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Transition at Prince of Peace A Message from Pastor Mark

It's only a month away from my retirement. I first announced my plans for retirement about a year ago, and I knew at that time I didn't want to spend a year saying good-bye. Now that we're closing in on my retirement date, I must say that I still don't want to say good-bye yet, so I'm going to save any meaningful message about leaving for my final sermon on February 24. That will be difficult for me to handle, but with God's help, I hope that day will be a meaningful and Spirit-filled time for all of us.

With that in mind, I thought I would bring you up to date on the transition, that time between pastors which lies ahead. At its meeting in October, Council voted to keep Vicar Dan at Prince of Peace on a month-to-month basis after his internship ended in December, and he has continued to serve our congregation in the same capacity he did during his internship. That means he continues to serve on a part-time basis (25 to 30 hours per week). On January 28 the Bishop authorized Vicar Dan to officiate at Communion at Prince of Peace without an ordained pastor present, beginning March 1. That means Vicar Dan will be able to lead worship services here without needing to line up an ordained pastor to be present for people to take communion.

Also, Diane Peterson has agreed to take on the responsibility of lining up supply pastors on those weekends when Vicar Dan may not be here. Vicar Dan will soon be in the process of considering a call to another congregation, so there will be times when he will be away because of this.

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Transition at Prince of Peace

A Message from Pastor Mark (continued)

At the same time, the Call Committee at our church has begun its work and will be interviewing a pastoral candidate soon. Pastor Paul Sinnott (Associate to the Bishop), in consultation with the Bishop, has recommended a candidate to our Call Committee for consideration. If the Call Committee interviews this pastor and likes him/her, then Pastor Sinnott will arrange for the Call Committee to go to a neutral site to hear him/her preach. If the Call Committee still wants to move forward with this candidate, then they will refer him/her to our Council. Then the Council will interview the candidate. If Council wants to move forward with this candidate, then Council develops a compensation package and contacts Pastor Sinnott to schedule a time for the pastor to preach to our congregation. After this worship service the congregation will vote on whether or not to call the pastor to Prince of Peace, and a two-thirds majority vote is required for approval. Pastor Sinnott will be here for that worship service and congregational meeting. And of course, the pastor has a choice every step along the way, too. And if at any point this pastor doesn't seem like a good match for Prince of Peace, a request for another candidate can be made.

Vicar Dan will be going through the same process as he interviews for a call to a congregation that is appropriate for a "first call" pastor. Council voted to keep Vicar Dan at Prince of Peace on a month-to-month basis up to June 30, depending on how the call process goes for Vicar Dan and for Prince of Peace. If all goes well, the transition could be as short as two or three months for Prince of Peace and for Vicar Dan. Of course, circumstances could make the process longer.

In the meantime, I ask you to pray. Pray for our Call Committee, our Council, our congregation. Pray for Bishop Jim Hazelwood and his Associate, Pastor Paul Sinnott. Pray for the pastoral candidate who considers accepting a call to Prince of Peace. Pray for Vicar Dan and the congregation that considers calling him to serve as their pastor. And Pray for Vicar Dan as he moves towards becoming an ordained pastor of the ELCA. And pray for my family and me, as I finish up my ministry at Prince of Peace and move towards a new chapter in my life.

We trust God to guide all of us, and we believe that the Holy Spirit will work in us and through us as we move through this transition to a new and exciting future. Pray that all involved will seek to discern the will of God.

Pastor Mark

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 8:15AM

February 3	February 10	February 17
Choir		Choir
Acolyte Zach Johannsen	Acolyte	Acolyte
Altar Guild Nancy Carlson Cathie Fegley Martha Hoglund	Altar Guild Polly Groff Susan Lehmann Julie Parker	Altar Guild Heidi Adam Barbara Morris Marci Sharp
Assisting Minister Jocelyn Doré	Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. Diane Morey 2.	Assisting Minister Nancy Carlson
Communion Host Jocelyn Doré	Communion Host Polly Groff	Communion Host Edith Sherman
Greeters Ed & Kim Petruska	Greeters 1. 2.	Greeters 1. 2.
Lector Kevin Fay	Lector Jocelyn Doré	Lector
Ushers 1. Phil Burdick 2. Julie Parker	Ushers 1. Phil Burdick 2. Casey Johasen	Ushers 1. Phil Burdick 2.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 11:00 AM

February 3	February 10	February 17
	Choir	
Acolyte Isabella Confortini	Acolyte Morgen Kleppin	Acolyte Andrew Confortini
Altar Guild Nancy Carlson Cathie Fegley Martha Hoglund	Altar Guild Polly Groff Susan Lehmann Julie Parker	Altar Guild Heidi Adam Barbara Morris Marci Sharp
Assisting Minister Kathy Hubric	Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. 2.	Communion Assistant Kathy Hubric
Communion Host Kristen Mattera	Communion Host 	Communion Host Liz Davies
Greeters Emma Cable Christopher Mattera	Greeters 1. 2.	Greeters Mary & Gary Weisensee
Lector Colin McLoone	Lector John Schwanke	Lector Danny Smith
Ushers Cassie Buzzell Ava Cantone Riley Roksvold	Ushers 1. Julie Parker 2. Nancy Tolmoff	Ushers Steve & Jimmy Davies
Offering Tellers Brenda Hamilton & Jim King	Offering Tellers Diane & Steve Peterson	Offering Tellers Joe & Marilyn Roginski

Pastor Mark's Final Service 9:30 AM

February 24
Acolyte Maggie Mattera
Altar Guild Marilyn Roginski Edith Sherman Louise Kleppin
Assisting Minister Marci Sharp
Communion Host Kristen Mattera
Greeters Kathy Hubric John Schwanke
Lector Jim Sharp
Ushers 1. Patrick Fettingner 2. Julie Parker 3. Casey Johansen 4.
Offering Tellers Kim & Tom Maier

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 2	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, February 3	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Sunday School/Adult Forum Word & Sacrament
Saturday, February 9	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, February 10	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Sunday School/Adult Forum Word & Sacrament
Saturday, February 16	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, February 17	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Sunday School/Adult Forum Christmas Pageant
Saturday, February 23	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament
Sunday, February 24	9:30 AM	Word & Sacrament Pastor Mark's Final Service

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need worship assistants for both Sunday services in February. If you are willing to help, please sign up at the table in the Narthex or call René in the church office.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Average weekly worship attendance for January was:

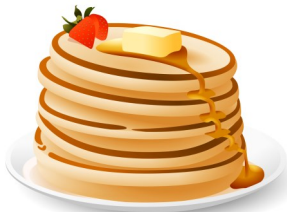
		2018	2019	Change
Sat.	5:00 PM	31	24	- 7
Sun.	8:15 AM	32	42	+ 10
	11:00 AM	62	73	+ 11
Total		125	138	+ 13

Overall weekly worship attendance for January increased 10%.

THE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 5th
6:30-7:30 p.m.

The whole congregation is invited to this event which is hosted by the Confirmation students and their parents. There will be pancakes and sausage and all of the toppings! There is no charge for the Pancake Supper. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are planning to attend.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

March 6, 2019

- 7:15 a.m. Brief Service with Imposition of Ashes
- 12:15 p.m. Brief Service with Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes



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January 28, 2019

Andrew Confortini, President
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
119 Junction Road
Brookfield, CT 06804

Via email: andrewconfor@att.net

Dear Andrew and the Congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

With the imminent retirement of Pastor Mark Nordskog, Vicar Daniel Purtell has expressed willingness to continue serving the congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brookfield, CT. Effective March 1, 2019 I authorize Dan to preside independent of Pastor Nordskog's oversight at the Eucharist at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church during regular worship services, through June 30, 2019, or sooner, in the event that Dan accepts a call to another congregation before that time.

Please put an announcement in the weekly bulletins that indicate Dan presides with my permission each week during this period.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop James E. Hazelwood
New England Synod

CC Mr. Daniel Purtell, The Rev. Mark Nordskog

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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.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum is held on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We are learning about the Book of Revelation. All adults are welcome at Adult Forum whenever you are able to attend.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will meet on Monday, February 4th at 1:00 PM in the Green Room.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Cemetery Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:30 PM in the Green Room.

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, February 19th at 9:30AM in the church office reception area.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Save the Dates
More Details To Follow

February 17th

Danbury Escape Room

Time TBD (Limited Space, 7 to 8 people)

March 15th

Game Night 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Prince of Peace Youth Room

April 13th

Youth Group Hike Location: TBD

10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

May 19th

End of the Year Party

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Sunday school!

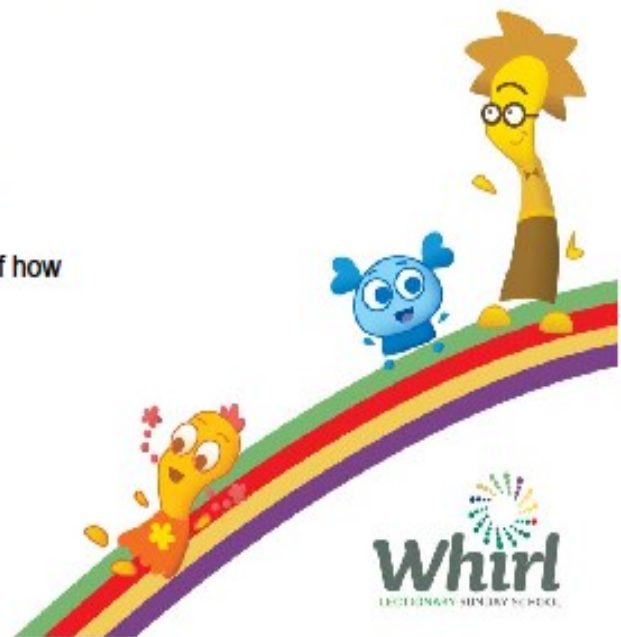


Over 35 students are enrolled in Sunday School and 10 7th-12th graders are Shepherds!
Each week the children engage in lessons, music class, and activities that build their faith and link to the lectionary.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

Share your talents with our Sunday School kids! Email or call Heather (heather.pontonio@gmail.com / 203-947-9744) if you can help!

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| 2/3/2019 | <i>Jeremiah's Call</i>
What do you want to be when you grow up with Vicar Dan |
| 2/10/2019 | <i>Jesus Calls Disciples</i>
Fishing game |
| 2/17/2019 | <i>Trust in the Lord</i>
Coffee filter craft and trust games |
| 2/24/2019 | <i>Joseph Feeds His Brothers</i>
Creating a bulletin board collage of how God Is Working in the World |



January/February 2019

Prince of Peace Pre-School

119 Junction Road ~ Brookfield, CT 06804

www.princeofpeacepreschool.org T: 203-775-0140

Dear PoP Families,

Happy New Year! While it is nice to be home with our families, it is also nice to be back with our Prince of Peace Family refreshed and ready to begin the new year. As we begin 2019, we also begin registration for our September sessions. If you should have any questions about any of the sessions planned for September, please don't hesitate to stop in the office, we would be happy to assist.

Best,

Debbie Nobes & Heidi Riddle

Thank you from Brookfield Social Services

Our Giving Tree was absolutely beautiful this year. Thank you for your donations of: 14 hat/mitten/scarf sets, 2 pairs of mittens, 55 pairs of gloves, 2 pairs of socks, 32 hats, a sweat outfit and 2 coats!

Your thoughtfulness and generosity was truly appreciated by needy individuals and Brookfield Social Services!



Snowman Day!

On Wednesday, January 23rd and Thursday, January 24th Prince of Peace will be celebrating Snowman Day! We ask that students come to school with a white shirt and scarf (if you have one) on those days. There will be many fun snowman activities, snacks and games for the children.



Upcoming Events

January 23rd & 24th

"Snowman Days"

Week of January 28th

Children's Movement Center
"Family Event"

February 14th

"Valentine Extravaganza"

12:30-2:00 in Fellowship Hall

Important Announcement

Weather Related Delays and Closings

Now that winter has officially arrived please note the following procedures for inclement weather:

- Brookfield Schools Closed, PoP is closed.
- Brookfield Schools Delayed, PoP opens at 10:00
- Early dismissals will be handled on a per-storm basis.



February Family Event

"Valentine Extravaganza"

Join the fun on Thursday, February 14th
12:30pm -2:00pm

The Valentine Extravaganza will begin at 12:30 and end at 2.
You may come anytime during this time period. We request you
come with enough Valentine's for your child's class. Details and
sign-ups will be coming home shortly.



Remember hats and mittens every day!
We will be on the playground if it "feels like 20".

**"Thank you for all the boxes. Our "Building Week"
was lots of fun. We predict there will be many
engineers in the future!**



In the Community

Brookfield Library Storytimes

Check out the library website to
learn more about story times
and programs planned for
children and families!

Kindergarten Registration
has begun. Please check
your local school district
for important upcoming
dates.

President's Weekend

No School February 15-19

Coffee Conversation

Wednesday, February 20th

9:15-10:30 & 7:15-8:30

"Tools to help with
Cooperation Instead of
Nagging, Yelling or
Begging"

School Pictures

Wednesday, March 6th &
Thursday, March 7th

ANNUAL CAMP CALUMET RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Women of Prince of Peace....Our next retreat at Camp Calumet is scheduled for March 29-31, 2019. The cost will be approximately \$180 and that includes, 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, and snacks. You will make that payment directly to Calumet when you arrive. A sign-up sheet will be posted on a table in the Narthex in February. Friends are welcome as well as any POP woman. Questions, please call me at (203) 775-4657. If you are riding with someone else, it would be nice if you chipped in at least \$15.00 for gas to your driver!

Diane Hunt will be our retreat leader and the theme is "Woman at the Well". In addition to our "theme time" there will be our free time to relax, shop, etc ...of our own choosing.

We will plan to leave the area on Friday morning. We can check in any time in the afternoon and our first meal at Calumet will be dinner on Friday.

Thanks! Marci Sharp (203) 775-4657

Or email: bowmanrae@aol.com

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA CALENDARS?....If you are like us you receive lots of calendars in the mail year. A good way to share the extras is to take them to the Daily Bread Food Pantry. The clients there are very happy to get one...so...if you have an extra calendar (or more) just put them in the Food Pantry basket located in the narthex . Thanks

~ *Marci Sharp*

NOTES OF THANKS

January 4, 2019

Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for participating in our Christmas-At-Sea Holiday Initiative. With your help, our six port chaplains delivered the 1,853 satchels assembled by individuals, youth and senior groups, businesses and congregations. You should have seen the look on the seafarers' faces as they appreciated the warm clothing and heartwarming Christmas and Holiday greetings from total strangers.

Your contribution brought joy to seafarers out in the open sea, far away from loved ones and family. On their behalf, thank you!

We will be in touch in early summer to invite you to participate again this year.

In the meantime, best wishes for a peaceful, healthy and happy 2019.

Sincerely,

Pastor Marsh Luther Drege, Executive Director
Seafarers International House
123 East 15th Street

January 28, 2019

Dear Prince of Peace Congregation,

Thank you for the kind care package last winter semester. As it is my last year of school, it was very helpful for the final push as I ended my second to last semester. It was good to see you all over winter break!

Kind regards,

Luke Mueller

Prince of Peace



Book Group

A story is always better if you have someone to share it with. What could be better than sharing it with a group of friends who have read it too?

All are welcome!!

We have changed the time of the Book club to Mondays at 1:00 - 2:15PM in the church office reception area.

February 4 "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor

March 11 "Hillbilly Elegy" By J. D. Vance

April 8 "The Industries of the Future" by Alec Ross

May 13 noon home of Nancy & Juri Tolmoff, Lunchtime Topic: How to write your own Autobiography with "Wings of Opportunity" by Juri Tolmoff and "Discover life in the Journey" by Nancy Tolmoff as a couple of examples.

Warmly,

Nancy Tolmoff

"BOOKS WASH AWAY FROM THE SOUL THE DUST OF EVERYDAY LIFE"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 David Reitz
- 4 Patrick McRedmond
- 6 Amelinda Manka
- 9 Daniel Hall
- 10 Anthony D'Auslio
- 11 Melissa Bernardez, Erik Zimmitti
- 16 Eva Koehm
- 20 Gottfried Perbix
- 21 Fred Herpel, Steven Kleppin,
Mary Peters
- 29 Cheryl Hallock

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Thank you Joyce and Harold for hosting FNL in January. A good time and good food for everyone.

There will be no FNL in February. We anticipate that many people will come to Zoe Lonsinger's violin recital on Friday, February 22nd at the church. Please see more about Zoe's recital in a separate article on this page.

Laura Neeb

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Gayle & Ken Schulz
- 11 Juliana & Andrew Confortini
- 12 Christine & Fred Buzzell
- 15 Lisa & Emil Manka

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

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Laurie Joy Sharp and her family on the death of her mother, Jeanne Shute.

RECITAL

Zoe Lonsinger would like to invite you to her recital in honor of Pastor Mark's retirement. It will be on February 22nd at 8:00 PM at Prince of Peace. Zoe will be performing Bach, Paganini, Tchaikovsky & Bloch. She would love your company!

The retirement committee will be hosting a reception following Zoe's recital. There will be coffee, tea and cake. If you are planning to come to the recital, please sign up on the table in the Narthex.



After the worship services on **February 2nd and 3rd** our Confirmation students will be collecting money and the food items listed below.

The food items will be donated to the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Danbury. The money will be donated to hunger fighting agencies chosen by the Confirmation students.

Please give generously to help feed the hungry.

The following list represents the bag of food that is given to a client at the Daily Bread Food Pantry. If you can purchase all of these items, you will have supplied one household with their monthly food donation from Daily Bread.

1 or 2 cans of soup

1 meal in a can

1 tomato sauce

2 vegetables - any combo

1 pork and bean

1 goya bean

1 pasta

1 bag of rice

1 can of fruit

1 or 2 mac/cheese

1 or 2 tuna

Those wishing to write a check to support the Souper Bowl can make it out to Prince of Peace and put "Souper Bowl" in the memo line.

To the women of Prince of Peace:

Did you know that every woman who belongs to Prince of Peace also belongs to the group known as WELCA, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America?

Now this is a fact that some women of the church have been discussing.

Our greatest activity happens to be the Holiday Craft Fair, which was held on November 3rd of 2018. We raised about \$2500.00 and the money is used to contribute to various charities and significant needs and activities of our church. I, for one, was amazed at the number of women who worked at the fair and the wonderful energy which accompanied them. This represented a tremendous spark of interest which our women have for the church.

We tend to attend one of the three services and associate with those who also attend that service. Most of us barely know one third of the church women. Most of us are eternally busy with our lives and other endeavors which may or may not be meaningful. All of our cups are full, but the contents may not reflect our faith in God or our presence in Prince of Peace.

Well, the reason for this open letter is to stimulate interest in the WELCA organization as well as our own church women. We don't have to have frequent meetings but we could effectively meet to determine the disposition of our money. We could elect officers, according to Roberts Rules of Order and determine the types of activities which the members would chose. There could be get-togethers and Bible Studies. Meetings could be scheduled at church or in member's homes. Who knows what energy we could open through the support of each of us?

Please consider attending a **Valentine Tea** on the afternoon of Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Offer a ride to another member.

Sit with someone you don't really know and you could gain another friend.

A sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the Narthex. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

In love and peace,

Nan Carlson

Chairperson of the 2018 Fair

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter
under heaven....Ecclesiastes 3:1

*Come thank, rejoice and celebrate
new beginnings for Pastor Mark as
he retires from his ministry at
Prince of Peace*

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Social Brunch Buffet at Noon

Fox Hill Inn

257 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT

Adult Tickets are \$45
Children under age 14 are \$22
Children under 5 are free

Tickets for Pastor Mark's retirement party will be sold for the next two weekends after the Saturday evening service and between worship services on Sunday. The final date that you can purchase tickets will be Sunday, February 10th, so please purchase them before that date.

Worship Services

Word & Sacrament.....

Saturdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 5:00 PM

Sundays, February 3, 10, 17 at 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday, February 24 at 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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