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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday September 8th

**Our Sunday school classes resume on this day
and our Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.**

WORSHIP NOTE: we will only have one service that day at 10:15 a.m. with our picnic to follow.
Sunday school classes will begin at 9:00 a.m.

We will have our kick-off picnic planning meeting on Sunday August 4th at 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to set-up, run games, grill and clean-up the day of the event.
“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time, they have the heart!”

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!

HOWELL DAY is Saturday, Sept. 21st

Please mark your calendars and save this date!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO “MAN” OUR CHURCH BOOTH AT THIS EVENT

We will be distributing information about our church ministries.
If you love your church, volunteer for an hour or two and share your enthusiasm.
Contact Karen Pennington, Head of Evangelism, at 732-886-1646 with any questions.

**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.**

EXERCISES FOR MARRIAGE

- submitted by Pastor Fosse
- source: bestifeonline.com

Maintaining and growing a strong and intimate marriage relationship is challenging because other responsibilities can often distract you or convince you that they take priority. Before long, the marriage relationship is no longer being nurtured and may start to wither. Much like we exercise our body to keep it healthy, we need to be purposeful to exercise our connections to our spouse (physically, mentally, and emotionally) to help keep the marriage vibrant.

Here are just a few exercises for marriage:

Stretch with Three Cords

The different stages of married life can pull you in all directions. Being bound together in Christ can help withstand the back and forth tugs. When God's love and forgiveness is woven into the fabric of the marriage, the union — the bond — is not as easily broken.

Line Up Regular Date Nights

Plan events for just the two of you. See free concerts in the park. Explore a new area. Follow your favorite sports team and watch games together. Visit a winery. Join the church choir together or enroll in a dancing or cooking class.

Exercise your Manners

Say "thank you," "please," "bless you" — all of the polite manners your parents taught you for strangers are essential for those who you love.

Arrange Intimacy

Amidst the hectic schedules of work and your kids' calendars, set dates to be intimate. If you don't, something else (and there will always be something else) will fill that time. If spending time with your spouse is on your calendar, you can anticipate it which adds to the moment. In-between those times, hold hands in public like you used to do when you were dating. Kiss each other good morning, good-bye and good night. Don't forget to say and show I love you.

Jump on Surprises

Be spontaneous by bringing home flowers, buying a treat, making a card and tucking it in the tooth brush drawer, lunch bag or briefcase. Complete one of your spouse's chores without asking just to give him/her a break.

Dress up for One Another

This isn't written in Ecclesiastes, but maybe it should be: a time to dress down and a time to dress up (for one another). Why should your coworkers be the only ones who see your best-dressed self? If your spouse dresses up for you, be sure to comment how good he/she looks.

Leave Work at Work

You can talk about your days — your "Pows" and "Wows" — but then let them go and don't let the emotions of your day get unleashed on your spouse.

Laugh

Exercise your facial muscles and find moments of fun together. Tease (gently), share a joke or watch a funny movie or comedian together. Take time to reminisce on past humorous moments that still make you both smile.

AUGUST DEADLINE

If you have an article that you would like placed in the September 2019 newsletter, please email it or drop it off in the church office. The church email address is popchurch@optonline.net.

The deadline is Friday, August 23, 2019

Stewardship Newsletter Article for August 2019

(Reprinted from the LCMS website)

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

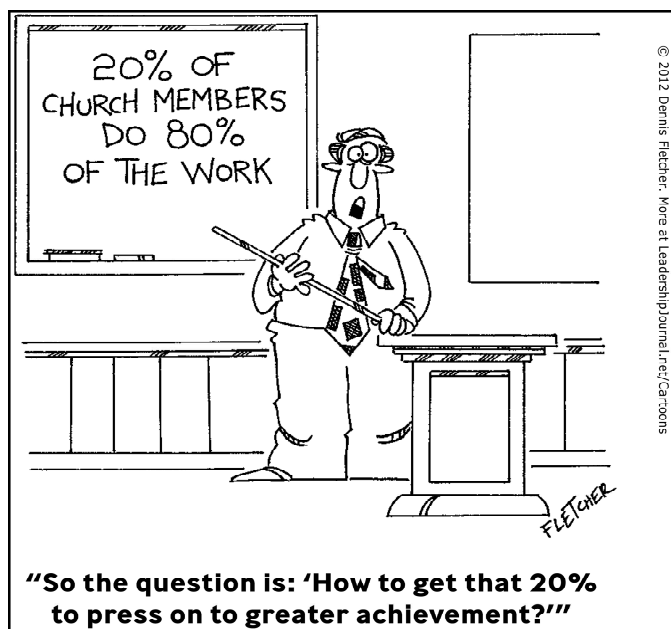
For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household." (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR DONATING THEIR TIME IN SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND TO THE COMMUNITY...

...to Danielle Romano and the entire Vacation Bible School staff for completing another successful VBS program.
...to Ken French for installing a ramp outside the storage container on the back of the property.
...to Larry Landis for repairing the ceiling light in the copy room.
...to Karen Pennington, Ken French, Ellen French and Denise Abdul-Malak for taking the time to "man" our church table at the Howell Expo Day.

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK – August 2019

Dear members of Prince of Peace

I hope that you're enjoying your summer. Even though it has been hotter than usual it's still good to get outside. I remember when I was young my brother and I were often told to turn off the TV and go outside so that we would not waste the day God had made. I know it's a losing battle but I would also recommend turning off your phone while you're out. Be present in the moment. There is plenty of time to catch up later.



Thomas Merton in "When the Trees Say Nothing" wrote: "Our mentioning the weather — our perfunctory observations on what kind of day it is, are perhaps not idle. Perhaps we have a deep and legitimate need to know in our entire being what the day is like, to see it and feel it, to know how the sky is grey, paler in the south, patches of blue in the southwest with snow on the ground, the thermometer at 18, and cold wind making your ears ache. I have a real need to know these things because I myself am part of the weather, and part of the climate and part of the place, and a day in which I have not shared truly in all this is no day at all. It is certainly part of my life of prayer."

Now Merton wrote of cold but even in the warmth there can be a feeling of being where we were meant to be. Fr. Anthony DeMello wrote:

"Traveler: 'What kind of weather are we going to have today?'

"Shepherd: 'The kind of weather I like.'

"Traveler: 'How do you know it will be the kind of weather you like?'

"Shepherd: 'Having found out, sir, I cannot always get what I like, I have learned always to like what I get. So I am quite sure we will have the kind of weather I like.' "

Of course one has to use common sense. There's a reason that people in hot climates take naps in the middle of the day. If you have a health reason to avoid the heat of the day do so. In the Old Testament when we read of the towns elders sitting in the gate one of the reasons is that there was shade there. Another was that the old men could share the news (gossip) of the day.

Still taking breakfast on the back deck or patio shouldn't be too much of a burden for most of us. Watching the birds or the blowing trees Can provide us a peace that is a real blessing.

I know that this is hard or impossible for those who have to commute to work. But on weekends it should be easily accommodated in our schedules. After breakfast you can still make it to church services. We are still having services at eight and ten-fifteen. When you come we will try to have it be an enjoyable hour or so.

May God continue to bless you this month and always.

Yours truly
Pastor Ken Fosse



PONDER THIS.....

Somebody recently posted a poll on a Facebook page dedicated to a local community, asking whether American children should be required to learn Arabic numerals. As the time of this report, 97 had voted "yes" and 245 voted "no." Someone suggested, appropriately, that all those who voted no, ought to go back to elementary school and start over.

Reprinted from The Lutheran Witness online

Happy Birthday to someone else

by Rosie Adle

“‘That is how it is, Alice,’ said Frances. ‘Your birthday is always the one that is not now.’”

Frances, a young badger, explains this hard fact of life to her imaginary friend, Alice, in Russell Hoban’s children’s book

[*A Birthday for Frances*](#). Though Frances’ mother explains that everyone has a birthday once a year, it doesn’t feel that way to

Frances when the house is bustling with preparations for her little sister’s party.

There’s just such a juvenile badger grumping about in many of us. It goes beyond simple jealousy. In resentment, we feel that the good things *always* come to others and *never* to us. Sometimes instead of a glass half-empty, we can become so unhappy that we believe we don’t even have a glass at all.

Maybe this was the problem of the infamously aggrieved older brother in [the Parable of the Prodigal Son](#). It was not that he did not receive anything good in life. It was that his kid brother seemed to have far too much going his way. That undeserving punk got to be rude and greedy, demand his inheritance early, trot down the lane to squander it doing all the bad things that the big brother didn’t even know were on the table, and then come home to a massive party. Though I tend to resist siding with a firstborn, this one seemed to have a valid point.

His problem, of course, was that he was looking too hard at what someone else was receiving in life. When we’re staring at a pile of blessings next door, we miss the ones in front of us. And the stack on the other side gets us all rotten-hearted.

When we were children, our parents would scold us for eyeing our siblings’ plates at the dinner table. Didn’t we know we would have our fill of food at that meal? Didn’t we know our needs would be met in general? Didn’t we know we would each have a birthday once a year? Maybe we knew those things *technically*, but the bad little badger in us still gnawed. We wanted to know if someone’s tower of potatoes trumped ours, or if the fruit cocktail cherry landed in unfair territory.

How can we respond to the day-in, day-out temptation to begrudge what is not ours? We might tell the optimist to keep his half-full glass and the pessimist to keep his half-empty one, while we simply raise ours and ask the Lord to help us think like the psalmist, who says with faithful contentment, “The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance” (Ps. 16:6).

Our hero, the psalmist, is not contracting a surveyor to size up his neighbor’s lines. He’s taking note of his own. They’ve fallen in pleasant places. He is holding the weight of his own inheritance in his heart, and it’s beautiful.

It might not be your birthday today. I know it isn’t mine. But the lines have fallen for me in pleasant places. The Lord, who holds my lot (Psalm 16:5), has always given me my daily bread.

Yes, sometimes the lines, for us or our neighbors, seem to have fallen in places that are far from pleasant. But even then, all believers in Christ can rejoice that He’s drawn a line for us that will lead to eternal life. A heavenly inheritance is ours by grace, regardless of what gifts are (or are not) given us here below. Even in an earthly drought, [our cups overflow with goodness and mercy](#). There’s [a party being prepped](#) that will last all the days of our lives.

Deaconess Rosie Adle is an online instructor for the distance deaconess program of [Concordia Theological Seminary](#) in Fort Wayne, IN. It’s not her birthday and that’s okay.

PROPERS PREVIEWS

A look at the readings to help you prepare for worship

August 4, 2019

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12-14; 2:18-26 Vanity!
Colossians 3:1-11 Christ is all, and in all.
Luke 12:13-21 The Parable of the Rich Fool

August 11, 2019

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 God reiterates His promise to Abram.
Hebrews 11:1-16 By faith
Luke 12:22-34 "Fear not, little flock."

August 18, 2019

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23: 16-29 Beware of untrustworthy prophets! Instead, pay attention to God's own Word.
Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3 The great cloud of witnesses - saints who lived by faith in Jesus.
Luke 12:49-53 Jesus disrupts our status quo by dividing so that He can unite and lead us in understanding signs of the times.

August 25, 2019

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:18-23 The sign set among the nations.
Hebrews 12:4-24 God disciplines those He loves by His Word that we may enter and dwell in the eternal joys of Mount Zion.
Luke 13:22-30 Strive to enter the narrow door.

THOSE WHO SERVE

ASSISTING MINISTERS AT 10:15 a.m. SERVICE

August 4 Denise Abdul-Malak
August 11 Andrew Tess & Madison Maresca
August 18 Larry Landis
August 25 Ken French

Brandon Chornobroff will be the Elder at the 8:00 a.m. services (unless otherwise noted)

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

Brian Tess & Luke Marsicano

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please place \$25 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.

ACOLYTES

Acolytes for the month of August have not been scheduled as of yet.

Danielle Romano, Director of Education, 908-692-4686, schedules Acolytes

Teach Us to Pray

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
Luke 11:2-4 (KJV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-4



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EARTH	SINS	PRAY	TEMPTATION	LORD