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The MESSENGER

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Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

Gideons International Message

⇒ July 1

Over 80 and Illinois Celebration

⇒ July 1

Independence Day

⇒ July 4

Sunday Worship

Now the Feast & Celebration

As summer arrives, many families and individuals are happy to have completed another successful school and work year. We look forward to feasts (picnics), celebrations, and vacations.

This summer at Prince of Peace we will also want to celebrate and praise God for the many blessings He gives us daily. We will be praising and worshipping God on

Sunday mornings with the "Now the Feast & Celebration" music and liturgy by Marty Haugen.

If you have any special requests for music (needs to be available in hymnal or copyright CCLI), please write a note and place it in the "musical box" in the narthex.

Please join us for worship on Sundays at 9:00am and for fellowship time at 10:30am.

Honor with Flowers

Providing flowers for the altar on a Sunday is a special way to honor, celebrate, or remember someone. There are still openings available for the Summer and Fall sections on the flower chart posted outside of Nicholas Hall. Flowers

cost \$30 and payable to the Altar Guild.

If you have a newborn in your family, please contact the Altar Guild or church office so the we can celebrate with a flower and an announcement in the bulletin.

Breaking Bread Together

The Eucharistic Team from Prince of Peace will be visiting those that are home bound, providing communion and fellowship. If you know of anyone that would like to receive such services please call the office (815-624-2115). Their next scheduled visit will be Sunday, July 1st.



Kitchen Corner

Red, White, & Blue Berry Pie

Submitted by Sue Peterson



Ingredients:

1-1/2 cups sugar
1/4 cup plus 1-1/2 teaspoons
cornstarch
1-1/2 cups water
4 tablespoons plus 1-1/2 tea-
spoons raspberry gelatin
1 pint fresh or frozen unsweet-
ened blueberries
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 pastry shell (9 inches), baked
1 pint fresh or frozen unsweet-
ened raspberries
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
1-3/4 cups whipped topping

Directions:

1) In a large saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in gelatin until dissolved.
2) Divide mixture in half. Stir blueberries and lemon juice into one portion; spread over crust. Chill until set. Gently fold raspberries into remaining gelatin mixture; cool to room temperature and set aside.
3) Meanwhile, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese and confec-tioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in whipped topping; spread over blueberry layer. Chill until set, about 2 hours.
4) Carefully spread raspberry mixture over cream cheese layer. Chill for at least 4 hours. Yield: 8 servings.

Studying the Word

Weekly Children's Bulletins are available for youth ages 3-6 and 7-12 during the worship on Sunday mornings. The bulletins include activities related to the gospel for that day. Please ask the ushers for a copy.

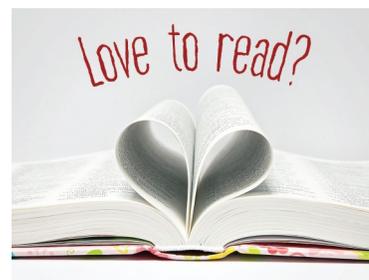
Mary Rachel Circle will be having their summer luncheon on Tuesday, June 26th at 12pm at Fatt Cat Café in Rockton. During 2017-2018, the women's circle has

donated monies to organizations such as the Old Stone Pantry, Rockford Rescue Mission, Caratas, Carpenter's Place, Willow Women's Center, soldier boxes, and more. Mary Rachel Circle will re-sume their monthly meetings in September. Have a great summer!

Christ in Our Home devotional booklets for July through September are available in the book rack in the narthex.

Summer reading

Join the book club as they go on their next literary adventure with "The Pecan Man" by author Cassie Dandridge Selleck. The club will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, July 25th at 7:00pm at Pam Novotnak's house.



Party with Prince of Peace

Naomi Circle will be hosting a party during the fellowship hour on Sunday, July 1st. We are going to honor those in our congregation who are 80 years old or more. In addition, we will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the State of Illinois.

There will be cake, punch, and a trivia game with a prize basket. If you are 80 years or older AND plan to attend the party, please mark the box on the back of your Connection Card by June 24th.

Bringing Comfort

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to give comfort and support to church members and friends by providing prayer blankets. Many thank you notes have been received to this wonderful ministry. If you plan to give a blanket to someone, please use the green "PoP Prayer Shawl Records" notebook located in the Sunday School office. Contact the office with any questions.



Serving Others

Old Stone Pantry needs our donations for the summer. The Pantry provides groceries to an average of 60+ families each week in the Rockton, Roscoe, Shirland, Harrison, and South Beloit area. It also runs a "backpack program" that helps children in need during the school year.

Prince of Peace plans to provide all with a grocery bag and list for the Pantry on Sunday, July 1st.

Here are the items requested for the summer:

- ⇒ Cold cereal
- ⇒ Tuna in water
- ⇒ Chicken noodle soup
- ⇒ Ramen noodles
- ⇒ Boxed potatoes
- ⇒ Boxed spaghetti
- ⇒ Macaroni and cheese
- ⇒ Toilet paper

Look what's new!

We hope you enjoy your newly designed monthly newsletter renamed The Messenger. A lot of time and thought was put into this to make it easy to use and read. Congratulations to the person that suggested the name, The Messenger.

A very special thank you to Kara Wallace who did the lion's share of the work laying out the new format and to Jacqueline Eggers for her professional input. If you have any comments, please see Kara, Jacqueline or Lora Conrad.

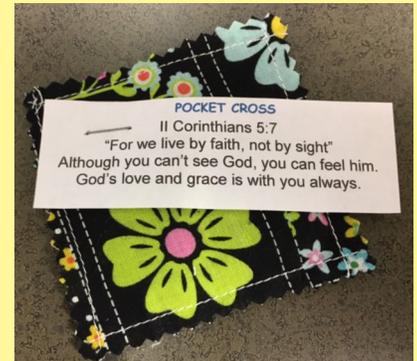
What's next?

We need your ideas for a new Prince of Peace logo. It should be easy to understand what the logo symbolizes. The logo should also reflect what Prince of Peace Church is about. Please put your idea/s in the mailbox in the narthex by July 8th.

In addition to a new logo, we want to improve our newsletter and other publications by including pictures of current events. If you object to having your photo in the Prince of Peace publications and website, please notify the office. Thank you.

What's in your pocket?

Every have one of those days or know someone who could use a little guidance? Take one or more of the pocket crosses located on a table in the narthex. These special crosses can be easily kept in a pocket or purse.



"Although you can't see God, you can feel him. God's love and grace is with you always." A special thank you to Sandy Buske for creating the pocket crosses for our church.

"For we live by faith, not by sight"
II Corinthians 5:7



Focus on Missions

Prince of Peace continues to give assistance to organizations through our benevolence giving. We provide financial support to Gideons International. "The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments." A member of the Gideons will be sharing a special message at Prince of Peace during worship on Sunday, July 1.

The Prince of Peace council members meet monthly. If you have questions or ideas, please contact one of the council deacons or attend a monthly meeting.

President, Tom Lenhart
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Stewardship, Nancy Freedlund
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Witness, Lora Conrad
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Worship, Wendy Goldsworthy
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Rain or shine!

Lawn mowing volunteers continue to keep our grounds looking nice. The teams arrange their own mowing time (Thursday, Friday, or Saturday).

As the summer progresses, the grass may not need to be mowed every week. Bob Mohns will advise the teams if it does not need to be mowed. If you need a substitute or want to switch an assigned date, contact Bob (815-624-2239) or the office for a list of names.

Here is the schedule for July:

July 5-7
R. Mackenthun, R. Olson

July 12-14
D. Ducett, D. Landenberger

July 19-21
B. Mueller, S. Shrider

July 26-28
D. Baird, J. Freedlund

Recycle

Prince of Peace is continuing to collect empty pop cans as a fundraiser for our youth group. There is a large container located in the parking lot for donations. We received \$231 at the last pick-up of cans for recycling. Well done!



In Our Prayers

Healing and strength for: Chad, Pam, Sharon VanderKooi, Cindy Lee, Kim, Billy, Alice S., Tyler B., Loretta Pfile, Justin, Andy, Bob, Kristan, David Corcoran, Anna Hopkins, Joan Kahley, Linda Chartrau, Sonja, Mary, Rudy, Judy Hines, Wayne, Larry Bell, Lisa, Bill H., Ted, Maury, Mary Norman, Tina, Phil, Penny, Everet, Wendy, Delores Mattis, Tom, Marion M., Andrea, Daphne McNames, Brian Tracy, Vicki A., Jean, Carl, Charlotte, Jacob, Matt, Trisha, David, Cathie Goldsworthy, Paul Bielski, Grace Woolacott, and Barb Durnil.

Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Carl Specht, Ella Pearson's grandsons Rob & Samuel Walker, Sherre Faulkner's nephew Rod Flom, Tom & Jean Lenhart's grandson Cody Merrette, Penny Pfile's nephew William Kerr II, Joan Sabin's grandson Jeremy Crandell, Pastor Hank & Beth Corcoran's son-in-law James McLaurin, Bob & Karen Lowery's grandson Steve Broomfield, and Dorothy Bush's nephew Cody Bush.

Please pray for those suffering loss: The families of Rodrigo Ruiz, Terry Hargraves, Bert Collier, Steve Heavilin, Tony Vinegas, Paul & Barb Cannel, Dwight Siedschlag, Barb Vincer, and Ruth Fairchild. Greg Bartz and family upon the loss of his aunt Maxine Cooper. The Erbe, Duncan, and Stone families upon their losses. Don Blecker and family upon loss of his father.



July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Gideons Int. Cares/Concerns Eucharist Team July 1st Party</p>	<p>2 Prayer Group 9:30am Pastor-vacation</p>	<p>3 Pastor-vacation</p>	<p>4  Independence Day</p>	<p>5 Pastor-vacation</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Men's Group 7am</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9 Prayer Group 9:30am Church Council 6:30pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 Prayer Group 9:30am</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Men's Group 7am Nicholas Hall- reserved</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 Prayer Group 9:30am</p>	<p>24 Rockton Quilt Group 6-9pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 Prayer Group 9:30am</p>	<p>31 4-H Club 5:30pm</p>				

Please note: Pastor Hank will be on vacation on July 2-5. Kara Wallace will be on vacation July 27-31.

July Serving Schedule

If you are not able to make your allotted time slot, please find a substitute and notify the church office.

July 1

AV: Kara Wallace
Acolyte: Trevor Diemel
Greeters: Greg & Luann Bartz
Ushers: Bob & Nancy Mohns
Reader: Nancy Mohns
Communion Assist: Lora Conrad, Stacy Diemel, & Wendy Goldsworthy
Counters: Barb Durnil & Amy Lynch

July 8

AV: Garrett Schmidt
Acolyte: Seth Hedman
Greeters: Darran & Karen Landenberger
Ushers: Richard & Mary Mackenthun
Reader: Wendy Goldsworthy
Communion Assist: Sherre Faulkner, Darran Landenberger, & Debbie Tracy
Counters: Dorothy Bush & Pam Novotnak

July 15

AV: Trevor Diemel
Acolyte: Connor Diemel
Greeters: Nancy Laursen & Pam Novotnak
Ushers: Cathie & Wendy Goldsworthy
Reader: Sue Peterson
Communion Assist: David Corcoran, Pam Novotnak, & Kathy Walker
Counters: Sandy Buske & David Baird

July 22

AV: Cameron Schmidt
Acolyte: Sidney Schmidt
Greeters: Sue Peterson & Penny Pfile
Ushers: David & Vicki Rowlett
Reader: Steve Shrider
Communion Assist: Tom Lenhart, Richard Mackenthun, & Sue Peterson
Counters: Penny Pfile & Steve Shrider

July 29

AV: Derek Hoaglund
Acolyte: Josiah Hedman
Greeters: Jerry & Carol Yarolimek
Ushers: Sherre Faulkner & Denise Hoaglund
Reader: Kathy Walker
Communion Assist: Lora Conrad, Duke Ducett, & Sue Ducett
Counters: Denise Hoaglund & Brad Mueller

Stock Pew Racks for July: Phyllis Wendorf

Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2 Luann Bartz
11 Mary Ann Stewart
13 John Saarinen
16 Anne Hedman
25 Laura Bloese
John Peterson
26 Pam Novotnak
27 Penny Stone
31 Joe Locke
Brad Mueller

July Anniversaries

12 Daniel and Cyndy King
23 David and Amy Lynch
30 Andrew and Kara Wallace



Deacon Buzz

Facilities

- A committee of six members of the church had a meeting in May. Those attending were: Richard Mackenthun, Wayne Schmidt, Brian Tracy, Joe Locke, Rick Olson, and Sherre Faulkner.
- The committee looked at samples of flooring and acoustical wall covering for Nicholas Hall. The square footage of the floor is about 2000 and the walls are about 700 sq. feet. The cost for the floor is \$5,600 and the wall is \$4,000 at this time, plus or minus.
- We are looking at some repair of the garage. We have no cost at this time.

Witness

- Welcome to Prince of Peace Church! A new welcome bag full of information and a couple gifts has been put together for guests that come to POP. Please alert me, Lora Conrad, if you see someone new and I will present them with a welcome bag.
- Remember the Welcome Wagon that would come to your house when you moved into a new community? It hasn't existed in many years, so we are looking into becoming the "Welcome to the community" people. Those bags will have information from the Chamber of Commerce as well as a list of area churches along with Prince of Peace featured as the welcoming source. Anyone who would like to help with this project is welcomed to contact Lora Conrad.
- A new POP flyer and logo are in the works. Please place your ideas for the new POP logo in the mailbox in the narthex no later than July 8th. Thank you.

Service

- The Women's Pie auction was a great success! Forty-three pies were auctioned off for a grand total of \$1637.00! We are going to see about adopting another family through Operation Ward 57, Wounded Veterans, for Christmas this year. I will keep you updated on how many families we 'adopt' and what is gifted to them. THANK YOU to everyone who participated in ANY way.
- I would like to introduce and congratulate Karen Landenberger for taking on the lead role for our newest program for our Senior members. This program is SO new that Pastor, Karen and I have not yet met to discuss how, exactly, this program will work - but be on the look out for information once we get this ball rolling ~ it's gonna be good!



The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to sow FAITH IN CHRIST, strengthen FAMILIES, serve our COMMUNITIES.

Our Staff:

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From the Pastor

With this edition of the The Messenger, I have the pleasure of highlighting our new Stewardship Deacon, Nancy Freedlund, by way of asking her to outline the stewardship vision for Prince of Peace. What follows introduces the goal of our new deacon.

Grateful and Generous Guardians of God's Gracious Gifts

Do you see yourself as a Grateful and Generous Guardian of God's Gracious Gifts? That's a goal I would like us to work toward this year.

As Christians we are admonished to give thanks **many** times in the Bible.

"Enter His gates with **thanksgiving**, And His courts with praise. **Give thanks** to Him; bless His name", Psalm 100:4. "**Give thanks** always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ", Ephesians 5:20. The Israelites were instructed to bring a Peace Offering which is an offering expressing thanks or gratitude to God for His bounties and mercies.

Recently we have begun to realize the benefits of being grateful. There are many scientific studies that show the ben-

efits of being grateful. There are health benefits such as improved sleep, fewer illnesses, increased energy, reduced symptoms of depression, decreased systolic blood pressure to name a few. Grateful people are kinder, more resilient, less self-centered and less materialistic and have better marriages. (<http://happierhuman.com/the-science-of-gratitude/>) Would you like some of those benefits? I challenge you to keep a Gratitude Journal.

Write down 3-5 things every day that you are grateful for.

After you have thanked God for the obvious, like your family and friends etc., thank him for all the little things like the smell of fresh coffee or chocolate or the blue sky. Having lived without running water for three years, every time I get in a shower, I thank God for hot running water.

Or as you read the Bible, write down all the verses that mention being thankful.

Try it for the rest of the summer. I want to see the back of the connection card filled with things you are thankful for. Blessings, Nancy Freedlund, Stewardship Deacon