



BLUEPRINTS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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October, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran:

It has been nearly a month since I've begun my time here with you. I want to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received and continue to receive from you. It is a distinct pleasure to be here with you during this transition time.

During these past few weeks, it has been exciting to see new visitors in church every Sunday. It has been a joy to hear the choir in worship, to see children in Sunday School, and to see new programs getting started again this fall. At another place in this Blueprints, there is a list of those ministries looking for people willing to lend a hand. I encourage each of you to look for the opportunity that interests you or where you feel you have special gifts to share. Prince of Peace is a family, and in a family everyone works together for the good of the whole family. Please think about where you can share your gifts with your Prince of Peace family.

On another note...

The news for the last two weeks has been dominated by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. What an amazing woman! Someone on the news described her as providing a unique moral compass for her country and the world. In other words, she decided to dedicate her life to doing the right thing.

Who has been the "moral compass" in your life? Perhaps parents, grandparents or teachers have played a significant role in helping you point your life in the right direction. As adults, we take on that role for our children and our grandchildren.

I recently heard a comment I have heard several times in my life. It was a comment from a parent speaking about their child's faith development. The comment was this: "I'm going to let my child make their own decisions about what they believe." On the one hand, that is a very noble and fair statement. But on the other hand, if something is important to you, don't you want to pass it on to your children?

My parents thought it was important that I learned to use a fork and spoon, that I learned to put my shoes on the right feet, that I went to school and learned to read and write, that I fed the goldfish everyday and not just when I felt like it. If they felt it was important, they passed it on, and made sure I learned what I needed to know.

Do we want our children to be people of faith? Do we want them to know that there is Someone that loves them graciously and unconditionally? I think helping a child develop a framework of faith is no different than any other learning activity.

So I encourage you to share your faith with the children in your life. When they are older they will make their own faith decisions. That's what we do as we grow up. But for now, if it's important to you, pass it on....If it's important to you, pass it on.

Blessings and Peace to all of you in your families, your work, and the joys of your life.

Pastor Mark Grorud



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By phone – (203) 775-9070

Facebook Message – <https://www.facebook.com/popbrookfield>

The church office is open most weeks Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please call first.

If there is a pastoral emergency after church office hours, please contact any of the below council members and they will connect you with an on-call pastor.

Lorraine Lavery (845)-416-0900

Nan Carlson (203) 778-1171

Liz Davies (203) 241-7818

September Council Highlights

September 7, 2022

Rally Sunday – This event is on track for September 11th following the service and will include games, crafts and introductions of the different church ministries.

Oktoberfest – Monica is organizing this event for October 16th following the service.

Stewardship Committee – There will be temple talks and outreach to rev up energy and opportunities for pledge Sunday.

PoP New Sign Update – Delivery is on track for late October/early November. Necessary permits and staking are being done.

Prayers of Intercession Revisited – A motion was made and approved to have first names and last initials only said in church to maintain privacy. A motion was also made and passed to include the prayer list in the bulletin including full last names if the person being prayed for has granted permission.

Emergency Care Plan – Pastor Beth Anderson of St Andrews Church in Ridgefield will be Pastor Mark's emergency back up when away. Several council members will be available for initial calls which will then be redirected to Pastor Beth.

Sunday School and Confirmation – Sunday School starts Sept. 11th. Confirmation will be weekly Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning September 29th.

Budget Review – We are in good financial standing to date.

Transition/Call Committees – Discussions are in progress for our pastoral search.

*Next council meetings will be on October 12th with executive council at 5:00 p.m. and general council at 6:00 p.m.



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN



We continue to worship together Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the building, in-person or on Zoom, Facebook Live, or webpage (princeofpeacebrookfield.org).

The wearing of masks is now optional. Social distancing by staying in household pods and staying six feet away from others is still encouraged.

Please sign in upon arrival.

We have a seasonal bulletin to be used each week during Pentecost and a colored insert for each Sunday. Please return the seasonal bulletin to the tall table to be used again.

Communion can be received around the altar. Please pick up a communion kit.

The offering will be gathered when worshipers arrive and brought forward during the service.

Sunday's service is at 10:00 a.m. and it will also be on Zoom and streamed to our Facebook page.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints' Sunday is November 6th. If you have lost loved ones **during the past year**, please print their names on the signup sheet in the narthex, so they can be included in the prayers and listed in the bulletin on All Saints' Sunday.

ATTENDANCE
IN
September



	10:00 a.m. Inside	10:00 a.m. On-line	Total
9/4/22	46	9	55
9/11/22	58	6	64
9/18/22	50	4	54
9/25/22	47	4	51

Flowers at the Altar

Most Sundays during the year, we have a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the altar that was created by the members of Altar Guild.

Those flowers are dedicated and paid for by members of the congregation. The donor or recipient of the flowers are welcome to take their arrangement after the service on Sunday.

The arrangements cost \$25.00. If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, to the glory of God, or in honor of a person or event, you can sign up for your chosen date on the Flower Chart between the bathrooms in the Narthex. You also need to fill out a flower request form, which is located next to the Flower Chart, and put it in Rene Tuccillo's mailbox. Your name and dedication will appear in the worship bulletins. If two people sign up for the same date, flowers can be placed in other locations in the Sanctuary, such as in front of the lectern or at the baptismal font. We do not have flowers at the altar during lent.

Need to contact Pastor Grorud?

At this point, he will be in the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week and other times as the calendar requires.



If you would like to visit with him about anything, please contact him or call Rene in the church office to set up a time to chat.

He is also available by phone at any time. His home phone is 203-210-7762. His cell is 402-620-8032. Please feel free to call if you have an immediate concern or question.

STEWARSHIP

Stewardship is all about taking good care of what we have and celebrating the gifts God has given to us. If you feel like you've been blessed by God, then you have something to celebrate.

The Stewardship team is looking for people with ideas and energy who can help Prince of Peace celebrate the gifts we all have. We are looking for people with fresh ideas, and energy to help out with this short-term project we do every year.

Think about it. Pray about it. Then let the church office or Pastor Mark know that you have ideas and energy to share. Prince of Peace needs your help! Thanks for sharing your gifts and yourself in this effort.



PoP Ministries looking for people willing to lend a hand



Caring Committee

Fosters a caring community that will help and support each of our members as we experience different stages and transitions in life.

Faith Formation Committee

Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Youth Group, Adult Classes to provide meaningful opportunities to grow in our Christian Faith.

Fellowship Committee

A committee that plans and presents activities and events that encourage a sense of fellowship and community within the congregation, their families and the community at large.

Loaves & Fishes

Help prepare and serve food to the New Milford community.

Music Ministry

Choir, Youth Music, Bell Choir

Mutual Ministry Committee

A small group of people that nurtures and strengthens relationships for the sake of the ministry and mission of the congregation.

Property Committee

Proper maintenance, protection and modification of all property of the congregation.

Stewardship Committee

Help develop methods and means to call people into personal growth as people with capacity to give, serve, and care generously to God through the work of the Church.

Transition Team

The transition team is responsible for the Pastoral Transition Phase of the process. It consists of 6-8 members with the following skills: organization, strong communication, varied networking connections, positive outlook, creativity and strategic thinking.

Worship & Music Committee

A group of people within a church responsible for assisting the pastor in many aspects of worship, word, music and sacrament.

Please sign up for the various committees on the sheets on the table in the narthex.

New Vision, Mission and Core Values of Prince of Peace 2022

Vision: Centering ourselves in God's word, we are open to the Holy Spirit's call to inspire faith in our changing world. As children of God we strive to share and spread God's love in the world.

Mission: A welcoming community gathering together in God's Word to serve others.

Core values:

- building & sustaining relationships
- being accepted
- engaging with others in Christ
- contributing to a greater purpose through social ministry
- being grounded in the teachings of Jesus

Let's Pray together

Have you picked up a prayer card from church? Take as many as you like.

We have heard this prayer in the past few years. It was written by a professor in England in 1941 when it was being bombed in the start of WWII.

As a church, we are experiencing losses and lots of change. We have people returning to worship, but the process is slow. We miss multiple worship services and meetings. In some ways, we feel what the people of England felt in 1941.

The big difference between England and POP is that we are building and getting better. We find that we are "better together", a recent stewardship slogan. We are led by our Savior and God. There's no better leadership available.

So, let's pray, as often as we can:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
By paths as yet untrodden, through perils and joys unknown.

Give us Faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen

Nan Carlson



Musings from the Bench

Over the past few months, we've been talking about our 'Mudler' project, the rebirth of a 19th Century Tracker Organ. While this project is ongoing, we at Prince of Peace also have another pipe organ, one of three that I am aware of, fabricated by local resident, Mr. Norman Andre. I lovingly refer to this instrument as 'Frankie', as it is a conglomerate of many parts from many different instruments that Mr. Andre was able to put together. For our musings this month of October, I came across this interesting article, first published online by "The Conversation". I am reprinting it here as we will soon be having our own conversations about Frankie and the work of Mr. Andre, but for now ... Enjoy!



Brian Muller

The pipe organ - more than just a church instrument.

August 21, 2017

Theo van Wyk

Associate Professor of Music, University of Pretoria

Unlike most musical instruments, the pipe organ is commonly defined by the place where it's often played: church. And people seem to think of organists as reclusive creatures in the lofts of basilicas and cathedrals.

The pipe organ is a musical instrument that creates sound by pushing air under pressure through pipes which corresponds to a particular keyboard called a manual. The pipes are placed in specific formations called ranks, each containing the same sound character.

Pipe organs have a variety of pipe ranks of different tone, pitch, and volume that can be used on its own or in combination. For an instrument to qualify as a pipe organ, it should have at least one manual and one rank of pipes. In larger instruments it can have as many as seven manuals and hundreds of pipe ranks. Most organs have a pedal board which is operated by the feet, based on the same sound-producing principle as the manuals.

As an organist myself, I have come across many preconceptions and questions about the instrument. Some people think it suitable only for playing hymns or "old" music, boring stuff devoid of much artistic merit. In fact, the repertoire spans most music genres, from capricious preludes and fugues to jazz-inspired pieces. Organ music has even ventured into alternative rock. The Swedish organist Anna von Hausswolff, for example, creates a magical effect in a contemporary style with drum kit, electric guitars and all.

Other than church, the organ is often perceived as belonging in horror movies. This is the legacy of Hollywood productions of the early 20th century. The Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 565) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) frequently suffers this association. For some, this music now conjures up the cliche of the haunted castle in moonlight. Outside, werewolves howl. Inside, in a cavernous, smoke-filled room, the petrifying silhouette of a blood-thirsty Count Dracula performs a Transylvanian polytonal death march on a three-manual organ (one with three rows of keyboards). Yet the organ is capable of producing some of the most celestial and soothing harmonies, as well as triumphant proclamations.

Durable and complex

As long as organs have existed – 500 years – composers have been writing for them, in every conceivable style.

A well built pipe organ is an exceptionally durable instrument, unlike the electronic and digital versions. With biannual tuning, regular maintenance and re-leathering every 50 years, it could last for centuries. This work gets done by a number of pipe organ builders around the world.

The world's oldest functioning and playable organ is in the Basilica of Valère in Sion, Switzerland. This astonishing instrument dates from about 1435. This instrument would have been brought to Valère at the expense of Guillaume de Rarogne, a powerful figure who ended up as the bishop of Sion. It still has most of its original case and a few pipes. The rest have been replaced or altered in restorations, the most recent in 1954. Until the Industrial Revolution, the organ and the clock were the world's two most intricate and complex human-made artefacts.

Looking at the front of a pipe organ, one sees only the relatively small number of pipes in the façade. The bulk of the pipework is usually found behind this decorative part. For instance, the world's largest organ, in the Boardwalk Hall Auditorium in Atlantic City, New Jersey (USA), has 33,114 pipes, only a few of them in the façade. Some façade pipes are only there for aesthetic effect and are referred to as "dummies". Pipes are generally made from an alloy of tin and lead.

Range of sounds

A common misconception is that the organ is only capable of playing loudly. It can easily be played more softly by using "Venetian swell shutters". These are separate boxes of pipes, opened and closed by a pedal to decrease the volume. The organ can also play quietly by employing fewer registers or "stops".

The stops are used to stop the air from flowing through the pipes. As explained by the organ specialist website Nazard,

"The stops are part of the action that controls which pipes are allowed to speak and which are to remain silent."

Conversely, by "pulling out all the stops", one can increase the volume. This technique of manipulating sound debunks the notion that the organ's sonic properties are expressionless in comparison to those of the early piano, the pianoforte.

People sometimes ask whether only old people play the organ. Definitely not. Many organists start learning while very young. It helps if their feet can reach the pedal board. Any performer needs to use the feet as a "third hand". These pedals are usually to produce the low-pitched notes.

So, the next time you see or hear a pipe organ, remember that this instrument is more than a box of whistles high up in a dusty loft. And please don't mention Count Dracula.

If you would like to view the original article, including video and audio clips, you can find it here ... <https://theconversation.com/the-pipe-organ-more-than-just-a-church-instrument-82712>



FAITH FORMATION

Prince of Peace, Brookfield, CT
PO Box 5184, 119 Junction Road, Brookfield, CT 06804

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45am during the service

kids start in Sunday School and join parents near the end of service

No pre-registration required.

Pre-School - 6th grades

www.princeofpeacebrookfield.org/sunday-school



CONFIRMATION

7:15-8:30pm Thursdays

Date	Theme	Problem Statement
10/6/2022	Martin Luther	If we follow Jesus, why do we call ourselves Lutherans?
10/13/2022	The Reformation	Since the church is so divided, I don't understand how the Reformation could be a good thing.
10/20/2022	The Reformers	I don't know how just one person like Martin Luther could totally change the church.
10/27/2022	Lutheran Confessions	I don't know why stuff outside the Bible is important to my faith.



Confirmation students - remember to complete your Sermon Notes!



Included on our website each week, these flyers are a simple, yet effective, tool to help your family extend your faith formation practices in your home.



When modeled every week at church and practiced every night at home, FAITH5 carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, and promote mental, and spiritual health. Learn more at <https://faithink.com/about-faith5>



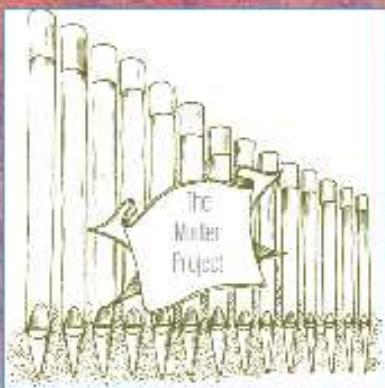
Love to Sing?

PRINCE OF PEACE INVITES YOU TO JOIN
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

REHEARSALS: THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:30-8:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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*"I play the notes as they
are written, but it is God
who makes the Music"*

J.S. Bach

Prince of Peace Youth Music Ministry

Music Literacy, Theory, Notation

The
Prince of Peace
Youth Music Ministry program
provides youth with a solid musical
education which includes music theory,
instrumental and vocal training.

In addition, they will learn skills that last a lifetime.
All is need is a love of music and a commitment to learn.

The program is open to boys and girls through grade 12
and meets on Sunday mornings following worship until
12pm.

ALL are Welcome!

Come ... Program begins on Sunday, September 11th.

New England Women of the ELCA

12th Biennial Convention & Gathering

Register now for our Convention/Gathering
October 27 - 29, 2022 at Camp Calumet & Conference Center

Convention is October 27-29, 2022 (late afternoon 27th thru lunch 29th)
at beautiful Camp Calumet and Conference Center, Freedom, NH.

After being apart the last several years, we are ready to join together in person and also by Zoom.
Meetings to continue New England Women of the ELCA's Mission.

Please contact Marci Sharp for more information or if you would like to register.
bowmanrae@aol.com or (203) 775-4657



CAMPUS CONTACT MINISTRY

Since students are back on campus, I would like to start up the Prince of Peace campus ministry. This will consist of the students receiving a Blueprints (by e-mail) and prior to final exams (end of November and first part of May) a "Care package" loaded with snacks to get them through studying for those exams. What I need from you...the parents...is their e-mail address and their mailing address. I need their e-mail addresses for Blueprints as well as notifying them that a package is in the mail...in the past some students haven't checked their mailboxes on a regular basis thus missing the packages and then they are returned to the church.

I would also like to have what year they are in (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior) and the college they are attending.

Please get back to me ASAP at bowmanrae@aol.com.

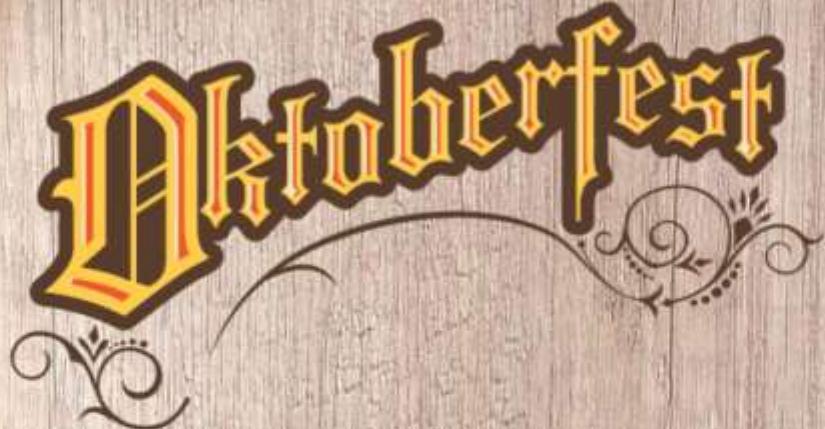
Thanks.

Marci Sharp





Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



Sunday October 16th @12pm

Come join in the fun and fellowship of a PoP tradition, Oktoberfest! This year our celebration will be in the fellowship hall. There will be brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad, pretzels, and desserts. Beer/wine to purchase. Take-out meals will also be available. Visit our website to register for this event on the sign up genius link.

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Prince of Peace



Saturday, November 5, 2022

Look for Sign up Genius online for opportunities to support the Fair. There will also be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Do you feel called to help at the tables, bake sale or kitchen?

Susi Lehmann is leading in the kitchen to serve coffee break and lunch. We need food items and help in making sandwiches and serving soups.

The Bake Sale is managed by Melinda Schroeder. Individually packaged cookies, fudge, jellies, breads, brownies, cakes and pies will be available. Diane Morey will be putting names on gingerbread cookies for Christmas. If you haven't tasted them, you are missing out on a real treat!

Marci Sharp is in charge of crafts. Handmade items and ornaments are needed for those tables.

Please save books until the week before as we have limited storage space. No Readers Digest or National Geographic magazines please. Children's books are always welcome.

As we don't have storage room please bring your non-food items after the service on Sunday, October 30th.

Julie Parker will be doing the jewelry. Please bring your gently used jewelry to the box labeled for the jewels.

Gently used holiday items are needed for resale. People love to see holiday items.

The people of Prince of Peace and especially the LCW get together to raise funds for the church. In the past, they have financed the new kitchen and bathrooms and many other necessary items. LCW have generously donated to the Lutheran World Relief projects (which included digging a well in Africa and recently a donation to the Ukraine fund, as well as the successful mask project during the pandemic).

Come and see the Craft Fair on Saturday, November 5th and have a wonderful lunch. Invite your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome!

Nan Carlson & Marci Sharp

PRINCE OF PEACE PRE-SCHOOL

The new school year for the Pre-School began on Tuesday, September 6th. We currently have 69 students enrolled, 15 Staff members and are operating 6 classes. The Pre-School has returned to allowing families in the building and is planning to host in person events such as Open House and parent/teacher conferences. The staff is enjoying getting to know their students and building their students developmental skills. We have started our first fundraiser, with profits planned to support our school enrichment programs. For anyone interested in viewing the offerings you may visit: <https://shop.meadowfarms.com/prince-of-peace-preschool-100200>. We are looking forward to a great year!

Best,

Heidi Riddle
Pre-School Director



Cemetery Committee News

At the September meeting of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery Committee, it was decided to raise the price of cremation plots to \$400 for church members and \$550 for non-members.

Prices for full plots will remain at \$700 for church members and \$1000 for non-members. The cost for opening and closing of a cremation plot will remain at \$250. The price increase is the first since 2013 and is well below the cost for plots at most other area cemeteries. The price increase will become effective January 1, 2023. For questions about the Prince of Peace Cemetery, please contact Ernie Lehman or the church office.





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Luke Lacey, Allen Nemetz
- 3 Bill Hubric
- 5 Saverio Bruno, Emma Cable, Louise Hale
- 9 Edith Sherman
- 11 Ashleigh Fegley
- 12 Caroline Doré
- 13 Colin McLoone, Kristina Wagner
- 14 Martha Hoglund
- 17 Maggie Mattera
- 19 Tina Giubileo
- 22 Hazel Petitt
- 26 Ken Carlson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Kathy & William Hubric
- 4 Barbara & Peter Dulko
- 10 Margaret & Kevin McLoone
- 15 Paul & Heidi Adam
Angela & Anthony Reich
- 16 Kristen & Peter Schretzenmayer
- 22 Kristen & Jim Lacey
- 23 Grace & Phil Burdick
- 26 Winifred & Rich Mercado
- 27 Frieda & Bill Braun,
Diane & Al Morey (60 years!)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in Blueprints and you would like it to be please contact Rene at the Church office.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Donna Vitetta on the passing of her mother, Theresia Gabrielli.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Heather Pontonio and Brian Muller for all of your efforts to produce Rally Day. It was an outstanding event!

Laura Duffy

Daily Bread Food Pantry Update

Donations have been down, and Daily Bread is in need of everything.

With the cost of food, the pantry is giving out approximately 200 bags of groceries every three days that they distribute food.

They need everything especially mac and cheese, peanut butter and pasta.

Please note the items that are listed below for the pantry. They tend to be the most nutritious and are easy to distribute.

Avoid glass jars and fragile packaging.

- Canned tuna, salmon or chicken
- Beans (canned or dry)
- Peanut butter
- Meal-in-a-can (beef stew, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.)
- Soup (especially chicken noodle)
- Rice (1, 2 or 3 pound bags)
- Pasta
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned corn
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Breakfast cereal (hot or cold)
- Marinara sauce and canned tomato products

Toiletries:
Shampoo
Deodorant
Toothpaste

Please drop off your food items or checks (payable to DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY) to the church's front door anytime.

Monetary donations are a good choice and easy to do on-line by going to their website.
<https://www.dailybreadfoodpantry.com>

Thank you for your donations and prayers.

Mary Weisensee

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You?		

Worship Services

Go to our website to experience our virtual worship and giving opportunities.

Sunday's October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10:00 a.m. in person inside worship

10:00 a.m. Zoom service

Contact Us

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