



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

July 2024 Newsletter

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

Pastor's Ponderings

“Wherever you go, there you are” - Chinese philosopher Confucius.

There seems to be so much uncertainty in our world today.

What happens if I get sick? Will I have enough money to retire? Can I retire at some point? With all this rain, will the farmers have a good harvest? How am I going to be able to care for my kids and/or aging parents? How can I trust any politician? I am called to love my neighbors, but how can I when we don't agree on anything? And so much more.

Since the Garden of Eden, uncertainty has been around. Why can't I eat that fruit? Why is God upset with me? Why am I naked? Now what? How can I handle any more than this?

From the big to small decisions, we all have uncertainty in our lives. It's how we process/deal with this uncertainty that helps us carve our path to where we will end up.

Psalms 138:8 - The Lord will work out his plan for my life - for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever.

Isaiah 30:21 - Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left.

If you could see your future, you'd either be very scared of the hard times or get very smug about all of your accomplishments. Instead of a searchlight that brightens a huge area, God's guidance is more like a flashlight that illuminates just enough of the path ahead to show you where to take the next few steps. God usually doesn't reveal all at once because God wants us to learn to trust in God each step of the way.

Psalms 32:8 - The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.”

Remember to appreciate the steps. Whether they be miserable or joyful. Even Confucius stated, “Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Myron Crawford

Summer Supper Services

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

All are welcome to come and gather together the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm for a potluck supper with outdoor worship at 6:30pm.

There will be activities, music, food and more. Invite your friend and neighbors!

July 17th at Prince of Peace.

Bring your own chair and a dish to share!



This fall, there is something new coming to Prince of Peace!

On the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 6, right after Sunday morning worship, the entire church is invited to gather, eat, learn, play and enjoy fellowship together.

Monthly activities are designed for participation by kids, youth and adults so that everyone is welcome on this journey.

Stay tuned for more details!

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 pushed back a week to Tuesday, July 23.

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

PoP Book Club

The next meeting of the Prince of Peace Book Club is on Monday, July 8 at 6pm at On the Clock Bar and Grill to discuss the book “Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived” by Rob Bell.

Here is a synopsis from the author:

“A staggering number of people have been taught that a select few Christians will spend forever in a peaceful, joyous place called heaven, while the rest of humanity spend forever in torment and punishment in hell with no chance for anything better. It’s been clearly communicated to many that this belief is a central truth of the Christian faith and to reject it is, in essence, to reject Jesus. This is misguided and toxic and ultimately subverts the contagious spread of Jesus’s message of love, peace, forgiveness, and joy that our world desperately needs to hear.

I’ve written this book because the kind of faith Jesus invites us into doesn’t skirt the big questions about topics like God and Jesus and salvation and judgment and heaven and hell, but takes us deep into the heart of them.”

All are encouraged to find this book at their favorite retailer, purchase it, read it or listen to it on Audible or elsewhere, and come to the meeting ready to discuss.

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, July 28th 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.

July Birthdays

01: Jane Schneider
02: Nicole Hermann, Nancy Krumbach
05: Tracy Hilfman, Josh Newborn
07: Hope Walker
10: Scott Kwasniewski
15: Lucas Shenkenberg
18: Emma Martin
20: Mallory Wichman
22: Mateo De La Cruz, Jake Janetski
23: Rodger Nelson, John Newborn
25: Trish Newborn
26: Christopher Bloedel
30: Ellen Heyer

PoP Day Care

The PoP Day Care is looking to hire teachers! Positions open are in the baby room ages 6-weeks to 6-months. If you know anyone that may be interested in applying for these positions, please contact Angie 414-481-6679 or popdaycare@yahoo.com.

The day care is also looking for someone to stain the wood playground equipment (climber & picnic table). All supplies needed will be provided! Please contact Angie at the day care office.

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, July 10 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

In last month's newsletter, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program was introduced.

Becoming RIC is a way in which we, at Prince of Peace, can publicly and intentionally welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities/expressions and incorporate a commitment to the work of racial here. This program can also help us with ways to create dialogue, deepening relationships throughout your faith community rather than sparking debate and division.

So, we may think, "We're already welcoming at Prince of Peace. Why do we need to say so?"

It can help Prince of Peace to communicate who we really are.

When others see that we have taken time to discern who we are and to specifically welcome people who are LGBTQIA+ and are committed to the work of racial equality, they know that we are a community that is skilled at welcoming! This is the good news that the world is wanting to hear.

It also helps with the health of our faith community.

Many RIC partners report the demographic most often drawn in by the RIC status is young couples with children. These folks are seeking communities prepared to help them raise their children in ways consistent with their values. They want their children to grow up surrounded by diversity and to know their families will never have to question if their children will be welcome as they grow and learn more about who they are. Your welcome shows others the type of community they have entered. It proclaims to the wider church you are a space who has been intentional in the welcome you provide.

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

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