

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship with Holy Communion begins at 9:30 am,
followed by fellowship at 10:45.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Ann's office
at 387-2520, or her cell phone at 202-9037.

Mission Statement:

**A faith community serving and inviting
others to celebrate God's Word.**

**PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Are you familiar with the social media post called TBT? It means Throw Back Thursday, although you see on more than just Thursdays. In a TBT post, someone typically uploads a picture from days gone by. So for instance, I've included a photo of my own father as a toddler.

The seed parables we heard on June 16 and 17, Father's Day weekend, from the Gospel of Mark provided a Throw Back Lectionary moment for me – a TBL.

Sometimes, when I read the texts for the week, I remember another time or location when I read or preached on those texts. This text we had this Father's Day weekend is the very first text I preached on at Eden the weekend Larry and I were invited meet people and worship together. It was three years ago. I went back to that sermon, which I still remember quite well. I remember feeling a cold come on as I was finishing it. I remember the sunrise over Grand Island that Saturday morning. I remember looking out at the assembly for the first time as I took my now-familiar position behind the recovered lumber and sandstone ambo. I remember the cool of the stone on my hands as I preached.

I talked a lot about our desire to know things, like how it is that a planted seed grows and transforms so miraculously ... "it occurs to me," I said that weekend, "that even though we may not know everything, we want to know and sometimes, we want to know everything. Don't we? Consider alone what is going through the minds of people in this room today. I'm fairly certain someone here (wants to know) if a loved one will be restored to health. Someone else (wants to know if they will have) enough money to pay the bills. Another of us is very worried about the well-being of a child (and wants to know if all will be well). Any number of us may watch some of the horrific reports of human behavior on the news at night and demand in our prayers that "Why God? How can this be?" I'm standing up here right now, fresh off of four years of seminary and wanting to know, is this where I will begin my ministry? You're sitting there looking back at me and wanting to know if I'm the right pastor for Eden."

The only thing that has changed in those words is the second to the last sentence. I know now that Eden, Munising, the NGLS, is where my ministry started and I know the fit still feels right. I know that I am so thankful that this is where this part of my vocational life started and takes shape. I pray that I continually grow in my ability to serve in this roll and look forward to what God has in store for this place and time we all occupy together.

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1st Wednesday of the Month Pray for Prince of Peace

Wednesday July 4th at noon we ask you to pause and pray for this family of faith. Pray that this congregation might follow in the paths of the Lord and be renewed in service of God and our community. Consider asking others to pray with you.

“He who sows courtesy reaps friendship,
and he who plants kindness gathers
love.”
—St. Basil

—
“The steadfast love of the LORD never
ceases; his mercies never come to an
end; they are new every morning”
(Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV). Let us
praise God for his never-ending mercies.

Two ways to Feed the Local Hungry

1) First Sunday of every Month is “Food Pantry Sunday”

2) Money in “soup cans”—Bring to church

Please continue bringing non-perishable food items for our food pantry ministry.

Drop these items off on the shelves in the YAFA room. July 1st is our “Food Pantry Sunday”. Lorraine Robbert will continue to deliver these items to the Salvation Army. Thanks Lorraine! Another great way to help is saving your coins and small cash in “soup cans” for Feeding America. These cans will then be available for our members to take home. Everyday you could throw your loose change into the can. All monies collected go directly to Feeding America for local hunger needs.

Our 5-Year Strategic Goals

- 1) Encourage all members to attend worship services**
- 2) Follow up with new members**
- 3) Support our youth fellowship program for elementary through high school students utilizing college-age students.**

“Lord, remember me”

The funeral of renowned evangelist Billy Graham was a celebration — not of the preacher’s long life and many accomplishments but of his arrival in heaven. Graham, who died at age 99 in February 2018, was confident he’d spend eternity with Jesus but knew the reason wasn’t his own status or actions.

Graham knew he was a sinner in need of forgiveness. “I still need the cross,”
he said.

Graham added, “I am not going to heaven because I have preached to great crowds or read the Bible many times. I’m going to heaven just like the thief on the cross who said in that last moment: ‘Lord, remember me.’”

LORD
hear our
prayers



Contact the parish office (249-3122) if to add or remove someone from our list.

Acute: Family of Thatcher Markham and all those affected in the Copper Country, Bishop Skogman's Family, William Zenke, Jon Babbitt

Ongoing: Jim Armstrong, Bob Hofer, Margie Fortuna, Pete Gregg, Gail Alango, Goodell Family, Gall Family, Karl Zueger, Harry Grote, Grace Carlson, Lisa Hoffman, Larry Weting, Lucy Weting

Praises: Bob Hofer's successful hip surgery

God decided
in advance
TO ADOPT US
into his
own family
by bringing
us to himself
through
Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:5, NLT

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship calls us to not only "talk the talk" but also "walk the walk" with our faith. It puts our money, talents, and resources where our mouth is, not just on Sunday mornings but every day of the week. Stewardship is a way of life.

Bible Quiz



How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- A. Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- B. Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- C. Touched his eyes, but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- D. Told him to go to the priests; as the man went, he was healed.

A (See John 9:6-7.)

A



Prayer For Liberty

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

You've Got Mail!

“What a wonderful thing is the mail,” someone has said, “capable of conveying across continents a warm human hand-clasp.” I remember the excitement of getting an “aerogram” from a grade-school pen pal in Sweden, or a letter from Mom when I was in college. How different from the instantaneous, typed messages we send today.

Can you imagine, then, how meaningful the letters of Paul, Peter and other apostles were to early Christians? Painstakingly handwritten, carefully delivered by a courier or friend — so different from emails, texts and even postal delivery! Think how elated the recipients must have been to read warm greetings, news from afar, teachings, even reprimands — and then words such as these: “My love be with you all in Christ Jesus” (1 Corinthians 16:24, ESV).

The next time you read or hear a New Testament letter, imagine a time when such communication was rare and precious. Hear the writer’s words — which are also God’s words to you — from that perspective, and hold them fast.

—Heidi Mann

Omnipresent

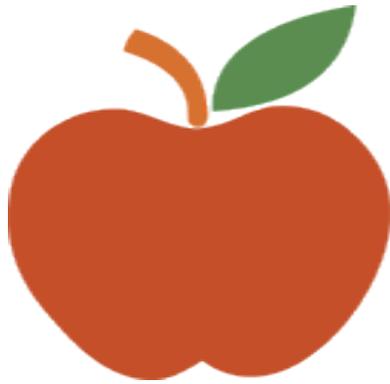
We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to remember, to attend in fact to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.

—C.S. Lewis



7-8 James Johnson
 7-9 Kathy Menze
 7-13 Matt Hellman
 7-15 Chris Wiecech
 7-16 Ruth Ball
 7-17 Gretchen Klasner
 7-17 Lori Curtis
 7-21 Connor Forslund
 7-22 Spencer Clark
 7-24 Justin Leadman
 7-25 John Kopsi
 7-28 Maija Crothers
 7-28 Paige Britton
 7-30 Jacob Wiecech
 7-31 Darryl Britton
 7-31 Jessica Ely

7-2-77
 James & Lori Curtis
 7-9-17
 Eric Brown &
 Lynn Buckland-Brown
 7-21-62
 Gil & Judy Martin
 7-21-01
 Darryl & Nicole Britton
 7-23-60
 Richard & Nancy
 McLaughlin
 7-26-86
 Ron & Bev Raisanen



Lessons From A Farmer

Summer often reminds pastor Walter Wangerin Jr. of his father-in-law, a farmer. Farmers, he writes, remember “that we belong to the earth, and the earth belongs to God.” Recalling his father-in-law working the fields, he states, “Surely I don’t suppose that we shall live by the horse again, but I plead that we live on this earth with reverence.” Because God gave people “dominion” over creation (see Genesis 1:28), we are “God’s emblem within the universe, God’s signature upon the work he had accomplished,” Wangerin writes. “We were placed here to serve God by serving the earth and so to be served by it.” Who demonstrates that better than a farmer nurturing soil and seeds to yield abundant harvest? “By his reverential stance,” Wangerin concludes, “the farmer calls again for honor to God and kindness to creation, that we dress and till and keep it rightly.”

—based on *Measuring the Days*

New Member’s Class

Pastor Ann will hold a “New Members” class on Sunday, August 26th from 11:00-1:00. Anyone considering joining PoP now or in the future should consider attending. The class was originally scheduled for April but was cancelled due to the weather.

+Christian Symbol+



Lamp

A lamp symbolizes the Word of God: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). It also may represent wisdom, based on Jesus’ parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13). Additionally, a lamp may symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit — and life itself.

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you

Summer Faith Practices



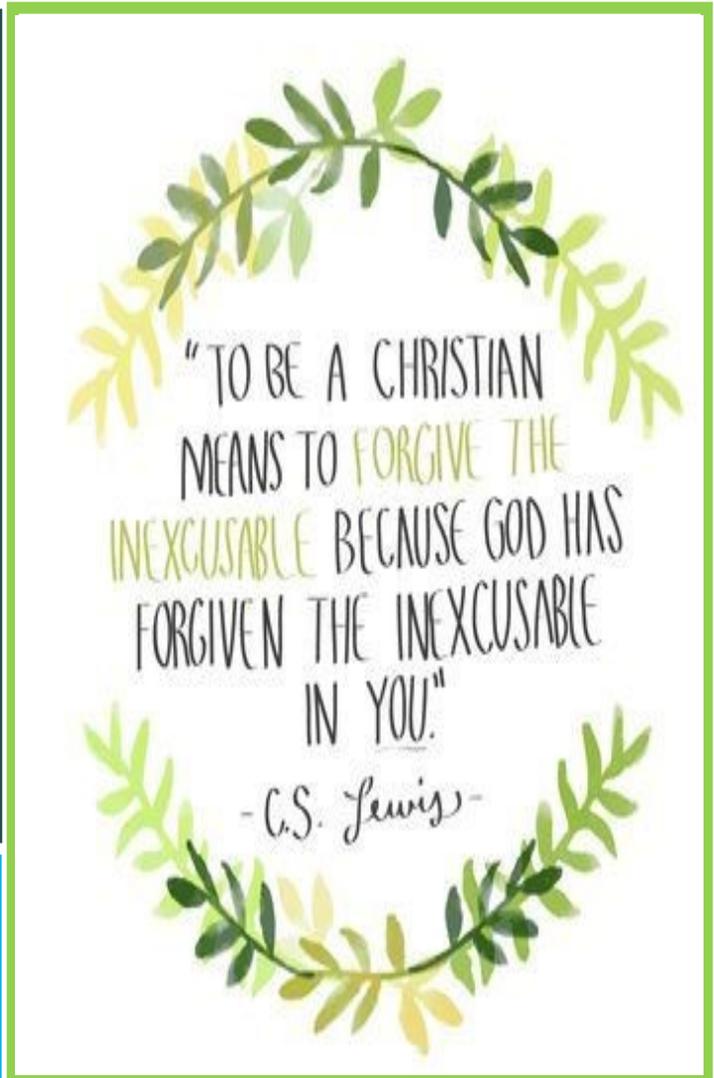
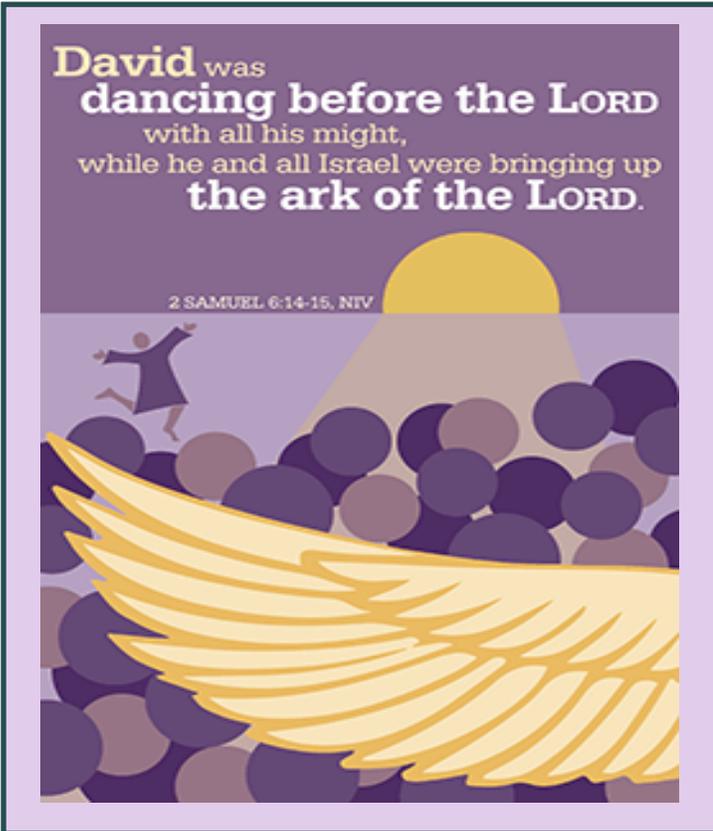
Be a gardener.
 Dig a ditch, toil and sweat,
 and turn the earth upside down
 and seek the deepness
 and water the plants in time.
 Continue this labor
 and make sweet floods to run
 and noble and abundant fruits to spring.
 Take this food and drink
 and carry it to God as your true worship.

—Julian of Norwich, Christian mystic (ca. 1342-1416)

Not Healed, But Whole

While researching America's Prosperity Gospel movement, Kate Bowler was saddened by its implications — namely that God is present in people's triumphs but not their suffering, and that every aspect of life is either "your fault or your reward." When Bowler was diagnosed with stage IV cancer at age 35, the prosperity-minded messages of well-wishers made cancer seem like a punishment.

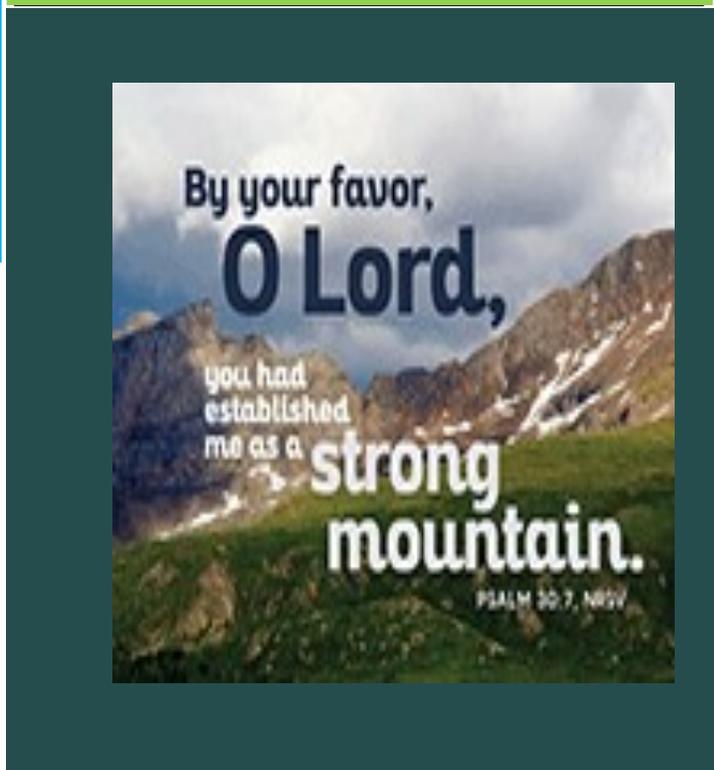
In *Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)*, Bowler asks: "What would it mean for Christians to give up that little piece of the American Dream that says, 'You are limitless'? Everything is not possible. The mighty Kingdom of God is not yet here. What if *rich* did not have to mean *wealthy*, and *whole* did not have to mean *healed*? What if being people of 'the gospel' meant that we are simply people with good news? God is here. We are loved. It is enough."



A Refreshing Gift

Oh, how beautiful is the summer night, which is not night, but a sunless, yet unclouded, day, descending upon earth with dews and shadows and refreshing coolness! How beautiful the long mild twilight, which, like a silver clasp, unites today with yesterday!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



The rest is unchanged, including the activity of God in this time and place we all occupy together. "...the seed that is planted does grow," I also said in that TBL sermon. "In God's ever-abundant and unstoppable acts of on-going creation it will take all manner of forms ... from sweet carrots and pretty marigolds, to reinvigorated ministries and thriving communities. We sleep and rise night and day and the seed sprouts and grows, we do not know how, but when it is ripe, we bring in the harvest."

God's peace be with you, Pastor Ann

