



# BLUEPRINTS

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

“It is my privilege to support the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brookfield, CT as transitional pastor.”

Those words are the opening statement from the “Covenant for Transitional Pastors”, which I signed as I agreed to serve Prince of Peace Lutheran for the upcoming months. I want each of you to know that I take that commitment very seriously.

I have been blessed with a number of unique ministry experiences throughout my career. Serving with the people at Prince of Peace Lutheran will be one more unique and wonderful experience. Why would I say that? I am fairly new to the New England Synod, and haven’t begun my time of service with you yet. So, why would I say that?

1. Prince of Peace Lutheran has an excellent reputation in this area and in the New England Synod. I had heard many good things about Prince of Peace before being asked to consider this partnership.
2. I know that Prince of Peace has been served by outstanding pastoral leadership. You have been blessed by insightful and caring pastoral leadership. That makes the work that lies ahead of me so much easier.
3. The staff and leadership people I have met so far are very impressive. They are motivated to do the right thing in moving this congregation forward in good ways.
4. The future is so very bright for Prince of Peace Lutheran. As a congregation you have dealt with some challenging circumstances, not the least of which has been two years of COVID. But you have persevered! That is another indication of the strength of this community of faith.

So what’s not to be excited about?

I am looking forward to meeting each of you, to getting to know you as best I can, to serving with you, to challenging you to move forward with God’s grace, and to that time when you are ready to begin the next chapter of ministry and service at Prince of Peace.

I think that’s what Transitional Ministry is all about. I am ready to get started on this journey with each of you.

Christ’s Peace,

Pastor Mark A. Grorud

## **WELCOME OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR PASTOR MARK GRORUD!**

Pastor Mark Grorud (pronounced *grow-rude*) is a preacher's kid. He was born in northern Minnesota and grew up in Montana and Idaho. He attended Dana College (a Lutheran liberal arts college) in Blair, Nebraska where he met his wife, Caryl the second day of classes their first year. Pastor Mark majored in Music, Religion and History. During his high school and college years, Pastor Mark worked as a ranch hand, a forest fire watch lookout, a school bus driver, a choir director, and a cement truck driver, among other things.

Following college, Pastor Mark and Caryl moved to Minnesota where he attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and Caryl worked as an RN. Upon receiving his Master of Divinity degree in 1979, Pastor Mark was called to serve as an Associate Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska. His particular areas of focus were youth, education, and stewardship. During that time, Pastor Mark received his Master of Theology degree from Luther Seminary. After 11 years as Associate Pastor Mark was elected as Senior Pastor at First Lutheran where he served for an additional 15 years. Pastor Mark also served as a Visiting Instructor at Midland Lutheran University in Fremont, Nebraska during this time.

In 2005, Pastor Mark was called to serve at the ELCA churchwide office in Chicago as Director for Relationships with Large Membership Congregations. In this call he traveled across the country visiting larger congregations and synod offices on behalf of Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson. Because of the extensive travel schedule, the Groruds were able to continue to live in Nebraska.

In 2009, Pastor Mark was called to serve as Senior Pastor of Saint Michael Lutheran Church in Omaha. In 2015, he was called by the Nebraska Synod to serve in a specialized ministry call as the first Executive Director of the Immanuel Vision Foundation. This charitable foundation is connected to a ministry of the Nebraska Synod. During Pastor Mark's time there, he oversaw grants totaling approximately \$15 million which were given to both church and community agencies. Pastor Mark retired from this position at the end of 2021. The Groruds moved to Connecticut in 2018, which meant that for the last three-and-one-half years of his work with Immanuel, Pastor Mark commuted on a monthly basis between Omaha and Connecticut.

Pastor Mark and Caryl have two children. Their son, Chris, passed away unexpectedly while doing graduate studies in Indonesia in 2016. Their daughter, Marit and husband and four grandchildren moved to Wilton in 2017, and the Groruds followed soon after.

Caryl is an accomplished needlework artist and baker. Pastor Mark loves reading (especially New England history), hiking, ping pong, and cheering for his favorite sports teams. Together they love to travel, spend time with their four grandchildren, and enjoy their rescue kitten, Lilibet Grace.

Pastor Mark is looking forward to his time with the ministry and members of Prince of Peace Lutheran. He is excited about the things he sees happening at Prince of Peace, and the gifts and talents of its members.

If you need to contact Pastor Mark outside of office hours you can reach him at:  
203-210-7762 (home) or 402-620-8032 (cell) or email him at [mgrorud@juno.com](mailto:mgrorud@juno.com).

## Church Contact Information:

By email – [poplutheranchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:poplutheranchurch@sbcglobal.net)

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.

## August Council Highlights

Council met on August 24, 2022.

**Transitional Pastor Approved** – On Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the council voted to call Pastor Mark Grorud as our part time transitional pastor at Prince of Peace Church. We agreed on an annual salary of \$49,000 which will be prorated. The term of this contract is anticipated to be for 9 months but may go as long as a year if necessary and if both parties agree. He will begin working with us on September 1<sup>st</sup> and will be available two days a week in the office as well as three Sundays a month. Pastor Mark will help guide us in the call for a new pastor. He will also be available for crisis care, visiting shut-ins, baptisms, funerals, and weddings.

**Rally Sunday** – This churchwide event will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> after the service and will engage all ages in activities and discussions.

**Confirmation Class** – A new confirmation class will begin in September. A motion was approved to cover the curriculum costs including teacher guides and student handbooks.

**Youth Group** – Funds were approved for a 20-yard dumpster to clear out the youth room.

**Prince of Peace Signs** – A new church sign is in production and should be completed by end October or early November. A motion was approved to cover the cost of installation. The preschool is also considering updating their sign in the future.

**Prayers of Intercession** – A new form has been established for our prayer list.

***\*Complete council notes are posted on the bulletin board each month or you may call the church office at (203)775-9070 for a copy.***



## 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](http://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.

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. will also be on Zoom and streamed to our Facebook page.

### ATTENDANCE IN August



	10:00 a.m. Inside	10:00 a.m. On-line	Total
8/7/22	32	6	38
8/14/22	39	5	44
8/21/22	46	9	55
8/28/22	55	9	64

## 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.

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

Has your child mentioned to you that he/she would like to be an acolyte and light the candles, and receive the offering during the worship service? If not, now is the time to ask him/her. This is an excellent way for your child to begin their service to the church. It also helps them concentrate more on the worship service. Their responsibilities are to light the candles, receive the offering, and ring the big outside bell (call to worship).

I will be training children interested in being an acolyte in September. Date will depend on children's availability since we are into soccer and baseball schedules. Training usually takes about 30-60 minutes (depending on how many children there are). The requirements are that they must be 7 years of age (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) or older, they must be tall enough to light the candles and you, as a parent, must think they can handle the responsibility. If your child is interested (and you haven't already contacted me), please give me a call at (203) 775-4657 or e-mail me at [bowmanrae@aol.com](mailto:bowmanrae@aol.com)

I schedule them the month before they are to acolyte and I never schedule them without contacting the parents...too many busy schedules. I usually do this by e-mail.

**Please let me know if your child is interested in the training** and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (203) 775-4657 or e-mail me at [bowmanrae@aol.com](mailto:bowmanrae@aol.com).

Marci Sharp

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Cemetery Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at the church.

## 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

## MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

We are looking to institute the Mutual Ministry Committee. What is this committee?

This is a small group of people that nurtures and strengthens relationships for the sake of the ministry and mission of our congregation.

If this is something you feel called to be involved in or would like to get more information about, please reach out to Lorraine Lavery at [marc.lorrainelavery@gmail.com](mailto:marc.lorrainelavery@gmail.com) or 845-416-0900.

## 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







**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
119 JUNCTION ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT 06804

# RALLY SUNDAY

**KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH  
MULTI-GENERATIONAL FUN!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**BEGINS AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE  
(AROUND 11:15AM)**

**PLEASE BRING A  
SNACK TO SHARE**



# FAITH FORMATION

Prince of Peace, Brookfield, CT

PO Box 5184, 119 Junction Road, Brookfield, CT 06804

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Starting September 11th**

**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](http://www.princeofpeacebrookfield.org/sunday-school)



## CONFIRMATION

**Calling 6th-9th graders!**

Confirmation will start soon! This year, we're using Colaborate" Lutheran Confirmation to we discover the richness of Lutheran history, the Small Catechism, and Lutheran living. Contact us to sign your child up to join our confirmation class.



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.

# FAITH 5



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  
BRIAN MULLER - [MUSICMINISTRYPOP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MUSICMINISTRYPOP@GMAIL.COM)



*"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 11<sup>th</sup>.



## **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](mailto:bowmanrae@aol.com) (203) 775-4657

## **Dress A Girl Around the World**

We have been meeting on Wednesday mornings and have made several dress kits. We have made dresses out of heavier material and will send them to the Lakota Native American Tribe in South Dakota.

Summer dresses will be sent to Guatemala and other impoverished countries.

What can you do?

- If you sew, you can construct the kits into dresses.
- You can contribute any amount of money to help purchase supplies.
- Come to our group sew-a thon to help pack out dresses when they are ready to ship.
- We have many tasks which include ironing interfacing, cutting fabric, matching colors and prints.

Thank you for your support and interest.

Nan Carlson  
203-778-1171  
[nancsew@gmail.com](mailto:nancsew@gmail.com)



## CRAFT FAIR

The craft fair will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Please start making crafts and we will be collecting the following for sale the week before the fair so start your collections at home.

- Craft Items
- Books **(please leave in the coat room a week before the fair)**
- Gently used costume jewelry **can be left in a box in the Narthex in September.**
- Gently used holiday decorations and supplies **(please bring a week before the fair)**

In October we will have Genius up an running as well as a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We will be asking for volunteers to staff the kitchen and various tables as well as what you are donating. The Bake Sale is always a draw to get people in and many come for lunch. Susi Lehmann will be in charge of the kitchen for making sandwiches and collecting soups and stews. Storage is not available at church so that is why we ask you to bring items only the week before the fair.

The people of Prince of Peace and especially the LCW get together to raise funds for the church. In the past, using monies from the craft fair, they have financed the new kitchen and bathrooms and many other necessary items. LCW has generously donated to Lutheran World Relief projects (including the Ukraine), and building a well in Africa, as well as the successful mask project during the pandemic.

Nan Carlson & Marci Sharp

## CALUMET MEN'S GOLF WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2022

For more information please contact

Dennis Schroeder at [dschro7561@aol.com](mailto:dschro7561@aol.com) .



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Kristen Herpel, Lee Reilly
4	Tom Maier
11	Diane Morey, Kristen Schretzenmayer
14	Cathie Fegley, Brittany Hall
22	Peter Schretzenmayer
27	Joe Fecarotta

## SEPTEMBER

### ANNIVERSARIES

18	Nancy & Ken Carlson Clare & Erik Zimmitti
19	Vivian & Ed Wainwright

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

## BAPTISM

On August 7<sup>th</sup> after the church service, we welcomed Julia Catherine Hlouskova into the family of God through the waters of baptism.

Julia Catherine is the daughter of Beth Ann Fegley and Vojta Hlousek. Her baptismal sponsors were Cathie and John Fegley. Cathie Fegley was the congregational representative. Pastor Ned McMillen performed the baptism.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Donald Groff, Polly Groff's husband.

There will be a funeral service for Donald at Prince of Peace on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch reception in the fellowship hall.



Prince of Peace

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

At the home of Nancy & Juri Tolmoff

*31 High Ridge Road Brookfield CT*

A little about Friday Night Live...

FNL is an evening consisting of adult couples and individuals, with good food and fellowship. We usually meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening of the month. We usually meet at a host home, or the host can decide to have it at church.

If you would like to attend, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at the church or you can e-mail the host. Couples bring an entrée to serve eight and either an appetizer, a side dish or a dessert.

Individuals bring one item.

*Please sign-up at the church or e-mail Nancy at **[tolmoffn@charter.net](mailto:tolmoffn@charter.net)** if you would like to attend and what you will bring.*

*Please join us for an enjoyable evening!*



## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL 2022-2023

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You?		

# Daily Bread Food Pantry

Just a reminder. Please remember the articles that are listed below for the daily bread Food Pantry. They tend to be the most nutritious and are easy to distribute. Avoid glass jars and fragile packaging. Monetary donations are a good choice and easy to do on-line at [dailybreadfoodpantryDanburyct.org](http://dailybreadfoodpantryDanburyct.org).

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

Drop off your food items or checks (payable to DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY) to the church's front door anytime. **Please note all future correspondence to the Daily Bread food pantry should go to P.O. Box 2 Danbury, CT 06813-0002.**

Thank you for you donations and prayers.

## **SPECIAL REQUEST FROM DAILY BREAD**

Please note that the food pantries are especially looking for pasta or noodles. The Connecticut Food Bank has not been able to supply. Please consider adding these items to your next donation.

*Mary Weisensee*

## Worship Services

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

**Sunday's September 4, 11, 18, & 25**

10:00 a.m. in person inside worship

10:00 a.m. Zoom service

## Contact Us

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