

# Prince of Peace Tidings

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## The Singing Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The Latin phrase “lex orandi, lex credendi,” which means “the law of prayer is the law of faith” is another way of saying, “You are what you eat.” So, the way we worship, shapes how we believe, or the way we sing, shapes our doctrine.

What we sing shapes what we believe and how we live. This was a major critique by the Roman Church of Martin Luther. Luther’s critics were saying of the Reformation: “They are singing their way to Luther’s doctrines.” Well, the Germans were singing, but they weren’t singing to “Luther’s doctrines,” but instead to orthodox Christian doctrine.

From the beginning, the Lutherans were criticized for following Luther. (This is still a critique by many today who confuse Lutheranism with Luther.) This is why, to this day, Lutherans have included the proof text for each part of the Divine Service, as well as the hymns. Lutherans don’t follow Luther. Lutherans follow Jesus Christ.

In fact, at first, Luther disliked the idea of a group of Christians being called “Lutherans.” The term “Lutheran” was first used by the Roman Church as a derogatory term, but eventually, the title became a term of endearment. Luther never much liked “Lutheran” as he much preferred the term “Evangelical,” since they were followers of the Gospel of Christ. In time, Luther approved of “Lutheran,” since it became synonymous with orthodox Christian doctrine.

From nearly the start, Lutherans were known as “the singing church.” Prior to the Reformation, only the clergy and choirs sang, but Luther urged parishioners to sing since “Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.” With music serving as an important aspect of teaching Christian doctrine, the first Lutheran hymnal was published in 1524 and was known as the “Actliederbuch” (literally: “book with eight hymns”). Imagine just singing eight hymns! I would believe every Lutheran memorized those first Lutheran hymns. Of those original eight hymns, only three have been retained by the Lutheran Service Book. These include two hymns on justification: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* (LSB 556) by Luther and *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* (LSB 555) by Paul Speratus. The third is a hymn of confession: *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee* (LSB 607) by Luther, which became Luther’s favorite hymn. Today, the LSB contains nearly 700 hymns.

When it comes to Christian catechesis, Luther wrote several hymns including: on the Ten Commandments, *These Are the Holy Ten Commands* (LSB 581); on the Creed: *We All Believe in One True God* (LSB 954); on the Lord’s Prayer: *Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*; on Baptism, *To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord* (LSB 506); on Confession: *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee* (LSB 607); and on the Lord’s Supper: *O Lord, We Praise Thee* (LSB 617).

For sure, Luther taught orthodox Christian doctrine through music. His influence on teaching Christian doctrine through song continues to this very day. God’s richest blessings be upon you as we celebrate Reformation 2023!

In Christ,  
Pastor Adelsen

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## **Christian Denominations Adult Bible Study**

It is easy to think that all Christians believe the same teachings, but the differences are astounding. Baptism, Communion, and free will are all examples of some of the major differences among Christian denominations.

Continuing through October, the Sunday Adult Bible Study will dive into these differences from a Lutheran perspective. We will look at the similarities and differences that exist between Christian denominations, as well as the similarities and differences of church bodies within each denomination.

Denominations covered are:

Lutheranism [Example: The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod]

Reformed [Example: Presbyterian Church (USA)]

Brethren [Example: Evangelical Free Church of America]

Baptist [Example: Southern Baptist Convention]

Methodism [Example: United Methodist Church]

Restoration [Example: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)]

Please join us!

## **The Book of Revelation – Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Many early Christians endured unimaginable pain simply because they refused to give up their faith in Jesus. They were thrown to the lions and other wild beasts while onlookers cheered. They were set on fire, hurled down cliffs, skinned alive, and even boiled in oil. The cruelty was off the charts!

It would have been easy to deny their faith in such circumstances. Then steps in the Book of Revelation. The Holy Spirit inspired John to write to God's people so they would stand firm despite the storms that roared around them. The Book of Revelation has one focused message: Jesus is victorious, and He is coming soon!

We may not face the same persecution and cruelty that the Early Church faced, but persecution has not slowed, and it appears to be increasing. Satan has not suddenly stopped hating Christ's Church. Despite all that Christians have faced and continue to face, God's people have endured for the name of Jesus, since the victory is His and has been won for all who trust in Him. Christ gives us the victory. We are His forgiven, dearly loved sisters and brothers.

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday to study the Book of Revelation!

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## **Fifth Sunday Potluck & Reception of New Members**

On Sunday, October 29, Prince of Peace Lutheran will be celebrating Reformation Sunday with a Fifth Sunday Potluck and a reception of new members! Please join us!

ATTENTION: Due to the Fall Pastors' Conference, there will be NO Monday night service on October 23, NO new member class on October 23, NO Wednesday morning Bible Study on October 25, and NO catechism class on October 25.

## **Congregational President's Comments October 2023**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. I encourage everyone to prioritize our walk with God. We all have need to hear God's Word and learn of His saving grace each and every day.

Church attendance continues to be a concern here at Prince of Peace as it does at many other churches. I invite everyone to diligently attend our church services in person. It is so convenient to ignore our Sunday mornings in favor of other endeavors. We need to change that. Let's fill God's house for worship!

The budgeting process here at Prince of Peace has begun. Church Council members are preparing initial budget materials. Please consider offering your thoughts regarding budget priorities and initiatives. We are "all ears" for your input!

The LCMS school feasibility discussion continues with a call for more survey responses. Informational pamphlets are available to answer questions about the school initiative and the associated survey. A synod consultant has not yet been assigned to this project.

The financial conditions here at Prince of Peace continue to be challenging. The Church Council is managing that condition as best it can. Please pray for guidance.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST. ALLELUIA!

Kurt Childs, Congregational President, Appointed

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## LWML News:

October 7: Prayer meeting

October 8: LWML Sunday

October 24: Deliver a meal to the West Salem Fire Station

December 2: Advent Tea & Cookie Exchange

Everyone is invited.

## Evangelism Report for October

By Sharie Brunk, Evangelism Board

The Evangelism Committee is planning to participate in **Trunk-N-Treat on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> downtown West Salem and the Village Park from 3-5 p.m.** The committee is asking the congregation to help by providing candy donations for the event. Any donations can be dropped off at POP by Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Trustees Report

By Roger Emmons, Trustee

The dish washer is operable, needs a 'shut off' or 'end of cycle' switch.

### Projects:

1. Purchase, install replacement furnace-estimated cost: \$4000
2. Replace remaining Fluorescent T8s with Led T8s (about 32 fixtures)-estimated cost: \$640.
3. Replace lights behind outdoor cross with LED's-estimated cost: \$1200

### *The following are potential "Thursday Projects"*

4. Redirect down spout, SE corner of porte cochere
5. Clean, repaint scuffed areas on walls, ceilings
6. Repair or replace damaged siding
7. Clean and repaint storage building
8. Install closure for kitchen

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## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF MISSION QUILTS

A new outreach project has started at Prince of Peace. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world full of suffering.

Can't sew? Don't worry there are many ways that you can help out. We are not out buying new materials to make these quilts. Ask a neighbor or friend if they have old cotton top sheets or light blankets they want to get rid of. Garage sales, Goodwill, Good Samaritan or any second-hand store is also a good resource to find these items. Sheets cannot be stained; they will be used for backing and light blankets will be quilt filling. There are also many small ways you can help construct quilts. All materials need to be washed, after washing the material needs to be ironed to make it easier to cut into squares. After squares are cut, they are sewed together to make a 60 x 80 quilt top. When we have some quilt tops together, we will have an ingathering. At the ingathering we will put the quilts on a frame to be tied. Quilts are gathered once a year and shipped out. This will be done with other churches in the area that are also quilting.

This is not just for LWML ladies, anyone can join. Have a friend that would like to get together with some ladies for fellowship and a good cause? Invite them to join.

Hope you all can be a part of this worthy project that will be ongoing from year to year if possible.

Ten quilts are finished! The next day to get together is September 18.

There will be a special "blessing of the quilts" during a worship service in October.

## July Schedules

### Ushers

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July 2-Russ & Sharie Brunk  
July 9-Roger & Ginny Emmons  
July 16-Randy & DeAnne Otto  
July 23-Dan & Kari Moen

## Our July Birthdays

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Brooklynn Scholze July 1  
Lyle Anderson  
Lily Soto  
Gracie Cone  
Joshua Seefeldt  
Luke Grube  
Brett Hinds  
Sophia Grube  
Chris Leis July 30-Elaine Schmidt & Chris Leis

### Greeters

July 2-POP Family  
July 9-Barb Hinds & Chris Leis  
July 16-POP Family  
July 23-Randy & DeAnne Otto  
July 30-POP Family

### Money counters

July 2-Schmidt & Dunnum  
July 9-Leis & Childs  
July 16-Hinds & Alsobrooks  
July 23-Peters & Dunnum  
July 30-Leis & Hinds

### Song Leaders

July 2-Sarah Kolander  
July 9-Holly Ford  
July 16-Brooklynn Scholze  
July 23-Sarah Kolander  
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### Altar Guild

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Ona Childs  
Dinita Bruemmer

## June Anniversaries

Peter & Melissa Adelsen    June 1  
Kurt & Ona Childs         June 18  
Paul & Dena Zezulka       June 21

Russ Brunk                 June 6

Leatta Danielson         June 6

David Klawitter          June 6

Brian Shockey             June 7

Sylvia Mauss              June 9

Leo Zezulka                June 11

Paul Hoffmann             June 15

Aaron Nicks                June 17

Emma Schran              June 17

Karl Horstman             June 29

Addison Kuehn            June 29

Jane Klawitter             June 30

Kim Shockey                June 30

## Genesis Project School Study Update

Earlier this year, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church voted to partner with the three other LCMS congregations in La Crosse County (Faith, La Crosse;

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Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska; and Gift of Grace, Holmen) to enter into a feasibility study through the Genesis Project for an LCMS parochial school in the area.

The Genesis Project is an initiative of the LCMS, which works to start new schools in the synod. Upon submitting the required preliminary information, the four congregations have been accepted into the program and will be assigned a consultant. The consultant will coach the feasibility study steering committee as we prayerfully consider if a new school is achievable and appropriate in our area.

The primary contact person and the main conduit between the synodical offices and the steering committee is Jim Magnuson, a layman at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Magnuson is the lead on assigning projects and tasks for the committee.

On June 12, the steering committee first met at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The committee met primarily to put faces to names and answer any preliminary questions.

In the meantime, what can I do? Pray. Prayer is powerful. Pray for the steering committee and pray for proper discernment that the path may be clear on the feasibility of starting a new school. God's will is always done.

Also, the Genesis Project coordinator has asked parishioners from our four area congregations to fill out a simple, anonymous, ten question survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNT2BNN](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNT2BNN). This survey is being used to get a fuller picture of our congregations' willingness to take on such a task. Even if you do

not have young children, please participate in the survey.

The congregational survey may also be found using the QR code:



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Brooklynn Scholze	July 1
Lyle Anderson	July 4

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Lily Soto	July 6	Aaron & Rochelle Nicks	July 17
Gracie Cone	July 12	Jeff & Renee Schweinfus	July 22
Julie Reed	July 14	Karl & Carrie Horstman	July 25
Joshua Seefeldt	July 14	Daniel & Sarah Kolander	July 31
Luke Grube	July 15		
Brett Hinds	July 17		
Sophia Grube	July 18		
Chris Leis	July 20		
Anna Flack	July 21		
Kim Steenberg	July 21		
John Hammes	July 26		
Katharine Horstman	July 27		
Brian Horstmann	July 30		
Gracelynn Frederick-Schaub	July 31		
Erin Luethe	July 31		
Kendall Mauss	July 31		

## **Our July Anniversaries**

Paul & Dana Hoffmann	July 17
David & Jane Klawitter	July 17

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Say **Happy Anniversary** this month to Mel & Barb Alsobrooks (Aug. 7), Roger & Ginny Emmons (Aug. 7), Jose & Jodi Soto (Aug. 14), Justin & Sarah Zezulka (Aug. 20), Vern & Amy Ruffi (Aug. 22).

Austin Hinds	August 12
Oliver Nicks	August 14
Kari Moen	August 16
DJ Riniker	August 18
Eric Grube	August 21
Hannah Moen	August 23
Paul Zezulka	August 24
Carly Otto	August 26
LuAnn Fletcher	August 31



## Our August birthdays:

Willie Danielson	August 3
Ronda Lavold	August 3
Justin Zezulka	August 5
Warren Oxley	August 10
Sarah Zezulka	August 10
Blake Hundt	August 11

## October Schedules

### Ushers

October 1-Schmidt & Brunk  
October 8-Dan & Kari Moen  
October 15-Randy & DeAnne Otto  
October 22- Willie & Leatta Danielson  
October 29-Russ & Sharie Brunk

### Greeters

October 1-LWML members  
October 8-Barb Hinds & Chris Leis  
October 15-POP Family  
October 22-Randy & DeAnne Otto

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October 29-POP Family

## Money counters

October 1-Childs & Alsobrooks

October 8-Schmidt & Dunnum

October 15-Peters & Hinds

October 22-Leis & Dunnum

October 29-Childs & Hinds

## Song Leaders

October 1-Brooklynn Scholze

October 8-Sarah Kolander

October 15-Holly Ford

October 22-Brooklynn Scholze

October 29-POP Choir

## Altar Guild

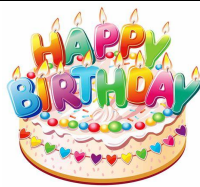
Leatta Danielson

Chris Leis

Jeff Schweinefus	20 <sup>th</sup>
Sidney Flack	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Gary Greene	27 <sup>th</sup>



John & Sharen Hammes	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Randy & DeAnne Otto	9 <sup>th</sup>
Russ & Sharie Brunk	15 <sup>th</sup>



## **Our October birthdays:**

Roger Emmons	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Vern Ruffi	8 <sup>th</sup>
Dena Zezulka	8 <sup>th</sup>
Maria Otto	17 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Martin	18 <sup>th</sup>

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## GIVE THANKS

We are having a Thanksgiving Eve service November 24 at 7 p.m.



## A BIG THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S MOW MASTERS:

Roger Emmons

Paul Lavold

Willie Danielson

Thank you for keeping the lawn beautiful.

## Change in Worship Time

The last 11:30 a.m. Sunday worship service was on April 25.

Come and worship with us on Sundays at 9 a.m. or Monday evenings at 7.

## ADVENT TEA & COOKIE EXCHANGE

Ladies, our Advent Tea is back! Come and join us Saturday, December 11, at 10 a.m. for a relaxing time during the Advent season.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up by December 1.

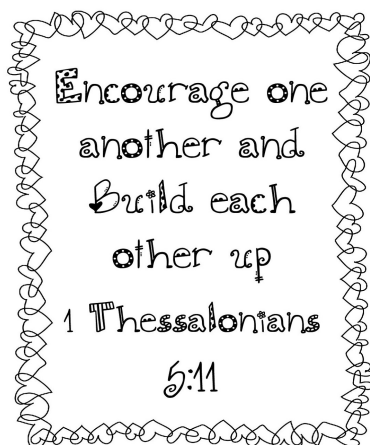
## FAREWELL PARTY FOR THE SCHOCKMAN'S

On Sunday, June 27, from 3 to 5 p.m., there will be a farewell gathering for the Schockman's at the Horstmann Homestead.

Directions: Highway 16 east to West Salem. Turn south on County M at the stoplights. Look for the signs for "Horstmann Homestead" and follow them. You will take a left on Pleasant Valley Road.

If you have any questions about directions, talk with Patty Horstmann or call the church office at 608-786-3938.

Bring a snack and your own beverage.



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## Mowing Crew

If you would be willing to help mow the church yard, please talk to Roger Emmons or Willie Danielson.

more! Thank you to everyone who donated items. We'll plan on continuing this giving mission.

## Thank You for Your Donations

A box was sent to the Dakota tribe at the Red Bud Reservation in Mission, South Dakota filled with socks, hats, scarves, shirts, sweatshirts, toothbrushes and

## POP LIBRARY

Did you know that POP has a library that you, as a POP member can borrow books from? Through a Thrivent Grant we have been able to add many new resources. Watch for changes as these are added and the library is reorganized. We will be featuring some of these resources in the display area and have them available for check out. See any Board of Education member with

questions. The board members are: Barbara Hinds, Carrie Horstman and Colette Schockman.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

December 6: In today's lesson, we learn about how God provides "Food from Heaven." The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends manna (bread) and quail

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(meat) from heaven for them to gather.  
The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day.



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Emma Schran	June 17
Les Mull	June 24
Vickie Frandle	June 26
Karl Horstman	June 29
Addison Kuehn	June 29
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Wesley Luethe	June 1
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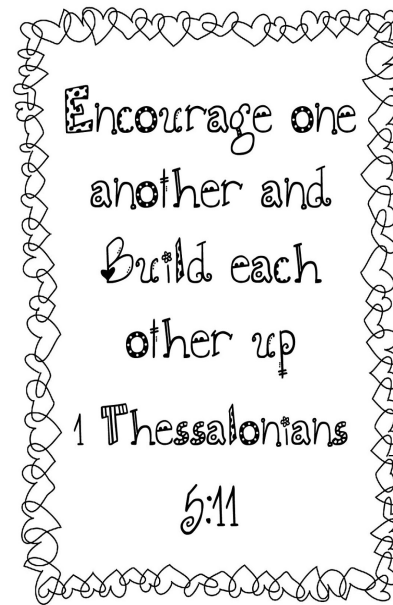
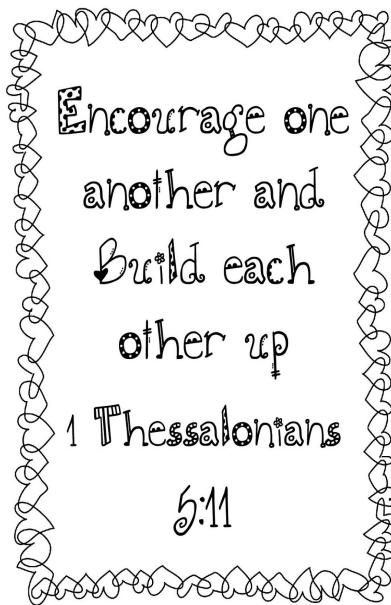
Jason & Colette Schockman	June 11
Kurt & Ona Childs	June 18

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Paul & Dena Zezulka

June 21



## Home Communion Visits

What is the benefit of eating and drinking the Sacrament of the Altar? These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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