless you as you help one another grow in Christ.

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.**





**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)

**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, Ron Oldenettel, 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

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



**Discipleship at  
Home and in  
Community**



# July 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
2	3	4 <i>Happy Fourth!!</i> Church Office Closed  9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	5	6	7	8 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9 10:00 Outdoor Service and Picnic	10	11 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	12	13	14	15
16 9:15 Raising Kids God's Way	17 7:00 Mission and Ministry Meeting	18 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	19	20	21	22 LWML Work Day 9:00am Concordia Findlay
23	24	25 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	26	27	28 5:00 Game Night and Campout	29
30	31					

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# July Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Abby Pollex Cole Pollex
2 Scott Wells Tina Daniels	3 <i>Chris and Bethie Genszler</i> <i>John and Amy Genszler</i> <i>Scott and Shari Wells</i>	4 Janice Willmarth Joe Wyatt	5 Cody Shull <i>Kevin and Jamie Pfefferle</i>	6 Jamie Pfefferle Sherrie Henneman	7 John Hart <i>Mitch and Sierra Vanderhorst</i>	8 James Brower Nate Daniels
9	10 Joe Miller	11 <i>Mike and Ann Thanasiu</i>	12	13 Katie Mulinex	14	15
16 Aiden Stelmaszak Sophia Shafer Zachary Wells	17 Howard McCallum	18 Ken Gordon	19 <i>Danny and Karina Repp</i>	20 <i>George and Carol Cicak</i>	21	22
23 <i>Matt and Alyssa Disher</i>	24	25 <i>Al and Christina Hoar</i> Yasmine Bachar	26	27	28	29
30 John Ewald	31 <i>George and Connie Kuch</i>					



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>	Lyle Stine	Cathy Reichow	Melle Koch
<b>Acolytes</b>			
<b>Elder</b>	Phil Miller	Gary Garbers	Tom Smith
<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, 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?

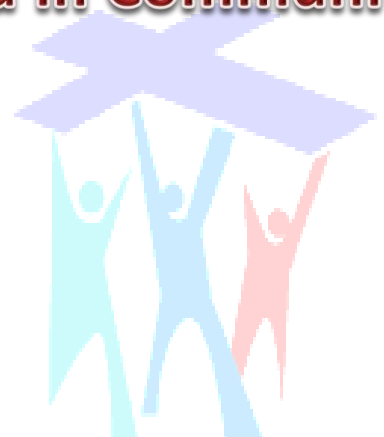
Can you pick up papers? Do you know anyone else with "special skills" like these?

You can serve your church family!

Contact Pastor John at any time!

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**and in Community**



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