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"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled. Mark 5:19-20

Do you like to watch movies or shows? Do you imagine what it would be like to be one of the characters? Would you like to be "backstage" of your favorite show? What would it be like to stand next to the director as the story is being filmed? What if the director turned to you and asked you to get on the set and be part of the story? What if you discovered it's no longer a movie?

For the last couple of months, we have been talking about God's revelation of Himself to us and how we can know it's really God. (Read more in the June and July Proclaimer.) When we speak of knowing God, we recognize that the relationship always begins with God. We are helpless on our own. It is only by the work of the Holy Spirit that anyone can receive God's grace personally and respond in worship. The purpose of life is to grow in this relationship and to follow God's direction – to praise God as He gives opportunity.

How do we grow in relationship with God? Like any other relationship, it takes commitment and communication. This is one reason God gathers us together in Worship. We receive God's gifts—through His Word and Sacraments—and we respond to God's gifts in prayer and praise. There is much more happening (fellowship, teaching, etc.) but what about the other days of the week? How do you stay in communication with God (and growing in our relationship)? The basic communication is the same – God's Word and prayer. Through these gifts, your life is focused on God's gifts every day.

In daily relationship with God, your eyes are open to God's work. Through God's written Word (the Bible) you are reminded of God's gracious work all throughout history, you are given the wisdom God has given through the faithful before us, and you are given templates of praise and prayer. God's Word is Living and Active – the Holy Spirit works through the written and preserved Word to give and grow faith in you today. Christians respond to all these gifts in prayer. As in any relationship, one sided communication does not last long. God gives the gift of prayer – talking (or singing) to God. In prayer, we praise God, thank God, ask God, cry out to God, seek God, and grow in love and knowledge of God.

As your eyes are opened in relationship through the Word and prayer, you see God's hand in every part of life. You see God's hand in your past, in your family, in your community, and trust God for all things in the future. This is what it means to know God's Story – as He has been at work throughout His Story and in your life. As you grow in relationship with God, you see God's hand in your story. But God's Story is not a movie to sit and watch. God tells you to be part of the action. When you are in relationship with God and see His hand in your life, you also see His hand in the lives of those around you. And God calls you to help them see His work, His love, His mercy. You can share by giving an encouraging word, a listening ear, a helping hand – a pointing to the presence of God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see His work – and to open your lips to share His Good News as His Story is happening all around you today.

"This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:46-48

Under His Direction,
Pastor John

THE WORD IN AUGUST

8/6/2023	8/13/2023	8/20/2023	8/27/2023
Isaiah 49:5-6	Psalms 132: 11-18	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Isaiah 51:1-6
Acts 1: 1-8; 2: 1-4, 14, 36-39	Revelation 7:9-17	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 10:16-20	Luke 21:25-31	Matthew 15: 21-28	Matthew 16:13-20

WORSHIP THEMES IN AUGUST

August 6: HIStory – Witnesses
 August 13: HIStory – Eternal Promise
 August 20: God’s Work in Liberia
 August 27: Who is the Christ?

BIBLE STUDY IN AUGUST

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

On August 6, we begin a new study. We will study God-Sized Mercy in the book of Jonah.

Join in the discussion of how God shows mercy as only He can through the story of Jonah.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN SEPTEMBER

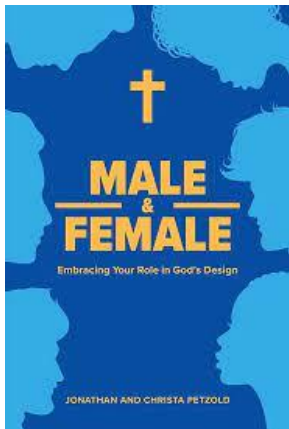
We will be starting a new book on **Sunday September 10!!!**

In a world that debates what gender is, we look to God’s Word to know how He has created us to be Male and Female. Our study will include the roles of Male and Female in family, in conflict, and in the world – and how to respond to the world with truth and compassion. Join Pastor John and Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler as we learn about God’s order of creation.

Sign up to order a book through Prince of Peace.

Books will be \$20 or less. Consider donating to help others.

If you cannot afford a book, sign up and talk with Pastor John.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

Sunday School is returning on Sunday, September 17!!!!

Sunday School is available starting at 9:15 AM for kids from preschool age through 5th grade!! We have a great year planned and look forward to seeing all the kids each week! We have a pretty good-sized group of kids, and we would love to take on more adults to be part of the Discipleship team. As our core group of kids gets older, **we will need more Sunday School teachers** to be able to split the kids more effectively into age-appropriate groups and have the opportunity to offer Sunday School to our middle school aged kiddos! With that, if you are interested, please *be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet* to sign up to teach a week of Sunday School. The lesson would be pre-planned and ready to go, along with all the supplies needed. Simply grab the materials the Sunday before your week to teach, look them over, and come on Sunday morning ready to have some fun!

If you have any questions, please speak with Alison Laurell at 419-699-9687.

Official Acts July:

Wedding 7/7 Ashlee Balcerzak and Avery Kaminski



Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God

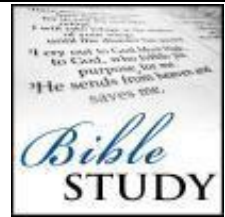
First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all students entering 4th -8th grade. **First Communion** is a two-session class for students and parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class. **Confirmation** is a two-year class for families with students 6th-8th grade. Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month.



There will be an informational meeting on Sunday August 27 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✚ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – “The Case for Christ” concludes July 30.
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 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
– Will resume on September 14 with 10 Imperfect Men.
- ✚ **THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
– Will resume on September 14 with Great Women of the Bible Part 3.
- ✚ **MEN’S BREAKFAST** 1st 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.



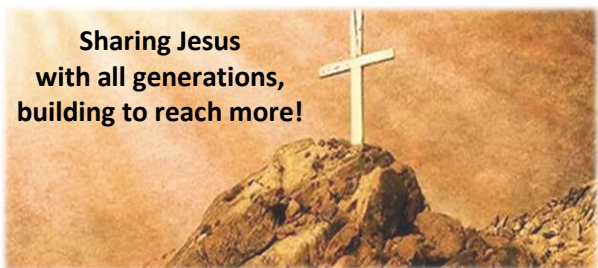
SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:

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.



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!

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 **last 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.



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.

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends in Christ here at Prince of Peace,

The Jubilee of my ordination into the pastoral ministry of the Church was a day of praising God for His wonderful work among us. Carolyn and I have been privileged to share with so many of you as we proclaimed the Word of God along with His mercy and grace. These have been 50 years of blessing for us and others. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful cards and notes, letting us know how God has blessed you and your family. The banner Carolyn made for my ordination said: EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE FOR MINISTRY. That was our call from God from Ephesians. It was the theme of each Installation service. That verse still sounds in our ears reminding us that each of you are special to God and to us. May you be blessed as you serve the Lord Jesus with us.

~Pastor Don and Carolyn Weiss

THANK YOU

The Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic was a smashing success!!! Thank you to all who brought the amazing food!!! Thank you to Karen Asman and Carol Crosser for organizing all of the amazing food and making sure we had plates, napkins, and forks and spoons!! Thank you also to Madison Campbell for her mad skills with facepainting! You ladies are awesome!!!

Faith and Family Night at the Toledo MudHens!

August 20 2pm Q/A with MudHens players 4:05 game

Tickets are \$15 and a food voucher is \$8!!

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Deaconess Intern Amy for details!



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. We are studying "*Great Women of the Bible*". ***Sign up to order books on the bulletin board.*** 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 2nd and 4th 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.**

Did you ever consider serving in the church or at an LCMS school?

Are you thinking about a second career in full-time church work?

Many LCMS pastors, teachers, deaconesses and commissioned church workers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same!



Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker.

Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit lcms.org/sas for more information.

Our Lutheran schools, located all around the country, are seeking educators who are interested in a Lutheran school setting. If you are interested, speak with a local LCMS school administrator about open positions in your area.



Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

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

Contact Wendy at 419-693-8661

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!

~Watch for the sign up for Prayer Pals for the new school year~



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

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, August 27 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!

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	
b. Joe Daniels	419-266-5426	(Alder > Coffey)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Cornell > Geldien)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Genszler > Jones)
e. Gary Garbers	419-693-7651	(Keiser > Maletich)
f. Jim Bragg	419-690-2608	(Mayer > Peters)
g. Don Halka	567-377-2248	(Pfefferle > Sarns)
h. Phil Miller	419-691-7727	(Sattler > VanCamp)
		(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 tinajoebobb@gmail.com

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Gertrude Brant, Chuck Brinkman, Marilyn Brown, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, 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



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH



**Discipleship at
Home and in
Community**

Would you be interested in meeting for prayer time once a month?

Contact Pastor John.

August 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 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	2	3	4	5 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
6	7 7:00 Elders Meeting	8 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	16	17	18	19 5:30 PM Joe Boway here
20 8:00 & 10:30 AM Joe Boway here 2:00 PM Faith and Family at the Toledo MudHens	21 7:00 Mission and Ministry Meeting	22 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	23	24	25	26
27 9:15 AM Raising Kids God's Way 12:00 PM Confirmation Information Meeting	28	29 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	30	31		

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August Birthdays and Anniversaries

					Fri	Sat
30	31	1 <i>David and Alice Williams</i>	2 <i>Gary and Kay Garbers</i> Nolan Madson	3	4 Molly Miller	5 Amanda Waldvogel Isaac Nichols Kristine Keiser
6 Sam Henneman Sarah Pagel	7 Avery Alder Elizabeth Breier-Sharlow	8 <i>Bob and Sue Pfefferle</i>	9 Madison Campbell Matt Genszler Robert Keiser	10 Kylie Firsdon	11	12 Corrine Sattler
13 Richard Stanley	14 Brian Richards Jr.	15	16	17 Melisa Koch	18 Madeline Jones	19
20 Seth Alder	21	22	23 Ricky Pratt	24 Carol Angst <i>Donald and Carolyn Weiss</i> <i>Gerry and Deb Hartke</i>	25 Lily Stine Millie Bailey	26
27	28	29 Brittany McCoy Hailey Thanasiu Joshua McCoy	30 Jenny Feehan Peggy Peters <i>Sam and Jordan Jones</i> Zeke Miller	31 <i>Jerry and Marcine Roepke</i>	1	2



Volunteer Schedule for August 2023	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	All God's people!		
Ushers	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Projection			
Camera			
Sound Board			
Readers		John Ewald	Vicki Melms
Acolytes			
Elder	Lyle Stine	Mark Sattler	Joe Daniels
Communion Servers (Wine)	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			
<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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