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2021 *Encourage One Another*

Annual Stewardship Appeal

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Dear family of God at Prince of Peace,

The apostle Paul writes, “Encourage one another and build up each other.” While we have been learning a lot of new ways to do that work, it’s the work that our churches have been doing all along: encouraging one another within our congregation, building up the neighbors in our communities, strengthening our relationships with one another wherever we go.

Our congregation has continued in ministry through these times, staying connected, holding safe, sacred space through a time with a lot of unknowns and uncertainty. Your participation, passion and financial support are part of helping us continue to be the church in these times:

“The way we all came together to make masks first for those on the frontline of the pandemic, then for everyone, and lately for preschool students has been amazing.” ~ Nan Carlson

“Having food delivered, getting calls and cards, in person and zoom visits from my PoP family while Joyce was hospitalized, and recuperating has been such a blessing.” ~ Joyce & Harold Rannestad

“Even though we would much prefer to worship in person, the virtual services and now the outside worship services have been wonderful. Thanks to all involved.” ~ Al and Diane Morey

This is just a sample of the impact of our ministry in this challenging year. You can find more on our website, Facebook pages and in this edition of the BluePrints. This is the ministry we will continue to do together whatever form it may take in the year ahead.

You are an important part of this work in all the ways you share your gifts. Later in October we will host a special congregational Encouragement Gathering. At that time you will be invited to invest in this ministry with your financial pledge so that we can continue to encourage one another and build up our community to share God’s love and grace.

Whatever your gift, together we are the body of Christ in this place, encouraging one another, reminding one another that God continues to be at work among us in this shared ministry!

Yours in Encouragement,
Stewardship Committee - Glenn Christy, Nan Carlson, Monica Walsh, and Pastor Lutz

IT IS TIME. ARE YOU READY?



October/November alternative inside/outside Worship Schedule

Inside - Sunday, October 4

Outside - Saturday, October 10

Inside - Sunday, October 18

Outside - Saturday, October 24

Inside - Sunday, November 1

Outside - Saturday, November 7

Inside - Sunday, November 15

Outside - Saturday, November 21

Of course, all outside services are dependent on the weather. And we are hoping to be able to record a service for Sunday broadcast on the days when the weather precludes outside worship.

Outdoor worship in the church parking lot. (Also, Facebook Live) Simply register in advance, bring a mask, some folding chairs and bread and wine for communion that will be consecrated for eating and drinking as a household.

Indoor worship is in the sanctuary. Simply register in advance, bring a mask and plan to sit socially distant with your household. No singing and no communion but we will be in the building together.

Virtual worship available each Sunday on our website (a recording from either the Saturday or Sunday service). Simply go to our website, select the Sunday you desire to participate in, and participate in the privacy of your home. No communion and no in person gathering but the basics of liturgy conveniently available for your spiritual nourishment.

Registration is required of every household member or individual to participate in the inside and outside worship services.

Friday noon IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE for worship registration! Information about the worship – what to bring, where to sit, when to arrive, etc. is included in the Eventbrite registration.

PRINCE OF PEACE COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

(Passed down from Pastor Amanda & Britton Warner)

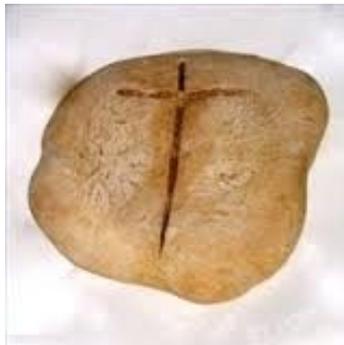
For your family to make and bring to our outside worship services.

Ingredients:

1 ½ cup whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ cup white all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup water
¼ cup oil
¼ cup honey

Directions:

Mix the dry ingredients. Combine all liquids in a separate bowl. Add combined liquids to the dry ingredients. Knead well and roll into a flat circle (about half an inch thick). Score into bite size squares. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 10 to 12 minutes. (The bread can also be baked in a loaf pan for non-communion purposes).



INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

Time is available during the week when you can come in, hear the words of institution, community prayers, eat and drink the bread and wine and meditate on this spiritual gift in solitude.

Please contact Pastor Lutz if you would like to receive communion at Prince of Peace.





COUNCIL NEWS

The Council met over zoom on Wednesday, September 16th, 2020.

The following items were discussed:

- Return to worship.
- September 12th was the first outdoor worship. Approximately 50 attended the service.
- September 20th was the first indoor worship. Approximately 25 attended the service.
- Misty Hollow Task Force - Phil Curatillo, Steve Kleppin, Susan Lehmann, Steve Davies, Eric Zimmitti, and two others will meet to determine how to move forward with the sale of Misty Hollow.
- Pre-school resumed classes the week of 9.20.2020.
- Water delivery, custodial service and trash/recycling removal are all resuming this September. Custodian services will include special antibacterial cleaning and spray/fog.
- Air ducts in the youth room will be replaced.
- Pastor Lutz will participate in a continuing education course designed for those pastors serving congregations in transition.
- A small token of appreciation was given to Heather Pontonio and Phil Guibileo for their help with the creation and delivery of our pre-recording worship services.
- The decision was made to furlough the choir directors until further notice.
- The decision was made not to hold an Oktoberfest this year.
- Pastor Lutz will work with members of the congregation to develop and implement a fall stewardship campaign.
- Faith Formation: Sunday School kick-off took place on September 13th via Zoom. Sunday school will be every Sunday at 8:30 am on zoom. The website has updated information about Sunday School.

The next Council meeting will be on October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

JOIN US ONLINE FOR



SUNDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE/ FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Join us this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for our weekly Fellowship/
Coffee Hour.

It is an opportunity to stay connected, hear the latest congregational news, care for one another, and see the faces of all you are missing. All during October tell stories of how we as a congregation and disciples encourage one another as part of our stewardship emphasis.

Sign into a Virtual Coffee Hour by going to the link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/98888138373?pwd=ZXdJazlPQXlpRzRONm9EY1JOeE9iQT09>

If prompted

Meeting ID: 988 8813 8373 Password: 735006

It is always helpful to test your ability to join and visual & audio sounds on your computer or tablet prior to the meeting.

See you Sunday at 11:00 a.m.!

"Creating Community" Email Devotions sent on Mondays



Creating Community is an email devotion to guide your preparation for worship next weekend.

Imagine how much more clear and relevant God's Word will be if you have had an opportunity to read, reflect, and dwell in the Word prior to worship. You may do this devotion as an individual, with others, as a family or over Zoom as a small group. Each devotion arrives on Monday and can be engaged in anytime before Sunday's worship.

The devotion includes three simple steps:

1. Read through the text (provided)
2. Respond to the questions (select one of the sets of questions from the three possibilities)
3. Offer a Prayer (one is provided)

If you would like to receive these devotions please sign up on our website.



FAITH FORMATION

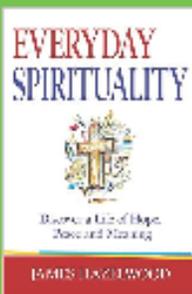
Prince of Peace, Brookfield, CT

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thursday from 7:00-8:00pm

We have begun a weekly zoom discussion of "Everyday Spirituality: discover a life of hope, peace and meaning" by James Hazelwood. You can join is any Thursday at 7pm on Zoom. Ask Pastor Lutz to send you the zoom link.



Purchase your copy on AmazonSmile today.

Make sure to designate Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (make certain it is us) to receive the free charity support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're bringing Sunday School into your home! Pre-K through 6th graders will meet via Zoom for 30-minutes of games, bible stories, and interaction!



Every Sunday - 8:30-9:00am on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81029667079?pwd=K204Y1VNI283Nk1GUUxTeVhOcFgzdz09>
Meeting ID: 810 2966 7079 | Passcode: 999695

Confirmation

Confirmation class for 7th & 8th graders includes weekly Zoom class and independent activities. If your child is not in Confirmation and would like to be, please contact Pastor Paul.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The monthly WELCA Women's Bible study will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

For more information on these and other learning opportunities, contact the church office, Pastor Paul or check out the Weekly update email.

Finally, don't miss the weekly **CreatingCommunity** email devotion to help you and your household prepare for worship by dwelling in the word, responding to questions, praying and signing together. Sign up to have the devotion arrive in your email box every Monday.

THANK YOU!

Thank you from the bottom of the hungry stomachs of Danbury and surrounding towns.

Bring non-perishable food when you come to church. The basket is empty, but maybe not for long.



We contributed 10 bags of food this week and smiles abounded for those who graciously contributed food to the Food Pantry. It was such a joy to see the happy worker at the pantry.

People needing donations have increased recently. People are still waiting for government checks and their money has to go for rent and utilities, so food donations are helping to keep stomachs free from hunger. Moms and Dads are giving food to their kids first. You would do that if you had to make that decision.

They had also given out all the masks that we left last time so we left more this Tuesday.

I challenge us to keep up the donations. You know the list of foods needed so please keep it up.

A gentle reminder, the pantry prefers food in cans as glass jars can break and cause a mess. Also, please do not donate expired food in containers. We are prohibited, by law, to distribute outdated foods. Dates are on food containers and you may need a magnifying glass to read the dates (like me).

If you haven't donated in the past, this is the time to start. Let's keep the food coming and remember that if we give to the least of these, we give it to God. What a powerful message!

To our sewers: Keep sewing . Let me know if your supplies. We need all sizes to keep people safe.

People who are willing to distribute food and masks should call the **Daily Bread Food Pantry at 203-748-3561.**

~ *Nan Carlson*

203-778-1171

OFFERING AND TITHES

Please help us stay current with our financial obligations during this difficult time.

We say “Thank You” to all who have mailed in their offerings.

We are now able to offer online giving here.

Now you can give a one time gift or a reoccurring gift through a checking account or a debit/ credit card.

Please use this link to set up. <https://princeofpeacebrookfield.org/giving/>



AN EASY WAY TO ENHANCE YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Do you shop at Amazon? Have Amazon Prime?

Well the next time you shop go to Amazon Smile and select “ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church”. Be certain to select the one in Brookfield CT. (There are many others.) Then each time you make a purchase Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Prince of Peace. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. But now you can support Prince of Peace by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.

REMEMBER PRINCE OF PEACE IN YOUR WILL

As Christians, what we leave behind is much more than a track record of daily events. A meaningful legacy enables the gospel’s message to ring clearly and ensures those who follow us will discover what it means to be church in the 21st century.

A gift in your will or other type of legacy gift can provide Prince of Peace with the opportunity to explore and develop ways of undertaking ministry differently. Support that continues beyond your lifetime lays the foundation for a stable and exciting future that will continue to bring Christ’s vital and vibrant message of community, compassion, and hope to others.

Speak to Rich Mercado, Treasurer or to your financial advisor for more information.

PRINCE OF PEACE PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School re-opened on Monday, September 21st. We currently have 49 students enrolled and 14 Staff members. The Pre-School will have two arrival times and two dismissal times to minimize the number of families arriving at one time. Classrooms have been set up managing to all Covid-19 state guidelines. Teachers will be utilizing outdoor spaces as much as possible this year as well. We are looking forward to a great year!

Best,

Heidi Riddle
Pre-School Director



Prince of Peace Pre-School

119 Junction Rd Brookfield CT 203-775-0140

2021 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING POSTPONED

The 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering - Boundless has been postponed until 2022 due to concerns around COVID-19. The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

To learn more about the postponement and the 2022 Gathering, please visit: elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19

DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY IS SEEKING DONATIONS.

Please consider a food or monetary donation to the DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY during this pandemic.

Your food-insecure neighbors will benefit from your donations of their most needed Non-perishable items:

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 freshly painted front door anytime. Your neighbors thank you.



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
- 15 Patsy Cicarelli
- 17 Maggie Mattera
- 19 Tina Giubileo, Brian Rinelli
- 20 Tim Fay, Linda Wilson
- 21 David Macdonald, Harold Rannestad
- 22 Hazel Petitt
- 26 Ken Carlson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Kathy & William Hubric
Kathy & Casey Johansen
- 4 Barbara & Peter Dulko
- 8 Karen & Christopher Doherty
- 10 Margaret & Kevin McCloone
- 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

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with Steve and Diane Peterson and their family on the passing of Steve's father, William Peterson.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken & Nancy Carlson and their family on the passing of Ken's sister, Sonya Carlson Smith.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Roger Nelson and his family on the passing of his son Brian Nelson.

Please keep all three families in your prayers during this difficult time.

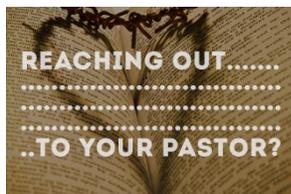
BAPTISM

Carson Hurley Brown was baptized on September 18th at Prince of Peace.

His parents are Kyle & Jackie Brown.

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HOW TO REACH THE PASTOR

Pastor Lutz is easily accessible. You can e-mail him (poppastorpaul@sbcglobal.net), call him on his cell (609.578.7921) or post on his Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/plutznj>).

Worship Services

We are online for worship, study, giving and fellowship!

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

Join us for indoor worship on Sunday, October 4th and October 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for outside worship on Saturday, October 10th & October 24th at 5:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

Zoom Women's Bible Study happens on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Join us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for a Zoom Fellowship/Coffee Hour.

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Our vision...

“Prince of Peace is a loving and caring family of Christians. We gather to hear the Christian story in word and song and to experience that story through the sacraments. The members of our family are involved in a mission of Christian unity. Through worship and Christian fellowship we are empowered to commit our talents in a way that makes a difference in our lives and the lives of those we touch.”

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