



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

August 2024 Newsletter

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As a Christ centered community,  
we commit ourselves to all people  
through love, worship & service.

## Pastor's Ponderings

Grace, peace and mercy unto you. Amen.

Romans 15:7 states: "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

It is that time of year where we start to get back into a new way of thinking. Those easy, breezy, carefree days of summer are almost over. The heat will soon be cooling down to the point that some might actually have to break out a jacket in the early morn or late evening. School will be starting, football is almost here, and the leaves are going to start turning a new shade of color. You can almost smell a change in the air.

This is also a time that people start to get back into their routines after taking break all summer. One of those routines is getting back to church. That's not a good thing. That's a great thing! God wants us to have rest. To take time and rejuvenate before heading back to work and our routines. It's not like God has left us during our time of respite. God has continued to walk with each and every one of us. Now, it is time to get back to church and the community that it can be.

On Sunday, September 8, I want to personally invite you and all of your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors and others to come to Humboldt Park in Bay View for a wonderful day that I am calling "Homecoming Sunday". This day will be filled with Family, Friends, Food and Fun!

It will begin with a community worship at 10am at the bandshell. We will be joining together with other churches from throughout the area. Praying, singing, learning, communing and growing together. Make sure to bring your chair or a blanket to sit on. If it is raining, we will meet at Unity Lutheran on Oklahoma Ave in their Fellowship Hall.

At about 11:15am, we will begin a new/old tradition of a grand ole church picnic. This will be potluck style. You are invited to bring your favorite dish to share. Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided.

This is just the first step in the next near of the continued focus on hospitality and being a welcoming place. I hope that you are able to make it. It is going to be an awesome day, rain or shine!

Make sure to look out for a few other opportunities that will be coming up this fall. Oh, and if you haven't heard it yet...welcome home!

In God's love,  
Pastor Myron Crawford

## **Summer Supper Service Blessing of the Pets**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is partnering with Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church to bring our faith communities together with Summer Supper Service.

The August Summer Supper Service will be on Wednesday, August 21 at Tippecanoe Presbyterian.

Make sure to bring your furry, feathered or slimy creature with you as we will be doing a pet blessing.

Don't forget a chair and a dish to share! month at 5:30pm for a potluck supper with outdoor worship at 6:30pm.

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### **Outdoor Worship at PoP**

Bring your chairs as we gather together to worship out in the beautiful creation that God has provided us on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the back parking lot.

As we lift our voices, pray and commune together to celebrate all that is good in the world, this will be another opportunity to show the neighbors that they too are welcome at PoP.

There will be a time for coffee fellowship this day, as well.

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### **Property Committee Members Needed**

There are always little projects that need to be taken care of with an aging building. If you are willing to help out with a project here and there, inside or outdoors, please contact Pastor Myron.

Many hands make light work!

## **Coffee with Clergy**

Come on out for Coffee with Clergy the third Tuesday of each month from 8-10am at Hawthorne Coffee Roasters, which is just north of Prince of Peace. The next date is Tuesday, August 20.

This is a time have conversation, learn about what is going on, share some stories and have a beverage and a snack.



Cross Generational Sunday School is coming to Prince of Peace!

You may ask, "What is Cross Generational Sunday School?"

Cross generational ministry is, at its core, the building up of the Body of Christ. What makes it unique is the focus on intentional faith formation where individuals of different ages come together, build relationships, and learn from each other. The central tenet of cross gen is that everyone, no matter what age, has something to teach, and everyone, no matter what age, has something to learn.

Beginning Sunday, October 6, after Sunday worship, the entire church is invited to gather in the fellowship hall to play, craft, learn, laugh, eat and journey together!

Each month, on the first Sunday, this will be a time to share in community and grow while having fun. The lessons for each month are designed for participation by kids, youth and adults so that everyone feels welcome on this journey!

If you might be interested in helping lead one month with a partner, please contact Pastor Myron.

# August Birthdays!

8/1 Maureen Newborn

8/4 Heidi Zeimantz

8/5 Kathleen George, Jasmine Schneider

8/6 Tony Puglielli

8/7 Quinn Grandy, Laura Tinsen

8/10 Natile Longworth, Dale Wuhrmann

8/12 Terri Steffenhagen

8/15 Mary Schneider

8/16 Karlyna Gomez, Ann Sandor, Jackie Urban

8/17 Pastor Myron Crawford

8/18 Steve Uyhely

8/19 Violet Zeimantz

8/20 Bonnie Garrison

8/23 Bobbi Sandretto

8/25 Lila Wuhrmann

8/29 David Hilfman

8/30 Wendy Hoppe

8/31 Trever Schneider, Hailey Sponholz

## Come and Serve at The Gathering

The Gathering is an organization that provides free meals each week, cooked on-site in four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry.

Prince of Peace gets to help out with preparing, packaging and distributing meals for approximately 150 people at Ascension Lutheran on S. Layton on Wednesday, August 7 from 330pm – 6pm.

If you are able to help us fight hunger, please register online at <https://bit.ly/PoPGathering>.

## Reconciling in Christ at Prince of Peace

For a few months now, we have been sharing about Reconciling in Christ (RIC) and what this may look like at Prince of Peace.

You may be asking:

All people are welcome at Prince of Peace Lutheran. Why should we single out lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) people and a commitment to anti-racism?

Many LGBTQIA+ people have learned by experience they are not welcome in faith communities, even in those that state, “All are welcome here!” A general statement of welcome is often heard as meaning “everybody but me,” so it can take a special effort to communicate an authentic welcome to LGBTQIA+ people. RIC communities find their journey of discernment extending a welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and commitment to anti-racism opens them up to other people or groups who also need a clear invitation to know the community has truly prepared for them. The ministry of welcome must be intersectional to truly see, name, and care for those God names as beloved.

When Prince of Peace takes time to have difficult conversation and discernment, not only can it help us live into our own mission at church, it can also help us to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program, as is the RIC mission statement.

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

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