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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 Encouragers at Prince of Peace,

A few years back a comparison between church people and geese was making the rounds. It began by reminding us that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. You probably already knew that. But did you know that by flying in the v-formation the whole skein of geese adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own?

71% greater flying range. Talk about strength in numbers.

The author of the story continues: *People who share a common direction and a sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling with the encouragement of one another. Traveling with the encouragement of one another.*

I want to encourage you, my friends. Encourage you to stretch your wings, to clear your throat, to take advantage of the lifting power of others, to honk loudly. And so, I am going on record in the midst of this pandemic and after only 17 months as your pastor to declare that Prince of Peace's best days are yet to come.

It is true, Prince of Peace's best days are yet to come. I wouldn't be here if I didn't think that was true.

And I am pleased to say that those best days are already breaking in. We are in fact at a tipping point in our life together; where we have the opportunity to move from scarcity and fear into abundance and hope together, from going it alone to life in community, to focusing on what was to imagine a new future. This is our time to give thanks for the lifting power flying in this community provides. This is our time to act into the future we desire by living out of the blessings of God and not the cautions of fear mockers. What a gift it is to travel with the encouragement of one another. What a time to honk, loudly and frequently. Won't you join me?

Let us pray. Dear God, thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus. Thank you for loving and blessing and saving us! Thank you for making us the church. Make us eager to come together and encourage one another. Give us a common sense of direction and sense of community. Help us to trust in your abundance and promises for our best years yet to come. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

The Rev. Paul Lutz

IT IS TIME. ARE YOU READY?



November alternative inside/outside Worship Schedule

Inside - Sunday, November 1 - All Saints

Outside - Saturday, November 7 - Veteran's Day observed

Inside - Sunday, November 15 - Pentecost 24

Outside - Saturday, November 21 - Christ the King

Inside - Sunday November 29 - Advent 1

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's at 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.



COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met over Zoom on Wednesday, October 21st, 2020.

The following items were considered:

- Received a financial update from Rich Mercado, Treasurer.
- Reviewed experience with inside, outside and virtual worship options.
- Heard that the Misty Hollow Task force has been assembled and is beginning their work.
- Reviewed the "Encourage one Another" fall Stewardship campaign and Oktoberfest.
- Planned a Council Retreat for Saturday November 7th to explore ways to invigorate ministries through the committee structure and consider how the absence of an interim pastor may have contributed to some frustration.

Please speak with any Council Member with any question, concerns or suggestions.

The next Executive Committee meeting is November 11th, 2020.

The next Council meeting is November 18th, 2020.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee met on Tuesday October 17th and determined the following:

- November/December worship schedule (subject to change – check weekly update and website for latest).
 - 11.1 Inside - All Saints
 - 11.7 Outside – Veteran's Day observed
 - 11.15 Inside -Pentecost 24
 - 11.21 Outside - Christ the King
 - 11.29 Inside - Advent 1
- We will continue through December with inside worship.
- Inside worship will not include any congregational singing.
- Advent/December worship will follow a familiar liturgy, will not include congregational singing of hymns or liturgy, will provide a children's sermon, the lighting of the Advent wreath, and possible opportunity to leave with individual communion.
- There was some preliminary conversation about Christmas and the desire to offer a variety of worship options realizing that none will look like any previous Christmas services at PoP.

We will meet again on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for being open and flexible in a less than ideal situation as we attempt to provide worship that is faithful to our tradition and respond to the health concerns of all.



ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Thank you to those who submitted their 2021 Commitment forms. If you have not yet turned yours in, please place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church. Blank commitment forms are available on our website. The finance committee begins its work on the 2021 budget in November, and it is important to know the total amount pledged for developing the budget. Thank you for pledging your financial support to the mission of Christ through Prince of Peace.

2020 BUDGET PREPARATION

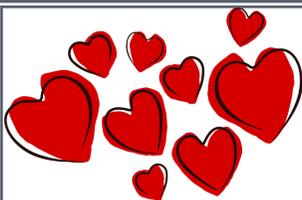
FINANCIAL
BUDGET



All committees are asked to submit their 2021 budget requests by **Sunday, December 1st** to Rich Mercado. Please provide as much detail as possible to support your request.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Brookfield Clergy Association decided not to hold a Community Thanksgiving Service this year.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE LOVE FUND

Over \$3000.00 has been given out since May to help our neighbors (and some members) pay their rent, buy food, and purchase clothes for their children. As a result, the balance of the fund is in need of replenishment. If you would like to help Prince of Peace continue to help out neighbors in need, please make your check payable to Prince of Peace, and write Love Fund in the memo. All questions may be directed to Pastor Lutz.

TWO EASY WAYS 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.



Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, you have two ways to exercise your financial stewardship. The first is that your account is earning “Choice Dollars” that you can direct to Prince of Peace several times a year. There is no cost to you and any Choice Dollars not distributed from your account are lost. Second, you have up to \$500 available to you in a Thrivent Action Team kit. There is an application and the funds must be used to help others in the church or in the world but it’s yours for the asking. For more information talk to your Thrivent Associate or Joe Tucciarone, Financial Associate, New Milford, 800-972-5716.

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 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).



CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE COMING!

As we approach the season of Advent awaiting the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus, we will also await a **yummy** Christmas Cookie Exchange. This is to be held on Saturday, December 19th at POP. Members that wish to participate will be asked to drop off 4 dozen cookies prior to December 19th and then will be able to pick up a wonderful assortment of Christmas cookies on December 19th. Please be thinking about a special Christmas cookie that you could make for this fun event.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Janet Lutz at jblutz60@gmail.com or (609) 235-6070. Watch for additional details in the December Blueprints and the Friday weekly email updates.

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 November 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/988888138373?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

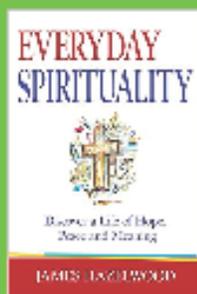
Prince of Peace, Brookfield, CT

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

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.

THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Prince of Peace will again be participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Tags will be available in late October. There will be a folder at the main entrance to the church which contains the tags, a sheet upon which to indicate which family has taken a tag and a pen. If you take a tag, please make sure you write your family name on the sheet in that folder. The tag numbers you should use are written in black marker on the back of the tag. If the item on the angel tag is more than \$30, feel free to substitute for it. When the tags were prepared, it was not possible to research the price of each item. **Attach the entire tag to the gift.** Do not detach any part of the tag. When returning the gift, it is very important that the tag be secured to the gift because it has the family number and the name of the child on the tag. When these become disconnected, it makes it difficult trying to match up the gift to the child. Gifts may be returned to the church during the morning hours during the week or on a day when we have either indoor or outdoor church services. However, it would be best to check by phone to see if someone will be there when you plan to come. Please do not leave the gift at the church entrance if no one is in the building. Please direct any questions to Ernie Lehman (203) 746-1224.

DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT

All gifts need to be back to the church by Sunday, December 6th.

Thank you for your generosity in participating in this program.

~ Ernie Lehman





**WE ARE SEEKING KIDS & ADULTS
TO BE PART OF OUR**



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



**No experience necessary. No lines to memorize!
Minimal rehearsal in early December! All ages invited!
Contact Heather - heather.pontonio@gmail.com**

PRINCE OF PEACE PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School has completed four weeks of school to date. The teachers and students have acclimated well to the new state COVID regulations (masking, health checks, staggered starts, etc.). We are preparing videos for a virtual open house. The videos will provide families with information about the school as well as visibility into the classrooms. Videos will be sent to families from the Office, Classroom Teacher(s), Music Teacher, and Positive Discipline Consultant. We have begun to schedule Parent / Teacher phone conferences. They will be conducted in early November. We are enjoying a great start of the year!

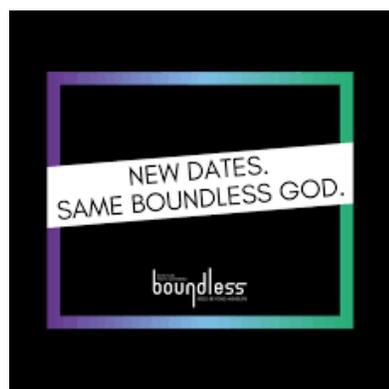
Best,

Heidi Riddle



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.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Will Wagner
- 6 Richard Keith
- 8 Jennifer Davies
- 10 Michael Coyle, Phil Giubileo
- 13 Natalie Susco
- 14 Ben Gross
- 15 Jimmy Davies
- 16 Zachary Arnold
- 17 Kirstie Macdonald
- 21 Casey Johansen
- 27 Matthew Roginski
- 29 Stephen Hallock

BAPTISM

Jackson & Luke Werner were baptized on October 30th at Prince of Peace.

Their parents are Alan Jr. & Nicole Werner.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Kevin & Laurie Fay
- 27 Nancy & Juri Tolmoff

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



CRAFT FAIR

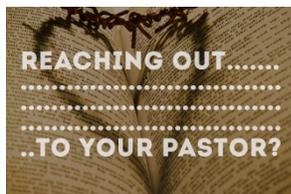
Due to the pandemic the women of Prince of Peace will not be holding the Craft Fair this year...keep making those crafts and pray that we will be able to hold it 2021.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our church directory. If you have a new address, phone number or e-mail address please contact Rene with this information at poplutheranchurch@sbcglobal.net.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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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, November 1st, November 15th and November 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for outside worship on Saturday, November 7th & November 21st 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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