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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Prince of Peace Congregational Meeting June 12, 2022 11:00 a.m.

All those interested in the ministry and future of PoP are asked to attend worship (10:00 a.m.), a congregational meeting (11:00 a.m.), and a church picnic on the great lawn (12:00 p.m.) on Sunday, June 12.

AGENDA

Quorum/Secretary – Nan Carlson

Call to Order – Lorraine Lavery

Opening Prayer - Pastor Lutz

Approval of Agenda - Lorraine

Approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2021, Congregational Meeting - Lorraine

Recognition of Debbie Nobes' service to the Pre-School - Lorraine

Presentation of Proposed 2022/2023 Prince of Peace Pre-School Budget - Heidi Riddle

VOTE on Pre-School Budget - Lorraine

Update on sale of Misty Hollow – Priscilla

Motion to Affirm Council's Motion to "Oversee directing 10% of sale proceeds (\$40,000) to our neighbors in need." - Lorraine

VOTE to Affirm Council's Motion to "Oversee directing 10% of sale proceeds (\$40,000) to our neighbors in need." - Lorraine

Nominating Committee Report and Introduction of Nominees for Church Council -

Additional Nominations from the Floor - Lorraine

VOTE on Nominations - Lorraine

Update on 2022 Program of Ministry/Budget – Priscilla

Presentation of Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values

VOTE on Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Core Values

Constitution Update process – Jim Sharp

Adjournment – Lorraine

Votes will be received in person at the meeting,
over zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363063583?pwd=TGNDK0JjRGVVZXFhMTIXZVQ2M2NVQT09>)

May 10, 2022

Members and friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

After prayerful consideration, I've decided to retire from active parish ministry. This means that my service as your pastor is coming to an end. My last Sunday in worship with you will be Sunday, June 26, 2022, and my official retirement date will be June 30, 2022.

Although our time together has been short, it has been uniquely full. For 3 years we have laughed, cried, celebrated, and grieved together. We have explored scripture together. We have wrestled with what it means to be the church today. And perhaps most significantly we've walked through a pandemic that has changed so much. It will be difficult to say goodbye. And yet, it is time for me to go.

After 39 years as a pastor, not far from 70 years of age, having served five congregations in as many states, it seems the right time for me to end the adventure of serving the church as a called pastor.

You need someone who has the energy and insight to bring you out of this pandemic into a new era for this congregation, to build on what we've started. You need someone who will help you vision and live into the new realities ahead, striving to be faithful in a new season. I don't think I am that person anymore. I am weary. I lack the resolve necessary to continue exploring creative ministry. It is time for me to retire.

The Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop will work with your leadership during this transition time. There will be time for reflection, critical examination, and a hopeful call process.

It is my hope and prayer that we can use these remaining weeks to celebrate our life together. Let's recognize the connections we've had and give thanks to God for bringing us together in this place and time. Let's walk one more time toward the Festival of Pentecost, immersing ourselves in God's grace, and anticipating the Spirit breathing through us with new and exciting possibilities of future faithfulness.

The future belongs to God,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Lutz", is placed within a white rectangular box.

The Rev. Paul Lutz, Pastor

PASTOR LUTZ

On June 26th we will have our farewell and transition service for Pastor. On June 12th, we will recognize Pastor's retirement at the church picnic.

~ Church Council

Dear Prince of Peace Congregation,

Last week, as we learned of Pastor's retirement, the news brought forth mixed emotions and sentiments. We are excited for Pastor to move forward and experience new opportunities in his retirement with family and friends. We are sad because Pastor and Janet have been a tremendous source of light and joy in our congregation. We also may feel a bit uncertain, what is the next phase for Prince of Peace?

First, we would like to thank Pastor Paul and Janet for their journey with Prince of Peace over the past three years. We appreciate the work and service they have provided for us all during this time. They have brought us through an integral transition of uncertainty, change, and hope, and have offered comfort and support to not only our congregation but to Brookfield community members as well. Pastor Paul's dedication to his pastoral mission has helped strengthen the bond with the members of our growing congregation. We wish Pastor Paul and Janet the best of luck in their retirement.

After many changes and uncertainty, in January 2021, Pastor and Council were committed to and focused on exploring and finding our "why?" By conducting small group discussions, our Council and Forward Leadership committee members heard about the needs, desires, and what is important to congregation members at Prince of Peace. Using the words of our congregational members, we have been able to identify the core values of our new church's mission and vision. We are excited to present these statements to you at the upcoming congregational meeting in June.

During the last three years, Prince of Peace has been very busy working on strengthening our ministries. We have welcomed a new Music Director to lead our worship and music ministry. Our faith formation has provided options to our youth to participate in Sunday school and youth group. We have brought back many of our beloved social events and traditions. Many of our social ministries have communicated their support by broadening our community outreach to needs in our own congregation, to local communities, as well as spreading our love to worldwide support. We have welcomed a new Church Treasurer to help lead us on the finance committee. Our property committee has been busy with the sale of Misty Hollow and other daily and more imminent upkeep of the church. We continue to explore more actions of demonstrating our love to serve others.

Over the last three years, Prince of Peace has both continued the work of God we are called to and transitioned to a new vibrant, and caring congregation. Together, we now face a new challenge to secure a new Pastor and continue moving forward in Christian faith and love. Together we can accomplish great things. Together we need to stay motivated and engaged.

To Pastor and Janet - We most lovingly bid you farewell and may your light continue to shine in Delaware along with sunshine on the beach!

To our beloved congregation - thank you for your continued support, love, and Christian faith. God will guide us as we move forward together. Please feel free to reach out to a Council member with any questions or concerns.

In Peace,

Prince of Peace Council

HEALTHY TRANSITIONS

Under the Healthy Transitions policies and expectations of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Pastor Lutz will not be available to conduct or participate in events such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, hospital calls, emergency calls, or any other pastoral functions after June 30, 2022.

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN



UPDATED as of 5/4/22

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).

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 Easter. Please return the 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.

Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday School in-person in the downstairs Music Room for children Pre-K –6th grade. See the Sunday School page on our website for details. The last Sunday School class until September is June 12th.

ATTENDANCE
IN
MAY



	10:00 a.m. Inside	10:00 a.m. On-line	Total
5/1/2022	55	12	67
5/8/2022	45	9	54
5/15/2022	47	7	54
5/22/22	73	11	84
5/29/22	45	12	57

New England Synod Assembly June 9-11, 2022

The Annual New England Synod Assembly will be held on June 9-11 in Worcester, MA under the theme: *Collaborate for Christ's sake.*

Guest Speakers

Bp. Mark Beckwith, author of Seeing the Unseen: Beyond Prejudices, Paradigms, and Party Lines

Rev. Laura Everett & Rev. Kenneth Young Massachusetts Council of Churches

Guest Preacher at Saturday's closing worship Rev. Dr. Audrey Price Executive Minister for Strategic Operations Southern New England Conference, UCC

Festive Eucharist Worship Service 7:30 pm Thursday evening at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester
Livestream link www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

The two voting members from PoP will be Meg McLoone and Nan Carlson. Pastor and Janet Lutz will also attend.

IT'S TIME FOR THE CAMP CALUMET WALK THE WALK 2022!

The link below will provide you with all kinds of information about the walk AND.....the link to register.

<https://www.calumet.org/walkthewalk2022>

We will start recording miles on July ^{1st} and continue through August 31st.

Click on the link on the above website to register or go to

<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing?eid=21571&>

Spread the word and let's all start walking/running/biking/swimming for Calumet.

Dogs are invited.

Invite your friends and neighbors and their dogs, you don't need to be a member of POP to join our team!

For more information please contact our Prince of Peace coordinator - Marci Sharp at (203) 947-4413 or e-mail her at bowmanrae@aol.com.

June Church Picnic

Join us for fellowship, food, & activities in our church yard.

- Hot dogs, hamburgers, and water will be provided .
- Bring your own lawn chair and a side to share.
- Sign ups are in the narthex or on signup genius

June 12th
immediately following the
congregation meeting



Musings from the Bench

Renaissance to Renaissance!

The year is 1898. The place, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Organ builder Bernard Mudler of the same city is contracted to build a small chapel organ for a local convent. This nine rank instrument, with the unique and rare feature of having a reverse console, would serve the convent just a short while. The instrument was later relocated to the St. Jean Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Bethesda, Maryland. Unfortunately as the instrument is now in a bigger space, it is altered to accommodate its new home. Here it will serve until the 1970's.

Enter Gerald (Jerry) Miller. Jerry, a physical chemist, engineer, an amateur musician and a devout Lutheran hears of the Mudler's eminent demise and offers to purchase it and relocate it to his home. This will be its third move and moreover its third rebirth. Unfortunately, because of height limitations, some of the instrument's original casework and design including the swell expression and original pedalboard will be left behind. However, the consummate teacher and engineer, Jerry adapts the instrument to its new home and makes it manageable, not only in operation and height, but also 'moveable' at the same time. Here it will provide many years of playable operation.

Cut to the late 90's. Jerry and his family move. As time has marched forward, he begins to reinstall the Mudler in his new home (now the 4th move), but alas, time slips away and it never gets completed. Now over one hundred years old and altered more than once from its original design, Jerry and his wife have come to the point in their lives where less is more and as much as the Mudler has given great joy over the years, it is now time to depart ways. It is here where we pick up the story ... Easter - April 17, 2022.

Now in parts, stacked on tables and against the walls of the music room, the Mudler Organ begins its 5th renaissance, starting with reconnecting all the mechanics. It will now become part of our history. While it will be an ongoing project for the youth music ministry program, it represents more than that. It is an opportunity for all ... youth, young at heart, members here or at large, to learn how this instrument is both played and engineered. It is a project for woodworkers, STEM collaborators and musicians alike. Overtime, as it will take time to do it right, it is our goal and intention to see its altered beauty restored, repurposed and ultimately used as an instrument to serve God and his church.

But as we've followed its path from convent to church, church to home, and home to church once again, what exactly is a 'tracker' organ and how does it differ from the instrument we use on Sunday mornings you might ask? More on this next time!

Brian Muller
Music Ministry Director



May 22, 2022. Work in progress - Mudler Organ



May 22, 2022. Students re-attaching tracker action - Mudler Organ



FAITH FORMATION

Prince of Peace, Brookfield, CT

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

COMMUNION CLASS



Sunday, June 5th

11:00-11:30am

**All ages welcome!
Parents and Children!**

Do you or your child know what the sacrament of Communion means? Spend an hour with Pastor and learn about this weekly part of our service!

There will be a special affirmation of faith for these participants during the June 12th service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45am during the service

kids will start in Sunday School and join parents near the end of service

No pre-registration required.

Pre-School - 6th grades

**LAST CLASS
FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS
JUNE 12th!**



www.princeofpeacebrookfield.org/sunday-school

**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.

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>

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

7	Joe & Pat Fecarotta
10	Gene & Maimo Passarella
18	Carl & Carolyn Palmer
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.

NEW DISCIPLES

On May 2nd we welcomed the following families:

Alicia, Aubree & Jackson Beal-Goncalves
Kim, Olivia & Leo Gerardi
Ginny, Kiera & Reed McCaffery
Brian and Eileen Muller

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Friday Night Live will be held at the home of Laura & Bill Duffy on Friday June 24th at 6:00 p.m.

17 Pilgrim Lane - Sandy Hook, CT

All are welcome. Please bring lawn chairs. If interested please sign up on the poster board in the narthex.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

BAPTISM

On Sunday, May 22 we welcomed Blakely Rose Luning into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Blakely Rose is the daughter of Connor and Chelsea Luning. Daniel and Nicole Luning were her baptismal sponsors. Monica Walsh served as the congregational representative. Welcome to the family Blakely!

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet on June 3rd from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you need more information, please contact Monica Walsh at mwalsh21@sbcglobal.net.



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 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.

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 your 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 June 5, 12, 19 & 26

10:00 a.m. in person inside worship

10:00 a.m. Zoom service

For more information and a secure invite, please contact Pastor Lutz.

Contact Us

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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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