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A Message from Pastor Paul Lutz

Dear Member and Friend of Prince of Peace,

A father and daughter prepared to part at the airport. After a hug the father said, "I love you. I wish you enough."

A few moments later, a woman who overheard their conversation asked the father what it meant to wish someone "enough". He said that wishing someone "enough" was a tradition in their family.

There was even a short poem attached to it:

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I invite you to reflect on your life through this family's tradition. Do I really appreciate God's abundance showered on me? Do I keep every opportunity in perspective - especially when something doesn't go the way I want it to? Most importantly, do I really understand where all of my abundance comes from?

I guess we shouldn't be surprised that we lose sight of God's generosity. Scripture is filled with examples of others doing just that. Look in Exodus 16. There we are told that God provided manna and quail for the children of Israel in the wilderness. God provided plenty, but instructed the Israelites to gather only as much as they need. The instruction put the Israelites in a difficult place because it asked two things of them: 1) they must trust that God *will actually provide*, and 2) they must take the responsibility for collecting only what they will need. God presents a partnership opportunity and the Israelites have some responsibility as they accept the gift.

You remember the rest of the story, don't you? A lack of generosity drove the Israelites to think only about themselves. Rather than living the generous life, the Israelites found themselves becoming self-absorbed takers. And the manna went bad!

So, as we look at the man in the airport, we can see that there was more going on than there seemed to be at first. Perhaps he knew he had enough and he wanted to share his enough-ness with his daughter. That's a pretty good way to live out our discipleship: constantly choosing to see our lives as full of enough and choosing to help other people see their lives as full of enough.

My friends, I wish you enough.

The Rev. Paul Lutz



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EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Executive Committee and the Church Council have received a letter from Diane and Steve Peterson terminating their membership at Prince of Peace. As a consequence, Diane will be resigning from her position as Organist effective December 31, 2019. With much regret the resignation was accepted. A search for a replacement to fill this position will start soon. Their letter follows:

October 15, 2019

Dear Friends,

After many weeks of prayerful consideration, we are writing to let you know of our intention to cancel our membership at Prince of Peace. We want you to know that this is not a response to ELCA statements or actions, nor is it connected to the recent departure of others from Prince of Peace. Also, it is not our intention to initiate a debate and we respectfully ask that you accept this as a difficult but firm conviction that our beloved church home of thirty years is no longer a place where we can thrive spiritually.

While we still find our peace in scripture and in the words and music of worship, we recognize that our long-term spiritual well-being must take precedence over remaining in a community where we have deep friendships and shared history, where our children were baptized and confirmed, and where all of us truly became part of a church family. Most importantly, we learned about and drew closer to God through preaching, teaching, discussion, worship, and fellowship in this very special Christian community.

One consequence of this decision is Diane's resignation as the organist, a position that has truly been a pleasure to her and a blessing to our family. In an effort to minimize any disruption this may cause for the congregation and its leadership, she would like to offer December 31st as an end date to her employment (as well as our membership). It has been a joy to be a part of the musical aspect of our worship, to collaborate with soloists, choirs and their directors, and a privilege to work with so many members of our congregation in planning and participating in weddings and funerals over the past nineteen years. I will always be grateful for the patience and support given during the steep learning curve as a brand-new organist, and the heartwarming feedback members share to this very day.

We thank God for our time here and will savor our remaining days together.

Peace,

Díane and Steve Peterson

An additional note from Diane and Steve:

We just wanted you to know that the leadership of our congregation graciously offered us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our long-time membership and Diane's years as the organist, but as this is truly a sad and difficult decision for us, we prefer to forgo any official marking of our departure and keep our focus on what brought us to Prince of Peace to begin with: the joy we find in worshiping together. We wish all of you God's abundant blessings.

GENEROSITY

Thank you to those who submitted their 2020 Commitment Cards. If you have not yet turned yours in, please place it in the offering, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church. Blank commitment cards and confidential return envelopes are available on the table in the narthex/gathering area.

The finance committee begins its work on the 2020 budget in November, and it is important to know the total amount pledged for developing the budget. Thank you for pledging your financial support to the mission of Christ through Prince of Peace.

2020 BUDGET PREPARATION

All committees are asked to submit their 2020 budget requests by Sunday December 1st to Rich Mercado. Please provide as much detail as possible to support your request.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Brookfield Clergy Association is holding an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. on November 27th at Valley Presbyterian Church located at 21 West Whisconier Road Brookfield, CT.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



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

~ Rene Tuccíllo

CALLING ALL ADULTS!

When was the last time you re-examined your understanding of God, faith, church? When did you last gather with other Christians to talk about what you believe and why you believe it? Perhaps it is time to revisit your confirmation age understandings and experience a second naiveté around the wonder and grace of God. Join us Sundays at 9:30 am in the Green Room as we explore what kind of adult faith formation activities would be helpful for you and others at Prince of Peace?

TWO EASY WAYS TO ENHANCE YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Do Amazon? Have Amazon Prime? vou shop at 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

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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 **THRIVENT** earning "Choice Dollars" that you can direct to Prince of Peace several **FINANCIAL**[®] 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.

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.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

You have experienced biblical story telling the last several months when Pr. Lutz tells the gospel during worship. Ever thought about giving it a try?

Well, come gather with other interested storytellers on November 16th (and every third Saturday of the month), at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. No experience is necessary. No commitment is needed. All ages are welcome. Biblical storytelling tips and resources will be shared and a Greater Brookfield Biblical Story telling troupe with be formed. Help spread the word. See Pastor Lutz for more information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE



Over \$1000.00 has been given out since May to help our neighbors (and some members) pay their rent, buy food, and purchase clothes for their children. As a result, the balance of the fund is currently under \$1000.00. If you would like to help replenish the fund in order that we may continue to assist those struggling to make ends meet, please make your check payable to Prince of Peace, and write Love Fund in the memo. All questions may be directed to Pastor Lutz.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

November 13th 10:00 A.M. Green Room



The Woman's Bible Study is rescheduled to November 13th at 10:00 AM.

The study will be from the November "Gather" issue. We are grateful for Pastor Lutz, who has agreed to lead this session.

~ Nan Carlson

TO THE PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Campus Ministry at Prince of Peace includes sending our students a box of snacks, etc. to get them through finals.

The first boxes will be mailed out the first week in December so they will have them in time for finals.

But...to do this... I need their addresses. Please send me your child's mailing address and also their e-mail address so that Rene can send them the monthly Blueprints.

If your student has the same address as last year, I still need you to confirm that with me.

Please e-mail me at: <u>bowmanrae@aol.com</u> with their information.

Thanks,

~ Marcí Sharp

Campus Contact

We'd like your help collecting items to go into care packages for our college students participating in our campus contact ministry. Please bring any of these items that you can collect to church with you on or before **Sunday**, **December 1**st so that we can get the packages out to the college students in time for exams. There are many students who are participating in our Campus Contact Program this year. We will be packing up the items on Monday, December 2nd at 1:00 PM if you would like to help.

microwave popcorn single packs of hot cocoa microwavable soup cups microwavable macaroni and cheese single packs of tea and instant coffee candy gum packaged snacks/chips

Also, please remember to keep our congregation's college students in your prayers.

~ Marcí Sharp



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

We are excited to get the activities moving for the year. The youth group room is still in need of a good cleaning and it is still being discussed the best way to go about it. For now we will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

November:

Sunday, November 17th

5:30-7:30 PM

Our annual Friendsgiving!

Sign up with Deb for a dish you'd like to prepare for our Thanksgiving dinner. Please bring a canned good to donate to the food pantry.

December:

Sunday, December 8th

5:30-7:30 PM

Holiday Party

Please bring a gift to donate.

We are also looking for people that are interested in signing up to help with loaves and fishes. A date is not picked yet but will be once we have those who would love to volunteer.

Deb Dlug debdlug@gmail.com



Each week the Sunday school children engage in lessons, music class, and activities that build their faith and link to the lectionary.

EXPLORE WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO GET INVOLVED?

Share your talents with our Sunday School kids! See the Blue sheets in the Narthex for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY GATHERINGS

The first Sunday of each month parents join their children for the last 30 minutes of Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. This is also a great opportunity for you to meet other parents here at church. All kids will participate in this family experience at 10:20, so we hope you'll return in time to participate with them!

If your child is not in Sunday School but you would like to join us for these family gatherings, you are WELCOME!

November 3rd at 10:20am – Gratitude Activity December 1st at 10:20am – Advent Activity

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 15th during the 11:00am as the Sermon

It's that time already! We're planning the Christmas Pageant and looking for some caring adults to help with costumes, props and wrangling the kids!

Interested, talk to Heather Pontonio heather.pontonio@gmail.com

BIBLE STORIES IN WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

11/2/2019 – All Saints Sunday

Family Sunday School gathering at 10:20am

11/10/2019 - The Sadducees Question - Luke 20:27-38

What's happening in this story? In an attempt to trick Jesus into saying something incorrect about God, some Sadducees ask what will happen if a widow remarries—in the resurrection, who will be her husband? Jesus responds that marriage is only for this life. Then he explains that the scriptures call the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob God of the living; therefore, though these ancestors have died, they still must be alive. Jesus, in effect, changes the terms of the discussion. Where the Sadducees wanted to make it about logic, Jesus makes it about scripture and flips the argument on them.

What does this story mean for kids? Kids are constantly learning and confronting tricky questions. Let kids know that trusting God is the best way to react to tricky questions. And if, with God's help, we can't figure them out, we know God is with us while we contemplate the mystery. Kids might need an explanation of who the Sadducees were and that their question was meant to trap Jesus. They also might ask why the husbands kept dying; explain that this is a hypothetical (made up) and exaggerated story. This story also might spark questions about what happens after we die.

11/17/2019 – Working Together - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

What's happening in this story? In this text from Paul's second letter to the church at Thessalonica, he tells them to keep faith in God's promises and remain eager for Jesus' return, but adds that this anticipation doesn't excuse them from working for the good of all in the meantime. Paul emphasizes how people are to act while waiting for Jesus—not quitting their daily activities and work, but continuing in the pursuits of daily life, matching their words with their deeds. Work is a blessing, Paul believes. It is how we act out our partnership with God in the world.

What does this story mean for kids? Kids are accustomed to hearing about the importance of hard work and "doing their best." They hear this at home and school as they master new skills and have their learning assessed. This text shows kids that sometimes it's hard to do our best or to do the right thing. In fact, sometimes we won't even want to do it! Paul's words provide us with encouragement that working as God's hands in the world is valuable for us, for others, and for God—even if we sometimes struggle to do it.

11/24/2019 - King on the Cross - Luke 23:33-43

What's happening in this story? Luke's account of Jesus' crucifixion provides a striking and contradictory image, especially on Christ the King Sunday. We proclaim Jesus king, yet here he suffers a painful, embarrassing, and public death. We see that Jesus' kingship is not exercised through brute strength or earthly grandeur like that of worldly rulers. Rather, Jesus' kingship is shown in concern for the poor and lost, and in a humble, selfless death on a cross. This is evident in Jesus' promise of salvation to the criminal beside him.

What does this story mean for kids? Kids may come away from this lesson feeling mad or sad; it's okay for them to wrestle with such feelings to some extent. Younger kids think in concrete terms and may feel sad for Jesus because people treated him unkindly and no one came to help him. Older kids may feel upset about the unfair treatment of Jesus—that he was innocent but was still hung on a cross. Kids of all ages may have difficulty understanding why Jesus was crucified, so remind them that he made the choice to die on the cross to save them.



The first Sunday of each month parents join their children for the last 30 minutes of Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. In October, families learned about FAITH5[™] (Faith Acts In The Home) a simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for 5-15 minutes a night. See <u>http://www.faith5.org/</u> for more information.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Will Wagner
- 6 Dottie Fitzsimmons Richard Keith
- 8 Jennifer Davies
- 10 Michael Coyle
- 13 Natalie Susco
- 14 Ben Gross
- 15 Jimmy Davies
- 16 Zachary Arnold
- 17 Kirstie Macdonald Connor McRedmond
- 21 Casey Johansen
- 22 Ava Cantone
- 24 Juliana Confortini
- 27 Matthew Roginski
- 29 Stephen Hallock
- 30 Eric Lambert

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Bob & Patsy Cicarelli
- 27 Nancy & Juri Tolmoff

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of John Mattera Sr., Michael Mattera's father.

To the family and friends of Hans & Ursula Dimpel, Doris Dimpel's mother and father.

A graveside service will be held for Hans and Ursula Dimpel (Doris Dimpel's parents) on Saturday, November 9th at 11:00AM at Center Cemetery in New Milford, CT. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.



Hi Everyone,

FNL will be held on November 15th at 7:00PM, at the home of Joyce and Harold Rannestad. A sign- up sheet is on the poster board in the Narthex.

I want everyone's opinion for December. I was wondering how you felt about moving FNL up one week to December 13th instead of December 20th. Let me know what you think and the majority will rule the date change. My e-mail address is: <u>bnlneeb@sbcglobal.net</u>

Enjoy the rest of the Fall, it has been beautiful!

KNITTING GROUP

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

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Congregation,

I would like to thank everyone who brought cans and bottles to my bottle drive as well as those who made additional donations for my project.

Your contributions funded the project which would otherwise not have been possible. Those donations formed the backbone of my project upon which everything else occurred. I cannot thank you enough for helping me complete one of the biggest parts of my journey to reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

Síncerely,

Jason Zímmíttí

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 2019 November 2, 2019

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The clock is ticking, and we are planning to have a great fair this year. Opportunities for your involvement still exist. Will you help? Helpers are always useful on Friday afternoon to set up and of course for Saturday. Think about a time which is good for you.

The fair requests are posted on "Sign-up Genius on-line, as well as a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

You can use this link to pledge your time and talents.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4bada72fa3fe3-prince4

Foods for the luncheon are always from donations.

Check with sign-up on "Genius" or Susi Lehmann.

Bakers and candy makers: Please bring items which are wrapped and if possible,
 decorate the items to make them attractive. Diane Morey can answer any questions.
 Please label and note ingredients, especially the presence of nuts and other allergens.
 The bake sale was particularly successful last year because of your donations.

Crafters: Bring your items on Friday so that they can be priced and displayed well. Speak to Marci Sharp about your concerns.

Book donations: Please bring prior to Saturday and leave in the closet.

Your donations of gently used jewelry and holiday decorations are greatly appreciated. Please bring them prior to Saturday.

The great support from our congregation created excellent financial returns last year. Let's try to make it even better this year.

Thank you for all you do.

~ Nancy Carlson

OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE TO DAILY BREAD FOR THANKSGIVING

They need:

Turkeys (gift card is good)

Potatoes (boxed and canned)

Stuffing

Turkey Gravy

Canned green beans and corn

Canned fruit

Cranberry sauce

Extra's:

Pie crust mix

Pie filler (pumpkin and others)

Cake mix

Cake frosting

Cookies

<u>Misc.</u>

Cans of soup, tuna and chicken, cereal, anything non-perishable is welcomed.

Financial support is always welcome:

Cash

Checks (made out to Prince of Peace - please be sure to memo Daily Bread on your check) Gift cards

Due to the construction on the Daily Bread Pantry, St. Thomas Church in Danbury is using their hall to give out the food. The distribution of Thanksgiving food will be on Friday, November 22nd and Monday, November 25th.

Thank you in advance.

~ Mary Weisensee (203) 546-8499

THE SALVATION ARMY **ANGEL TREE PROGRAM**

The Caring Ministries Committee is again participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Tags will be available starting Saturday, November 9th. If you take a tag, please make sure you write your name on the sheet on the table after the correct tag number. The tag numbers are written in black marker. Gifts purchased should not exceed \$30. If the item on the angel tag is more than \$30, feel free to substitute the item. When the tags were prepared, it was not possible to research the price of each item. Attach the entire tag to the gift. It is very important that the tag be secured to the gift because it has the family number and the name of the child on the tag. When these become disconnected, it makes it difficult to try to match up the gift to the child.

DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT

All gifts need to be back to the church by Sunday, December 8.

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Worship Services

Word & Sacrament.....

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 5:00 PM Sundays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 8:15 AM & 11:00 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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