

News of Peace

September 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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(Army/Germany)
(Eileen Gilbert's granddaughter & husband)

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3rd Mar Div
Unit 36180
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Surprises!

They come into our lives in many and various ways. Diane and I were truly surprised on August

23rd when you celebrated our 10th year of ministry together and my 31st year of ordination. It was a humbling, unexpected, and undeserved tribute that at the same time clearly communicated your love and support for us. We are deeply grateful and appreciative of the honor you bestowed upon us. Any success we have enjoyed at Prince of Peace is clearly due to your support and commitment to all that God has called us to, as well as the working of the Holy Spirit through *ALL* of us.

Some surprises aren't so pleasant: that unexpected diagnosis that changes our lives forever; a friendship gone sour; a supporter whom you thought was "in your corner" suddenly becoming an adversary; a layoff that comes at you from out of nowhere. God is with us in both the good and the bad "surprises." The scriptures are full of examples where God has "surprised" a follower with a mission, a calling, a task for which they felt unprepared and ill-equipped. And yet God uses the gifts we don't even realize we have to do the work of ministry.

I have found in my life that even in the most trying of times, if I listen rather get overwhelmed by the circumstances (usually Diane is a good "corrective" in that process), God reminds me that even though the "surprises" are not what I wanted, they *are* what I needed. A recent verse I ran across in the Old Testament book of Job says it well. As you may know, Job was a man who "had it all" for the standards of his time. The devil approached God and basically said, "Big deal! Let me take it all away and then see if he keeps the faith." God said, "I will allow that." (Important teaching re: suffering = God does *not* cause suffering, but God sometimes "allows" it).

After losing all his family, possessions, and wealth, Job refuses to turn his back on God. He certainly has times of anger, doubt, and depression but he refuses to give up on God. Even when three of his friends continually encourage him to do so, he keeps the faith.

As a result some of the most hope-filled passages outside of the Psalms are found in the book of Job. Here is just a small example from Job 11:13, 16-18 (New Living Translation):

“If only you would prepare your heart and lift up your hands to him in prayer! You will forget your misery; it will be like water flowing away. Your life will be brighter than the noonday. Even darkness will be as bright as morning. Having hope will give you courage. You will be protected and will rest in safety.”

Surprised... by hope and courage.
See you in Church,

Peace,
Pastor Ted D. Kerr III



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Phillip Opferman, who passed away on August 10. The funeral service was held at Prince of Peace.

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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

The next new member orientation is on Saturday, October 17 from 9am-noon. This is an introduction to Prince of Peace, its history, and ministry. New members will be received on Reformation Sunday, October 25 at the 8:30 service. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Kerr or to RSVP contact either Pastor or Kim in the church office.

Gifts

God waved a large, majestic hand
And gave us sky and trees and land.
God gave us birds to chirp each morn
And stout, young rows of bright green corn.
God gave us forests in whose shadows deep
Deer keep watch as their children sleep.
God gave us clouds of fluffy white
To shield us from the sun's bright light.
God gave us homes to keep us warm,
To keep us secure and safe from harm.
In short, God gave us all he could;
God gave us all things great and good.
—Unknown



Baptized on Sunday, August 23 was Seth Andrew Clark, son of Ann and Andrew. Seth was born on January 9, 2015 in Monroe, MI. His Sponsors are Zack Bucki and Jennifer Malohn. The rose on the altar that morning was in honor of Seth's baptism from grandparents Martha Askins, and the late Tom

Askins; and Fred & Nancy Lambrix.



Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian ministry founded on the view that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live, regardless of race or religion. Volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds are welcome. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity aligns well with the values of Christian activities. Also, the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store gives us an opportunity to donate usable furniture for affordable re-sale.

We celebrated Pastor Kerr's 31 years in the ministry and 10 years at Prince of Peace on August 23rd. He was surprised with a slide show during worship, a visit and greeting from Pastor Jack Eggleston, Assistant to the Bishop/Director for Evangelical Mission, and coffee hour in his and Diane's honor. Many of their family and longtime friends were able to be in church that morning to share in the celebration. Pastor Kerr graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in May 1984 and was ordained August 12, 1984 in Youngstown, Ohio. Pastor and Diane came to Prince of Peace in August 2005.



The September "Noisy Offering" will be sent to the Habitat for Humanity Organization.



The Noisy Offering will be collected on Wed., Sept. 9 and on Sun., Sept. 13.

August Offering to New Beginnings Mercy House was \$129. Thank you Prince of Peace for your outward reach.



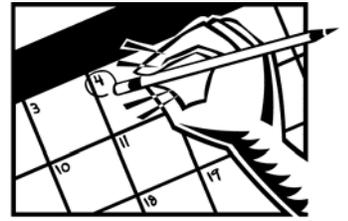
Our next Contemporary service is on
Sunday, September 13 at 9 AM.
Bring a friend, dress casual, and join us in worship.
We'll enjoy fellowship after the services.

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

Contemporary
Service this 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!



Change of Time



MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS AND HOBBYISTS

We would like to remind you
to consider sharing your
special-interest, classic, or
antique car/tractor/motorcycle
on Rally Day, Sunday,
September 13th. Please have
your vehicle in place in the
parking area in the southwest
corner of the parking lot from
9:00 a.m. until at least 12:00 noon. We also invite
hobbyists to display their crafts and/or collections indoors
in the community center during this time. If you have
questions, please see Barb DeLand.

A WALK AROUND THE
PARK...behind Ida
Library is equal to 1/3
mile. If you're
training for the 5K,
AND WE HOPE YOU ARE, and you walk
three times around, you've walked 1
mile.



Keep on walking/running and be sure to
get your 5K registration form turned in
a.s.a.p.

God Works Soup Kitchen in Dundee is counting on a meal prepared by Prince of Peace on September 9. Currently we need a few helpers, five salads, and five desserts. If you can help with any of this, contact Joy Fox at 734-269-2982.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Kim Cramer has volunteered to head a committee to do a church directory. This is not a one person job so she needs some assistants. If you would be willing to help her on the committee please fill out the flyer, found in this newsletter, with your name, contact information and what would you would be willing to assist with and return it to the church off by Sun., Sept. 13 or just put it in the collection plate. There will be a meeting on Sept. 17th in the Gathering Place at 6 PM. If you are interested in helping please plan to attend the meeting. She will need help with: Phone Calls, Activity Page Pictures, Photo day greeters, homebound photo takers or drivers, & registration table attendants. If you have any questions please contact her at 313-600-9297 or at cramergirls09@gmail.com or just come to the meeting and see if it is something you would be interested in helping out with.

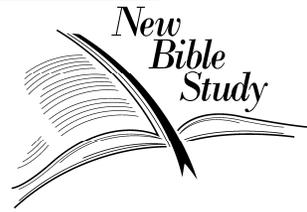


Roast Beef Dinner

It's that time of year again! Our first roast beef dinner of the season will be held on Friday, September 25 from 4:30-7 PM. Prep work begins at 9 in the kitchen on Thursday. Help is also needed throughout the day on Friday, during the meal and for clean up afterward. Homemade pies are needed. Various items are also needed to help keep cost

down. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex as you are able. The meal includes roast beef, homemade mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, coleslaw or applesauce, dinner roll, dessert & beverages. Cost is \$9 for adults; \$4 for kids 3-11; under 3 Free. Hot dog dinners and carry-outs are available.

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**

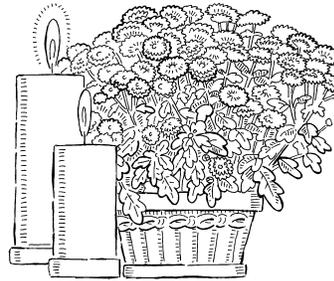


Tuesday September 15. You can come either at **9:30 am or 7:00 p.m.** and the session runs for about one hour. This book is *all about Jesus*--what He did, what He said, and who He was and is.

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

God wants us to study His word. We discuss, we learn, we laugh, and we enrich our spiritual lives. Please join us.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We return to 2 Sunday services on September 20. Worship times are 8:30 AM & 11 AM. Fellowship hour follows the 8:30 service. Mid-week worship continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Contemporary Worship is always the 2nd Sunday of the month, normally at 6:30 PM. This month the Contemporary service will be at 9 AM on September 13 to help us kick off Rally Day.

THANK YOU!
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THANK YOU!

A big thank you to whoever donated the two LARGE bags of yarn. Many, many shawls will be able to be made with that generous donation. Prayer Shawl Committee

Special MUSIC

On Sunday, August 2 the Peace Notes sang *There Is a Redeemer* after the prayer of the day.

The Peace Notes sang *Make a Joyful Noise* after the prayer of the day. Erica (Kerr) Gillette and her great uncle Lloyd Orr played a duet, *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* for the postlude on Sunday, August 23.



Choir practice will begin on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 PM. Michael Opfermann, our new Choir Director, is excited to begin and looking forward to working with the group. Everyone is encouraged to consider joining in the fellowship, fun, and service of singing in the choir. New voices are always welcome. If you have any questions contact Michael at 734.625.6806.

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 2nd service.



Holy Grounds: Thanks to the awesome response from our volunteers, we are temporarily caught up on projects and will not meet on September 3rd. Our next project is in the creative planning stages. We are designing a "Prayer Garden" that will be located on the north side of our church and could potentially be viewed from the sanctuary and the offices as well as from Dunbar Road. Please join us September 10th, 17th and 24th as we continue our Holy Grounds journey on Thursdays from 9:00-10:00 followed by light refreshments.

"Let Us Grow"



Church council is looking for a group of people willing to stain and varnish some windows at the parsonage. The original windows were stained but not varnished and we will be getting four replacement sashes that will need staining and varnishing. We will work on these in the parsonage garage. This project will begin the middle to late September. If you can help please let Pastor, Diane or a trustee know. It would be great if someone would volunteer to head up this project.



Church council will be scheduling a time this fall to clean out the Community Center storage room and locker rooms. All groups that have items stored there will be asked to claim their items and help with discarding unneeded items. Dates will be announced.



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) 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 September covered, but need people to sign up for months after that.



Well, a brand new school year is upon us at the Ida Kids Center! We had preschool Open House on September 1. This year we have a total of 40 children registered for our three classes. We are very proud that our preschool program is thriving! The room is ready to go with many of the new ideas from last year and additional up-dates for this year. We are excited to begin another school year with new and returning parents and children, as well as fresh ideas.

The daycare program which includes the toddlers and before and after school care, is also running smoothly and has a pretty large group already registered. The bus picks up at 7:30 a.m. and drops off at 3:30 p.m. If you happen to need care for a school age child, please give me a call at 269-2481. The toddler room is on a waiting list. During the month of August we finished off our final summer activities. The water days were interesting because the weather seemed to change constantly. Fortunately, we did manage to get most of them in. We had many craft and cooking projects including, a flower garden of unusual plants, cheese and fruit kabobs, sunshine toast, pancakes and sausage and a back to school cake.

I think all of the children had a very fun summer. While some school age children seem excited to go back, many groan if we even mention the words "Back to School". We always look forward to watching them get off of the bus and hear their stories from the first day. Usually those who acted like they didn't want to go back, are the most excited at the end of the day!

During September all of the classes and groups will be celebrating the coming of fall and all of the wonderful things we enjoy during this time. Apples, sunflowers, cooler evenings and meeting new friends, are always some of the best experiences.

The Ida Kids Center transferred \$500 to the church for July and \$500 for August.

We wish everyone a safe and happy month!
God Bless,
Nancy Hunter, Program Director



Yoga

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.

Once-A-Month Dine-Out



The next once a month dine out will be on Sunday, September 20. We'll meet at the Lone Star Steakhouse, 123 Whitetail Dr. in Dundee at 5 PM. Please sign up in the narthex. If you have any questions contact Steve or Julie Bunge.



Family Devotions

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.

Marge Kreps is the WELCA Chairperson for the month of October. She will be contacting each person on the October list of helpers to line up coffee hours throughout the month. Feel free to recruit your own helpers and let Marge know @ 734-244-5803 which Sunday you'd like to provide for. People are also needed for the fellowship hour after the evening contemporary service on the second Sunday of each month.

October WELCA helpers include: Janet Brindley; LeAnn & Johannah Cottrell; Francie Elmes; June Goetz; Martha Leonard; Barb Ott; Adra Stevens; Linda & Emily Steils; Lynne Zabawa, Erin Hearl, Amber Zuber, Sandy Zabawa, Stephanie & Caitlin Zabawa; Jan Vitale.

WELCA held a special meeting on June 21. A motion was made was made (and carried) that WELCA will contribute up to \$1000 towards the Family Bathroom project only if Prince of Peace money did not meet the expense.

It was fun to provide a Vacation Bible School supper for 90+ kids and helpers

Thanks for all who has provided for the funeral dinners and the funeral committee that oversees the luncheons.

The garage sale has been moved to Community Day on May 21, 2016. Marilyn Ness will be heading up the event.

We are looking forward to working with the Sunday school kids for the ELCA Good Gifts in the world program.

WELCA has a great set of officers. **President** is Roxie Boll. She has normal responsibilities of her office and oversees the programs and events of WELCA at PoP and attends the monthly council meetings. Roxie is new at this position having only served 9 months and has respect for the women of WELCA who are willing to serve in the many positions. This has made her year go much smoother and has provided good things for our church and community. She is looking forward to new goals. **Vice President** is Laurie Sherman. She has the normal responsibilities of her office, including filling in if the President is unavailable to fulfill her duties and welcoming new women of PoP into our WELCA organization. Laurie has served in various positions throughout the years. **Secretary** is Sharon Aksamit. She has the normal responsibilities of her office including taking minutes of the meetings and posting them on the WELCA board. Sharon has served in this position for quite a few years and has done a terrific job. **Treasurer** is Carol Kamprath. She receives and records the income and expenditures of WELCA. Carol brings to our WELCA Board of officers years of experience and wisdom.





It's hard to believe that the school year will be starting this 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. Preschool- High School meet at 9:50 each Sunday morning. The Adult class, led by Pastor Kerr, begins

at 10. Teachers and those that work with our youth will be installed on September 20, at each service.

WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUTH LEADERS



for all three age groups. If you would like to join in helping to lead our youth, please plan to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 15

at 6:30pm. We will discuss responsibilities and dates for upcoming events.

Flagpole prayers

Each September for the past 25 years, young Christians across America have gathered around school flagpoles to pray. See You at the Pole (SYATP), which began at three schools in Burleson, Texas, is now an international event, with about 3 million participants annually.

Students organize prayer gatherings, usually at 7 a.m. local time. Teachers, parents and youth pastors often join them. The theme verse for this year's event, which occurs September 23, is Acts 1:14 – "They all met together and were constantly united in prayer" (NLT).

Student-led prayer, even at public schools, is free speech protected by the U.S. Constitution. By gathering around their flagpoles, young people take a stand for Christ as they call on his name in prayer.

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

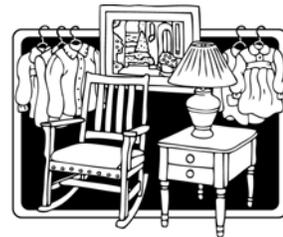
There will be a catechism orientation and acolyte training on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm for new 7th graders and returning 8th graders for the student and at least one parent or guardian. This meeting is to go over the requirements of the program and to train the new class to serve as acolytes (8th grade "veterans" are especially needed to help with this).



Catechism

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 8th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the 8:30 am service.

All 6th-8th graders, our YouFO group, are needed to help with the Mom2Mom sale. We are going to need at least 2-4 helpers for the Fri., Sept. 18 before the sale to set up and 7 helpers for the day of the sale, Sat., Sept. 19 to help sell lunches and baked goods, work the door, and clean up afterwards. Your help is needed Friday evening at 5 p.m. and/or 8:30 Saturday morning until 2 pm. The youth get the proceeds to do fun things as a group, and they get credit towards their service projects for confirmation. High school students are encouraged to help out, too. Volunteers should contact Sherry Kuhn at 734-260-6248 if they are able to help on either or both days.



Youth Group Help Needed

The Ida Kids Center is now hiring caregivers. Applicants must be 18 years old. Contact Nancy Hunter, IKC Director, at 269-2481 for details.



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. This fall we'll join in the discussions in Pastor's adult class on Sunday mornings at 10

AM, beginning September 20. Afterwards, we'll meet briefly as a small group.

Be sure to keep our young adults that are away at school in your prayers, including:



Jack Cottrell
659 Lake Michigan NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

University of Pittsburgh
Johannah Cottrell
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Kelsey DeLand
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East Lansing, MI 48823

Lauren Eby
919 Shaw Lane
Holmes Hall Rm 605
East Lansing, MI 48825

Kelsey Lampkowski
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Adrian, MI 49270

Tara Peschke
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Toledo, OH 43607

Ashley & Alyssa Powers
416 Pearl Apt. 2
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Grace Stadler
4090 Geddes Rd.
Box 467
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!



STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be in your own ;
 the and shun .
 This will bring to your
 and nourishment to bones.
 the LORD your wealth,
 with the firstfruits of your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2015*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2015*
- National Grandparents Day, *Sept. 13, 2015*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *September 15-October 15, 2015*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 23, 2015*
 - National Day of Prayer, *Sept. 23, 2015*



Tuesday Bible Studies Continue - 9:30 AM & 7 PM

...Sat., Oct. 17 - New Member Class - 9 AM

...Sat., Oct. 24 - Trunk or Treat

...Sun., Oct. 25 - New Members Rec'd - 8:30 AM

... Sun., Oct. 25 - Reformation Sunday

