



# Prince of Peace Lutheran

September 2022 Newsletter

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*As a Christ Centered  
Community,  
We Commit Ourselves  
To All People  
Through Love,  
Worship & Service.*

## Ponderings of Pastor Molly

*“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”  
(Matthew 25:40)*

Dear Prince of Peace beloved:

In my first parish, years ago, I regularly visited a sweet 94 year-old woman named Lucy, who lived in a nursing home. She was a tiny woman and very hard of hearing. On my first visit I introduced myself and tried to make small talk. She seemed unresponsive. But after about five minutes of my chatter, she spoke up (in a rather loud voice, I might add):

“Pastor Molly, why am I here?”

Somewhat surprised, and assuming she was suffering from dementia, I started explaining to her that she was in a nursing home in Walworth, Wisconsin.

“No, no! She replied (again, somewhat loudly) “I know where I am! I just want to know why God hasn’t called me home! I’m ready to go, but I don’t know what He wants me to do while I am waiting.”

I was a new pastor, fresh out of seminary, and I didn’t know what to say. I realized that her question was a deeply existential one, which I couldn’t answer for her. So, I just replied:

“What do you think about why you are here, Lucy?”

She thought for a moment, pondering. And then she said: “You know, Pastor Molly, I was having lunch today and there was a man at my table who was very sad because he had lost his wife. Maybe God wants me to help him!”

For two years before she died – every time I visited her – Lucy asked this question: “Pastor Molly, why am I here?” And each time, she came up with an answer about someone she might help - an aide who confided in her that her husband had left her, the family of a woman down the hall who’d had a stroke. . . Faithfully, she thought about what God had in mind for her before she was taken “home.” Lucy taught me a profound truth: No matter how long we have left on this earth, it is important to ask: “Why am I here?” And to begin to look around us - at the people who may embody the answer we seek.

Pastor Molly



## *Rally Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks September 11<sup>th</sup>*

### *Sunday School Teachers Needed/Sign-Up Below*

After the Rally Day 9:00 a.m. Service on Sept. 11th

The Sunday school program is looking forward to meeting face to face this year if all continues to allow us to do so.

We will follow all CDC guidelines to ensure your children are safe.

Rally Sunday is Sept. 11th. Our regular Sunday School Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 18th at 10:15-11:30 a.m. On Rally Day parents can sign their children up for Sunday School in narthex. After the service we will all meet downstairs in the lower level for some refreshments and a gift bag!

Children ages K4 through 6th grade will be participating in the Sunday School program. If you have younger children please bring them to class too, as we will always have something for them as well!

Teachers are needed for the Sunday school program throughout the year. If you can do a 2-week rotation, that would be great, but if you can only do one or two classes that is wonderful as well. Even if you do not have children in the program, you can still be a wonderful teacher.

Our theme this year is 'Don't Miss the Boat'

Prince of Peace will continue to use Sparkhouse, for teaching.

In the Rotations we teach the same Bible story for 2 weeks in a row.

Each lesson is age appropriate. The groups will include Grades K4-1st, Grades 2nd - 4th, & Grades 5-7th

Each week, classes rotate into a new and unique workshop (Games, & Art & Cooking)

If classes are small we will combine into one small and sweet group :)

The Sunday School program has lots of supplies so no need to worry about that. But if you would like to purchase something for your class, save your receipt you will be reimbursed.

Below is the Sign-up Sheet. At least one teacher is needed for each workshop. The classes are fun to do with a family member or friend as well.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4da8ab2ba6fd0-sunday7>

Or Please Contact

Margaret Hirschfeld 414-688-8361  
email: mhirschfeld@wi.rr.c

## *Pet Blessing PoP Outdoor Service*



Our next outdoor service will be a pet blessing service!  
Come and Join your friends at the church on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a Fire and Fellowship.

THANK  
YOU!

## Serenity Inns

Thanks to our August volunteers at The Gathering; Nicole, Jill, Nancy, Trish, and Jacob!

Dates have been selected for the remainder of the year. Whether you have been wondering about giving it a try but just haven't yet, or whether you need to get things on your calendar way in advance, or maybe you want to bring a friend and want to share the information with them- Now is the time to give it a shot!

Sign up and all the information can be found here-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445afaf2dabf94-popatthe>



Thank you all who helped get the church ready for the August outdoor service!!



**Thank you Prince of Peace Volunteers!**

### Sunday Services:

Thank you Readers, Communion setup/breakdown, candle lighting, Sanctuary lights/sound system, Facebook set-up and Ushers:

Nancy Krumbach, Nicole Hermann, Vickie Metz, Jill Kamm, Margaret Hirschfeld, Tami Molenda, Joe Schultz, Jim Schneider, Keith Heyer, Erik Jackson, Dan Zuege, John Newborn and Rich Bigalk.

## Prince of Peace Day Care

**Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle** will be on November 10th dinner from 5:30-7:00 raffle to begin at 6:45.

Anyone looking to give donations for the raffle or to donate food items, please contact Angie at [popdaycare@yahoo.com](mailto:popdaycare@yahoo.com).



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# Prince of Peace Blood Drive

The Community Needs YOU!

Prince of Peace will be hosting a Blood Drive  
**Saturday, Oct. 10**  
**9 AM – 2 PM.**

Please sign up at [Sign up Link](#) or go to: <https://bit.ly/oct16pop>  
or contact Maureen Newborn at 414-915-0670.



**Blood Drive**

Turn a new leaf  
Fall into giving

**Saturday  
September  
10**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BLOOD DRIVE**

LOCATION:  
Fellowship Hall (downstairs)  
4419 S. HOWELL AVENUE  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53207

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED  
Call 877.232.4376 or visit  
<https://bit.ly/PrinceOfPeace91022>

Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP experience to your favorite hometown football team. Official sweepstakes terms & conditions at [versiti.org/rush-in-to-donate-sweepstakes](https://versiti.org/rush-in-to-donate-sweepstakes).

\*NO PURCH. NEC. U.S. res. 18+. Ends 9/30/22. 10 sep. drawings (IN, IL, MI, OH, WI) through 9/30/22. Enter by blood donation or mail. See Official Rules at [versiti.org/rush-in-to-donate-sweepstakes](https://versiti.org/rush-in-to-donate-sweepstakes). Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 630 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233



## The Bay View Community Center's Walk

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Walk for the Bay View Community Center (BVCC) Food Pantry is on Saturday, Sept. 10 rain or shine. 1.8 (3K) or 2.6 (4K) mile Food Walk. All food and monetary donations will go to support the Emergency Food Pantry of the Bay View Community Center. Registration form is attached to this newsletter.

### PoP Upcoming Events:

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> First Communion

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Service 6:30pm Burning of the Mortgage!

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Reformation Sunday: Confrimention Sunday, Trunk or Treat



*Sept.: 1: Judy Janetski & Matt Janetski*

*2: Sarah Calonder*

*5: Beth Senger*

*6: Joyce Jackson & Gloria Renkert*

*9: Theo Schultz*

*12: Erica Miner*

*13: Nancy Heinritz*

*14: Pam Grandy*

*15: Bruce Reinke*

*16: Bennett Bloedel & Sue Grutza*

*18: Shelley Bloedel*

*19: Isla Halbrooks & Bill Koepke*

*22: Tara Roslawski*

*23: Barb Schroeder*

*27: Dylan Urban*

*28: Bruce Ponga*

*29: Margaret Hirschfeld*

### **Worship Options to Utilize & Share with Others**

- 1) Worship in-person at 9am**
- 2) Worship at home 'in real time' via livestream via Facebook @PrinceofPeaceMKE**

*If you have a article you would like to share in the newsletter, please let the church know at [churchofpop@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpop@gmail.com). Please send your article no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

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