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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK – August 2017



Dear members of Prince of Peace

One of the magazines that I subscribe to is Lutheran Forum. This past month in the newsletter I read an article “On Preaching the Gospel” part of which I want to share with you. The article was written by Pr. Joe Hauser.

“In my view, the function of the preacher is to proclaim the gospel in the most clear and relevant way he/she is able. St Paul says “Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.” This statement needs to be the basic conviction and underlying goal of every preacher who dares to occupy the pulpit.

The word “gospel” can be used in a lot of different ways. As I understand it, the gospel is the bold and incredible message that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has entered human history in order to mend the separation between him and the people he has created. It is the message that through Jesus Christ God has assured us of his unconditional love and his tender mercy. It is the message that God through Christ has embraced us with his grace – free and unearned. It is the message that God through Christ invites us to come into his presence, knowing that he is our Father and that we are his children.

That is the gospel. And it is this gospel through which the Spirit transforms our lives and creates a new people who by the same Spirit experience a new way of living – a way of living that is characterized by reaching out to whomever is in need with a healing and selfless love.”

I couldn't have said it better myself. It is what I try proclaim each time I enter the sanctuary and also when I reach out to people in the community. I am not always successful but my goal is clear.

If you would like to read more articles like the one I quoted above you can contact Donna at ALPB (607) 746-7511 or write to ALPB P.O. Box 327 Delhi, New York 13753. This being 2017 you can also order online at <https://alpb.org/purchase-forum-package>.

Yours truly

Kenneth Fosse

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday September 10, 2017

Parents and children please join us in the Parish Hall at 9:00am for what is sure to be a wonderful first day of Sunday school at Prince of Peace.

NEW CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND A BLESSING!

New registrations will be required for all new and returning students.

Classes are available for the following age groups:

PreK - K (3, 4, 5 year olds), 1st & 2nd graders, 3rd & 4th graders and 5th & 6th graders

Confirmation classes are available for 7th & 8th graders

Registration forms will be available soon! Keep checking back at the church!

Blessings from the Sunday School Staff

From our Treasurer, Brandon Chornobroff



It has been my pleasure to serve the church as Treasurer for over 3 years now. I accepted the position as treasurer when we were without a Pastor that was dedicated to Prince of Peace. We had many guest Pastors that came and went and, as the treasurer, keeping up with the mileage was not a fun task as we could have had 3 different pastors on a given week. I was always grateful for Maria's calendar and when Ken would remind me of who was preaching and when. Thankfully the Lord has now blessed us with Pastor Fosse and those days are behind us and we can start working towards the business of rebuilding OUR church.

The most fascinating thing to me when I became treasurer is the realization that a church is truly a business. I always looked at the church with rose colored glasses; that my contribution whether monetary, emotional, or time was meaningless to the overall well-being of the church and congregation as a whole. At some point, I realized that to look at a church different than any other non-profit business is wrong. We have a lot of expenses and for those of you who attend the annual budget meetings; you know those expenses are many. When a business has expenses that means there are vendors and when those vendors don't get their money on time they get angry. (Yes – I have made mistakes with bills). They do not care if the check is coming from a small church. They want to get paid from our church just the same as if they were selling services to Microsoft or Apple.

Some of you know my story and my ignorance to the ways and needs of the church. I was shocked to learn that outside of a Pastor - We have payroll checks that need to be cut. I honestly always thought the church ran on volunteers but we have hard working people that give time to our church and they depend on their checks to support their families.

To meet the demands of expenses and payroll a business needs customers. Customers are people who pay a business for a good or service. We are the customers of the church and we pay through our donations and gifts. There is more we can do to help meet the church's needs. Prince of Peace has many fundraisers that help to supplement the day to day needs of the church. One fundraiser that will be coming back shortly is Shop Rite Gift Cards. This will put 5% of every dollar spent at Shop Rite back to Prince of Peace. The other one that I personally love is Amazon Smile. If you ever shop at Amazon, you can help support Prince of Peace just through your everyday shopping at Amazon. If you login through smile.amazon.com and list Prince of Peace as your donation preference; a percentage of your orders will come back to Prince of Peace. I personally do it, and have seen the funds in the bank from Amazon so it does work. The well-being of the church is controlled by us, the members. These little extras which are a part of our everyday lives will help us get back to where we need to go financially.

Thank you,
Brandon

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NJ District Youth Mystery Bus Tour

When
 Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 2:00 PM EDT
 -to-
 Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM EDT
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 1640 Amwell Road
 Somerset, NJ 08873



[Driving Directions](#)

For more information, please contact our church Youth Group Coordinator, Danielle Romano, at mytutoring-nanny@gmail.com.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Join the NJ District Youth for a journey into the unknown! Board the Mystery Bus and get ready for an amazing ride to... well, you'll have to be there to find out!



This overnight will include many exciting stops, with our final stop being somewhere at the Shore.

Be sure to follow the NJ District Youth on [Instagram](#) & [Twitter](#) for hints and promos related to the Mystery Bus Tour!

(Please note: there are funds available through Prince of Peace to help with the cost of the trip.)

This event is designed for youth participants between the ages of 14 to 18. To register for the Mystery Bus Tour, youth participants must meet ONE of the two following eligibility requirements: Must be 14 years old at the time of the Mystery Bus Tour -OR- Entering his or her ninth grade year in the Fall of 2017.

Thanks for your attention and response! We look forward to seeing your youth at the Mystery Bus Tour!

SAVE THE DATE!



Prince of Peace Annual Picnic
Sunday, September 10th, 11:30am
 (Service times return to 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.)



Sign-up sheets will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN MANY CAPACITIES:
 Set-up (Saturday evening and Sunday morning), games for children and adults and clean-up
 Contact the church office ASAP and let us know if you can help. if you can help to make your church picnic a success.

Important Dates to Remember

- Sunday School Rally Day and Church Picnic Sunday September 10, 2017
 - 500th Anniversary of the Reformation October 31st

The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to know Christ and inspire people to be caring instruments of God in spreading Christ's love, with joyous enthusiasm, by word and deed.

Sunday School Corner

Vacation Bible School Wrap-up

The true joy on the faces of the students at this year's Vacation Bible School make every minute and task worth it to our amazing TEAM of volunteers. The Adults guided these teens over the years, and now they truly lead, excite and support these children to have an incredible time for a week that flies by.



I sincerely hope that everyone takes the time to watch the slide show that is located on our Facebook page to see how this year's Mighty Fortress VBS brought God's love to the children this summer. I look forward to formally thanking each person in person and in next month's Newsletter. -Dani Romano



Confirmation Meeting

On Sunday August 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. we will be holding a required meeting for Confirmation students and their parents. The meeting will be run by Danielle Romano, Director of Education; Pastor Fosse and Bonnie Bishchoff (our 2 Confirmation instructors) will also be in attendance. This meeting will be an information session to discuss what is expected of our students in the coming year; Confirmation contracts will be signed at this time as well. Please direct all questions to Danielle Romano at 908-692-4686.

Stewardship Newsletter Article for August 2017

(Reprinted from the LCMS website)

Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten, and more by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. And so, it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives—our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question—How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others—to asking the question—what have they done for me lately. We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we have more because when we give we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus we are reflecting the divine nature. As Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

TREE OF FAITH

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace:

This year, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will be introducing a **TREE OF FAITH** as an ongoing fundraising campaign. This beautifully crafted mahogany tree trunk and 102 brass leaves will be mounted on the narthex wall. You will have the opportunity to personalize a leaf, a dove or a stone.

The **TREE OF FAITH** is a wonderful way to acknowledge milestones, memorialize loved ones, celebrate birthdays or anniversaries, or to mark those memorable occasions in the lives of you and your loved ones. Your donation will not only help to support the ministry at Prince of Peace, it will insure you will be a permanent part of church history.

Donors may purchase the following:

- Leaves are 3¼" x 1½" -- \$250
- Doves have a 6" wingspan -- \$350
- Stones on a brass plate measure 4½" x 2½" -- \$450
- The base is available for personalization for \$3,000

Order forms are available from the office if you wish to donate at this time. For the convenience of our members, we are also offering an installment plan where you can pay over a period of up to one year.

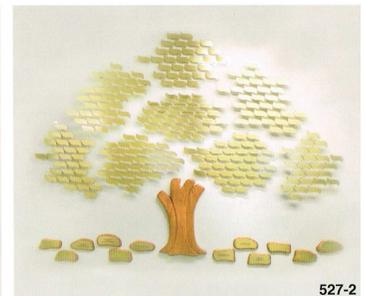
We would like to invite you to the official unveiling and dedication of the Tree of Faith on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. After the dedication please join us at our Annual Church Picnic. As always family, friends, and neighbors are welcome to attend!

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact MaryAnn Campagna at 732-905-0052.

God's Blessings to you and your family,
The Tree of Faith Committee

Our **TREE OF FAITH**
will be a combination of these two pictures.

Our tree will have:
a mahogany trunk
all brass leaves (in 3 groupings)
doves and stones



Laughter the Best Medicine

(Submitted by Pastor Kenneth Fosse)

Things you'll never hear in church:

- Hey! It's MY turn to sit on the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.
- Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
- I've decided to give our church the \$500.00 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.
- I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
- Forget the denominational minimum salary: let's pay our pastor so s/he can live like we do.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
- Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!
- Pastor, this winter we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!

Overhead on Noah's Ark

1. "Did anyone think about bringing a couple of umbrellas?"
2. "Hey, there are more than two flies in here!"
3. "Wasn't someone supposed to bring some shovels?"
4. "Okay, who's the wise guy who let the mosquitoes on board?"
5. "Don't make me pull this ark over and come back there!"
6. "Steak for dinner? We didn't bring any steak with us. Uh.Oh."
7. "Are we there yet?"

A Minister's Message

A minister in Florida lamented that it was difficult to get his message across to his congregation: "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them." "And it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them."

Family News

A memorial service, led by Pastor Fosse, was held for Jo-Ann Menschner Crick, daughter of charter member John Menschner Sr., on Saturday July 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. We pray that the love of God enfolds the Menschner family at this difficult time and that He helps them heal with the passage of time.

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Anthony and Carol Steinbronn on the birth of their grandson Jack Anthony Steinbronn, born on Wed. 7/12 at 8lbs. 14 oz. 21 inches long. Many blessings on their growing family.

Summer Planning

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer. While at home during the summer, please include Prince of Peace in your plans. An hour or two of help in areas such as Vacation Bible School, grounds maintenance, etc. is always appreciated.

Please also keep in mind that our utility bills and salaries remain constant, even when church attendance is lower. Therefore, if your summer plans cause you to miss a number of Sundays at Prince of Peace, we would very much appreciate your keeping up with your offerings, if possible. Everything we have comes from God, so let's remember to include him in our summer plans. Have a blessed summer!

Radio City Music Hall

Christmas Show

We are trying to arrange a group trip to see the Radio City Christmas Show in NYC, if at least 40 people are interested, we would be able to book the trip. The date is Wednesday, December 27th at 2:00 PM. Cost is approximately \$125.00; no food is included. The cost covers the bus transportation and the show.

If you are interested in this trip, please contact either Ken French at kenhfrench@gmail.com or the church office.

Grow 
in Christ

PROPERS PREVIEWS

A look at the readings to help you prepare for worship

August 6, 2017

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5 Let everyone who hungers and thirsts be satisfied in the food and drink the Lord provides.

Romans 9:1-5 Paul speaks of his kinship to the Jews and how their genealogy is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus feeds the 5,000 with the miracle of loaves and fishes and all were satisfied.

August 13, 2017

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.

August 20, 2017

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 The Lord will even gather the strangers into His house of praise.

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 God desires to have mercy on all people.

Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus marvels at the faith of a woman who comes seeking mercy for her daughter.

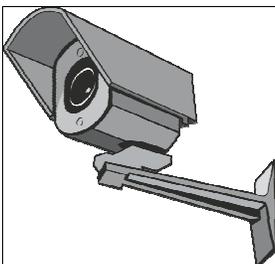
August 27, 2017

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 Isaiah reminds Israel that God's actions in the past are the basis for hope in the present.

Romans 11:33-12:8 God's wisdom and knowledge are beyond our comprehension.

Matthew 16:13-20 Jesus asks and Peter answers: You are the Lord!



**DO YOU HAVE A
SECURITY CAMERA
TO DONATE TO
THE CHURCH?
IF SO, PLEASE
CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE.**

THOSE WHO SERVE

8/6 Ken French
8/13 Brandon Chornobroff
8/20 Denise Abdul-Malak
8/27 Alexandra Hildebrand

Don Grayce will be the Elder at the 8:00 a.m. services

Lynne Berghoff will be the Lector on the first Sunday of each month.

Denise Abdul-Malak, Head Elder, 732-406-1531, schedules Assisting Ministers

ALTAR GUILD

Lisa Tess, Elba Hillis and Anne McDonnell

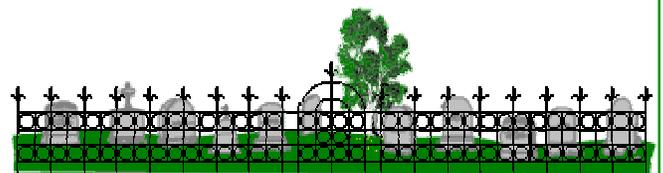
Lisa Tess, 732-905-0687, is Directress of the Altar Guild. Members serve for one month on a rotating basis.

AUGUST USHERS

Karen Pennington and Zachary Zawaski

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please place \$20 per bouquet in a Flower Fund Envelope (which can be found in the Flower Book) and place it in the offering plate. There is a maximum of three bouquets on the altar each week.



DID YOU KNOW....?

Submitted by Ken French

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has an area of consecrated ground on the side of the church, near the statue of Jesus, where loved ones who have been cremated can be interred.

AUGUST DEADLINE

If you have an article that you would like placed in the September 2017 newsletter, please email it or drop it off in the office.

The church email address is popchurch@optonline.net.

The deadline is Monday August 21, 2017.