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A Message from Pastor Paul Lutz

Dear Disciples at PoP,

A story is told about John D. Rockefeller. The tycoon was always nervous, on-the-go, and unable to relax. Another meeting was always on the horizon, complete with opportunities for success and opportunities for stress. Before long, Rockefeller's health was in a significant state of decline. But when someone asked him how much success and wealth was enough, Rockefeller would always answer "A little more."

What is at the root of our desire for a little more...of keeping up with the Joneses...of saving money by buying more? Every one of those statements is all about **us**. We want to believe it's all about us and what we can do, but scripture points us toward another reality.

This other reality starts with a reminder that we didn't choose our salvation or even our gifts. Paul reminds the church at Corinth about this in 2 Corinthians 4:7.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

When we start with that acknowledgement, our accumulation of material goods takes on a different tone. When we build on God's generosity to us, a seed is planted and we begin to grow to a place more in line with God's orientation. Generosity begins to flower in us, and we begin to see material things not as stuff for us to acquire, but as items to be given to those in need — just like God gives to us!

There's a hidden pearl in Paul's comment to the Corinthians. If we can rely on God's generosity to us, we don't need to exert ourselves trying to accumulate or keep up with the Joneses. Remember Proverbs 3:5-6:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Some questions to consider this August:

- When you are asked for a donation, do you think of God's generosity toward you? Why or why not?
- What is the difference between wealthy and rich?

Someone once said, "True wealth starts with giving our riches away." How does that make you feel?

As always, I'd love to hear from you.

The Rev. Paul Lutz

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:30 AM

August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Acolyte Morgen Kleppin	Acolyte Maggie Mattera	Acolyte T.B.A.	Acolyte Ava Catone
Altar Guild Nancy Carlson Cathie Fegley Martha Hoglund	Altar Guild Polly Groff Susan Lehmann Julie Parker	Altar Guild Heidi Adam Barbara Morris Marci Sharp	Altar Guild Marilyn Roginski Edith Sherman Louise Kleppin
Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. Nancy Carlson (A.M.) 2. Cindy Rosato (C.A.)	Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. Marci Sharp (A.M.) 2. Nancy Carlson (C.A.)	Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. 2.	Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. 2.
Communion Host Liz Davies	Communion Host Polly Groff	Communion Host	Communion Host Edith Sherman
Greeters Brenda Hamilton & Jim King	Greeters 1. 2.	Greeters 1. 2.	Greeters Gary & Mary Weisensee
Lector Cathie Fegley	Lector 1.	Lector 1.	Lector 1.
Ushers Steve & Jimmy Davies	Ushers 1. Julie Parker 2.	Ushers 1. Casey Johansen 2.	Ushers 1. 2.
Offering Tellers Brenda Hamilton & Jim King	Offering Tellers Cindy Rosato & Marci Sharp	Offering Tellers 1. 2.	Offering Tellers 1. 2.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

There is an opportunity for you to serve as a Worship Assistant (Communion Assistant, Lector, Greeter, etc.) this summer. See Pastor Lutz for more information. Or sign up on the table in the gathering area or let Rene know in the church office.

~ *Rene Tuccillo*

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 the Altar Guild. Those flowers are dedicated and paid for by members of the congregation.

The arrangements costs \$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.

POP CHURCH DIRECTORY

An updated church directory is in your church mailbox. There are also additional copies available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like one mailed to you please contact René in the church office. If you need to change or update any information please let me know.

FOR SALE

Do you need a fixture for a dining room table? Beautiful finished satin brass lighting fixtures are for sale.

They use candelabra bulbs either regular or LED. LED bulbs are included with the fixture. Two samples are on display in the fellowship hall.

The asking price is \$100 each. Make your check payable to Prince of Peace Church. Please put *lighting fixture* in the memo of your check, place it in Rene's mailbox at church and take home your purchase.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

2018			2019		
Date	Service	Attendance	Date	Service	Attendance
5/26/18	5:00 PM	44	5/25/19	5:00 PM	21
5/27/18	9:30 AM	81	5/26/19	9:30 AM	72
6/2/18	5:00 PM	24	6/1/19	5:00 PM	8
6/3/18	9:30 AM	98	6/2/19	9:30 AM	76
6/9/18	5:00 PM	15	6/8/19	5:00 PM	31
6/10/18	9:30 AM	90	6/9/19	9:30 AM	112
6/16/18	5:00 PM	31	6/15/19	5:00 PM	18
6/17/18	9:30 AM	111	6/16/19	9:30 AM	84
6/23/18	5:00 PM	30	6/22/19	5:00 PM	23
6/24/18	9:30 AM	62	6/23/19	9:30 AM	90
6/30/18	5:00 PM	20	6/29/19	5:00 PM	21
7/1/18	9:30 AM	90	6/30/19	9:30 AM	141
7/7/18	5:00 PM	31	7/6/19	5:00 PM	25
7/8/18	9:30 AM	74	7/7/19	9:30 AM	68
7/14/18	5:00 PM	31	7/13/19	5:00 PM	23
7/15/18	9:30 AM	80	7/14/19	9:30 AM	127
Totals		912			940

POP SUMMER PROJECTS

Is God calling you to help with a PoP Summer Project?

What can you do this summer to help Prince of Peace move forward as we honor the past?

- All interested in talking about worship are invited to gather on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:30PM to review and explore worship at PoP.
- Our Constitution needs to be updated. This task would involve working with a couple of others and the synod to make certain our congregational constitution is able to guide our life together.
- We are exploring the possibility of a new logo or identity mark for letterhead, website, bulletin covers, and Facebook to be used along side the sketching of the church building. If you would like to create something or be a part of a team that oversees this project let us know.
- A couple of Task Forces (a group with an assigned focused task that dissolves once the task is completed) to help us address some present topics in our life together:
 - planning the Installation of Pastor Lutz (October 13th at 2:00 PM)
 - reviewing current computer and internet arrangement
 - exploring future use of Misty Hollow
 - taking care of the shrubs and greenery around the church and in the center of the building.
- We are also looking for a wheelchair that we might keep at church for emergencies or guests. If you have one available, speak to Pastor Lutz.

If you'd like to participate in any of these Task Forces please speak with Pastor Lutz or Council President Andrew Confortini.

ORGANIZE (CLEAN-UP, PITCH, AND SAVE)

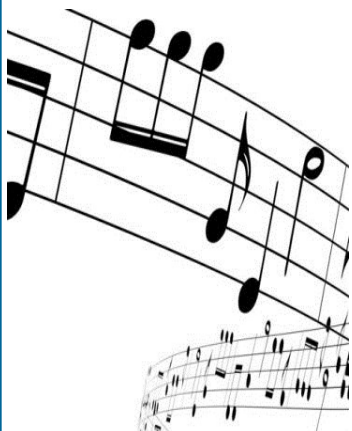
Are you an organizer? Read further. Are you a "pitcher" or a "saver"? If a "saver", no need to read further. If a pitcher, then you are invited to join Pastor Paul and Janet as we make our way through all the rooms, spaces, and closets, in our beautiful building. The goal is to clean-up, pitch and save in an organized way for easy access and more attractive presentation.

If you are connected or know someone who is, or have any supplies, in any of these rooms, please inform Pastor Paul or Rene, Parish Administrator, ASAP. All who desire will be invited to inventory and help with clean-up, pitch and save activities.

- Church office
- Sacristy
- Gathering Area/Narthex
- Coatroom
- The Green Room
- Youth Room

A Schedule of room organizing will be published in the Weekly Update soon. Thank you and remember - "Many hands make light the work".

BARNSTORMERS



The Barnstormers would like to thank Prince of Peace for hosting our 2019 summer concert. Your warm and gracious hospitality made us feel very welcome in your church and the delicious meal provided by the Parish Life Committee was greatly appreciated by the Barnstormers and our wives. The opportunity to participate in the Sunday morning service was a perfect end to a very successful concert weekend.

With our grateful appreciation,

~ *The Barnstormers*

TWO EASY WAYS TO ENHANCE YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP



Do you shop at Amazon? Have Amazon Prime? Well the next time you shop go to Amazon Smile and select “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church”. Be certain to select the one in Brookfield CT. There are many others.) Then each time you make a purchase Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Prince of Peace. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. But now you can support Prince of Peace by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.



Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, you have two ways to exercise your financial stewardship. The first is that your account is earning “Choice Dollars” that you can direct to Prince of Peace several times a year. There is no cost to you and any Choice Dollars not distributed from your account are lost. Second, you have up to \$500 available to you in a Thrivent Action Team kit. There is an application and the funds must be used to help others in the church or in the world but it’s yours for the asking.

For more information talk to your Thrivent Associate or Joe Tucciarone, Financial Associate, New Milford, 800-972-5716.

WHAT'S NEW?

We are making improvements on our website. Check it out at:

<http://princeofpeacebrookfield.org>

Visit our Facebook page before heading to worship and see what is happening before you arrive. Visit earlier in the week for devotional studies and interesting articles.

<https://www.facebook.com/Prince-of-Peace-Lutheran-Church-Brookfield-CT-176710626279/>

MEN'S BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

Are you interested in participating in a weekly Men's bible based discussion group during the summer? We would plan to look at various bible readings and discuss them in context of our daily lives and/or current events. If so please contact Chuck Hall at 203 313 5447 or simply show-up any Tuesday at 9:00AM in the fellowship hall.

REPORT ON SYNOD ASSEMBLY FROM NANCY CARLSON

“What is your Story?”

I was amazed at the tremendous excitement and creative approaches displayed in this Assembly. The music was exhilarating. I was struck by the way the worship and music moved the whole crowd to unity. My hope is that Prince of Peace will worship with this excitement. The Bible passages were put into storytelling, much as Pastor Paul Lutz has done for us in previous weeks. It is a captivating experience to see the familiar words portrayed this way, as it is when our own Pastor tells the story from his heart.

Our Synod also practiced ecological discipleship by minimizing paper use. The use of a screen with projected hymns and readings were both easy to read and moved the worship along nicely.

The New England Synod has a wonderful diversity in mission with areas close to home as well as far away. The programs which were presented were:

- Protecting the Human Rights of Palestinian Children who are living under Israeli military occupations.
- Support of Humanitarian Aid in Palestinian Hospitals
- Foster Child Program
- Camp Calumet
- Mosaic: helps people with disabilities
- Clergy Support
- Global Mission Teams with churches in Jordan and Honduras
- Poverty and Hunger Initiatives- Poor People's Campaign.
- United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg and Philadelphia
- Forward Ministry and progressive Christian Communion

There are other programs in the Synod which are not listed, such as the ELCA World Hunger.

New England WELCA was represented by a table, supplying nutritious snacks to attendees.

Bishop James Hazelwood presented an alarming picture of the future of available Pastors in the future. Multiple pastoral retirements are expected in the coming years. Multiple churches do not have full time Pastors (locally, St Paul's in Danbury one in Ridgefield and one in Georgetown). The cost of graduate education for seminarians has been expensive and has resulted in enormous debt from student loans for new Pastors.

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REPORT ON SYNOD ASSEMBLY (Continued)

The United Lutheran Seminary is now offering free tuition to seminarians, starting with fall semester, 2019. This leaves many Pastors in debt who were educated prior to this new policy of free tuition. One Pastor admitted to \$94,000 debt remaining in her account. She has been a Pastor for seven years, has two children and has this spectacular debt to pay off. The total debt of all rostered leaders in New England is in excess of \$1.75 Million with an average debt of \$40,000 per Pastor.

A new campaign, **Jubilee 2020** has been established to raise funds to reduce or eliminate this debt, which has caused new Pastors much anxiety and even caused them to delay marriage or childbearing.

Prince of Peace has just experienced the growth of Dan Purtell to the recently ordained Pastor Purtell. His preparation could not have proceeded without our support and the education which he received from United Lutheran Seminary. Let's gather together and demonstrate our concern for these Pastors with debt. Our contributions will relieve the tremendous anxiety and sacrifices which debt has caused.

Thank you to the congregation for providing the opportunity to attend this wonderful Assembly. It was a great spiritual experience as well an informative and instructive. Feel free to contact me or Susi Lehman if you have any questions or comments.

~ *Nancy Carlson*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Woman's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 18th at 10:00AM in the Green Room.

We will be using the Bible Study on Esther, in the June copy of "Gather".

~ *Nancy Carlson*

Sunday school!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
RALLY SUNDAY FOR ALL AGES– SEPTEMBER 8th

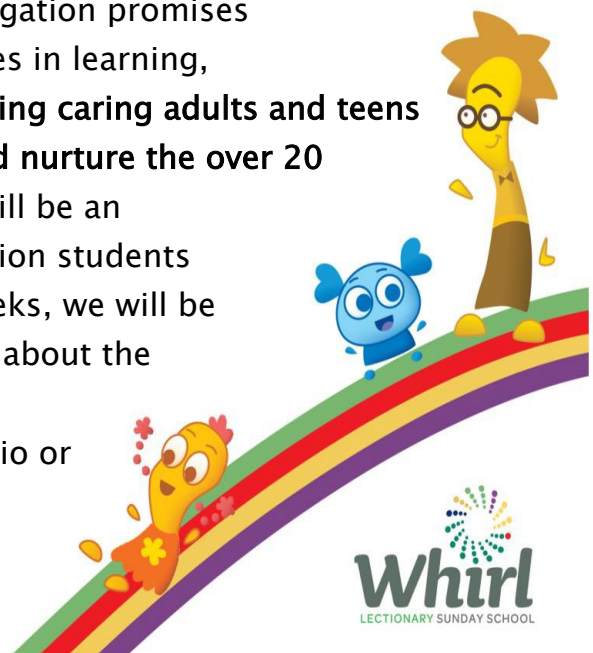
9:30-10:45 AM
Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE INVITED! This intergenerational event celebrates the start of the new year of faith formation for all generations. Come be a part of the fellowship, activities, and food – you might even learn some interesting facts about the bible and your church family!

During the rite of baptism, the entire congregation promises to support the baptized throughout their lives in learning, sharing and experiencing faith. **We are seeking caring adults and teens to be part of our Sunday School program and nurture the over 20 children who weekly seek to learn!** (There will be an opportunity to nurture the faith of confirmation students as well later in the fall). Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing opportunities and more information about the coming Sunday School year.

For more information talk to Heather Pontonio or Pastor Lutz.

**PLEASE HOLD THIS IMPORTANT WORK OF
THE CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS!**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Patricia Fettingner,
Kathy Johansen
- 7 Sheryl Wagner
- 8 Matthew Hallock
- 9 Katlyn Manka
- 12 Beth Ann Fegley
- 13 Annie Ewert, Margaret McLoone,
Rich Mercado, Vivian Wainwright
- 14 Matthew Arnold
- 18 Rebecca Pokorski
- 19 Glenn Christy, Linda Coyle,
Nan Carlson, Matthew Mattera
- 24 Joan Manka
- 26 Louise Kleppin
- 27 Melinda Schroeder
- 30 Gail Lehman,
Jerry Nabozny, Eric Reich
- 31 William Hubric, Jr.,
Chris Klauck

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Tina & John Caraszi
- 7 Debbie & Alan Nobes
- 12 Renata & Chuck Maass
- 18 Cathie & John Fegley
- 19 Joseph & Heather Pontonio
- 21 Connie & Bill Strait
Glenn & Dawn Arnold
- 25 Melanie & David Labrozzi

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

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Thank you Helen and Chuck Hall for hosting FNL. I hear everyone had a good time. Sorry we were unable to join in.

The next FNL is at Barbara and Sav Bruno's home on August 16th at 7:00PM. Sign up sheet will be in the narthex.

Hope everyone continues to have a good summer.

~ Laura Neeb

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will not meet in August.

It will resume on September 17th at 9:30 AM in the church office reception area.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will not meet in August.

It will resume on September 9th at 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the Green Room.

CALUMET MENS GOLF WEEKEND

The 2019 Calumet Golf Outing is set for Sept. 6, 7 and 8 this year.

Some guys come just for one night. Some come for two. And most come for all three days. The Calumet staff is ready to make it work for each person.

There are a variety of packages that are available depending on lodging needs and the number of days you'd like to golf.

~ *Dennis Schroeder*



DAILY BREAD

Daily Bread is seeking donations of cans of soup, tuna and peanut butter. Summer is a particularly difficult time of year for the food insecure. Families with children who had been receiving free or reduced-cost breakfast and/or lunch at school need to find a way to replace those meals during summer break.

Please place donations in the daily bread basket in the gathering area.

A decorative border of gingerbread men surrounds the text. There are 15 men in each of the four horizontal rows and 15 men in each of the two vertical columns on the left and right sides.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

It's getting to be time to start planning for the Craft Fair on November 2, 2019. It's an opportunity to raise funds for needed projects for the church as well as charitable outreach.

Although I would like to be involved, I realize that I cannot do the entire planning and implementation for its success. I could split up the actual activities into eight different categories:

1. General organization with a few meetings and support of others. I did this last year.
2. Kitchen: Susi Lehmann remains interested.
3. Bake Sale: Marilyn Roginski did a great job last year.
4. Crafts: Marci Sharp did a great job last year.
5. Holiday Room with gently used decorations.
6. Jewelry with gently used jewelry- involves some polishing and pricing in advance. I did this last year.
7. Books: Pam Nemetz, Winnie Mercado and Diane Peterson did this last year.
8. Signs and Town of Brookfield permits. This must be done 2 weeks before Fair. I did this last year.

Diane Morey did the finances last year as she is the treasurer of WELCA.

We also did a silent auction. A cake walk was suggested last year but we didn't get to it. It might be fun to do it this year.

Mention of your name does not mean that you must do it again this year. Several women, men and teens provided much help last year. I can't possibly name all of you but you know who you are.

Holiday craft fair leaders will meet on August 14th at 10:00AM in the Green Room. Anyone interested can come.

We are looking for:

- People who do crafts and are interested in crafting for the fair
- People who are willing to work at the fair for a two hour period on Nov 2, 2019
- Gently used jewelry
- Gently used holiday decorations

Let's pray about it and see what happens this year.

~ *Nan Carlson*

Phone: 203-885-5969 Email: nancaprn@sbcglobal.net

NOTES OF THANKS

To our church family,

When I had a heart attack at church so many “people angels” worked together to oversee my immediate needs, to expedite my transport to Danbury Hospital and to provide comfort for Laura.

I’m home, feeling well and very blessed to be a member of such a loving church family!

Thank you all!

God Bless!

Love,

Bill & Laura Duffy

P.S. Your ongoing prayers have brought us great comfort—they worked!



NOTES OF THANKS

132 Joel Drive
Hebron, CT 06248

July 12, 2019

Dear people of Prince of Peace,

We are writing to express our deepest thanks and gratitude for all of the love and support you provided to our son, Dan, while he served as your vicar. It was a wonderfully matched placement for him and we are so appreciative of everyone's efforts in welcoming and guiding him during his internship with you. Your decision to host and support a seminarian was a significant and meaningful one that provided a ministry to the greater church as well as to Dan and the congregation. From the day Dan moved in until the day he moved out, your support was evident in so many ways. His growth and development as a pastor is apparent and your role in that, most significant. We are especially thankful to Pastor Mark and the staff who structured his experience with meaningful work and responsibilities throughout his internship. Now, he has begun a new chapter in his faith journey, as a called and ordained pastor with his own church, and we know that he carries your love in his heart.

As visitors to Prince of Peace, we always felt warmly welcomed whenever we worshiped with you. That is such an important gift of your congregation! As you move forward with your ministry with Pastor Paul, please know that you continue to be in our prayers. We wish you the very best in this new chapter of your congregation's life. It has been our pleasure to visit and get to know your congregation. Again, thank you for your ministry to and support of Dan. It is recognized, appreciated, and worthy of acknowledgement and celebration!

God bless,

Ray & Kathy Purtell

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Has your child mentioned to you that he/she would like to be an acolyte and light the candles during the worship service? If not, now is the time to ask him/her. This is an excellent way for your child to begin their service to the church. It also helps them concentrate more on the worship service. Their responsibilities are to light the candles, receive the offering, and ring the big outside bell (call to worship).

On Saturday, August 24th at 10:00am, I will be training children interested in being an acolyte. Training usually takes about an hour. The requirements are that they must be 7 years of age or older, they must be tall enough to light the candles and you, as a parent, must think they can handle the responsibility. If your child is interested (and you haven't already contacted me), please give me a call at (203) 775-4657 or e-mail me at bowmanrae@aol.com

I schedule them the month before they are to acolyte and I never schedule them without contacting the parents...too many busy schedules. I usually do this by e-mail.

Please let me know if your child will be doing the training and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (203) 775-4657 or e-mail me at bowmanrae@aol.com.

~ Marci Sharp

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Saturday, September 28, 2019

9 am – 2 pm

Worship with Rev. Tiffany Nicely Holleck

In-Kind Gifts: ABC Ministry in the Upper Cape - diapers, items for infant-toddler, gift cards

If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Bascetta at cbascet@verizon.net

REGISTRATON

*Child care will be provided as needed at \$5 per child includes lunch

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ **Church Name & State:** _____

Child Care needed? _____ ***Please make checks payable to NE-WELCA***

Carolyn Bascetta, 152 Isabelle Avenue, Providence, RI 02908

NOTE FROM MARCI – We will be carpooling to this event and I have a list of several hotels where we can stay if we want to go up on Friday (so we don't have to get up so early on Saturday). Please let me know ASAP if you want to go so that I can make hotel reservations...we would be sharing a room (or rooms) to keep costs down. I can be reached at (bowmanrae@aol.com or (203) 775-4657...or just see me at church.

Worship Services

Word & Sacrament.....

Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 at 5:00 PM

Sundays, August 4, 11, 18, 25 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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