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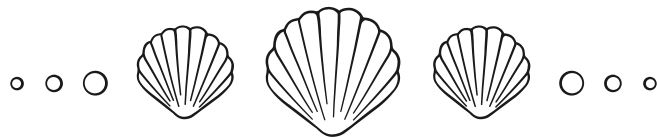
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Summer friends, may God's deep peace be yours in the peak of the season. Know that you are chosen and affirmed - that you are beloved. In all your activities take with you the prayer:

O God, full of compassion, we commit and commend ourselves to you, in whom we live and move and have our being. Be the goal of our pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Give us refuge from the turmoil of worldly distractions beneath the shadow of your wings. Let our hearts, so often a sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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!

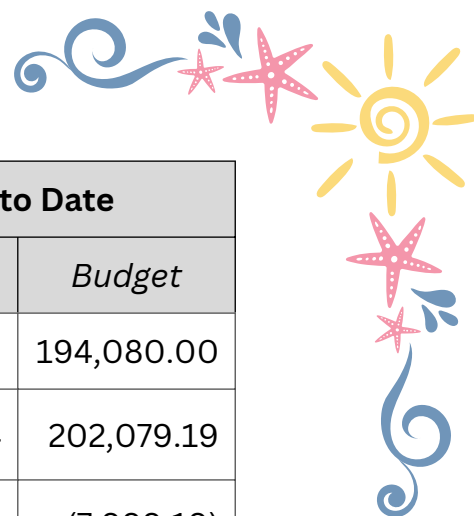
Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Reflection

- Jesus recognizes his own need for rest. How do you know when you need to rest? What helps you to recuperate? To rest in God's care?
- The life and teaching of Jesus is a feast that always generates leftovers. What is it about Jesus' life and teaching that's given you more food for thought than you expected?

Financial Summary



	June, 2026		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	19,875.77	43,932.00	195,321.45	194,080.00
Income	33,084.47	33,915.05	186,000.24	202,079.19
Income	(13,208.70)	10,016.95	9,321.21	(7,999.19)

Financial Narrative for June 2026

- Although the contributions in June were down from budget by about \$24,055, the church continues to have a strong financial position halfway through the year. The year-to-date revenue is essentially on budget, while expenses are significantly under budget, resulting in a surplus of approximately \$9,321.

Overall:

- Giving: On target.
- Expenses: Well controlled.
- Cash position: Healthy.



Church Attendance



	In Person	Online	Total
7/5/26	40	3	43
7/12/26	60	3	63
7/19/26	55	8	63
7/26/26	61	3	64

GOOD TIDINGS!...FROM PASTOR MICHAEL ANDERSON

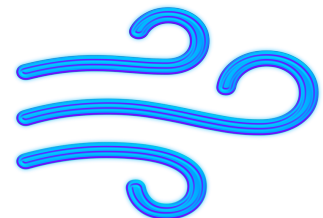
Pastors cannot escape immersion in the steady flow of the church year. Supporting the marquee festivals we're all familiar with - Christmas and the Epiphany of our Lord; Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week; the Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of our Lord; the Sundays of Easter; the Ascension of our Lord and the Day of Pentecost; and the Holy Trinity - are the family stories of our faith. Over time these stories can really do a number on a person. And what catches me by surprise each year is how I feel and what I perceive happening in me after the Day of Pentecost.

The stories of Pentecost found in John 21:19-30 and Acts 2:1-21 shift my attention to the world around me, full of wonder about the saturating, incarnating presence of God in everyone and how creation itself testifies to its Creator. The stories of Pentecost eject me, affirmed and filled with the Holy Spirit, into life. "Get out there, Michael," the stories say to me, "and live." I think about this nearly every month as we piece together another church newsletter. About how its entire contents is a little witness to our collective response to the stirring and nudging of the Spirit to "get out there and live."

August is not a season of the church year, but it is a time when church members and volunteers take a giant inhale of breath while sinking into deep preparation and looking toward all that's coming between now and the First Sunday of Advent. We are preparing a conversation about winter's Parish Life survey results (8/2) - anyone interested is invited to attend whether they took the survey or not; for faith formation; for outdoor worship (8/23); for God's Work Our Hands Sunday; for worship assistant refreshers; for season-end Scoop and Stroll gatherings; for Evening Prayer; for a Church Council retreat; for a year of supporting Prince of Peace Preschool; and so much more.

God bless you all richly in your faithful living embodying the grace, mercy, forgiveness, healing, love, and peace that shape you.

In Christ,
Pastor Michael Anderson



MASS ON THE GRASS



Join us for an outdoor service on the great lawn. Immediately following the service, we will enjoy a catered luncheon.

DATE AUGUST 23RD
SERVICE 10:00AM
LUNCHEON 11:15AM

RSVP is needed for the luncheon to plan accordingly. RSVP by August 16th using the QR code or sign-up in the narthex.



MUSINGS FROM THE BENCH



Your Voice, Your Song!

Do you have a favorite Hymn?

I'm sure all of us have at least one hymn or song that we enjoy and so with that question, it is your turn ... your voice, your song. The worship and music committee are requesting that you consider submitting your favorite hymn or song once again this summer!

Request forms are available in the Narthex. All you need to do is fill it out and place it in the receptacle that can be found in the back of the Narthex. You may submit more than one as we will collect all submissions and use those hymns and/or songs as appropriate in the planning during the summer months.

Hymns and songs are not limited to the ELW or ACS worship book. If you know one that is not in there, submit it as well and we will do our best to find it and we'll present something new. As we go through the summer, we will also be publishing the hymns for each Sunday during the weekly update, so you'll know when yours is up!

Brian Muller
Music Ministry Director

SHARING GOD'S ABUNDANCE

Share your gardening photos!

Our entranceway bulletin board will soon highlight our members caring for God's Earth. Please bring in your photos of you and your garden or email them to communications@princeofpeacebrookfield.org

Share your harvest

Bring in your extra fresh fruits and veggies to share with members! There's a basket shelf at the coffee table.

Everyone is welcome to take as they wish.





JULY EVENING PRAYER AUGUST 19 & 26 6:30PM

Demands on our attention are endless. But whether the demands are due to life responsibilities, a night out with friends, a get together with family, or another hour scrolling social media we can still feel strained. God has a word for you in your joy and in your need.

We will rest in silence, give our attention to the one who always attends to us, listen with our hearts for God's voice, and share with God what is on our hearts and minds.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Sunday bible study in August.



WELCA ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

There will be a WELCA Zoom Bible Study on **August 18** at 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Pastor Michael for study materials and the Zoom link.



ANNOUNCEMENT

We are looking for those who are interested in joining the Church Courtyard Working Group.

We have just begun to discuss the needed improvements in the courtyard. Please reach out if you want to contribute to brainstorming new possibilities for our courtyard space.

How do you join?

Sign up in the narthex, and we will create a group email to find a meeting time that works for all.





GIVE ONE, TAKE ONE PRAYER ACTIVITY

Write a prayer request for yourself or someone you care about on an index card and place it on the bulletin board by the Green Room. Then take a different card, pray for that person, and continue to keep them in your prayers throughout the week.

Give a Prayer

Take an index card from the holder.

Write your prayer request on one side of the card. Place the card on the bulletin board with your prayer facing the back and "Please pray for..." facing outward.

Take a Prayer

Choose an index card from the bulletin board that has "please pray for..." facing outward. A prayer request will be on the other side of the index card.

Spend a few moments praying for the person whose card you received.

Throughout the week, continue to remember that person and their needs in your prayers.

"

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2



Dear Parents and Families,

We are excited to announce the beginning of a new Confirmation class at Prince of Peace! We invite all students entering 7th grade and older, along with their parents, to join us for an informational meeting to learn more about this meaningful faith formation opportunity.

To help us choose a meeting time that works for as many families as possible, please complete the [Google Form](#) linked below. You may select all of the dates and times that you would be available to attend. We will do our best to schedule the meeting at the time that is most convenient for the greatest number of families.

Confirmation is a time for youth to explore their faith, ask questions, build relationships, and grow in their understanding of God's love and their place in the life of the church. Throughout the program, students will learn about Scripture, Lutheran beliefs and traditions, worship, service, and what it means to live out their faith each day.

The informational meeting is for both parents and students and will provide an overview of:

- The Confirmation program and curriculum
- Meeting dates and expectations
- Service and fellowship opportunities
- Important dates for the year
- Time for questions and discussion

Please complete the Google Form by Sunday **August 16th**. Once responses have been received, we will announce the meeting date and time.

We look forward to beginning this faith journey with your family and welcoming a new Confirmation class!

[GOOGLE FORM](#)

PARISH LIFE



Please join us on Sunday, August 2nd, immediately following worship during Coffee Hour, for a congregational conversation about the results of the Parish Life Survey conducted this past February.

Whether you completed the survey or not, we invite you to come, listen, ask questions, and share in the conversation as we reflect on what we learned and consider how God is calling us forward as a congregation. Your voice matters, and we hope you'll be part of this important discussion.

For those unable to attend in person, Zoom will be available. Child care will also be provided so that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate our strengths, explore opportunities for growth, and continue to build a welcoming and vibrant Prince of Peace community together.

[Click here to download the results](#)

CHRISMONS WORKSHOP

Monday August 17, 6 pm

Join with fellow church members to make some new Chrismons to add to the beautiful collection for our church tree.

No Experience Necessary

Contact Karen Frank
with any questions
karendfrank63@gmail.com
(959) 209-2123



CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The next quarterly meeting for the PoP Cemetery Committee will be held on **September 17th at 6:00 p.m.** at the church.

Steve Davies
Committee Chairman

Friday Night Live

Friday, August 14 6:00 p.m.

**At the home of
Nan & Ken Carlson**

**2 Cedar Drive
Danbury, CT**

A little about Friday Night Live....

FNL is an evening consisting of adult couples and individuals, with good food and fellowship. We usually meeting the 2nd or 3rd Friday evening of the month.

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 entree to serve eight and either an appetizer, a side dish or a dessert.

Individuals bring one item.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening!

Get In Touch

Please sign up at the church or e-mail Nan at nancsew@gmail.com if you would like to attend and what you will bring.



POP BOOK CLUB

The PoP Book Club will meet on August 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the church office reception area. We will discuss *Culpability* by Bruce Holister. *Culpability* is a suspenseful family drama exploring moral responsibility in the age of AI, centered on a family involved in a fatal accident with their self driving car.

On September 29, we chose *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. If you use the library, please request a hold for the book now. We have one copy available to share, please contact anitastolle@gmail.com for the copy.

Theo arrives in the Southern town Golden, Georgia and begins a mission to buy portraits of the towns people from a local coffee shop and gift them back to the subjects asking only for their stories in return.

Anita Stolle, Laura Duffy, Nancy Tolmoff

MEET A MEMBER

HEIDI ADAM

How long have you been a member? 15 years

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



What brings you joy?

Hiking with my dogs and playing board games with my family.

What's a fun fact that others don't know about you?

I enjoy reading true crime novels by Patricia Cornwell.



AUGUST 29
10:00 A.M.
CAMP CALUMET
1090 OSSIPEE LAKE ROAD,
FREEDOM, NH, 03836

Prepare to challenge yourself at the all-new Camp Calumet Obstacle & Trail Challenge. From Jackman Ridge to the Outdoor Chapel to the shores of Ossipee Lake, you'll experience the full sweep of Calumet's property on a 5K course packed with adventure. Along the way, you'll take on a dozen obstacles designed to test your strength, endurance, and grit – all while supporting Calumet's year-round programs.

This year, we're offering two races on the same course – a walking option and a running race – so everyone can participate at their own pace. Whether you're racing for a personal best or walking to soak in the views, you'll tackle the same exciting obstacles and share in the same incredible finish line moment.

Climb the hay bale mountain, army crawl through canoe racks, and power through the Toboggan Run log carry – just a few of the challenges waiting for you.

Why are we doing this?

To come together as a community and help raise funds for Calumet's Annual Fund to support the many important programs they provide each year. No child should ever miss out on experiencing camp because of the cost. Your participation helps ensure we have the funds needed to make camp a reality for families and kids across the region.

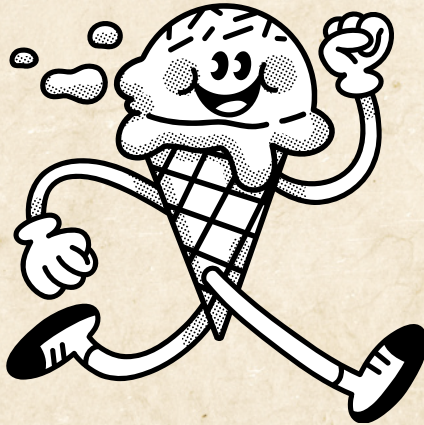
If you would like more information or to register to participate in this event, please go to <https://forms.gle/ZZe7PXMdCUykJ7Ze7>

If you would like to volunteer to help out at this event please go to:
<https://myevent.com/calumetchallenge>
They are looking for volunteers on 8/28 & 8/29.

Push yourself. Have fun. Raise money. Make a difference.

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

AUGUST 20TH

DR. MIKES ICE CREAM SHOP BETHEL @ 6:30PM

POP INTO LADIES NIGHT

JOIN THE LADIES OF POP
Monday, August 10th @ 7pm at
Michael's Tap Room in Bethel

*FOOD * FELLOWSHIP * FUN*

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





COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY

For Information/Discussion:

- The Finance Committee met and determined the need for a fireproof safe/safes to secure church registries, finances and cemetery documents. The committee will research and look into appropriate needs and options.
- Council Installation is scheduled during the service on Sunday, August 30. A group picture will be taken, and council will serve as ushers, communion assistants, coffee hour hosts etc.
- Council Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 9am to 3pm at the Community Room of the Brookfield Library. In preparation, council members are asked to read "Subversive Sabbath" by A.J. Swoboda.

Votes:

- A motion was made by Karen with a second by Jim to spend up to \$1000 catering and supplies for the "Outside Sunday Service" scheduled for Sunday, August 23, 2026. Council unanimously agreed to approve.
- A motion was made by Kim with a second by Jim to accept the following Executive Committee for the 2026-2027 term: The motion passed unanimously.

President: Heather Pontonio

Vice President: Monica Walsh

Vice President: Chris Buzzell

Secretary: Debbie Nobes

Committee Reports:

- A "Courtyard Working Group" along with the Caring Committee is beginning to research options for refurbishing the courtyard.

Upcoming Meetings:

Executive – August 11, 2026 – 6pm via zoom Council – August 18, 2026 – 6:30pm in person



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.

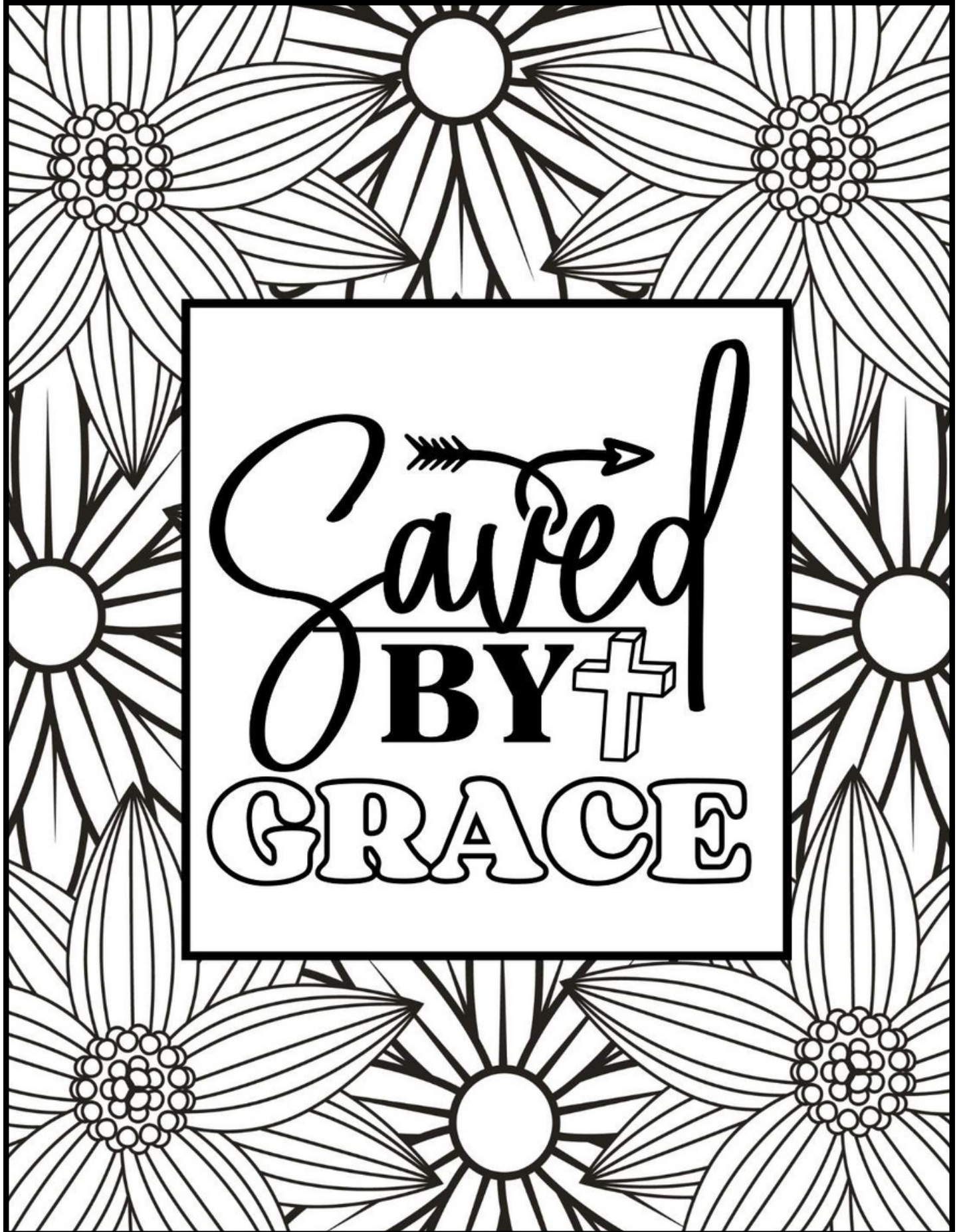
- Consider donations of low sugar and salt content.
- Consider nonperishables with current expiration dates in non breakable containers.
- Cereals, tea, coffee, baby food, condiments like ketchup, mustard, hot sauce.
- Baking supplies like flour, sugar, cake mixes.
- Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry 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





NOTES OF THANKS

June 22, 2026

Dear Women of the ELCA and Friends at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world"*

Margaret Mead

The amazing Brookfield community lives by these words. We could not provide services in our town without the support of neighbors like you.

Thank you so very much for your most generous contribution of \$400.00 to the Brookfield Food Pantry on April 30, 2026.

The need is growing! Many can see that the pantry line has become much longer. We served eighty clients last week - about three times longer than just a few years ago. The requests for help are more frequent and there is no tiptoeing around the economic situation for the vulnerable residents at this time. Your support has given us the ability to maintain our purchasing power for our 400 plus Brookfield residents currently using the pantry.

Benevolence, such as yours, proves what we at Brookfield Human Services firmly believe - together we can make a difference in peoples lives.

Gratefully,
Amy Diezemann
Director, Brookfield Human Services

Dear PoP members,

Thank you so much! We received your recent gifts and can't emphasize enough how much your ongoing support means to the thousands of struggling households we serve throughout the year. Making ends meet has become even more difficult in today's economy. Your generosity keeps healthy food on our shoppers' tables.

Here's the latest: We are kicking off a new local purchase program thanks to a grant from the state of Connecticut; fresh fruits and vegetables from nearby growers will soon be coming our way. And culturally appropriate food items like plantains and chayotes are now part of our bulk, fresh food purchases; our goal, to meet the food preferences of all our guests. Personal care products - toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and more - are joining our everyday lineup too. Your partnership strengthens us as we work to better address the needs of our community.

Many thanks again.
Debbie Landzburg
Danbury Food Pantry

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 3	Karen Erhartic
August 5	Brooke Lacey
August 7	Robert Buzzell, Sheryl Wagner
August 8	Matthew Hallock
August 11	Marc Lavery
August 12	Beth Ann Fegley
August 13	Meg McLoone, Rich Mercado
August 14	Jackson Werner
August 18	Rebecca Pokorski
August 19	Nan Carlson, Glenn Christy
August 20	Wallie Ladue
August 26	Olivia Gerardi, Louise Kleppin
August 27	Melinda Schoeder, Sheryl Wagner
August 30	Eric Reich
August 31	William Hubric, Jr.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 7	Debbie & Alan Nobes
August 12	Renata & Chuck Maass
August 15	Tina & Phil Giubileo
August 18	Cathie & John Fegley
August 19	Heather & Joe Pontonio
August 21	Connie & Bill Strait

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

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, 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
not pictured: Chris Ostergard

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Parish Life Survey Results Conversation	3 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	4 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	5	6 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	7 10:00 a.m. Women's AA	8
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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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