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Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
Romans 12:6-8

Although Jesus performed many miracles – signs showing that He is the Son of God and Messiah for the world, few of His miracles are recorded in all four Gospels. One of the more well-known events is the Feeding of the 5000 (Mt 14, Mk 6, Lk 9, Jn 6). Most people know the basic story: there was a crowd of thousands and Jesus fed them all with only a few loaves of bread and even fewer fish.

There are many other details and connections to this event that are often highlighted. The crowd gathered around Jesus even though He was looking to be alone (following the death of John the Baptist). Jesus taught the crowd all day because He had compassion for them. The crowd was 5000 men (plus women

and children). John 6 tells us the loaves were barley (a poor person's option), from a young boy, and Andrew brought them to Jesus.

As the day grew late and the people were hungry, the disciples tell Jesus to send the people away to fend for themselves. Jesus says, "You give them something to eat." The disciples react much like you and I would: "What do you mean, Jesus? There are way too many people, and we don't have enough for everyone!" We can spiritualize the moment – the disciples (and we) are called to feed people around us with the Gospel – but the fact remains that Jesus tells the disciples to feed the people.

We often summarize the feeding of the 5000 as another time where the disciples fail and Jesus bails them out. However, just as Jesus tells the disciples, "You give them something to eat" THEY DO! Jesus blesses the bread and gives it to the disciples and they give it to the crowd. There is a wonderful stewardship message here. God provided food for the boy. The boy gave back to God. God multiplied. God gave back to His followers who gave to the people.

Picture the scene. No one disciple fed all 5000+ people. Each disciple received from Jesus and gave to those around him and they gave to others around them. Jesus equipped the disciples to equip others. Not one of us is called to share with all people, but we are each called to share as God equips – and to equip others. In the whole process, it is God who gives and God who works. As Paul writes in I Corinthians 3 "... as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."

What gifts has God given you? How is He calling you to give back to Him so He can multiply? How is He calling you to share? How is God equipping you to equip others?

This is being a disciple – and discipling others (as Jesus commands). "Whatever you are doing, teach it to others." As together, we Share Jesus – Living His Love through Discipleship at Home and in Community.

Equipped and Equipping with you,

Pastor John

THE WORD IN SEPTEMBER

9/3/2023	9/10/2023	9/17/2023	9/24/2023
Jeremiah 15:15-21	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Genesis 50:15-21	Isaiah 55:6-9
Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:1-10	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:1-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16

WORSHIP THEMES IN SEPTEMBER

September 3: Seeing with God's Sight
 September 10: Life Together in Humility
 September 17: How Can I Forgive?
 September 24: Living God's Gifts in Joy

BIBLE STUDY IN SEPTEMBER

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

On September 3 we will conclude Jonah.
 On September 10, we begin the Male and Female Study.
 Join in the discussion of God's design for human life.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN SEPTEMBER

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

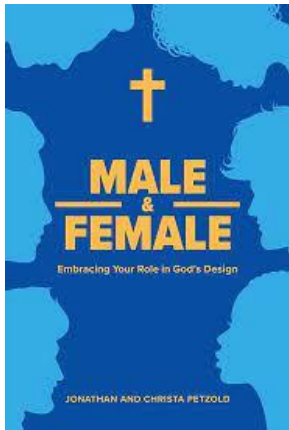
In a world that debates what gender is, we look to God's Word to know how He has created us to be Male and Female. Our study will include the roles of Male and Female in family, in conflict, and in the world – and how to respond to the world with truth and compassion. Join Pastor John and Deaconess Intern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

Sign up to order a book through Prince of Peace.

Books are \$16. Consider donating to help others.

If you missed the first book order, contact Pastor John

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 begins on September 17 from 9:15-10:15. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside of the Sunday School room. Also, see that bulletin board to sign up to teach a pre-planned Sunday School lesson!

Our kids are growing, and **we need more Sunday School teachers!** Sign up to try it out!

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

Official Acts August:

Baptism 8/13 Jason Louis Smith Jr. (officiated by Pastor Gerry Hartke)



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.



Talk to Pastor John if you were unable to attend the August 27 meeting!

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✚ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – Jonah concludes September 3.
Male and Female begins September 10.
- ✚ **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
– **RESUMING September 14** with 10 Imperfect Men.
- ✚ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
– **RESUMING September 14** with Great Women of the Bible Part 3.
- ✚ **THURSDAY ZOE STUDY** (online only) at 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
– **RESUMING September 7** beginning Malachi.
- ✚ **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:

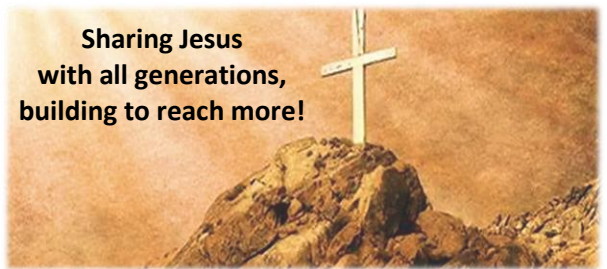
Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace! The Lord has given the vision and the process is underway to continue the vision of the past 60 years! We are in the process of realizing the Lord's Vision for the future – new staff, additional building space and new ministry opportunities!!

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.

Check the display in the Narthex for the latest plan and developments as we anticipate groundbreaking!



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!

LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: If anyone is a Thrivent member and would like to apply for a \$250 Action card, we would greatly appreciate it. It will be used to provide personal care products to help people in need in our community.

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.

Prince of Peace LWML NEWS

We will meet on Wednesday September 13 at 7:00 PM. We will begin planning for fall and Christmas activities. Hope you can make it!!



LWML Zone News

Please join us for the LWML Toledo Zone Fall Rally on Saturday October 14 from 9am-12pm at Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church. Kelly from Sufficient Grace Ministries will speak about the perinatal hospice services they provide for women who have lost a baby through stillbirth, miscarriage, or infant death. Breakfast is provided. Registration is from 8:30-9am.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!

FAMILY OUTDOOR GAME NIGHT AND CAMPOUT!!!

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29 BEGINNING AT 5:00 PM AT CHURCH/PARSONAGE BACKYARD!!!

Join us as we gather for hot dogs and s'mores, a bonfire, and outdoor games in hopefully cooler weather! We will have a sign-up sheet for other food, and you are welcome to camp out in the backyard until Saturday morning. Hope to see you there!

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*". 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:

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Join us at 8am on the 1st Saturday of every month for a time of fellowship around good food, a study from God's Word, and time for prayer together. You will meet brothers from other congregations who visit us. You will be uplifted and blessed.



Why not invite a friend to come with you? [We plan to finish by 10am].

Thursday Men's Bible Study

We resume our regular studies on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, starting on September 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm. This year we will finish the study of TEN GREAT MEN OF THE BIBLE. We will be hearing about St. Paul, who was Saul the Pharisee when Jesus met him on the road to Damascus and turned his life completely around.

- ➔ Can a man change? Saul did
- ➔ Does God love us even if we oppose Him? Saul received that love
- ➔ Can God equip a flawed man to do His work in people? He did that with Saul

As St. Paul became the most prolific author of the New Testament, God has much to teach us about our faith. Come! JOIN US in the study where God teaches us how His Word speaks into every situation in life that we face. The fellowship will bless you!



Looking for Christian Fun and Fellowship? Join the PoP Dartball team.

No experience required.

What is Dartball?

Talk with Ron Wells (419) 320-0490 or contact Pastor John!

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 still taking registrations for the 2023-2024 school year, so please spread the word.
Contact Wendy at 419-693-8661**

The Preschool will start back in session on September 5! We are so excited for the new school year! Something that is new this year is a bird feeder. If you would like to help with a donation of birdseed, it would be really appreciated. You may place your donation in the kitchen or art room. Many thanks!!

~Don't forget to 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



PRESCHOOL PRAYER PALS

Preschool begins the week of September 5! Please sign up in the narthex to be a preschool prayer partner for this school year! We match you to one (or more) of our preschool families for the school year to pray for them as they navigate through the school year. Some prayer partners even send in little notes, treats, or gifts at holidays and birthdays! We have right around 40 preschool families this year, if you would be willing to pray for more than one family, please sign up for as many families as you would like. If you have any questions, please see Alison Laurell.

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, October 8 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

THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT...

Want to strengthen your marriage?

THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT...

Want to learn more about the Amish people and Amish life?

THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT...

Need help dealing with grief in your life?

THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT...

Want to know more about????

THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT...

Want an easy way to share Jesus with your kiddos?

THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT...and many videos such as "Veggie Tales"

Find ALL of this and MORE in our Church Library!

LOOK AT THE CATEGORIES ON THE SHELVES.

PICK OUT WHAT LOOKS INTERESTING.

BORROW IT FOR A TIME.

BRING IT BACK AND PUT IT ON THE SHELF FOR THE NEXT PERSON.



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.**

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

Contact Pastor John.





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 tinajobobb@gmail.com

Remember in Your Prayers:

- +for healing** – Gertrude Brant, Chuck and Charmaine Brinkman, Marilyn Brown, Carol Cicak, Mary George, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Tom Jones, Phil Miller, Ron Oldenettel, Jackie Reynolds, Philip Shasteen, Paige Smith, Deanna and Richard Snyder, Linda Stanley, Jacob Stine, Lily Stine
- +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

September 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 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
3	4 Labor Day 7:00 Elders Meeting	5 Preschool begins 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	6	7 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study online only	8	9
10	11 7:00 Dartball Practice	12 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	13 7:00 PM LWML Meeting	14 7:00 pm Men's and Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	15	16
17 9:15 AM Sunday School Starts!	18 7:00 Mission and Ministry Meeting	19 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	20 6:00 PM Prayer Pal Pizza Party	21 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study online only	22	23
24	25 7:30 Dartball	26 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	27	28 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	29 5:00 PM Family Game Night and Campout	30

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September 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 <i>Randy and Dolly Ames</i>	2 Samantha Spears
3 Nancy Rhoads	4 <i>Jason and Yasmine Bachar</i>	5 Grace Gabriel	6 Kyle Barry	7 Sarah Hartke-Smith	8 <i>Andy and Alison Laurell</i> David Williams	9 Dave Newman Gary Garbers Jackie Reynolds
10	11 David Lykins <i>Kenneth and Jennifer Zeh</i> Mark Sattler	12 Carol Rigg John Newton Melissa McCoy	13 Kendall Wells	14 Carolyn Weiss <i>Christopher and Samantha Hoover</i> <i>Gene and Carol Rigg</i>	15 Kaylee Kreisher	16
17	18 Isabelle Laurell	19 Kelly Pagel Kyle Wentz	20	21 Brent McCoy Philip Brice	22 George Cicak <i>Jim and Chaunda Hame</i>	23 Ken Silvers
24 <i>Mark and Paige Smith</i>	25	26 Ricky Keiser Serena Gareau	27 Linda Stanley	28 Nick Foley Rhonda Flores	29 Debbie Bragg Jack Pagel	30 Jim Bragg



Volunteer Schedule for September 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	Carolyn Weiss	Amy Genszler
Acolytes			
Elder	Lyle Stine	Phil Miller	Tom Smith
Communion Servers (Wine)	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			
<p><i>During September, volunteer lists will be in the Narthex. Please check that you are on the list to help serve the Lord by serving His people!</i></p> <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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