

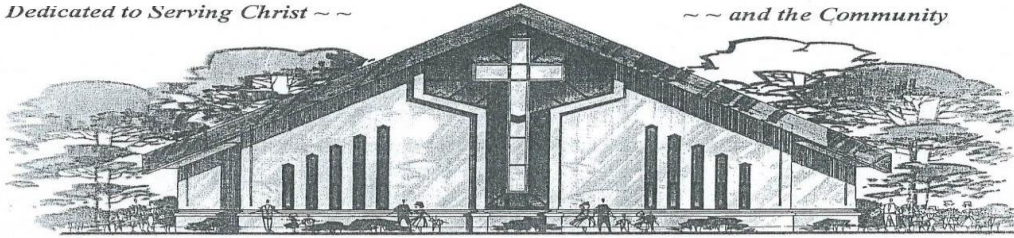
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
4340 Six Mile Road
Racine, Wisconsin 53402

Child Care Center

Dedicated to Serving Christ ~ ~

~ ~ and the Community



July-August 2024

NEWSLETTER

“By Grace”

In Bible study the other day a member shared an interesting story. He was telling about how he met with two younger people for a dinner meeting. (Now when I mean younger, they were in their twenties. Yes, it pains me to say those in their twenties are considered young to me now. Ugh!). Anyway, he shared how somehow the topic of faith and church came up. They shared how they didn't feel good enough for church.

It was a statement that really saddened me as I heard it. I know we can at times come off as judgmental and heavy-handed as the church as we preach the law in our sermons or still call things sin that the world now accepts. I know we might come off at times a bit righteous compared to others as we exercise and express those things. However, it is precisely for those who aren't good enough, who can't be good enough, that the church is supposed to exist. It is supposed to be a place where people hear about God's grace and experience God's grace.

It is because not one person who has ever made up Christ's church or ever been held up in Scripture as an instrument of God's pleasure and will can say they lived a good enough life to be declared righteous before Him. All have needed His grace. Abraham lied and told the Egyptians his wife was his sister out of fear. It was not a righteous act. He slept with his wife's servant girl. He should have said no, but he didn't.

Isaac favored his wayward son out of selfishness. He liked his cooking, so he was going to bless him against the Lord's will. Jacob tricked his brother and uncle and favored one son above his others.

Moses killed a man in anger, tried to convince God not to use him, and was almost killed by the Lord for not circumcising his son. Despite being the man the Lord chose to lead His people Israel and receive His Law, Moses had his warts too.

King David took many wives and committed adultery with the wife of another. King Solomon clearly ignored the Lord's warning and wisdom about taking many wives and led his people poorly in his last years as he accepted idolatry and practiced it.

In the New Testament, Peter denied and abandoned. Paul persecuted and arrested and showed great hatred toward Christians before his conversion. John and James and the disciples argued over who would be the greatest among them in Christ's kingdom. They were thinking about who would be more deserving of glory from Jesus. They all had their moments of weakness and missteps in sin.

Just like, not one of those listed in the Lord's Hall of Fame of faith in Hebrews 11 lived a perfect life in which moments of sin could not be found in their lives, yet the Lord still chose them and used them. Why? Because if the Lord had to rely on perfect people to carry out his will on earth and make up his church, it would be empty.

It is why we can be so grateful for His grace and if we aren't conveying that or teaching that as Christ's church, then we need to reevaluate our words and actions.

Grace is, by its definition, something undeserved, yet it is what our Father in heaven chose to show us through His Son. We all deserve His worst for our sins, just like there were many times when the Lord could have given up on Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and Moses and David and others for their sins and lack of faith, but He didn't. He showed grace.

He chose to forgive their transgressions and show mercy because while they were those sinners, they would also be examples of His grace for all of us.

Yes, the Lord always calls us to repentance over our sins and to not just live in them. He gave us His Law to show us what sin is, but He knew in giving it that it would be broken. Therefore, the Father sent His Son to take our place under the Law, under the punishment His Law demands, so we could be forgiven and set free from that punishment. He did it, so we could live forever with Him through the grace and forgiveness He offers us all in His Son. It is the grace and salvation we receive when we believe Jesus, as that Son, is the Savior needed for our lives. It is why it says, **"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."**

Jesus came from the Father full of grace and truth (John 1:14). He demonstrated it in the mercy he showed prostitutes and adulterers and tax collectors and sinners throughout his ministry and He demonstrated it for you and me when he occupied that cross for our sins.

Therefore, if you ever think you are not good enough for Christ's church, Jesus would say, "You are not, but I was for you! My holy blood shed says you can be redeemed of all your sin and my holy body laid down says you have been saved by my grace. You have a place in My church and in my home forever. I have made that place for you!"

As it says in I Thessalonians 5:9-11, **"For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep (in death), we might live with Him. Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."**

Peace to you in Christ!
Pastor Chris

	<u>Worshipped</u>		<u>Communed</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
June 2	159	180	126	113	6905	7867
June 9	167	147	112	92	5072	6805
June 16	149	167	120	107	7455	4973
June 23	166	140	136	86	5481	4408
June 30	164	----	135	----	3500	----
Averages	161	156	126	100	5683	6013

Congratulations!

Please congratulate these newlyweds and wish them a lifetime of happiness!

Garrett Wilke and Sarah Ragland – Getting Married on July 6th
 Morgan Underhill and Ally Davis - Getting Married on July 27th
 Andy Pritzl & Korie Baganz-Getting Married on August 7th
 Cliff Vacek and Gerri Vanderleest – Getting Married on August 11th



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on July 4th
 & July 5th for the Fourth of
 July Holiday.



PARKING LOT RESURFURING

On **Monday, July 8th** and **Tuesday, July 9th** the parking lot will be getting resurfaced.



VOTING – PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION



On **August 13th** there will be a Partisan Primary Vote.

GYM FLOOR – WAXING

On **August 25th** and **26th** the Gym Floor will not be available to use as it is getting rewaxed.



Prince of Peace Youth Group

Scrip –Youth Group Fundraiser:

Summer Gift Card Order due July 28th / August 25th

Need gift cards for gifts or everyday expenses like groceries, gas, or restaurants? Available cards include Kohls, Target, Walmart, Best Buy, Office Depot, Amazon, Home Depot, Menards, Pick N Save, Festival, Walgreens, Kwik Trip, BP, Speedway, Panera, Starbucks, and more. Place pre-paid orders in the offering **by Sunday, July 28th/Sunday, August 25th** to get cards the following week. Order forms are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Janke, 262-880-6207 or gmaiorana@aol.com. All proceeds help the POP youth for the National Gathering.



MONTH (UPCOMING HOLIDAY)	Order by (Sunday noon):	Cards Available by:
JULY (School Shopping)	7/28	8/2
AUGUST (Back to School-take 2)	8/25	8/30
SEPTEMBER	9/15	9/20



There will be a Youth Group Gathering at church on Sunday, **July 28th**, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-DECORATING FOR VBS:

We will be decorating for VBS on the following dates and times: **Saturday, July 13th**, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm and on **Sunday, July 14th**, from 10:30 am-3:00 pm. Please let Karli know if you would like to volunteer. Karli's email is Karli.luchterhand.pop@gmail.com.

CAR WASH

There will be a Car Wash in the Church parking lot from 12:00-3:00 pm on **Saturday, August 3rd**.

Here's your chance to help our Youth Gathering kids and get a nice clean car at the same time!



Youth Group Car Wash



SAVE THE DATE – ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING

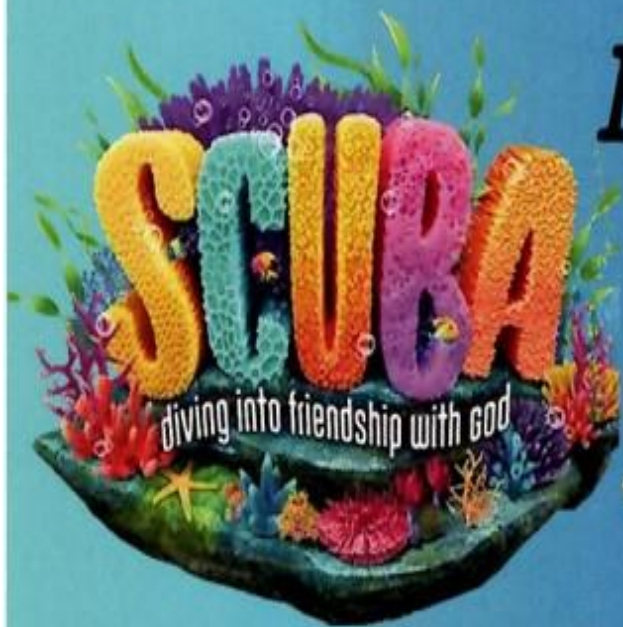
Our Youth Gathering kids will be hosting their 4th Annual Elvis Show on Saturday, **November 9th**, 2024 here at Prince of Peace. The “Voice of Elvis” will entertain us that evening with a special Veteran Tribute Show. Tickets are \$40.00 for regular seating and \$45.00 for VIP seating. Ticket prices includes a buffet dinner with dessert and one beverage. Additional desserts and beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets will go on sale closer to summer. Contact Julie Maiwald if you need more information.

POP'S KETTLE CORN

The Youth Group is going to be selling Pop's Kettle Corn. This discount will last through the end of the year. You can go on-line at <https://orderpops.com/discount/PrinceofPeace24>. Please contact Julie Maiwald if you would like additional information. Thank you!



Make a Splash at VBS 2024!



Save the date

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

4340 6 Mile Rd, Racine, WI

July 15 - 19, 2024 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Ages Preschool - 6th Grade

princeofpeaceracine.com



Registration for Vacation Bible School is also now open on our website. If you have a child that would like to participate, register them online through our website www.princeofpeaceracine.com. You will see the tab on the top of the homepage. Click on it and it will take you to the registration form.

Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Class: Offered both in-person and online through Zoom at 10:30 a.m. The link is sent in email. Studying the topic: “Hot Topics”

Tuesday Morning Bible Class: Meets at church at 11:00 a.m. Studying Philippians. Continues August 20th.

Women’s Bible Study: Women’s Bible Study will pick back up in the Fall. As the time gets nearer more information will be forthcoming.

Friday Men’s Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. every Friday at Prince of Peace. We are studying the book of Hebrews.

Saturday W.O.W (Women of Worth) Gathering: Every 2nd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Their gatherings consist of a devotion/study, food, and an activity/craft. It will resume in September.

Saturday Men’s Breakfast Bible Study: Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. It will resume in September.

Saturday Bible Study for College/Post-College Age: Led by Joe Herron. They are examining the book “5 Things You Can Do to Witness Christ.” Saturdays at 10:00 am. Contact Joe at 262-744-2730 for specific days if interested.

WOMEN OF WORTH LADIES FELLOWSHIP NEWS

WOW will be taking a break and start back up in September.

WOW monthly gatherings are for ALL women of the church.

We would love for you to join us for the wonderful food and fellowship

that we enjoy. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting Erika Skuhra at 262-818-3675, Corinne Lockie at 262-383-1235, or Dana Johnson at 309-363-6031.



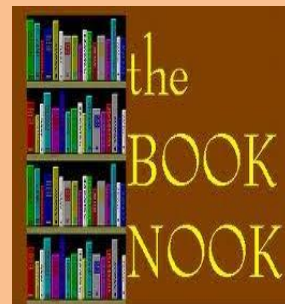
BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

We are looking for book donations for the updated library. Any appropriate books such as devotions or history would be appreciated.

PRINCE OF PEACE BOOK NOOK

Do you love to read, and have books that you would like to recycle? Please drop them off for others to enjoy! All appropriate books are welcome. If you see a book you would like to read, we ask for \$1.00 donation.

All proceeds will be used for church repairs.



HOLY COMMUNION FOOD NEEDS FOR JULY/AUGUST

For the month of June, the food pantry is asking for the following items.



Chicken Noodle Soup

Cereal

Peanut Butter

Spaghetti Sauce

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Jelly

They are also looking for children's Bible storybooks, Brown Paper Bags and lightly used plastic bags. Thanks to all of you who donate to our pantry. We could not continue this ministry without your help!

Preschool & Childcare



July/August News from Child Care

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CAR SHOW

Please join us for our 10th Annual Car Show! This year's Car Show will be held on **Saturday, August 17, 2023 from 8 A.M. until 3 P.M.**

\$15 pre-registration due by July 22, 2024

Goody bags for the first 25 kids and the first 150 participants. Great food, Silent Auction, Children's Activities, and fantastic door prizes! Awards will be presented at 2 P.M.

Special Guest: LeRoy Butler will be joining us.

Go to the church website for a registration form

or pick one up in the Narthex by the

Welcome Center. For more information, contact Charlie Johnson at (414) 488-9258

Or (414) 795-5860. Thanks!!



SILENT AUCTION FOR CAR SHOW

We are in need of items for our Silent Auction for our 11th Annual Car Show. Donations can be dropped off on the table outside of Carla Abel's office. There are forms that you can fill out for the item description, donor name, and value.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Able at (262) 639-1277 or Julie Maiwald at (262) 488-1259. Thank you so much for your continued support.



We are now enrolling 3K (2 spots left), 4K and childcare for the 2024-2025 school year. If interested, contact Carla Abel by phone at 262-639-1277 or email at poppssc.racine@gmail.com



July Birthdays

- 5 Collin Hawkinson
- 5 Levi Schroettner
- 7 Ralph Anderson
- 7 Alex Bartelt
- 9 Dianne Luedtke
- 9 Jean Sullivan
- 9 Maxwell Swenor
- 11 Mary Sorsek
- 11 Cynthia Sullivan
- 13 Carol Borkowski
- 13 Patricia Brown
- 13 Elizabeth Slamka
- 14 Rick Browne
- 14 Mark Flaa
- 15 Paul Gorecki
- 16 Cassie Hibbard
- 17 Nathan Janke
- 17 John Kocjan
- 17 Shayla Wood
- 18 Kylie Anderson
- 19 Zoey Song
- 20 Katie Hayes
- 20 Lara Lambrecht
- 22 Corey Borkowski
- 22 Michael Leiber
- 22 Matthew Osborn
- 23 Carter Farrar
- 24 Devin Haake
- 25 Sandra Resch
- 26 James Lampshire
- 26 Austin Ulrick
- 27 Maddox Farrar
- 28 Carla Abel
- 28 Les Beecher
- 29 Patricia Herron
- 30 Lea Austin
- 30 Amber Zweck
- 31 Robert Resch
- 31 Sue Wolff



July Anniversaries

- 7 James & Julie Maiwald
- 17 Jack & Cheryl Ollman
- 17 William & Charmene Wellerritter
- 19 Gregory & Patricia Schroer
- 21 Kyle & Cassie Hibbard

****If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office.**

August Birthdays

Aug 2	Fred Farley
Aug 5	Dawn Knitter
Aug 6	Hannah Bartelt
Aug 9	Juniper Kilb
Aug 9	Bill Scheels
Aug 11	Donna Johnson
Aug 11	Michelle Liebsch
Aug 12	Diane Glowinski
Aug 13	Anna Janke
Aug 13	Kahla Ratz
Aug 14	Samantha Durik
Aug 14	Harrison Polack
Aug 15	Ruth Wynstra
Aug 16	Nichole Brissey
Aug 16	Krista Flaa
Aug 16	Gregory Patzer
Aug 17	Max Bissegger
Aug 17	Brad Fraser
Aug 18	Dylan Zweck
Aug 19	Sherry Carrion
Aug 20	Wendy Scheels
Aug 22	Sue Cooke
Aug 22	Audrey Herron
Aug 22	Savannah Mahnke
Aug 22	Parker Roehrig
Aug 22	Samuel Swenor
Aug 23	Kelly Gehrke
Aug 24	Barbara Goodearle
Aug 24	Christine Meyer
Aug 24	Greg Otto
Aug 25	Jace Leissner
Aug 25	Caleb Riemer
Aug 25	Jill Wilson
Aug 27	Angelina Durik
Aug 27	Sally Singstock
Aug 28	Marissa Farrar
Aug 29	Corey Brand
Aug 29	Sutton Kilb
Aug 30	Paw P'Saw
Aug 31	Alexander Bissegger
Aug 31	Robert Bissegger
Aug 31	Richard Paget
Aug 31	Aaron Rendler



August Anniversaries

Aug 1	Ronald & Sue Cooke
Aug 2	Justin & Katie Hayes
Aug 2	Tim & Joyce Schroettner
Aug 6	Ron & Jill Wilson
Aug 10	Ronald & Jayne Badtke
Aug 10	Joe & Amy Herron
Aug 12	Christopher & Corinne Lockie
Aug 16	Richard & Sharon Schober
Aug 21	Robert & Natalie Bissegger
Aug 24	Bill & Wendy Scheels
Aug 27	Brad & Liz Fraser
Aug 30	Mark & Erika Skuhra

Lutherans For Life

July 7 – Pentecost VII

Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis confront us with our own weakness. It even leads some to exclude embryos or incapacitated persons from humankind and execute them because of their weakness. Almighty God promises, “My power is made perfect precisely in your weaknesses.” His grace radiates in human frailty, and the blessings He brings in every life more than make up for what we cannot.

July 14 – Pentecost VIII

Choice does matter when it comes to surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses. But it is the Heavenly Father’s choice that makes the difference (Ephesians 1:4-5). He summoned every life even before our circumstances, and He sustains each one even when we don’t find the circumstances ideal. Likewise, the Lord God’s delight for adoption invites us to advocate and engage in welcoming orphans.

July 21 – Pentecost IX

The world wants to discriminate between lives it finds worthy and ones it regards as undeserving. The coming of Christ Jesus has brought about something better – reconciliation that has dissolved all division and abolished hostility in God’s forgiveness and fellowship (Ephesians 2:14-17). His kingdom leaves neither need nor room for discounting anyone because of shade, shape, sex, age, income, education, or residence.

July 28 – Pentecost X

Fatherhood embodies the gift and the work of God Himself (Ephesians 3:15). In bringing forth life from their very bodies, our Heavenly Father makes men into His instruments and agents. He expects a strong love from them because He has endowed them with His own. Let us encourage them to protect their children even when inconvenient and provide for mothers even if difficult.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER

Lutherans For Life

August 4 – Pentecost XI

Abortion and euthanasia require twisting words and redefining terms. With craftiness and deceit (Ephesians 4:14) they do not only protest laws and beliefs but ultimately grumble against God (Exodus 16:8). Jesus the Savior instead offers the truth and love that every life is His gift (John 6:33). And He enthusiastically invites Christian citizens to share His joy by speaking and showing it.

August 11 – Pentecost XII

Elijah the prophet once considered his life not worth the living. In love the Lord God did not affirm his autonomy but set about to convince him otherwise (1 Kings 19:4-5). Since Jesus imparts also unto us the relief of entrusting all things to our Almighty Maker (John 6:38), couldn't our sanctity-of-life advocacy extend the same privileges to anxious and endangered neighbors?

August 18 – Pentecost XIII



The Word of the Lord quite clearly declares, "Do not become partners with the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 5:6-7). It does not allow the luxury of concluding, "I wouldn't abort, but I won't tell anyone else what to do." Our God and Father has commissioned us to expose the works of darkness and not to accommodate or compromise. Indeed, we get to displace these evils with the words of eternal life (John 6:68)!

August 25 – Pentecost XIV

The Gospel of Jesus Christ liberates us from living for ourselves alone. We reside in the hands of Almighty God like clay and potter (Isaiah 29:16). So we don't have to settle for "my body, my choice." Instead, we get to benefit from Him deciding life and death on our behalf. May our marriages and parenting replicate the magnificent way Christ and Church abandon themselves to one another (Ephesians 5:22-23).

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July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 7-8:30 pm Basketball	2	3 Pastor Chris Out of Office 7-8:30 pm Basketball	4 Office Closed 	5 Office Closed Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.	6 2:00 pm Wedding (Wilke- Ragland) 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion	
7 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Bible Class	8 Parking Lot Resurfacing 7-8:30 pm Basketball	9 Parking Lot Resurfacing	10 7-8:30 pm Basketball	11	12 9:30 am Men's Bible Study	13 9:00-12:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm Decorating for VBS 11:30 am Baptism – Harper Davidson 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion	
14 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am-3:00 pm Decorating for VBS	15 7-8:30 pm Basketball Vacation Bible School	16	17 7-8:30 pm Basketball	18	19	20 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion	
21 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Bible Class	22 7-8:30 pm Basketball	23	24 7-8:30 pm Basketball	25	26 9:30 am Men's Bible Study Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.	27 Wedding -2:30 pm (Underhill-Davis) 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion	
28 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Bible Class Youth Group Gathering 5-8 p.m. at church	29 7-8:30 pm Basketball Pastor Chris on Vacation until August 9 th	30	31 7-8:30 pm Basketball	<div style="border: 2px solid #4a86e8; background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> SCRIPT DUE ON 7/28 </div>			



August 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Pastor Chris on Vacation 6:00 - 6:30 pm All Board Meeting		12:00-3:00 pm Car Wash 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion Guest Pastor Lambrecht
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am Worship/Communion Guest Pastor Lambrecht	7-8:30 pm Basketball		7-8:30 pm Basketball 6:30 pm Trustee's Meeting	6:30 pm Council Meeting		4:00 pm Worship/ Communion
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9:00 am Worship/Communion 11:30 am Wedding (Vacek-VanderLeest)	7-8:30 pm Basketball	Partisan Primary Voting	7-8:30 pm Basketball	Wanda on Vacation 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	9:30 am Men's Bible Study	8:00 am-3:00 pm Car Show 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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