



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIVING OUR FAITH

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119 JUNCTION RD, BROOKFIELD, CT

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- Sunday Worship at 10:00am in-person or on Zoom (link on our website homepage)

Get Involved!

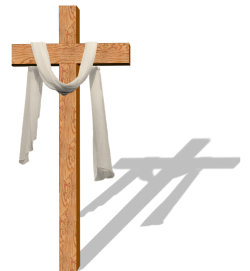
Looking to do more at Prince of Peace to grow your faith and support our mission? Here's a few opportunities to consider:

- Share your computer skills as a **Zoom Service Tech**
- **Serve as a worship leader** - we've got spots for acolytes, lectors, ushers, communion assistants and more
- **Help plan an event** with Parish Life



Happy Easter! Resurrection of Life!

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful for God's faithfulness, power, and love. Joining the proclamation of the good news of God's endless love we are blessed beyond measure to discover Jesus' resurrection life within us and all around us.



15 minutes in the Bible

Life is busy. It's hard to set aside 5 minutes let alone an hour. But... what if you found 15 minutes this month to pause and reflect on a story in the bible.

**Don't have 15 minutes now?
Write a post-it reminder or
put it in your calendar.
If you write down a goal,
you are more likely to do it!**

Bible reading

Acts 2:1-11

Reflection

How does the description of the Holy Spirit as "wind" and "fire" affect your understanding of his power in your life?

Financial Summary
March 2026

	March 2026.		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget*	Actual	Budget*
Income	23,444.70	31,301.50	107,885.00	89,964.50
Expense	31,153.50	33,510.05	85,896.45	97,060.15
Net	(7,708.80)	(2,208.55)	21,988.55	(7,095.65)

Financial Narrative

March donations fell short of the budgeted amount by approximately \$5,800. However, total donations for the quarter are ahead of budget by \$23,991.

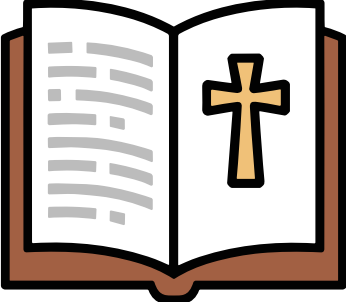
Parish Life expenses for the quarter exceeded expectations as of March. Lawn mowing costs are also over budget, primarily due to higher initial spring cleanup charges, which are typically greater than subsequent maintenance costs. Office supplies expenses are above budget as well, largely because technology related costs (primarily from Southridge) are included in this category. To improve clarity, these expenses will now be separated into a new, dedicated line item for technology.

Attendance
APRIL 2026

	In Person	Online	Total
4/2/26 Maundy Thursday	30	0	30
4/3/26 Good Friday	44	2	46
4/3/26 Easter Sunday	151	7	158
4/12/26	71	4	75
4/19/26	66	7	73
4/26/26	59	6	65

BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Matthew Bible Study will continue on Sunday mornings after worship starting 5/10.



POP INTO LADIES NIGHT

JOIN THE LADIES OF POP
Monday, May 4
MICHAEL'S TAP ROOM IN BETHEL @ 7PM

FOOD * FELLOWSHIP * FUN

RSVP USING THE QR CODE
TEXT / CALL LORRAINE
WITH QUESTIONS
845-416-0900




GOOD TIDINGS!...FROM PASTOR MICHAEL ANDERSON

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19

Spring is in fullest swing and southwestern Connecticut's flora is exploding all around us in blazing verdancy. Maybe asparagus stalks are rocketing heavenward in your garden. We've celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord. And in proclaiming Jesus' resurrection we paused to consider how resurrection is as much about the present as it is the future and how we need it in our lives right now in our very lives. Resurrection isn't just talk or talk about God, it's real and it's for us in the concrete reality of our lives. There's nothing I'd enjoy more than hearing about your need for resurrection, what God is like for you, and what helps you open to and remain in God's mercy.

If you click on the link below you can set a time for us to chat about these blessings.

<https://calendly.com/revmanderson/booktimewithme?month=2026-05>

We can set a time for coffee or tea/ grab lunch/ ice cream/ go for a walk. I'd love to hear your reflections. If you'd like to connect but you don't see anything that works for your schedule you can email me directly at pastor@princeofpeacebrookfield.org.

Let us pray.

God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 86)

Peace,
Pastor Michael



VESPERS SERVICES

May 13 and May 27

6:30 p.m.

Life's preoccupations are relentless in pursuing our total attention.

But in every circumstance, God's presence is assured and is nearer to us than our own breath. Amidst the static, in silence, God's voice emerges, calming our hearts, satisfying our longing. So, come away and rest a while with Evening Prayer and be reminded that the only thing that can name you is God's love.



MUSINGS FROM THE BENCH ... SOMETHING TO PONDER?

The Prelude—A Threshold to Holy Ground

"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." – Habakkuk 2:20

We live in a world that is loud, fast, and often chaotic. We rush from our cars, carrying the burdens of the week, the distractions of technology, and the noise of our daily lives. When we walk through the doors of our sanctuary, we are not just entering a building; we are crossing a threshold into sacred space—a place where we can speak to God.

The prelude is not merely filler music. It is not background music designed to mask the sounds of chatter or a filler for time until Pastor begins the service.

The prelude is the first act of worship.

It is a musical invitation into the presence of God. It is a "funnel" through which we gather together and corporately transition from the "noisy world to the realm of quiet". It sets the mood, preparing our hearts to reflect, pray, and shift our focus from ourselves to our Creator.

Just as a trumpet blast gathers people to attention in scripture, the opening notes of the organ, purposefully, call us to "stop, breathe, and prepare". It is a time for intimate, silent, or whispered conversation with God before we speak to each other.

Therefore, let the prelude serve as a transition. Let it soften your spirit. As you listen, let the music help you lay down your worries, your to-do lists, and your anxieties, so that you are ready to sing, hear, and celebrate with a focused heart.

Lord, we enter Your sanctuary with hearts heavy and busy. As the music plays, tune our ears to Your voice and our hearts to Your presence. Help us to cross the threshold from our weekly busyness into Your sacred rest. Prepare us, Lord, to worship You in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Brian Muller
Music Ministry Director



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a property committee meeting on Tuesday May 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in joining or helping property are invited to attend.

WELCA ZOOM BIBLE STUDY:

There will be a WELCA Zoom Bible Study on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Pastor Michael for study materials and the Zoom link.

HOME COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM TO BEGIN

One of Prince of Peace's gifts is its concern for extending care to members. One way this occurs is through regular home communion visitation. Pastor Michael regularly visits members with Holy Communion, but there's been curiosity about expanding this ministry. If you are interested please email the church office (rene@princeofpeacebrookfield.org) to register for an information session (date and time TBA).

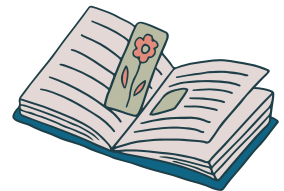
BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Book Club will meet on May 26th, the last Tuesday of April. (We are planning to meet the last Tuesday of every month). We meet for one hour starting at 1:00 p.m. We meet in the church office reception area. All are welcome. Reading our book choices are not a requirement.

I will not have the new book choice until April 28th.

Please join us and share your thoughts.

If you have any questions you may contact Anita at anitastolle@gmail.com.



MEET A MEMBER

MARCI SHARP

How long have you been a member?
46 years!

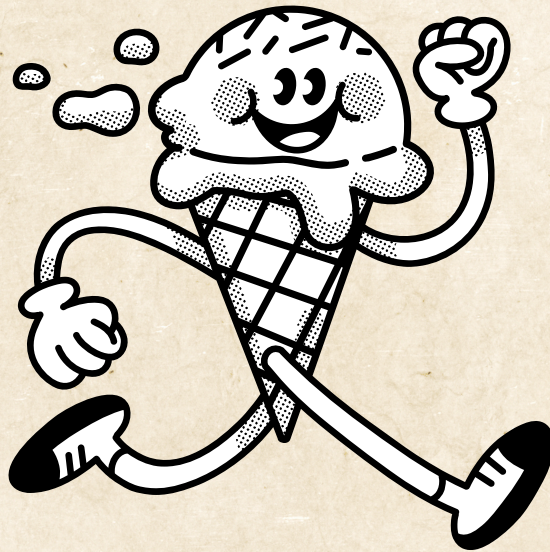
What's your favorite event or worship service?
Christmas Eve Service

What brings you joy?
Family get togethers....snuggling with my cats, holding a baby and music.

What's a fun fact that others don't know about you?
I love playing cards and games with my siblings.



SCOOP & STROLL ALONG THE PRINCE OF PEACE ICE CREAM TRAIL



**JOIN US EACH MONTH AS WE VISIT A
DIFFERENT LOCAL ICE CREAM STAND FOR
A TIME OF SWEET TREATS AND EVEN
SWEETER FELLOWSHIP! BRING YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A FUN, CASUAL
EVENING OF CONNECTION AND
COMMUNITY. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SCHEDULE

**MAY 21ST
JUNE 18TH
JULY 23RD
AUGUST 20TH**

**SWEET SCOOPS BROOKFIELD @ 6:30PM
MUNCHIIN HEDGEHOG, BROOKFIELD @ 6:30PM
FERRIS ACRES CREAMERY NEWTOWN @ 6:30PM
DR. MIKES ICE CREAM SHOP BETHEL @ 6:30PM**

LAUREN DAIGLE

LET'S GET A GROUP TOGETHER FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT
WITH LAUREN DAIGLE IN CONCERT!

EXPERIENCE THE POWERFUL VOICE AND INSPIRING MUSIC OF
ONE OF TODAY'S MOST BELOVED CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN
ARTISTS. DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY AN
EVENING OF FAITH, MUSIC, AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

MOHEGAN SUN

MOHEGAN SUN ARENA

JUNE 18

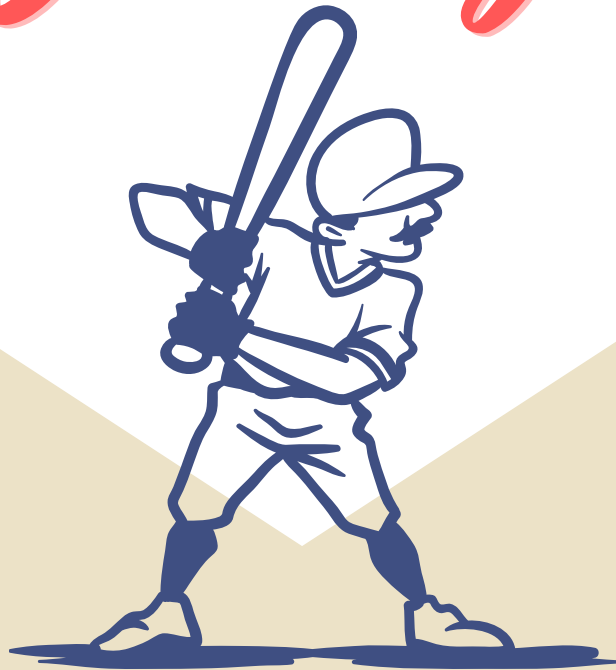
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TICKET PRICES RANGE FROM APPROXIMATELY \$69-\$80,
DEPENDING ON SEAT SELECTION. WE HOPE TO PURCHASE
SEATS TOGETHER, WHICH MAY AFFECT FINAL PRICING.
PLEASE FILL OUT THE INTEREST FORM USING THE QR CODE,
AND LORRAINE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MORE SPECIFIC
DETAILS.



Baseball Outing



We're excited to plan a POP Baseball outing this July on a Sunday at Dutchess Stadium, home of the Hudson Valley Renegades, and we'd love to know who is interested in joining us!

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun day at the ballpark together. The stadium also offers a suites for guests who may benefit from a quieter, more comfortable space during the game. If you're interested in attending, please sign up so we can begin planning details and secure group arrangements. We hope you can join us for a great day at the ballpark!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 6PM

Present: Paul Adam, Tim Brumbaugh, Chris Buzzell, Karen Frank, Kim Gerardi, Johnny Halas, Lorraine Lavery, Meg McLoone, Debbie Nobes, Heather Pontonio, Jim Sharp, Monica Walsh

Pastor Anderson was on vacation.

Monthly Consent:

- Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, March Financials and March Minutes was made by Karen and seconded by Johnny. Council unanimously agreed to approve.

For Information/Discussion:

- June Congregational Meeting Date has been set for Sunday, June 14th following the 10:00 service. The PreSchool Budget will be presented and the congregation will vote for Council positions for 2026/2027.
- Constitution Updates - Jim reported that the Constitution was sent to Synod. A few technical errors were clarified and the Constitution has now been approved.

Votes:

- A motion to approve spending up to \$4000 for property maintenance - mulch, rocks, re-seeding/sod was made by Monica and seconded by Kim. Council unanimously agreed to approve.

Communication of May 2026 Meeting dates and times:

Exec - May 12th - 6pm - via zoom

Council - May 19th 6:30pm - in person

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris and seconded by Monica. All approved.
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity with food and other items for the recipients. Here are a few numbers about the Food Pantry on Park Avenue in Danbury and at the original location at St Andrew Episcopal Church. Over 4,900 unique households were served (or 17,150 unique individuals) welcoming them for a total of 33,000 visits. Shoppers carried away \$2.5 million of food of their choice. 501 Volunteers worked 27,500 volunteer hours.

A visit to the food pantry is a wonderful experience. Volunteers are helpful and smiling. Translators are available. There's an activity center for children to stay as adults shop.

Food is presented as people shop for their food preferences in a path around the building. Nutritional food is valued in a point system where fruit and vegetables are more available in lower numbers and ultra-processed and high fat items "cost" more. The Nutritional Department of UConn has established a program to teach clients about the benefits of basic nutrition.

How can we help?

The best donation is money that food can be bought at lower prices and purchase foods that are not available through donations.

- Consider donations of low sugar and salt content.
- Consider nonperishables with current expiration dates in non breakable containers.
- Cereals, tea, coffee, baby food, condiments like ketchup, mustard, hot sauce.
- Baking supplies like flour, sugar, cake mixes.
- Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent.
- Soap, paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies.
- Used books for children. Portuguese, Spanish.

Thank you for your donations.

Remember to pray for food insecure people.

Nan Carlson



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 2	Barbara Bruno Lukas Lavery
May 3	Wayne Stolle
May 8	Elizabeth Schretzenmayer Noah Schretzenmayer
May 10	Rebecca Adam Nicholas Lupinacci
May 12	Heather Pontonio
May 14	Ernest Lehman Tim Maier
May 16	Nancy Tolmoff
May 20	Patricia Fecarotta
May 22	Jan-Erik Lupinacci
May 24	Kim Gerardi
May 29	Luke Werner

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 20	Rev. Ned & Pam McMillen William & Sheryl Wagner
May 21	Michael & Margaret Nicolais

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

2025-2026 CHURCH COUNCIL



If you have a question about finances please contact
Priscilla Rivas
203-830-9016 or
guanacaste@snet.net

Back row (L-R): Pastor Michael Anderson, Lorraine Lavery (Vice President), Tim Brumbaugh, Meg McLoone, Heather Pontonio (President), Christine Buzzell, Deb Nobes (Secretary);
Front row (L-R): Paul Adam, Kim Gerardi, Karen Frank, Monica Walsh (Vice President), Johnny Halas, Jim Sharp

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The church office is open most weeks Mon-Fri, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call first.

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

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