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A Message from Vicar Dan

Dry Bones Come Alive

Every time we come to this point in the spring, I find myself reflecting back to the days when I was serving on the summer staff at Camp Calumet. Back in those days, the spring was always filled with excited anticipation, waiting for the day when the letter from Calumet offering summer employment would arrive in the mail box. After the applications were sent in, references secured, and interviews conducted, all that was left to do was wait.

Finally, when the day came when the letter arrived at my house, all the nervousness and anticipation came to an abrupt and exuberant end. The arrival of that letter confirmed that I would be returning to the shores of Lake Ossipee to spend the entire summer with my closest and dearest friends, all the while sharing the message of the Gospel to the hundreds of kids who come to camp throughout the summer. There was such high energy and excitement to everything that happened at camp, from wide games, to vespers, to swimming and field sports, to Rah Rah Ray and discovery time; you could feel the positive energy coursing throughout the entire camp. Many of you here have experienced Calumet first hand, have felt the energy and love that emanates from that place, and know the importance and value of this ministry.

During the month of April, in adult forum, we explored the book of Ezekiel, and specifically looked at the passage where God breathes new life into the dry bones, bringing new life and new creation to what was once thought to be dead. Calumet for me, was a way that I experienced new life and new creation. I wonder where you might see new opportunities for new life and new creation in the church? My time at Calumet showed me the powerful potential of what the church can be in giving new life and new energy to those who grace the shores of Lake Ossipee. For us here at Prince of Peace, what might that look like? How can we, through God, bring our own gifts and passions to bare in places that may be perceived as "dry bones." How is God calling you into the ministry that we have and continue to share here at Prince of Peace in ways that continue to build off the love and ministry that is already here. The church is always being made new, and I invite you to consider ways that you can bring that to bare here at Prince of Peace.

Peace and Blessings,

~ *Vicar Dan*

Pastor Mark's Retirement and Calling a New Pastor

Most of you should know by now that I will be retiring on or close to March 1, 2019. During the next 10 months, the congregation will be going through the process of preparing to call a new pastor to Prince of Peace. By doing this before I retire, all of the background work required by the Bishop's office should be completed and a Call Committee should be in place by the time I leave. At the time of my retirement, the Call Committee should be ready to interview candidates, with the hope that a new pastor will be on board in 3 to 6 months. Please keep reading, because the information below will tell you what we will be doing in May (now).

Prince of Peace History Day Saturday, May 5

On Saturday, May 5, all church members and active non-members are invited to participate in History Day, which will be held in the fellowship hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This event begins the process of preparing to call a new pastor. It will be led by Kim Bergstrand, Associate to the Bishop. We will be looking at various aspects of our congregation's history, which will lead us to look at where we hope to be headed in the coming years. Your input is important, so please plan to attend.

Congregational Assessment Tool A Survey of the Congregation

In 2015 the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) was made available to church members and active non-members to complete. Most of the people who took the survey did it online, while a few used a paper copy (which Rene, our administrative assistant, then submitted online). At that time the survey was designed to help us prepare to call an Associate Pastor. However, we later learned that we would not be getting an Associate Pastor, due to a shortage of seminary graduates.

Later in May we will make the CAT available to our church members and active non-members to take again. However, this time the survey will have some changes, due to the fact that we are preparing to call our next pastor. Some of the questions will be different, so you are encouraged to complete this survey. It is an important way for our Church Council to know what you think our needs and goals should be, and what we should be looking for in our next pastor.

The Call Process and Healthy Transitions

If you would like an overview of the process the Synod requires for calling a new pastor, information about this is available on the New England Synod website. Here is how to find it:

- Go to: nelutherans.org
- Scroll down on the home page until you see a rectangular box, entitled: "The Call Process." Click on this box, and you will find detailed information about this.
- Another helpful resource, entitled "Healthy Transitions," is available by clicking on that title at the bottom of the page you just opened.

I must say that I'm not ready to say "good-bye" yet, but I am happy to assist our Church Council and our congregation in moving forward with a process that hopefully will result in having a new pastor on board by September 1, 2019.

~ *Pastor Mark*

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 8:15AM

Please note that beginning May 20th the morning service will be held at 9:30AM ONLY

May 6	May 13	May 20 9:30 AM	May 27 9:30 AM
Acolyte Zoe Lonsinger	Acolyte Zoe Lonsinger	Acolyte Maggie Mattera	Acolyte Andrew Confortini
Altar Guild Nancy Carlson Cathie Fegley Martha Hoglund	Altar Guild Polly Groff Chris Klauck Susan Lehmann	Altar Guild Heidi Adam Barbara Morris Marci Sharp	Altar Guild Marilyn Roginski Edith Sherman Louise Kleppin
Communion Assistant Cindy Rosato	Communion Assistant Chris Klauck	Assisting Minister Or Communion Assistant 1.	Communion Assistant Marilyn Roginski
Communion Host Edith Sherman	Communion Host Polly Groff	Communion Host Kristen Mattera	Communion Host
Greeters 1. 2.	Greeters 1. 2.	Greeters 1. 2.	Greeters Joe & Marilyn Roginski
Lector Cathie Fegley	Lector	Lector Mary Ewert	Lector
Ushers 1. Phil Burdick 2. Casey Johansen	Ushers 1. Phil Burdick 2.	Ushers 1. Phil Burdick 2. Casey Johansen	Ushers 1. Phil Burdick 2.
		Offering Tellers 1. 2.	Offering Tellers Joe & Marilyn Roginski

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 11:00 AM

Please note that beginning May 20th there will only be one service which will be held at 9:30AM

May 6	May 13
Acolyte Christopher Mattera	Acolyte T.B.A.
Altar Guild Nancy Carlson Cathie Fegley Martha Hoglund	Altar Guild Polly Groff Chris Klauck Susan Lehmann
1. Assisting Minister Or Communion Assistant	1. Assisting Minister Or Communion Assistant
Communion Host Kristen Mattera	Communion Host
Greeters 1. Youth 2. Youth	Greeters 1. 2.
Lector Youth	Lector John Schwanke
Ushers 1. Youth 2. Youth	Ushers 1. 2.
Offering Tellers Kim & Tom Maier	Offering Tellers Marci Sharp Jim King & Brenda Hamilton

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 5	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, May 6	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Sunday School & Adult Forum Word & Sacrament
Saturday, May 12	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, May 13	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Sunday School & Adult Forum Word & Sacrament
Saturday, May 19	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, May 20	9:30 AM	Word & Sacrament
Saturday, May 26	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, May 27	9:30 AM	Word & Sacrament

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need worship assistants, for services in May. If you can help, please sign up in the Narthex or call René at the church.

~ *Rene Tuccillo*

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 20

Our summer worship schedule begins on May 20th with one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Our Saturday Service continues at 5:00 p.m. The last day for Sunday School and Adult Forum is May 13th until they resume in September.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 20th, at the 9:30AM Service. A brief reception to honor the confirmands will be held in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 17th, we will honor members of our church who are graduating from high school and college during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. If you have a child who will be graduating, please be sure to print your child's name on the graduates list on the table in the Narthex, even if your child will not be able to attend the worship service on June.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Average weekly worship attendance for the first three months was:

		2017	2018	Change
Sat.	5:00 PM	28	30	+ 2
Sun.	8:15 AM	37	38	+ 1
	11:00 AM	75	69	- 6
Total		140	137	- 3

Overall weekly worship attendance for the first three months went down 2%.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum is held on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We are studying the major themes in the books of the old Testament. Each week, we watch a half-hour DVD, followed by discussion.

All adults are welcome at Adult Forum whenever you are able to attend.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

Most Sundays during the year, we have a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the altar that was created by the members of Altar Guild. Those flowers are dedicated and paid for by members of the congregation.

The arrangements cost \$25.00. If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, to the glory of God, or in honor of a person or event, you can sign up for your chosen date on the Flower Chart between the bathrooms in the Narthex. You also need to fill out a flower request form, which is located next to the Flower Chart, and put it in Rene Tuccillo's mailbox. Your name and dedication will appear in the worship bulletins. If two people sign up for the same date, flowers can be placed in other locations in the Sanctuary, such as on the organ or piano or at the baptismal font. We do not have flowers at the altar during lent.



COMING UP...

May 6th – Abide In Love (John 15:9–17)

John's version of the greatest commandment goes beyond Matthew and Mark in expounding on what it means to love God and others as God loves us. Jesus simplifies and intensifies the law: all of God's laws are meant to be motivated by love, not by a sense of obligation. Jesus shows this love on the cross. His use of friendship is also important. In the ancient world, friendship was taken seriously. Putting another's needs equal to one's own implies Jesus is looking for companions in his mission, not servants.

This text makes a high demand on friendship, telling us the greatest thing to do is to lay down our lives for our friends! As kids learn to make and maintain friendships, they can see how this boils down to everyday life. A friendship shouldn't be based solely on what we get out of it. Instead, being a good friend means showing concern for other people and taking their feelings into account every day. We can "lay down our lives for our friends" by simply caring about them every day.

May 13th – Matthias is Chosen (Acts 1:15–17; 21–26) **Last day of Sunday School until the fall **

It's incredibly important to the preaching recorded in Acts that those who proclaimed Christ in the first generation were themselves eyewitnesses to Jesus' resurrection. So important that when one apostle is being chosen to replace Judas, that apostle himself needs to be an eyewitness. This person can truly proclaim they saw Jesus both dead and alive. As a participant in Jesus' ministry, this person also has a firsthand understanding of its purpose and content. It is easier for the disciples to trust someone who knew Jesus with the task of carrying on his ministry.

This story speaks to kids about different ways we can cope with change. Maybe they have experienced a Sunday school teacher or coach moving to another job. It's important to trust God in transitions, just as the disciples trusted the Holy Spirit to guide them to choose a new disciple. They can also carry on the mission, just as the disciples did by choosing Matthias to carry on Jesus' ministry.

May 20th – No Sunday School - We begin a single 9:30am service.

Sunday School will resume in September! Have a great summer!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	William Ewert
2	Barbara Bruno, Bruce Macdonald Kim Weis
4	Emil Manka, Jr., Julia Powers
5	Ken Schulz, Rebecca Adam
6	Joe Roginski, Stacey Smith
7	Conor Wolanski
8	Ellen McRedmond, Sue Reitz, Elizabeth Schretzenmayer, Noah Schretzenmayer
10	Cynthia Nabozny, Amelia Choi
11	Alex Reitz
12	Heather Pontonio
14	Ernest Lehman, Tim Maier
15	Jason Labrozzi
20	Chelsea Dimpel, Patricia Fecarotta,
21	Joe Cantone Tim Peterson
30	Don Ferguson, Nicole Labrozzi
31	Andrew Koehm, Bill Weis

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

3	Suzanne & Don Ferguson
5	Diane & Steve Peterson
9	Anneliese & Anton Menrath
15	Mary Ann & Gary Willis
20	Pam & Ned McMillen Will & Sheryl Wagner
21	Michael & Margaret Nicolais
24	Cynthia Johnson & Craig Firmender
27	Richard & Joan Estey

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

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Happy Spring! Hibernation is finally over.

Our next FNL will be held on Friday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Susi Lehmann. All adults are welcome. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the poster board in the Narthex if you will be attending and what you will bring.

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Host
Friday, June 15 th	Juri & Nancy Tolmoff
Friday, July 20 th	Sav & Barbara Bruno

Hope to see you there!

- *Laura Neeb* (860) 354 0298

WE WELCOME

Marc and Lorraine Lavery,
and their children,
Marcus, Mykayla, Logan and Lukas
joined Prince of Peace on April 8th.

Their contact information is:
12 Barn Lane
Brookfield, CT 06804
Phone: (845) 416-0900

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, May 15th at 9:30AM in the church office reception area.

NAOMI CIRCLE

The Naomi Circle will meet on Monday, May 7th at 1 pm in the green room.

~ Karen Muller

CEMETERY MEETING

There will be a Cemetery Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30 PM in the green room.

BLESSING BABY BLANKETS, CAPS AND QUILTS

On Mother's Day (May 13th) we will be blessing the baby blankets, caps, and quilts that the women of POP have made that will be sent to Global Health Ministries and LSS. If you have made a baby blanket(s) or cap(s) please bring them to church and put them under the mail boxes with my name on them no later than May 12th.

Thank you.

~ Marci Sharp



CHURCH GOLF OUTING

We have a church golf outing scheduled for Saturday, June 9th at Fairview Farm Golf Course in Harwinton, CT. We tee off at 10:00 a.m., so plan to arrive around 9:00 a.m. This is a scramble tournament, so golfers of all abilities are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. For more information, call Bill Duffy (203-270-8644).



Make Mother's Day Special!



Have you started searching for that great Mother's Day gift yet? Are you looking for a special way to honor or remember your mother, grandmother, or a special woman in your life? Why not try something different and meaningful this year?

Parish Life is providing a unique opportunity to show your love. It is called Blanket Sunday. For each donation of \$5.00, you will receive a gift card (suitable for enclosing inside your Mother's Day card) and a symbolic flower to be placed in our Mother's Day flower garden window, located in the narthex. The flower will bear the name of the person being honored or remembered. In addition, the names of those being honored and remembered will also be listed in the Sunday bulletin on Mother's Day. All money collected in this way will be donated to Church World Service to purchase blankets for mothers and children around the world.



If you are interested, please complete the portion below and place it in our church secretary, Rene's, mailbox on or by May 6th. Checks should be made payable to Prince of Peace. Please write "Blanket Sunday" on the memo line. Thank you!

Donation given by: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Pentecost Geranium Garden

We will be having our red geranium garden for Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. The donation of a geranium is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize someone, or to honor the Confirmands. If you would like to contribute a plant (s), please indicate below. The plants may be picked up after the 9:30 a.m. service on May 20th. Those plants not picked up will be planted at the cemetery. Please put this form, along with a check in Rene's (church secretary) mailbox or mail it to Prince of Peace, P.O. Box 5184, Brookfield, CT 06804.

If you don't want to purchase a geranium, you can make a donation to the Love Fund in honor of or in memory of someone, The Love Fund is the pastor's discretionary fund, used to help church members and other local people facing a financial crisis.

Please Note: Orders MUST be placed by May 13th.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name: _____

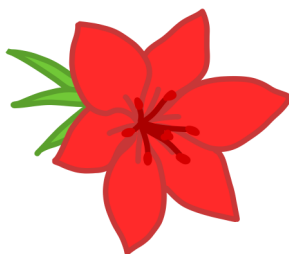
Telephone: _____

Geraniums: 6" pots _____ @ \$6.00 each = _____

Love Fund \$ _____

Given in honor of:

Given in memory of:



Worship Services

Word & Sacrament.....

Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 5:00 PM
Sundays, May 6 & 13 8:15AM & 11:00AM
Sundays, May 20 & 27 9:30 AM

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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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