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Prince of Peace News

Come... Be A Part Of Peace! September 2020



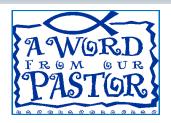
Our Mission at Prince of Peace

To strengthen our faith in Jesus through Worship and Fellowship; to be the face of Christ for others.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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It is good to be back after a much-needed respite away. It was relaxing and good to see friends, family and meet new people along the way. I worked extremely hard while I was away to not open emails and to stay disconnected. We all need that occasionally, I believe. Yet, what happens when you do that? Upon return you open emails and find you have *quite* a few to review. One that did catch my attention was entitled "S.O.A.P. JOURNALING AND YOUR CHURCH".

Being that we are not meeting in Bible Study as we had been last year this looked like a wonderful way to do a little personal independent study and/or journaling for a person.

Here is how it works.

S - **Scripture.** Choose 1-2 verse out of the passage you read that stand out the most. Write those verses down.

O – **Observation.** After writing the verse down, write down your observation of the details surrounding this passage. For whom is it written? Who is the author? What do you think God is trying to say to you in this passage?

A – **Application.** How does the Lord want you to apply this message of scripture to your life now?

P – **Prayer.** Write down a prayer, written your way to pray regarding these verses and what God has shown you in this reading.

Then I found as I was going through some things to toss, several copies of a page from a devotional with the heading "Who Are You?". It listed several Bible verses that described who we are. The first comes from John 1: 12-13. So I applied it S.O.A.P. JORNALLING AND YOUR CHURCH"!

S - "¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born not of blood or the will of flesh or the will of man, but of God."

O - This comes from the opening of the gospel of John where we are introduced to Jesus, who was from the beginning in the Word. It is written for believers and to give us the assurance that we too in our belief are children of God. It gives us reassurance of our place in creation.

A – To pass on the joy of being in the family of God for all to know.

P − Lord, thank you for a place in the family, a place at the table. Let me never take it for granted. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

May you search the scriptures and find new meaning in your journey as you and I go forward discovering that God's Word is living and shows that to you and me in so many ways.

Oh, and if you are looking for an easy tool to begin this S.O.A.P. journaling/devotion, use the Taking Faith Home we send out weekly. It gives you a daily lesson to read that follows the three-year lectionary.

Working with you in Christ,

Pastor Ida

Coming Soon!....

Once the pandemic is just a memory we will be resuming regular missions and events.

Stay Tuned for updates!



Movie & Discussion Bible Study

Sunday School





Newsletter Articles are due September 15th (for October's newsletter)

Please send to poplc.office@gmail.com

Sunday Worship at Prince of Peace

Safely... Reunited Again!

Join with your Prince of Peace Family

Sunday's at 10:00 am





ATTEND OUR STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY'S AT 10:00 AM (PLEASE LOG IN AT 9:45 AM)

<u>Step One</u>

Download the Go To Meeting App on your computer, tablet, or smartphone by clickinghttps://global.gotomeeting.com/install/800738861

<u>Step Two</u>

Click on the link below to start streaming-

https://www.gotomeet.me/LeslieBoette

QUESTIONS, PHONE LES BOETTE AT 904-305-9618

Become A Part of Prince of Peace's Worship Teams!

Interested in Greeting Members, being an Usher or Reader?Contact: Terry Smith @ 904-261-6306Interested in serving on Lay Assistant & Altar Guild?Contact: Eileen Klein @ 904-261-5675Interested in helping as a Teller?Contact: Barbara Ehrenberg @ 269-861-4104Interested in Choir, Bell Choir & Casual Worship Music?Contact: Diane Demeranville demeran@comcast.netInterested in being an Assistant Minister?Contact: Mark Foutz @ 904-557-8086

WORSHIP SAFETY MEASURES UPDATE



Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

These are very unusual times that we are living in and it seems like day by day we are being told different information about how the Covid-19 virus is spread. Numbers go up, but also the testing of individuals is going up. I recently had a medical procedure done and had to be tested, it came back negative, but that does not mean another day it could be positive.

We published the different phases and the guidelines for each phase in the newsletter. The major difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2, for worship is that in Phase 2 the wearing of masks is listed as optional. With the age of most of our members...including your pastor being in the at-risk category, we continue to evaluate safety measures as we worship together.

Keeping members safety is a priority we will continue to use Phase 1 worship practices until otherwise deemed appropriate. You can review the measures in the attached, and it is important to keep the following in mind for the everyone's safety:

- Masks are required to be worn at Worship
- Pew seating will be directed by ushers
- Post worship, ushers will oversee the exiting of members
- Social congregating is not acceptable in the narthex prior and post-worship

We are working hard to get through this time of uncertainty using the best methods available. Many changes have had to take place over the past few months, and we are doing the best practices to keep you safe and informed. With the help of the Holy Spirit we will get through this a stronger and healthier congregation serving our Lord and Savior and the community around us.

Working with you in Christ,

Paster Ida

What's Next?

We have not lived through a time like this in our lives.

We do not know when things will get "Back to Normal" and what the "New Normal" might be. Our world is changing, and the Covid-19 reality has changed, albeit for the time being, the way we worship. We are utilizing care and safety protocols in worship at Prince of Peace.



We expect to follow Florida state time guidelines as conditions improve as displayed here.

Changes will be advised as they occur.

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
	Return to Worship	Worship Changes	Worship
	May 31, 2020	Effective - Florida Phase 2	Effective - Florida Phase 3
Worship Times	Worship Service 10:00 am	Worship Services 9:00 am & 10:45 am	Worship 9 am & 10:45 am Sunday School 10:15 am
Masks	Mandatory at Worship	Optional at Worship	Optional at Worship
Social Distancing	Required	Required	Relaxed
Communion	Not Offered	Not Offered	Offered
Fellowship Activities	Suspended	Suspended	Full Activities
Hymn Praise	Suspended	Suspended	Full Activity
Pew Seating	Assigned Seating Social Distancing	Assigned Seating Social Distancing	Normal Seating Preferences
Sanitation	Intense Methods Utilized	Intense Methods Utilized	Normal Methods Utilized
Meetings	Remote Participation	Remote Participation	Resumed Onsite

Worship is not limited within a building. Streaming of our services and Worship In Home materials will continue during this time, allowing vulnerable people the opportunity to worship in the safety of their homes.

We are not going to miss terms like "self-quarantine," "social distancing" and "shelter at home" once this finally passes. As our world changes, we will advise members of changes in protocols as we are *Safely Reunited again* worshiping God at Prince of Peace.

Come... Be A Part of Peace!







September

Bob & B.J. Taylor-3rd Billy & Loretta Foster-5th Eric & Samantha Stommel-15th Blake & Nancy Carter-21st David & Karen Evans-28th George & Michele Pester-28th

Handy Links— Need help or interested in information? Click on the links to assist you.

Barnabas Center

Services to help neighbors in crisis so they can become healthy, productive citizens. Services include Crisis Assistance (neighbors face unexpected illness, unemployment, fire, or a change in living status, with nowhere to turn), Food Pantry, and Health services. <u>https://barnabasnassau.org/</u>

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

The **ELCA** is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with about 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations across the 50 states, Caribbean and U.S. Virgin Islands <u>https://www.elca.org/</u>

Florida-Bahamas Synod

Is one of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is one of 65 synods of the ELCA carrying out Christ's mission in the world https://fbsynod.com/

Interfaith Dinner Network—IDN

IDN's mission is to feed the homeless, hungry, and lonely. Dinner Service at: Salvation Army's Hope House. 410 9th Street (9th & Date) Fernandina Beach http://www.idnweb.net/

Luther Springs

Luther Springs Camp and Conference Center offers programs year-round for children, youth, adults, and families. https://www.luthersprings.org/

Nassau County Council on Aging

The Nassau County Council on Aging serves as an advocate and resource for those age 60 and older seeking information, counseling, assistance and referral to available services https://www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org/



FACEBOOK

Please **"Like**" & **"Share**" Prince of Peace Lutheran Church's Facebook page.

This way it will popup on your personal Facebook news feed so you will be informed of what is happening here at the church.

Then share it so others will know.



Call our Church Office When ...

You become Hospitalized, Sick or Shut in.

Have a spiritual question or need prayer.

Moving, getting married or other life change. Need information about events.

<u>What Talents</u> Can You Share?

Committees & Teams provide a great place to meet people and provide vital service to our mission for God and our community.

Our Evangelism Team, Tellers, Readers & Ushers, Property, Worship Committee and other Committees need your help and are looking for people to share their time and talent to do God's work.

Join the fun by serving!

Interested???

Call the church office at 904-261-6306 and discover how you can -"Come and Be a Part of Peace!"

Call the Church Office at 904-261-6306

See Us On Instagram!

Prince of Peace is on Instagram



It is all about social media today and this is another way to let people in Fernandina, and the world, know that we are here and what our church is all about.

Spread the word and go to our Instagram page and like us by clicking on the heart icon.



<u>MISSION BOX</u>—

(Through Summer Months)

Is for:

The Barnabas Food Bank

The pandemic has

triggered an incredible spike on food bank demands. What better time than now to help others in need? The lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life — is an important and often hidden problem.

You can make a difference!

We will be collecting canned food and non-perishable items on Sunday's at the front door of the church. Let us help those in need. If Worshiping In Home call the church office at 904-261-6306 to arrange a drop off.

BARNABAS FOOD SHELF "ALWAYS NEEDS FOOD"



Please help fill the food shelves with **only** Non-Perishable food items.

- Canned Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti- Pasta
- Canned Sauce
- Diced Tomato's
- Cereals
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits

Be on the lookout for BOGO's at your grocery store



Interfaith Dinner Network-IDN

People Are In Need Now More Than Ever Before!

You Can make A Difference!

The IDN mission is to feed the homeless, hungry and lonely.

A dinner is served providing a complete hot meal on Monday—Tuesday—Thursday and Friday evenings to area people in need. Prince of Peace has joined with 15 other local churches and organizations to serve God's children. Once <u>every other month</u> we prepare a meal and assist with cleanup.

Please help at our NEXT scheduled meal because <u>WE WILL NEED EXTRA HELP</u> on:

Monday, October 5th from 5:00pm—7:30pm at -Salvation Army's Hope House-

410 9th Street (9th & Date Streets) - Fernandina Beach 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of your time can change a life. To be a part of this great work contact: **Gene Kilcawley** at 864-590-0107 or <u>gkilcawley@gmail.com</u>



Guardian ad Litem Program

We were recently contacted by the volunteer coordinator that there is a disparate need for volunteers to become part of the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program for children in Nassau County. This is a 12 to 18-month commitment to work with a child in need. At this time instead of face to face visits, ZOOM meetings will be utilized for visits with a child. Also required of each volunteer:

- Level 2 National FDLE background screening to be certified.
- A thirty hour per-service training.
- Complete paperwork and write mandatory reports for the court.
- Time commitment minimum of 2-3 hours per week.

If you are interested in being a part of this program and to help a child in Nassau County, please contact:

Samari Franco at: samari.franco@gmail.fl.gov



2020 Congregational Financial Report

Dear Member,

This first quarter financial report for Prince of Peace shows your continued faithful financial support for the mission of our congregation. Because of that financial support, we have been able to keep our super staff working, stay current with our mortgage, and continue to support the various charities important to the Prince of Peace family. We all look forward to *"Safely....Reuniting Again"* in the very near future and sharing God's love. In the meantime, remember there are several ways to continue your financial support:

- 1. Mail your contribution envelope directly to the church, or
- 2. Drop your contribution by the church and place in the mail slot next to the front doors, or
- 3. Set Prince of Peace up as one of your vendors on your automatic checking account, or
- 4. Go to the website (www.poplcweb.com) and click on the "GIVE" tab. Follow the instructions to set up an automatic contribution from your checking, savings, or any credit card.

May you and all of your loved ones remain safe and healthy until we can worship together again.

Rich Ekwall, Church Treasurer *richekwall@msn.com* 970-587-2188

JULY PLEDGES VS. ACTUAL GIVING				
Monthly Pledged Amt.		\$	20,786	
Actual Giving for July		\$	12,959	
Pledges vs Actual (M-T-D)		\$	(7,827)	
Y-T-D PLEDGES VS ACTUAL GIVING				
YTD Pledged Amt		\$	145,495	
YTD Actual Giving		\$	135,050	
YTD Pledges vs Actual Giving		\$	(10,445)	
Organ Fund	\$ 45,768			
BEAR Fund	\$ 6,154			

SPECIAL NOTE: Last month we sent your 2nd quarter contribution statement. If you did not receive one, or the on you received had an error, please contact Terry Smith in the church office and she will help resolve those issues.

On behalf of Pastor Ida and your Church Council, we appreciate your continued financial support for the Mission of Prince of Peace and we pray for your continued safety and health.

What does no summer camp mean for the ministry?



Hello Camp Friends,

How to start a letter that needs to include so much information and gratitude? First, we miss you! As Paul shares in his letter to Timothy, we at NovusWay, remember you, our campers, counselors, guests, and donors in our prayers. We long to see you. On Friday, May 22, 2020, the leadership team and Board of Trustees of NovusWay **announced that all scheduled summer camp programming for 2020 would be suspended** for the health and safety of campers, staff, and guests in light of the risks posed by COVID-19.

The affirmation we received for the difficult decision we had to make and the love and support our camp community poured out on us and on each other in the days that followed was indeed camp at its best. For this, we THANK YOU!

Thank you for the kind emails and encouraging social media posts. Thank you to those of you who were able to generously gift your paid registration fees to the ministry. Thank you to those of you who immediately opened your hearts and made a gift to the ministry. **Thank you all for being a spark that will keep the fire of camp burning bright!**

We have been asked what this decision means for the future of camp. In answer, the financial loss to the ministry is significant. We were not given a spirit of cowardice, but rather one of power, love, and self-discipline. Therefore, we are officially launching the Light the Fire – Summer Camp 2021 Appeal to raise \$1.8 million to offset the loss of revenue needed to ensure the strength of camp and maintain our excellence. You will hear more about this in July, but because the response to the announcement on May 22nd was so generous and positive, we have decided that all unrestricted gifts given on or following that day will count toward the appeal.

We have also been asked, "what can I do to help?" This is a question of love and concern for camp and again, we are grateful. You can have the greatest positive impact on camp by starting a monthly gift to the ministry. It is like subscribing to camp – the way you would a magazine, Netflix, Hulu, or Stitch Fix to name a few. Including camp in your monthly automatic giving positions the ministry for strength. Any amount you can give adds up to sustainability when our community comes together. As an example, Netflix costs between \$9-\$20 a month, but adds up to an annual gift of \$108-\$240 a year. Similiar to how congregations plan from member tithes, camp can better plan when we know what giving will look like for the next 12 months.

To help, we have made the process simple for you. Go to: <u>https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E5162&id=46</u>

You can select "monthly donation or subscription giving" under the Type of Donation section. You may now use a checking account, savings account, or credit card that will be auto drafted each month on the date you make your first gift. These can be paused at anytime by calling our office.

Our combined \$1.8 million goal for the Light the Fire appeal includes 400 new monthly giving subscriptions. You can best help camp during this time by being one of these generous 400 people.

These places apart are amazing and life-giving because of the amazing people who love and support them. We long to see you so that we may all be filled with joy and so that these places may once again be filled with joy. Until then, we can Light the Fire within us and these ministries. Continue to share your camp stories. **Continue to be a Spark!**

In Christ's Love,			
Boyd W. Harris, IV	Mitzie Schafer, Deacon		
Executive Director-CEO	Vice President for Development		

IN NEED OF PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Osprey Village

Lloyd & Jane Cotner - Room 3106 Katherine Holmberg- Room 101

<u>Savannah Grand</u> Jo Kruer - Room 332 Mary Jordan– Memory Care Unit

<u>Quality Health-Rehab</u> Kay Bozeman Rm. 176-A



<u>At Home</u>

Emmy Lou Sorum / Billy Foster / Gertie Schreffler / Michele Pester / Clay Chaffee / Dorothy Schwager/ Ted Wessel / Lloyd Cotner / Orv Lind / Donna Lind / Nick Ivanovic / Bill Mungo Sr. / Lloyd Cotner / Jo Kruer / Lucy Creel /Judy Harris

Jan Rothrock & Family at death of husband Richard Rothrock



Lt. Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Valdez, AK (son of Glen & Norma Beyer) Lt. J.G. Eric Strommel, Kings Bay, Subbase, GA Lt. Col. Laura Laskowski, Air Force Intelligence, stationed in Maryland at Ft. Meade (daughter of Sue Whitman) Sgt. Rob Kinnard (Afghanistan)

ACTS—Components of an Effective Prayer				
" <u>A</u> "	ADORATION	Worship of God, First for who He is, Second for all His benefits		
" <u>C</u> "	CONFESSION	If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from unrighteousness		
" <u>T</u> "	THANKSGIVING	Gratitude to GOD for His blessings		
" <u>S</u> "	SUPPLICATION	Expressing our petitions to GOD for individual and specific needs and desires		

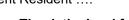
Keeping Our Prayer List Up-to-Date ...

Thank you for advising the church to add friends and family to our prayer list. We often can all use as many prayers as we can get.

Please remember to advise the church office people who no longer need to be on the list. Life gets busy and it's easy to forget. We want to be able to offer room to those who truly need to be in our prayers.

Thank the Lord for:

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a more casual style of worship. ship, whether you prefer the traditional order of service with organ music and liturgy or Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a place for people of all ages to come and wor-

tember through May. Sunday morning. Sunday school is presented for children on Sunday mornings Sep-All are welcome to hear the Word of God and partake in Holy Communion every

open our facility to AA for meetings twice a week in our fellowship hall. Study. We partner with Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response and Council on Aging, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, and Community Bible others. We participate in Interfaith Dinner Network, Barnabas Center, New to You, We take seriously that we are to go out into the world and share the Word of God with

may be. daily lives, as we share from our abundance and serve our neighbors, wherever they Jesus loves us and continues to come to us, both in our worship together and in our



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and eternally. Him we receive new life here revealed and by faith alone in in Jesus the love of God is That the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and that

> PLEASE PLACE STAMP HERE