



# BLUEPRINTS

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

May 18<sup>th</sup> was the celebration of The Ascension of our Lord. Ascension Day is the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the season of Easter. After Christ's Resurrection, he appeared to his disciples many times. It was a time a teaching and encouragement for the disciples. Then on Ascension Day, Christ gathered all of his disciples, blessed them, and ascended to the Father in heaven.

The disciples were now on their own. I'm sure they were frightened and confused. But very quickly, they went to work building the church of Christ on earth.

This is the time of year when we celebrate graduations. Congratulations to all graduates in our congregation! But the word "graduation" feels like a word that describes something has finished. Perhaps that's why we also use the word "commencement", because a graduation is not an end, but it signifies something is about to begin: new work, vocation, or focus in life.

On June 4th we are celebrating what has been traditionally called "Confirmation" in the life of the church. But there is a better word here as well. We talk about this event as "Affirmation of Baptism". The students who are being recognized are affirming the promises made at their Baptisms. They are moving forward in the next stage of their Christian life and faith.

It's all a matter of perspective: Graduation vs. Commencement; Confirmation vs. Affirmation of Baptism.

Whatever we do in the life of the church is really a matter of perspective. We can do things "because we have to", or we can be excited about new opportunities and possibilities.

My impression of Prince of Peace is that this congregation has a very healthy perspective. There is energy, enthusiasm, a good work-ethic, and a desire to keep moving forward with new opportunities and possibilities. I am very excited about the future for this congregation.

On Ascension Day, Jesus left his disciples with these words, "Go, make disciples". That is still our calling and our challenge. As the people of God at Prince of Peace Lutheran that is the challenge that Christ has given us as well: "Go, make disciples." May it be so.

Christ's Peace,

Pastor Mark A. Grorud, Interim Pastor

## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN

# June

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)).

Please sign in upon arrival.

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

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.

ATTENDANCE  
IN  
May



	In Person Attendance	On-line Attendance	Total
5/7/23	61	8	69
5/14/23	60	12	72
5/21/23	56	3	59
5/28/23	58	7	65

# Financial Summary for April

		Prince of Peace Lutheran Church			
		April		Year to Date	
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income		24,951.56	19,279.48	151,647.79	77,114.16
Expense		17,257.47	22,250.63	76,960.26	90,198.95
Net		7,694.09	(2,971.15)	74,687.53	(13,084.79)

## NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Annual New England Synod 2023 Assembly will take place from Friday, June 9 through Saturday, June 10, 2023 at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA.

The theme will be *A Church Born in the Tomb: Death & Resurrection in the 21st Century Church*. Among the topics to be addressed at this assembly: plans for the 2024 bishop election process, follow-up report of the anti-racism group, presentations on collaboration projects from around the synod, and a conversation around the many ways we are seeing death, resurrection and new ways of being the body of Christ in this century.

On Friday, Bishop Regina Hassanally will preach at the evening worship, taking place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester.

On Saturday, Executive Conference Minister Rev. Darrell Goodwin will preacher for the closing worship, taking place at the DCU Center in Worcester.

The two voting members from PoP will be Jim and Marci Sharp. Pastor Mark and Caryl Grorud will also be in attendance as voting members of their congregation.

## LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!!

Because of Covid and pastoral transitions, we have been remiss in welcoming new members to Prince of Peace Lutheran. We want to change that now.

On Sunday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to noon (right after worship), we are going to offer a one-hour orientation session for new members. The purpose of this time is to share information about Prince of Peace, and answer any questions. New members will then be welcomed as part of the worship service on either July 2 or July 9 (depending on the schedule of the new members).

If you know of anyone who may be interested in membership at Prince of Peace, please let them know. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark Grorud or the church office.

We look forward to welcoming new members soon.

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM 4/26/23

In attendance: Lorraine, Linda, Donna, Heather, Nan, Meg, Liz, Laura, Monica, Meeghan and Pastor Mark.

**Agenda & March Minutes** – Approved

**Members in Need** – June G., Gene & Maimo P., Ken C.

**Budget Update** – Increased pledging shows a good foundation for a new Pastor but needs to be sustainable.

**American Red Cross** – Our October date was cancelled. Search for other options.

**Budget Task Force** – Contracts are being reviewed to help identify areas to cut costs.

**Property Committee** – A motion was made and approved to accept a bid from VRP Flooring to replace carpets in the Preschool, church offices and green room for a cost of up to \$22,000 to be done during the summer. The money will come from the Misty Hollow sale which has funds designated for capital improvements.

**Faith Formation/Youth Group** – Sunday School will end on June 11<sup>th</sup> with the church picnic. Youth group delivered three carts of food from the food drive. A successful community Easter egg hunt earned \$185 which was donated to Daily Bread.

**Worship and Music** – Brian will begin introducing new hymns to services.

**Caring Committee** – There is a great need for food at the food pantry.

**Parish Life/Fellowship** – Planning is ongoing for the church picnic on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A form was created for Funeral Services including a breakdown of expenses. More volunteers are needed to help.

**Preschool** – A motion was made to approve the alumni wall. 9 were in favor, 1 abstained.

**Call Committee** – Steve Davies named as Chairman, Paul Adam as the Council Rep and Heather Pontonio will join the Call Committee as the Transition Team Rep. A motion was made and approved to add Heather to the Call Committee.

**Confirmands** – A motion was made and approved for Alexis Bernardez, Caroline Dore, Olivia Gerardi, Julia Hlouskova, Kiera McCaffrey and Alex Zweig to be confirmed on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Transition Committee** – A motion was made and approved to accept the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) with the recommended changes. This will be submitted to Rev. Wilco to begin the call process.

**Nominating Committee** – Meeting on Sunday to discuss nominees for church council.

**Bylaws/Resolutions** – A guideline letter for Committee leaders was reviewed & revised.

**Next Meetings** – 5/3 @8pm Executive Council, 5/9 @7pm Council.



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM 5/9/23

Absent from meeting: Paul Adam and Meg McLoone  
Approval of agenda and approval of April minutes

## **Members in need update - Nancy Carson**

June Ginand, Maimo Passarella, Canaan Walsh

Carl Palmer- Passed away. Funeral will be at POP on Wed. 5/31/23 @10:00AM with no reception at church.

## **Review and Motion to move Constitution to the Congregational Meeting-**

James Sharp

Edits to the Constitution-

- 1) The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in May OR June
- 2) The January Congregational Meeting will take place in January OR February.
- 3) Church Council terms will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>

A motion was made to approve moving the revised Constitution to the POP Congregation for a vote- The motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Property**- The preschool will choose the colors of their new carpets. Two old couches will be removed from the Blue Room. A dumpster will be ordered.

**Faith Formation /Youth Group**- The last day of Sunday School is 6/11/23. There will be a Church Picnic after the Congregational Meeting on 6/11/13.

Confirmation will take place on Sunday 6/4/2023. There will be a special Coffee Hour for the confirmands, their families and the congregation.

The Youth Group is considering going to the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. May join up with other local churches so they have a large enough group. Will look into fundraisers to offset expenses for the trip.

**Worship and Music**- Sharing of Peace and the Passing of the Offering Plate will remain on hold until we have our new pastor.

**Caring Committee**- Daily Bread Food Pantry is in great need of donations, especially foods that are geared towards children.

**Parish Life/Fellowship**- There is a meeting scheduled for 5/22/23 @6:45PM

**Preschool Committee**- There is a meeting scheduled for 5/15/23 @7:00PM

**Council Nominees**- A motion was made to add Lorraine Lavery and James Sharp to the ballot for vote. The motion passed.

**Approval of Congregational Meeting Agenda**- There will be an email vote by the POP Council to approve the Congregational Meeting Packet.

**Pastor's Comments**- To date, POP has received approximately \$152,000 in additional giving due to our Stewardship efforts. Pastor Mark will be away on 5/21/23. David Coogle is interested in planning a Golf Event for POP in July.

**Next Executive Council Meeting**- June 7, 2023 @ 6:00PM by Zoom

**Next Council Meeting**- June 13, 2023 @ 6:00PM in person

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Davies

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
June Congregational Meeting Agenda  
June 11, 2023 @ 11:15am

1. Confirm Quorum - Meg McLoone
2. Call to Order - Lorraine Lavery
3. Opening Prayer - Pastor Mark Grorud
4. Approval of Agenda - Lorraine Lavery
5. Approval of the June 12, 2022 minutes - Lorraine Lavery
6. 2023/2024 Prince of Peace Preschool Budget
  - a. Presentation of proposed Budget - Heidi Riddle & Priscilla Mancinone
  - b. Vote on Preschool Budget- Lorraine Lavery
7. Council Slate
  - a. Nominating Committee Report and Introduction of Nominees for Church Council - Marci Sharp
  - b. Additional Nominations from the Floor - Lorraine Lavery
  - c. Presentation of Youth Representative to Council - Monica Walsh
  - d. Vote on Slate & Youth Representative - Lorraine Lavery
8. Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions
  - a. Presentation of the Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions - Jim Sharp
  - b. Vote on Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions - Lorraine Lavery
9. Update on *Just One More Campaign* - Lorraine Lavery
10. Update from Budget Task force - Lorraine Lavery
11. Update from Call Committee - Steve Davies
12. Adjournment

## MUSINGS FROM THE BENCH.

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to two groups who have truly elevated our worship experience: our sanctuary choir and handbell choir. Your unwavering dedication and exceptional musical talents have enriched our services, filling our hearts with joy and lifting our spirits.

Heidi Adam - Sanctuary Choir

Paul Adam - Sanctuary Choir and Sub Organist

Cassie Buzzell - Handbell Choir and Flautist

Tim Buzzell - Handbell Choir

Rebecca Cebollero - Sanctuary Choir

Cathie Fegley - Sanctuary and Handbell Choir

Susanne Lehman - Handbell Choir

Colin McLoone - Sanctuary Choir and Soloist

Eileen Muller - Sanctuary, Handbell Choir and Cellist

Jim Sharp - Sanctuary Choir

Marci Sharp - Sanctuary, Handbell Choir and Soloist

Throughout the year, you have graced us with your melodious voices and harmonious tones, enhancing our worship experience in ways that words alone cannot describe. Your commitment and your countless hours of practice have not gone unnoticed, and I am truly grateful for your contributions.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the congregation for your active participation in our Summer services. We were thrilled to receive an overwhelming response to our call for Hymn selections, with over 75 submissions pouring in. Your engagement and enthusiasm have played a vital role in shaping our Summer liturgy, making it a collective expression of our shared faith and devotion.

I am also happy to announce that the Summer liturgy will be setting Ten of the ELW, which is a setting that utilizes hymns as our liturgical responses. Between this and the Hymns suggested by the congregation, our summer services will be diverse ensuring a rich tapestry of musical offerings, reflecting the breadth and depth of our spiritual journey together.

As we move forward into the Summer season, let us carry the melodies and harmonies of these hymns with us, allowing them to guide us in our worship and inspire us in our daily lives. May the music we create together continue to uplift our souls, strengthen our bonds as a community, and deepen our connection to the divine.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our choir, handbells choir, instrumentalist, soloists, and the entire congregation for your contributions to our worship experience. Together, we have created a beautiful tapestry of faith and music, and I look forward to the blessings and inspiration that lie ahead.

Brian



JUNE  
11TH  
12-2PM

GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD,  
GOOD FUN; LET'S ENJOY THE SUN!!



# PRINCE OF PEACE JUNE PICNIC

EVENT  
RSVP



FUN  
GAMES

POP  
ICE CREAM  
BAR



HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, & SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED.  
BRING A LAWN CHAIR & SIDE DISH TO SHARE

# HELP NEEDED

**SIGN UP TO HELP OUT WITH  
THE PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11!!**

**SET UP HELP**

**CLEAN UP HELP**

**GRILLING AND  
KITCHEN HELP  
DURING THE PICNIC**

**PICNIC GAMES**



**ITEMS NEEDED:**

**DESSERTS**

**SIDE DISHES**

**NAPKINS**

**BOWLS**

**PAPER PLATES**

**PLASTIC WEAR**

**ICECREAM TOPPINGS**

**CHIPS**

**ICECREAM**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eada72faaf4cf8-prince#>



# 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 Sunday School June 4th, last class for this school year is June 11th*



## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Confirmands:

Alexis Bernardez	Julia Hlouskova
Caroline Doré	Kiera McCaffrey
Olivia Gerardi	Alex Zweig

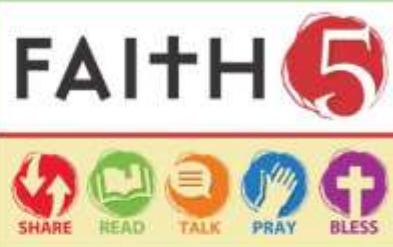


**CELEBRATE THESE STUDENTS & THEIR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH!**

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
During 10am church service

taking  
faith  
home

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>

## INTERESTED IN A BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS CARING FOR PARENTS?

We are exploring the idea of launching a class in the summer or fall focused on this topic. If interested, please let Heather know. [heather.pontonio@gmail.com](mailto:heather.pontonio@gmail.com)

Prince of Peace

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

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

Host: Laura & Bill Duffy

***17 Pilgrim Lane Sandy Hook, CT 06482 \*Please bring lawn chairs\****

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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 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 Laura at [l.duffy@charter.net](mailto:l.duffy@charter.net) if you would like to attend and what you will bring.*

*Please join us for an enjoyable evening!*

# PRINCE OF PEACE PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School has a few exciting announcements! First, we have had a new sign created and placed at the end of the driveway. The sign has reflective lettering which allows the lettering and image to be seen and read at night. The sign has been repositioned to the front side of the stone pillar for better viewing and we've already received many compliments.



Next, we have launched a new Prince of Peace Preschool website. The updated website is colorful, current and informative. We have also had a videographer come to the school to film a short video tour of the preschool, which will be included on the website. If you are interested in viewing our new website, use the QR code below.



@PRINCEOFPEACEPRESCHOOLBKFLD

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the preschool hosted its annual student art show. Preschool families and friends visited the preschool to view student artwork in Fellowship Hall. Please stop into the hall when you can to see all the student masterpieces.

Lastly, beginning this year we have offered current families the opportunity to enroll their students in up to two weeks of extended schooling (June 12<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>). We have had 20 families sign their children up for a week or two extra of preschool.

Heidi Riddle  
Pre-School Director

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2	Anthony Reich
11	Juri Tolmoff
17	Bill Braun
23	Richard Estes, Kristen Mattera
25	Jim Sharp
26	Grethe Arthur
28	Wendy Martel, Stephen Murphy

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

7	Joe & Pat Fecarotta
10	Gene & Maimo Passarella
19	Allen & Pam Nemetz
20	Christine & Fred Buzzell
23	Lee & Bernadette Reilly
28	Joe & Marilyn Roginski

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 Carl Palmer who passed away on May 6, 2023. There was a mass of Christian Burial for Carl at Prince of Peace on May 31st.

Dear Prince of Peace,

*Thank you so much for the finals care package! It was a real treat and helped me through exams. I ended with all A's and one B.*

*Blessings,*

*Eden Schwanke*

# **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*

# CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL 2022-2023

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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

# Worship Services

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

**Sunday's June 4, 11, 18, 25**

10:00 a.m. in person inside worship

10:00 a.m. Zoom service

## Contact Us

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### ***Our 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

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 2023