

**In-person services have resumed. Join us on
Sunday, August 2nd at 8:00am & 10:15am or Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00pm.
Anyone entering the building must wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.**

**In addition, we will continue to live stream the 10:15am service
for those individuals who have reservations about returning.
You can view the 10:15am service through our Facebook GROUP page,
which can be found on our Facebook PAGE**

COVID-19 Precautions at Prince of Peace

**Being mindful of the health and well-being of our congregation, children and staff,
all events, projects and meetings have either been cancelled or postponed.
Please keep checking back for further details or call the office if you have any questions.
Please follow all rules set down by the CDC.**

As We Gather: Jesus used the disciples' five loaves of bread and two fish to feed 5,000 families. This was enough for all, with twelve baskets of fragments left over! His followers had assumed that this would not be enough; they had not realized what He could do if they only turned their resources over to Him. The "free meal" is a tangible reminder of the free gift of eternal life that comes through Word and Sacrament each time we worship. Paul laments that many of his fellow Jews do not know about the blessings God offers through Christ. Each time we come to the Lord's Supper, we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. There is enough here for many more to join us in thanksgiving for blessings tangible and eternal.

Birthdays being celebrated this week: 8/3 Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn; 8/4 Kaitlin Recevuto; 8/7 Cindy Stoop; 8/8 Terry Bryant.

Baptized at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday August 2nd, Aubrey Claire Lujan, daughter of Dustin and Margaret Lujan. Aubrey's sponsors are Afton Lujan and Dustin Mellen. We ask for God's continued blessings on Aubrey and her family.

Goodbye to Ken and Ellen Ken and Ellen French will be moving to Delaware in August. We will truly miss them, but wish them all the best in their new home. Please join us at church on Sunday, August 9th, after the 10:15am service, where we will have an outdoor gathering to have a "socially distant" send off for them. There will be desserts served by one person only. If you like, bring a chair and we can have "socially distant fellowship" If that is too much for you, you are welcome to drive by and wave! Whatever your comfort level, please come by to wish them well.

A call for help Our church campus is in need of constant TLC. If you have some time to spare it would be greatly appreciated - you can come by the church any time you want. There are many chores that need to be done around the grounds like raking, sweeping, weeding, picking up leaves, branches and garbage, just to name a few. All yard debris can be brought behind the playground and placed in the mulch pile. Thank you in advance! If you have any questions please call Tommy Campagna at 732 840 3052.

Give Plus Please note that there is another way to donate to Prince of Peace. Most of you know that you can sign up to have VANCO take money automatically from your checking account. You can decide if you want to make your donation monthly, weekly or any way that is convenient for you. In addition, VANCO also has an app called "*Give Plus*". You download the app, create a password and then create a pin to make logging on easier. Then you search for a nearby church and Prince of Peace will be listed. Just choose the one that has our 434 Aldrich Road, Howell address. It will also ask for your bank information, for the transfer of funds. You then choose if it is a one-time payment or if you want recurring payments. Again, they give you the same choices such as weekly, monthly, biweekly, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Prince of Peace!

Our new Adult Bible Study Class will begin this Sunday, August 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Are you interested in learning about the Bible...book, chapter and verse? We are offering such a class taught by Deacon Tarek Abdul-Malak. This one hour class will be held on Sunday mornings between services from 9:00am-10:00am. Hope to see you there!

Backpack Collection Our food pantry, The Helping Hand, will be collecting backpacks, school supplies and kid friendly snack items for those in need in our community. If you would like to contribute, you may place items in the collection bin outside the back doors of the church sanctuary or drop off during service times. If you are in need or know of someone in need, please direct message our Facebook page or email the church office (popchurch@optonline.net.) We will collect items until August 20th. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Life Quotes for The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 2, 2020 "If God does not remember your forgiven sin, then why should you? Paul knew that when a penitent person confesses [his or her] guilt to God and seeks pardon through the merit of Christ the Savior, God forgives the sinner completely, absolutely, and without reservation." *Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Wawa Pick-up As a supplement to our Helping Hands Food Pantry, church volunteers pick up breakfast sandwiches from the Manasquan Wawa every Friday morning. Currently there are four volunteers, so each person generally only picks up once a month. One of our volunteers, Ken French, will be moving to DE over the summer reducing the number of volunteers to three. We are looking for one or two people to volunteer starting in August. Remember, many hands make light work! The process involves driving to the Manasquan Wawa location to pick up the sandwiches, then dropping some off to Hope Lutheran Church in Freehold with the remainder coming back to our Food Pantry. It takes about two hours each trip. Please call the church office if you can assist us. Thank you in advance!

Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic Here is a list of our **MUCH NEEDED** items this week: Jelly, peanut butter, canned proteins (tuna, chicken, spam, beef), canned pasta, jar pasta sauce, facial tissues, napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue, cereal, hearty soups, canned potatoes, personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, etc.) and water (gallons and bottles.) Sugar-free items are frequently requested by our diabetic clients. *You can drop your donations outside near the back doors of the church.*

VANCO Simply Giving Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Thrivent Federal Credit Union endorses Simply Giving®. Your offerings are transferred electronically to the church's account through VANCO Financial Services. During this time of quarantine, this service is particularly helpful. If you would like an authorization form, please call the church office and we will mail one to you.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Elders Meeting is Sunday, August 2nd at 11:30am.

Board of Directors Meeting Sunday August 16th at 11:30 a.m.

Circuit Meeting Thursday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the Church and Parish Hall

Generosity Thought for Sunday, August 2, 2020 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost **Matt. 14:17-18 – "They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'"** When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that's exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

The church office manager is following the government's "stay at home" order and will be working from home until further notice. We will continue to monitor calls, emails, and post office mail on a daily basis. Pastor Fosse will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; please use Pastor's cell number (908) 670-3540 to contact him on these two days.

Rally Day Picnic - it is unfortunate, but due to gathering restrictions, we will have to postpone our Rally Day Picnic until it is safe for us to gather again. Hopefully that will be soon!

Next Sunday's Readings August 9, 2020, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Job 38:4-18 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the world? Romans 10:5-17 Paul is discussing how we may attain the righteousness that leads to salvation. Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water as He comes to calm the fears of His disciples.

Looking ahead to next year....the new date for the next Comedy Show/Dinner and Gift Auction has been set for Saturday, May 1, 2021. See you there!

Would you like to be a subscriber to the Lutheran Witness magazine? Each subscription is \$11.25 per year. The Lutheran Witness is the go-to magazine for interpreting the contemporary world from a Lutheran perspective. Learn to think and speak like a Lutheran on topics like faith, culture, family and everything in between. Interested? Just call the church office at 732-363-0732 before September 1st to let us know you would like a subscription.

Venmo As we venture into this challenging time, we wanted to make it easier to support Prince of Peace for your weekly donations. We have set up a Venmo account for your convenience. It is an app on your smart phone or you can set up an account online at venmo.com. It is free to use. You will have to connect it with your bank or credit card. The church's name on Venmo is "PrinceofPeace-LutheranChurch". Once you have found the church, you can link or connect with Prince of Peace. **If it asks for a code, put in the code "3540"**. To be properly credited, please add your church envelope number in the "comments." This will allow you to make a donation directly to Prince of Peace. If you want your contributions kept confidential on the Venmo site, please mark your donation "private."

Congratulations to our "Virtual Graduates!" COVID-19 may have canceled any formal graduation ceremonies, but you can still make your graduate feel special with a shout out in our church newsletter. Let them know how proud you are of their accomplishments during this difficult time of lockdown. Please email any information you would like published to popchurch@optonline.net and we will gladly publish it in our upcoming July newsletter. Deadline for submission is Friday June 26th.

NJ Friends and Family Census Outreach Project This is a very basic idea and built on the notion of a phone tree. And it's easily done from the comfort of your home. How does it work? Ask at least five (5) friends, neighbors or family members to fill out their 2020 Census form. And then ask those who agree to call 5 of their friends and family members. And so on, and so on. Why complete it? The census helps shape many different aspects of your community. Everyone is counted. The 2020 Census form is secure, quick, and easy. Complete the census today!

THOSE WHO SERVE

In-person worship services have resumed

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, August 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Service, August 2nd at 10:15 a.m.

Live stream: Madison Maresca

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

The 10:15am service will also be live streamed through our Facebook GROUP page, which can be found on our Facebook PAGE

Wednesday Evening Service, August 5th at 7:00 p.m.

WITH ALL OF OUR IN-PERSON EVENTS EITHER RESCHEDULED OR CANCELLED, THERE IS NO SCHEDULE FOR THIS COMING WEEK.