



# THE PROCLAIMER

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*Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.  
5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.  
6 Remember, Lord,  
your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.  
7 Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, Lord, are good. Psalm 25:4-7*

One of the first classes I had to take in college was “Speech 101”. Throughout the semester, the professor would assign types of speeches and we could choose whatever topic to speak about. One of the best speeches given in the class was called “Paper or Plastic”. The student spoke for several minutes about the choice we all routinely faced at the grocery store. He explored the pros and cons of paper and plastic for carrying groceries. He discussed the environmental impact of paper and plastic. He gave many ways each type of bag could be reused. The student spoke about this common choice for at least 5 minutes longer than the 2 seconds of thought I had ever given the choice before.

We all face choices every day. What should I eat for lunch? Should I bring an umbrella when I go out? Is this job good for me or do I need to look for something else? How should I respond to my coworker, neighbor, child, or spouse? Some choices are simple, some have more complex repercussions. Some choices are easy to make, while others take careful deliberation. Some choices have little effect on others, some we make because of their effect. We see the effects of some choices right away, while others’ accumulate over time.

The choices we make are based on our core values. As Christians, our values are based on the Lord’s truth – we are created and redeemed by God. We are led by the Holy Spirit to live His way. Our choices throughout life affect those around us – and God gives us roles as parents and leaders that specifically affect those in our care. There was a time when we were able to count on our culture to encourage good choices or at least to honor choices made with God’s values. Today, parents and leaders face the challenge of a culture that ignores or is even hostile to God. Satan is using good things around us – especially family and sports – to pull us away from God’s truth. For example, parents and leaders are forced to choose either community sports or Sunday worship. The choice in the moment is made for the sake of life development, but families are now forced to choose between effects on life and effects on eternal life.

We know we do not make perfect choices, but live in the forgiveness of God. We do not “go on sinning so grace may increase”, we seek to grow in following the Lord – first, because God is God and second because we know His way is best for us. The forgiveness of God covers each and every choice. Growing in God’s way is less about the specific choice in the moment and more about the habit the choice is forming. The moment is forgiven, but God’s Word tells us there are habits that lead to hell. We praise God for His gift of guidance – through His Word directed by the Holy Spirit. *Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. (Psalm 25:12)*

We praise God for the gift of forgiveness in Christ Jesus. May we encourage one another in His family in this hostile world as we make choices together for today and for eternity.

Chosen and choosing, Pastor John

*And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord,  
choose this day whom you will serve, whether  
the gods your fathers served in the region  
beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites  
in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my  
house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15*

## THE WORD IN OCTOBER

10/1/2023	10/8/2023	10/15/2023	10/22/2023	10/29/2023
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Isaiah 5:1-7	Isaiah 25:6-9	Isaiah 45:1-7	Revelation 14:6-7
Philippians 2:1-18	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:4-13	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Romans 3:19-28
Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	John 8:31-36

### WORSHIP THEMES IN OCTOBER

October 1: Shining the Light  
 October 8: Pressing On in the Process  
 October 15: Called in the Family Feast  
 October 22: Owe What to Whom?  
 October 29: Reformation

### BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

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

On September 10, we began  
*"Male and Female: Embracing your Role in God's Design".*

Join in the discussion of God's design for human life.

### Stewardship Focus: The WHYs and HOWs of Stewardship.

God gives, we give back to Him, He gives to His Church, we use His gifts for ministry. Stewardship materials are available in the narthex. We will bring our Commitment cards to the Lord's altar the weekend of October 14/15.

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

We started a new book on **Sunday September 10!!!**

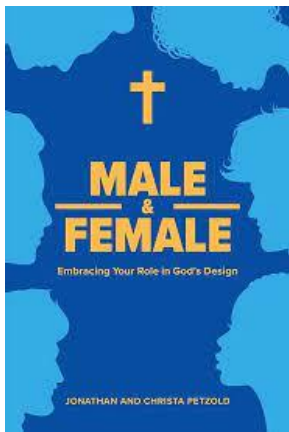
In a world that debates what gender is, we look to God's Word to know how He has created us to be Male and Female. Our study will include the roles of Male and Female in family, in conflict, and in the world – and how to respond to the world with truth and compassion. Join Pastor John and Deaconess Intern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

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered to teach a week of Sunday School! It is very much appreciated. Make sure you see Alison the week before you are signed up to teach to receive your materials and plans. Due to some scheduling issues, we **could really use a volunteer to teach the week of October 8th**, if you are available to do so, please sign up on the blue bulletin board next to the Sunday School rooms. Our kids have had a lot of fun the first couple of weeks in Sunday School! ***If you have any questions, please speak with Alison Laurell at 419-699-9687.***



## TRUNK 'N TREAT

October 22 2pm

Decorate your car in a Bible Theme and share the love of Jesus!

Invite your kids, friends' kids, neighbors' kids, kids' friends, kids' neighbors, etc...



## 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.

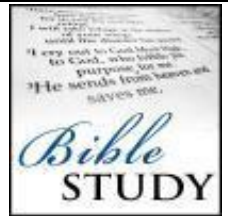
Contact Pastor John to schedule class. **Confirmation** is a two-year class for families with students 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month.

**Talk to Pastor John if you need to get connected!!**



## Adult Bible Studies:

- ✚ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – Male and Female
- ✚ **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  
The men are studying *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  
The women are studying *Great Women of the Bible Part 3*.
- ✚ **THURSDAY ZOE STUDY** (online only) at 7:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month  
– We are studying Malachi.
- ✚ **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.



**Raising Kids God's Way** – An 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.* Come to discuss parenting as a Christian.

Talk to Amy Genszler or Jordan Jones for more information!

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

### Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace

Congregational approval is needed for the next steps including approval of the contract bid.

A special **Congregational Meeting** will take place **October 8 at 9:15**.

Following approval by the congregation, the tentative date for

**Groundbreaking is Sunday October 29 at 12:00.**

Mark your calendar and watch for details!

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*.

Check the display in the Narthex for the latest plan and developments.



**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](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).

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).



Save The Date  
POP Christmas Party  
Thursday December  
14th  
5 to 9 PM  
Dinner (kids under 14 eat  
free)  
Entertainment  
Games  
White Elephant Gift Exchange  
Family Fun



### 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.



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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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 resumed our regular studies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month 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!



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**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!

**Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.**

*We have a few openings in the Tuesday/Thursday class, so please spread the word.*

Contact Wendy at 419-693-8661

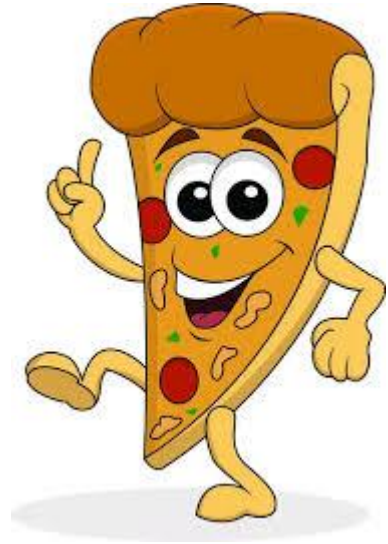
"Pizza night was a great success. The preschool turnout was great, and thanks to all our Prayer Pals who were able to attend.



During October, the children will go on a trip to Jason's Pumpkin Patch in Oak Harbor, and the new fire station in Oregon. What a fun year we are already having!

We will have a Pumpkin Stand in our room for Dramatic Play if you are able to contribute it would be appreciated.

We are looking for gourds, pumpkins, and Indian corn. Many thanks!



*We are looking for substitute teachers (needed periodically throughout the year). Anyone interested should contact Miss Wendy. Preschool will pay for your fingerprinting and background check.*

**Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly**

**Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell**

**Sub – Erin Stine, Madison Campbell**

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

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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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## Would you like to see students in our area be able to study the Bible DURING SCHOOL HOURS?

We need 50 people who live, work, and/or worship in Oregon to sign the list at [LifeWise.org/interest](http://LifeWise.org/interest).

Signing the list at this time is simply a statement of support – it will not obligate you or PoP to anything.

Please share this link with friends and family who would love to bring a LifeWise program to our Oregon City school district. If you need help accessing the website, ask Pastor John.

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## 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!

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## 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	(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 and Charmaine Brinkman, Marilyn Brown, Carol Cicak, Mary George, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Tom Jones, Ken Keiser, Phil Miller, Ron Oldenettel, Jackie Reynolds, Philip Shasteen, Paige Smith, Deanna and Richard Snyder, 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](mailto:deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com)



# 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>
1. 12:00 Communion class (session 2)	2 7:30 Dartball	3 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study  7:00 Elders Meeting	4 7:00 Choir practice	5 7:00PM Zoe Bible Study Online only	6	7 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
8 9:15 Congregational Meeting 9:15 Raising Kids God's Way  12:00-1:30 Family Confirmation Class	9 7:00 Dartball practice	10 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	11 7:00 Choir practice	12 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study  7:00 PM Confirmation Class	13	14 8:30 AM LWML Fall Rally at Good Shepherd of the Deaf  Gathering of Commitment cards at all services
15  Gathering of Commitment cards at all services	16 7:00 Mission and Ministry 7:30 Dartball (@ 1 <sup>st</sup> St. John)	17 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	18 7:00 Choir practice	19 7:00 pm Zoe Bible Study Online only	20	21
22  2:00pm Trunk n'Treat	23 7:00 Dartball practice	24 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	25 7:00 Choir practice	26 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study  7:00 PM Confirmation Class	27	28 10:00 Drive Through Food Pantry
29  12:00 Groundbreaking for the Family Education Resource Center	30	31 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study				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.

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# 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 Jr</i>	6 Jodi Halka	7 Jackson Hartke 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 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>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	30 Catey Hart Janie Mays	31 Grant Laurell Lisa Maletich	1	2	3	4



Volunteer Schedule for October 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	Dave Breier	Tony Maletich
<b>Acolytes</b>			
<b>Elder</b>	Lyle Stine	Don Halka	Joe Daniels
<b>Communion Servers (Wine)</b>	Talk with the Elder for the service		
<b>Altar Guild</b>			
<b>Pew Care</b>			
<p><i>During October, volunteer lists are available 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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Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM

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