

# News of Peace

August 2015



of Prince of Peace, including:

Please keep the men and women that are in the Armed Forces, at home and abroad, in your daily prayers.

We especially want to remember those that are loved and missed by our members

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Well, they're back: you know, all those commercials that talk about this upcoming "most wonderful time

of the year" i.e. – the beginning of the school year and the end of summer vacation. As I write this we may approach our FIRST 90 degree day in over 320+ days. So it really hasn't felt much like summer, weather-wise, and we're already talking about things that come with the fall.

While there is still much vacation for families to enjoy, at least in Michigan, there are some things to look forward to in the Church. The fall season at Prince of Peace brings our Church Rally Day/Picnic/5K run benefitting Stacy's Sparkles on Sept. 13, the return to two services at 8:30 and 11 am on Sept. 20, choir practice under our new director Michael Opfermann, and the resumption of catechism, Sunday School, and dartball to name just a few. Those who have been "traveling" during these summer months for those much-needed family getaways also return. It's almost like a reunion as we get back together after some time apart.

This summer has been just as busy with our very successful VBS with Ida United Methodist and other things at the Church, but we also look forward to new and exciting things to come. We will be resurrecting the Adult Class with a new video/discussion series titled *Faith out Loud: Talking About What Matters Most*. It will be a non-threatening way of talking about our faith stories and how to share them in our daily lives. We're still discussing location, possibly moving it into The Gathering Place at the end of coffee hour, but watch the bulletin for details.

So, this is indeed the "most wonderful time of the year" as God directs and guides us into the ministry to which we are called, and blesses us in the fellowship we have as Prince of Peace.

Peace,  
Pastor Ted D. Kerr III



*Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Karen Rath Orick, Bernice Rath's daughter, who passed away*

*on July 11. Pastor Kerr led the funeral service at the Capaul Funeral Home*

*Our Christian sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of Wayne Adler who passed on July 16. Wayne's funeral service was held at Prince of Peace.*

*And our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Thelma Kominek, who passed on July 19. Her funeral was also held at Prince of Peace.*

*May the God of comfort be with them all, in this, their time of need.*

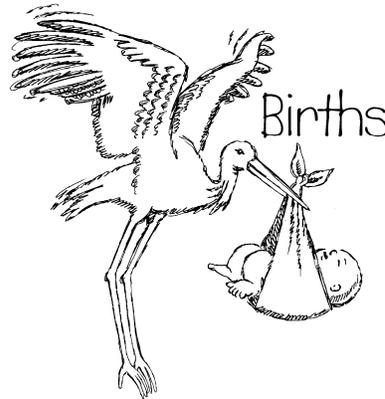
Baptized at our baptismal font on Sunday, June 28 was Brandy Lynette Scharer, daughter of Douglas Paul Scharer. Brandy was born on August 9, 2013 in Monroe. Her sponsor is Andrew Scharer. The rose on the altar is in honor of Brandy's baptism from her grandparents Doug Scharer and Kerrie Scharer.



Participating in the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on July 12 was Ashley Nicole Smith. Her sponsors are Kyla Masserant and Shane Masserant. The communion bread was presented by Ashley's family that morning.



On Sunday, July 19 a dedication was held for the landscaped memorial bed at the south entrance of the church. Memorial monies from Stacy Wain and Walt Berns funded the project. Planting and maintenance is being taken care of by our *Holy Grounds* volunteers. This memorial, given by Stacy and Walt's families, has created a beautiful and welcoming area for all to enjoy.



Congratulation to Shanna Vore and William Smith on the birth of their daughter, Aleena Lynn Smith. Aleena was born June 10, 2015 in Monroe, MI. She weighed 6½ lb. as was 19" long at birth.

Congratulations to Mark and Meagan Winkelman on the birth of their son, Harrison Thomas Winkelman. Harrison was born on July 17, 2015 in Monroe, MI. He weighed 7 lb 5 oz and was 19.25" long at birth.



The altar flowers on July 26 were in memory of Chuck Boll, whose birthday was July 22<sup>nd</sup>, from his family.



New Beginnings Mercy House is an Evangelical Christian ministry devoted to the infinite worth of every human being. New Beginnings offers women in crisis alternatives to abortion by providing community based support services, such as pregnancy testing, counseling, medical references and parenting skills.

The noisy offering for August will be sent to the New Beginnings Mercy House Ministries.

The Noisy offering will be collected on Wed. Aug. 05 & Sun. Aug.09.

July's Noisy Offering to Holiday Camp was \$123.08.  
Thank you Prince of Peace for your outward reach.



Our next Contemporary service is on Sunday, August 9 at 6:30 PM.  
Bring a friend, dress casual, and join us in worship.  
We'll enjoy fellowship after the services.

Our contemporary band, A+OMIC, has two spots open!  
They are currently looking for both a keyboard player and a male vocalist.  
If you or any one you may know are interested,  
and would like more information,  
please contact Michael Opfermann at (734) 625-6806.

everyone is  
welcome



## Feed the Band

We are looking for people who might be interested in providing a simple dinner for our A†OMIC Band on the nights of our Contemporary Worship Services. Many of you may not be aware that our A†OMIC praise band, made up of nine youth and young adults, come together before each of our monthly Contemporary Services to prepare, practice, and share in a meal and fellowship together.

We are looking for church members who would be willing to provide and serve the meal. This would help tremendously in lightening our load of responsibilities, and it would be an opportunity to share and show support for this ongoing ministry. The meals are usually quite simple (i.e., tacos, sloppy joes, pizza, spaghetti, etc.) and always greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help in this way, please contact Gina Staelgraeve (734-347-3109 / [gstaelgraeve@gmail.com](mailto:gstaelgraeve@gmail.com)) to sign up for a month. The service is always on the second Sunday of every month and the meal is served at 5:30 p.m. Paper products and beverages are already on hand, so would not be needed.

We have August and September covered, but need people to sign up for months after that.

Special thanks to Marty & Dick Kamprath for providing the meal in June; and to Sanj & John Gerweck for the meal in July.

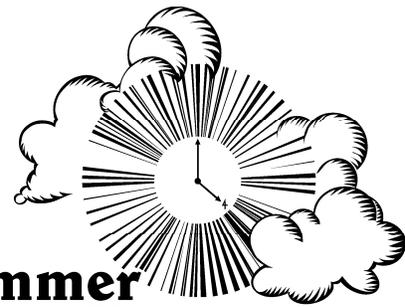


Our summer Sunday worship schedule continues throughout the month of August. We have one Sunday service at 9 AM. Sunday school and confirmation classes will resume in the fall.

Contemporary worship for this month is August 9 at 6:30 PM. Mid-week worship continues on Wednesday evenings at 7.

Summer office hours are shortened to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7 AM - 12 NOON. Please turn in all bulletin announcements by Wednesday evening. Changes to the schedule will be posted in the weekly bulletins. Additional hours will be worked as needed. Feel free to contact Kim Kibat at 734-269-2445 when she's not in the office if you need anything she can help you with.

Kim will be out of the office August 25-27.



## Summer Office Hours



The next healing service will take place on Sunday, August 30 at 5:30 pm. This is a short service and opportunity to receive additional prayer and anointing for those who desire it.

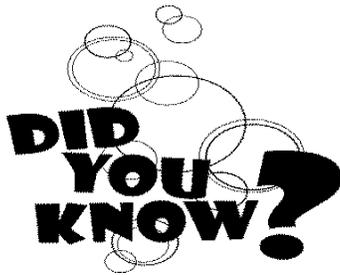


## Change of Time

Contemporary Service next month will be held in the morning at 9 AM on Rally Day, September 13.

There will be no evening service that day. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to the service and have them plan to join in the activities of Rally Day afterwards!

Our Media Team has room for more people to help with our 11:00 service beginning this fall. If you are interested please contact Michael Opfermann @ 734.625.6806. Training is provided and schedules are flexible. We are in need of at least two more people for the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.



# 5K = 3.1 miles

**Holy Grounds** A huge "thanks" goes out to the volunteers who have been sprucing up the landscaping around our church! A committed group has shown up every Thursday since early May---adding up to many hours of fellowship and service. The improvements are certainly noticeable! We are catching things up--for now,--so we are scaling back our schedule for the month of August only. We will limit our work to the second and fourth Thursdays in August. We have a dream to expand our work in the month of September to include a couple of new and exciting improvements. Holy Grounds will resume to every Thursday mornings in September. Plan now to come Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We would love to have you join us!

## "Let Us Grow"



**BIBLE STUDY** - If you have not been with us before, won't you please consider joining us for the study of **the gospel of Luke**. The study will be offered for seven weeks **starting Tuesday September 15**. You can come either at **9:30 am or 7:00 p.m.** and the session runs for about one hour. This book is *all about Jesus*---what He did, what He said, and who He was and is.

The sessions will include such topics as:

1. God Works through Ordinary Lives
2. Jesus Calls Ordinary People to Follow Him
3. Jesus Teaches Faithfulness and Watchfulness

There is a sheet on one of the tables in the narthex for you to sign up. Please do that by **Sunday, August 30**, so that the study books can be distributed before the first session. God wants us to study His word. We discuss, we learn, we laugh, and we enrich our spiritual lives. Please join us.

**THANK YOU!**  
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Thank you to everyone who provided food or helped with the God Works! dinner Wednesday night, July 8<sup>th</sup>. We served about 20 people. Because of you we can keep the program going. Thanks!

To "ALL" of those who helped out, in some way, for VBS...we "THANK YOU" so very, very much! VBS entails a lot of work, and without your help, things would not get accomplished! You are a blessing, and we appreciate your love and devotion, more than words can express. We had 91 kids registered for VBS with an average attendance of 83 kids. This is a new record for our Vacation Bible School program. God's Blessings to each and everyone of you! Jill Burgess, Kim Cramer and Kim Zietlow.

## Special Music

July 19...Peace Notes will sing *Sing Out, Earth and Skies* by Marty Haugen during the prelude this morning. A+OMIC will offer for the congregation during Holy Communion *The Table*.



### Choir Practice Resumes

Choir practices will be starting up again soon. The first rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, September 17. Watch the weekly bulletins and next months newsletter for more details or see Michael Opfermann, Choir Director. All voices are welcome to join in the fun.



Well another summer is quickly passing at the Ida Kids Center. We can't believe that many of our conversations are about getting the last getaway in, or school shopping! The paperwork is already beginning to get everyone registered for fall. We do have a couple openings in the T/TH preschool class. It is for three year olds. There are also a few spots remaining in the M/W/F afternoon class for four year olds. The daycare is filling up very quickly for after school and full day times. Call or stop by very soon if any of these classes are something you may need. During the month of July, we celebrated the U.S.A. in many special ways. The groups drew chalk fireworks, made necklaces, hats and decorated the classrooms. We also talked about the Wild West, gardening, insects, the beach, dinosaurs and the favorite topic—Christmas in July. Some of you may have noticed or seen on Facebook, our tree in the classroom. The children were so funny when we said we were going to celebrate. Most of them just gave us a crazy look. We made Christmas wreaths, put up garland and lights and decorated Christmas cookies. Needless to say, it was quite a festive month!

August will begin our end of summer countdown. We will also be enjoying our final wheel, water, craft and cooking and fun lunch days. The groups will also be discussing and creating projects around the topics of animals, the Fair, camping, the circus, space and of course back to school. We will also be rearranging the rooms for fall and helping the children get ready for a new year by reviewing some of their basic skills.

The Ida Kids Center wishes everyone a safe and happy month!

God Bless,

Nancy Hunter, Program Director

Kim Zietlow is the WELCA Chairperson for the month of September. She will be contacting each person on the September list of helpers to line up coffee hours throughout the month. Feel free to recruit your own helpers and let Kim know @ 734-755-5237 which Sunday you'd like to provide for.



September WELCA helpers include: Sharon, Angela & Ashley Aksamit; Cara Brennan; Susan & Sarah Cosby; Brandi Gedelian; Sanj & Stephanie Gerweck; Jan Howard; Ashley Hughes; Diane, Nikkole & Kendra Kamprath; Jackie, Jessica & Kelsey Lampkowski; Allison Roderick; Jane Root; Crystal Root; Megann Tremonti; Tammy Snyder.

The Prayer Chain is comprised of approximately 15 people. We offer prayers to God at the request of anyone with a need. The requests can be of any nature, illness, death in the family or friend, birth of a baby, safe journey, safety of a military person. Any and all requests are welcome. We will word your request, giving as much or little information as you want, however you want. We welcome more people to join our Prayer Chain. We have an e-mail group and we have a telephone group for those who don't have a computer. Keep us in mind when you need a prayer. Call Joy Fox @ 269-2982.

Prayer Shawl ministry was started at Pop in the year 2002. So far 700 shawls have been shared. We have reached out to many men, women and children in need of comforting to our congregation and our community. They are also presented to high school graduates and new church members. Many have said the shawls remind them of being held in God's hands. It's an amazing good ministry for our church. Annually, in October Pastor blesses the prayer shawl ministry. We thank everyone that has provided yarn, knitted prayer shawls, and/or delivered them. The prayer shawl committee consists of Barb Swor, Amber Smith, Jeannine Marks, and Roxie Boll.

The caring hearts of our WELCA women are openly shared in these two ministries.

“Pray without ceasing”. 1 Thessalonians 5:17



The group meets on Mondays at 7 PM in the High School Sunday School room. Newcomers are always welcome.

Weekly AA meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7 PM. The group meets in The Gathering Place.



As of print time of this newsletter details were still being worked out for the next dine out. Watch the weekly bulletins for information as it becomes available.



The current issues of *The Word in Season*, a booklet of daily devotions and the new issues of *Spark*, activities for families with children are available in the narthex. There is no charge for either of them.

## Serve Fearlessly and Joyfully



I usually have a tough time knowing what to write about each month when newsletter time comes rolling around. This time, my challenge was trying to decide just *which* of the many wonderful

experiences I've had in the last couple of months to share with my church family.

I'm sure many of you know that we sent ten kids to camp this year: three elementary, six confirmation age, and one very awesome high schooler! It is such a huge blessing to me to have this opportunity to serve as a leader for our youth, and to grow with them in all three of the critical "S" areas that many of you hear me talk about quite often: Spiritual, Social, and Service – the key development areas in youth ministry.

Call me crazy, but there isn't one thing I would rather do during the first week of July each year than to leave my comfy home, my adoring husband, and my flower gardens to go spend a week in a dirty, mosquito infested cabin without air conditioning. For the world, I would not trade spending around-the-clock-time with ten anxious and very energetic children who do not belong to me! Why in the world, you ask? Because nothing grows me more spiritually and socially than joyful service to others. So, I suppose it's selfish in a way, but I think God might be okay with that in the end.

The week following camp, I was given yet another opportunity to challenge myself with what it means to serve fearlessly and joyfully. I had my first chance to be part of the triennial National Youth Gathering for the ELCA. This year, the Gathering was in Detroit – the very heart of Detroit – which I'm told, took quite a bit of persuasion to convince the ELCA that this *was* a good decision. With other engagements like camp, our state Gathering, Youth Quake, VBS, 4-H, and just a very active base of youth in our church, we were not able to send any of our kids to the event (this year). Because of my relationships with the leaders and other youth workers in our synod, I was asked to serve as a District Coordinator on the Proclaim Justice Service Learning Team. In short, that means "crazy person willing to volunteer" and help with the 224 service projects that took place within the neighborhoods throughout the six city districts in Detroit. Why in the world, you ask? Well, I guess my only response would be, why not?

My role was to serve as a communications liaison between the partner organizations in Detroit, and the ELCA Gathering team at Hart Plaza who launched 220 bus loads of youth a day, for three days in a row, which accumulated to 30,000 people with 60,000 hands serving God with heart-filled purpose for helping those in need. I saw God in so many places while observing the connections between these kids and the people they were there to serve. I have never, in my 52 years, seen love expressed quite like this before. Complete selflessness; arms wide open; an outpouring of acceptance for each other that was mixed with grit, grace, and obedience for what God tells us we are to do.

There was an article about the event in the Huffington Post titled "*American Christianity Has Been Hijacked.*" You really must make the time to Google and read it and to relish the affirmative (long-awaited) words about Christians and the church as a whole; positive words, for a change, that will make you feel like finally...., at least *someone* gets it!

Just as I suspected, this unknown territory, plunged into fearlessly and joyfully, turned out to be perhaps the greatest Christian experience I have ever had. So thank you, Church! Thank you for allowing me to be blessed through this blessing of youth ministry. My life has been forever changed since the day you hired me to serve. With purpose,

Gina

*(You can view the above mentioned article on my Facebook page. Please do.)*

## A work in progress

A Christian is always in the process of becoming, never in the state of having become. The Christian life is not being pious but becoming pious, not being healthy but becoming healthy, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet [what we are to be], but we are becoming it. It is not yet done and has not yet happened. It is, however, going on and coming to be. It is not the end, but it is the way.

—Martin Luther

Please plan to attend a meeting on Sunday, August 9 at 10:30am.

# YOUFO Meeting

This is for all current YouFO Members (those going into the 6th-8th grade) and also those going into the 9th grade. This will be for the purpose of planning this year's summer fun trip/activity that we have not yet had the chance to schedule. Those going into the 9th grade should participate, and then in the fall, you will be moved up to the LYO group to share in those activities during the year ahead. PLEASE CALL OR TEXT GINA to confirm you are aware of this meeting (734-347-3109). We have funds to spend, LET'S SPEND THEM doing something fun!!



**Young Adult Bible Study**

Our Y.A.B.S group, *Young Adult Bible Study*, is for all post-high school age members and invited friends. Meets every other week from 10:30 a.m. until noon. This

month we'll meet in the High School room at church on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The study is called *Reclaiming the "L" Word* and it's about the basic foundations of our faith and what it means to be Lutheran. There will be a light lunch planned, and sometimes we may choose to go out to eat afterwards.

Parents of college students that are going away to school are asked to send in their college addresses to the church office. We'll include them in mailings, including this newsletter, to keep them in touch with the happenings of their church family while they are away. They are also sent care packages with items donated from the congregation and assembled by our LYO.



For those who have already volunteered to teach Sunday School this year (if you are considering teaching please also plan to attend) there will be a brief meeting on

Thursday, August 20th in the Gathering Place from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

It's hard to believe that the school year will be starting in a month. The start of school means the start of Sunday school as well. The kick off for it is Rally Day Sunday, September 13th. Classes begin September 20. We are still in need of one teacher to help co-teach the 1<sup>st</sup>-3rd Grades; two teachers for the 7-8th Grade and High School. Please carefully think about helping teach one of these classes.

### WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUTH LEADERS

for all three age groups. If you would like to join the following people in helping to lead our youth, please plan to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30pm. We will discuss



**Youth Group Leaders**

responsibilities and dates for upcoming events. KOK (3rd-5th grade) is currently led by Sherry Kuhn YouFO (6th-8th grade) is currently led by Tim Smith & Chris Knaggs LYO (9th-12th grade) is currently led by Ray Smith & Mindy Stadler



Changes to Board of Parish Ed: The Board now has an email address:

[boardofparished@princeofpeaceida.org](mailto:boardofparished@princeofpeaceida.org).

Our current Parish Ed members are Jill Burgess, Kim Cramer, and Kim Zietlow. If

you wish to contact any of them please use this address and all will get your message.

Children's Hand bells will resume in September. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. They can be as young as 2 years old. The younger ones, simply ring the bells, the older ones are asked to follow the color cards, and do not have to know how to read music. The group is led by Kim Cramer.



**Catechism Orientation and Acolyte Training**

There will be a catechism orientation and acolyte training on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for new 7<sup>th</sup> graders and returning 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the student and at least one parent or guardian. This meeting is to go over the requirements of the program and to train the new class to serve as acolytes (8<sup>th</sup> grade "veterans" are especially needed to help with this).



- ...Tues., Sept. 1 - IKC Open House - 6 PM
- ...Thurs., Sept. 3 - Hoy Grounds Crew Resumes - 9 AM
- ...Mon., Sept. 7 - Labor Day
- ...Wed., Sept. 9 - God Works Soup Kitchen
- ...Sun., Sept. 13 - Contemporary Service - 9 AM  
(note time change this month!)
- ...Sun., Sept. 13 - Rally Day/5k/Hog Roast
- ...Tues., Sept. 15 - Bible Study Begins - 9:30 AM & 7 PM
- ...Tues., Sept. 15 - Youth Leader Meeting - 6:30 PM
- ...Thurs. Sept. 17 - Choir Practice Begins
- ...Thurs., Sept. 17 - Catechism Orientation & Acolyte Training - 7 PM
- ...Sun., Sept. 20 - Return to two Sunday services - 8:30 & 11 AM
- ...Sun., Sept. 20 - Sunday School Begins
- ...Fri., Sept. 25 - Roast Beef Dinner - 4:30 PM
- ...Sun., Sept. 27 - WELCA Meeting - 10:00 AM



The first session of class begins Oct. 4 and runs through Nov. 22. We meet on Sundays at 12:30 unless otherwise noted for fieldtrips and special events. The current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the 8:30 am service.

**Catechism**

**The Lord's day**

O day of rest! How beautiful, how fair,  
How welcome to the weary and the old!  
Day of the Lord! and truce to earthly care!  
Day of the Lord, as all our days should be!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow