

**We encourage you to follow CDC guidelines in all our buildings:  
Face masks are recommended for those NOT fully vaccinated.  
Face masks are not required if you ARE fully vaccinated.**

We will continue to live stream the 10:15am service on Sundays for those individuals who have reservations about worshipping in person. You can view the 10:15am service through our Facebook GROUP page, which can be found on our Facebook PAGE

**As We Gather:** James is one of the sons of Zebedee and is counted as one of the twelve disciples. Together with his brother John they had the nickname “sons of thunder.” One of the stories in the New Testament tells of their request for Jesus to grant them places of honor in the kingdom. They are also reported to have asked Jesus for permission to send down fire on a Samaritan village that had not welcomed them. James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom and is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in scripture. He is sometimes called James the Elder to distinguish him from James the Less, commemorated with Philip on May 1, and James of Jerusalem, commemorated on October 23.

**Birthdays being celebrated last week and this week:** 7/19 Maria Chornobroff, Sarah Ward; 7/21 Novella Cantaffa, Antonio Walling; 7/23 Jesse D. Stoop; 7/24 Sindy Sanborn; 7/25 Lauren Palladino; 7/27 Donna Lembo; 7/28 Barbara Ebersole, Emma Zawatski; 7/29 Benjamin Stoop, Lauren Renouf Lopez; Kyle Haren.

**Last week, flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God by Karen Pennington in celebration of Sheri’s birthday. This week, flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Palladino family in celebration of Lauren’s birthday.

**Vacation Bible School 2021 Mini Event** “If you can’t sleep, don’t count sheep - talk to the Shepherd!” This August, come sing around the campfire! We will create, participate in service projects, snack, pray together, and of course play at our outdoor camp VBS mini event! We will learn how our Shepherd guides us, comforts us, protects us, and knows us. We will look forward to our families joining us the last night for even s’more fun! Non-perishable food items & loose change are requested to support our service projects. Join us August 3-August 5 from 6pm-8pm. Volunteer forms and student registration forms can be found on our website and in the church. All questions should be directed to our Director of Education, Danielle Romano, at mytutoringnanny@gmail.com or 908-692-4686.

**Our Vacation Bible School “Borrow List” and “Needs List”** have been posted in the narthex and on our website. Please check them out and donate what you can. We rely on your generosity to have a successful VBS! All donations are requested in by Sunday, August 1st.

**Life Line Screening** will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 7, 2021. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: carotid artery ultrasound, abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound, an EKG, ultrasound of the lower legs and an ultrasound of the shin bone. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

**Hymnal Upgrade** Our current hymnals are in disrepair and we would like to move to a newer version instead of putting the old hymnals back in the pews. Over 95% of the LCMS congregations are using the 2006 Lutheran Service Book in their worship. The cost of the new hymnals (including shipping) would come to about thirty dollars each. We are asking if you would consider purchasing a hymnal for the use in the church during Sunday worship. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for people to sign up to do this. When we have fifty hymnals we will begin to use the Lutheran Service Book. The new hymnals will be kept in the narthex and when you enter the sanctuary you will pick up the hymnal along with your bulletin. If you donate a hymnal you can dedicate it in memory of any person you wish. We have dedication stickers in the church office and the dedication will appear in the front of the book. A parishioner can also purchase their own hymnal and either keep it at home or carry it with them when they come to church. We do ask that if you do this, you have your personal hymnal embossed with your name on it in order to avoid any problems with people using “your” hymnal. The additional cost of embossing is six dollars. Please direct all questions to Head Elder, Denise Abdul-Malak at 732-406-1531.

***It's Picnic Time Again!*** Please join us for our Annual Rally Day Picnic on Sunday Sept. 12, 2021 after the late service. We will have our kick-off planning meeting on Sunday August 8th after the late service. All ideas are welcomed!

***Flower Dedications*** Requests are being accepted to dedicate floral arrangements for the altar each Sunday. You can make a dedication to a family or individual to honor a birthday, anniversary, special occasion or in memory of loved ones. Your dedication will be noted in the bulletin, weekly email blast and on our parish website. Please add your name to the Flower Book in the narthex or call the office to request a date - only three requests will be accepted for each week. Your donation is \$25.00 per dedication is payable by cash or check. If you would like to keep the flowers you have dedicated, please fill out a Flower Tag (found in the front of the Flower Book) and place the completed tag back in the front pocket. You can pick up your flowers after Sunday services.

***Take Two!*** Please join us for our 14th Annual Comedy Show on Saturday, October 16, 2021. After our brief hiatus in 2020 due to Covid-19, we are happy to say...we're back! More details will be available soon, but plan on the following: Doors open at 3:00pm, Dinner is served at 4:30pm (BYOB) and Laughter begins at 6:00pm. We have begun accepting donations of NEW items and/or gift cards for our Gift Auction baskets. Please drop off all donations at the church. All questions can be directed to the event coordinator, Sharon Jones, at 732-267-3379.

***Upcoming Comedy Show*** Planning Meetings for the upcoming month are as follows: (All meetings are on a Tuesday) July 6, July 13, July 20 and July 27. All are scheduled for 6:30pm in the church meeting room. Please come and share your ideas and your talents. Give a little time or a lot...you decide what your schedule can allow. All questions can be directed to the event coordinator, Sharon Jones, at 732-267-3379.

***Next Sunday's Readings*** August 1, 2021 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 16:2-15 The Israelites grumble about the scarcity of food, and God lavishes them with quail and manna. Ephesians 4:1-16 Unity as the Body of Christ. John 6:22-35 Jesus is the bread of life. God's manna to us.

***Generosity Thought for Sunday, July 25, 2021 Saint James the Elder, Apostle Mark 10:37-38a*** – “**And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking.’**” Jesus’ glory was to be high and lifted high upon a cross. And when He took up that exalted position, there would indeed be a man on His right and another on His left – the two thieves. How often do we pray for things and not know what we are really asking for? How often do we think we know best? What is always best is to follow the Lord’s commands in simple faith that He knows best.

***Give Plus*** Please note that there is another way to donate to Prince of Peace. Most of you know that you can sign up to have VANCO take money automatically from your checking account. You can decide if you want to make your donation monthly, weekly or any way that is convenient for you. In addition, VANCO also has an app called “***Give Plus***”. You download the app, create a password and then create a pin to make logging on easier. Then you search for a nearby church and Prince of Peace will be listed. Just choose the one that has our 434 Aldrich Road, Howell address. It will also ask for your bank information, for the transfer of funds. You then choose if it is a one-time payment or if you want recurring payments. Again, they give you the same choices such as weekly, monthly, biweekly, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Prince of Peace!

***VANCO Simply Giving*** Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Thrivent Federal Credit Union endorses Simply Giving®. Your offerings are transferred electronically to the church’s account through VANCO Financial Services. During this time of quarantine, this service is particularly helpful. If you would like an authorization form, please call the church office and we will mail one to you.

***Life Quotes for The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 25, 2021*** “We need to keep fueled up through Christian fellowship in worship and in the sacraments. We need to pray without ceasing and receive the peace in that special relationship with God. And then, we need to stand strong and boldly declare God’s plan for life. We can’t be timid, afraid to speak up or be noticed. If we don’t share the truth, who will?” *Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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**Roll out of our updated website!** Prince of Peace is pleased to announce our church website has a new look! Our domain name remains unchanged – [www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org](http://www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org), but we are now utilizing Faithlife Sites as our integrated ministry platform. Check out the Visitor Page to access Pastor's letter, the Worship Bulletin and Weekly Notes; check out the Latest News page to view the current church newsletter and advertisers; additional pages highlight our various church ministries and upcoming events; we have even set up a page for Online Giving! Check it out today - content is updated regularly!

**Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

**Elders Meeting** Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 11:30a.m.

**Vacation Bible School** August 3rd-August 5th

**Picnic Meeting** Sunday August 8 after the 10:15 a.m. service

**Howell Day** Saturday Sept. 25th

**Jackson Day** Saturday Oct. 2nd

**Comedy Show/Dinner/Gift Auction** Saturday October 16th

**Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic** We would like to say thank you to all that have been so generous with their donations. It is much appreciated and very helpful to our pantry clients. Our current needs would include water, juice, coffee and tea. For now, thanks to your generosity, we have a good supply of can chili, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce and canned vegetables.

**We're all in this together.** The NY Blood Center is holding a Blood Drive at the Howell Donor Center at 4068 Rt. 9 South on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:30pm—8:30pm and on Wednesdays from 7:45am - 2:45pm. Please make an appointment at [nybc.org/donate](http://nybc.org/donate) or by calling 1.800.933.BLOOD.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Worship Leader: Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, July 25th at 8:00 a.m.  
Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, July 25th at 10:15 a.m.  
Elder: Andrew Tess

Social Media Specialist: Madison Maresca  
Organist: Melissa Marsicano

The 10:15am service will also be live streamed through our Facebook GROUP page, which can be found on our Facebook PAGE

Wednesday Midweek Service, July 28th at 7:00 p.m.