

# PRINTS of PEACE

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*Fellowship, food & fun*  
**CHURCH**  
*Picnic*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**Prince of Peace**

**Annual Picnic**

**Sunday, September 12th, 11:30am**

*(On the church grounds after the late service - rain or shine)*

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN MANY CAPACITIES**

We need your help to make this a successful event!

Please call the church office for needed food donations.

We are planning on celebrating all the holidays we missed in 2020, so get ready to celebrate a years worth of holidays!

Everyone is welcome.....please feel free to bring your neighbors, friends and extended family.

**Sunday School**  
**Corner**



***Sunday school begins***  
***September 12th***

Our Sunday school program is in (serious) need of two Sunday school teachers (grade K-1 and grade 2-4) and one substitute teacher. All lessons are pre-printed and available. Each level is provided with a teacher guide.

Please direct all questions to our Director of Education, Dani Romano, at 908-692-4686.



**“OANS, ZWOA,  
G’SUFFA!”**

*(Which translated means “One, two, drink!”)*

**SAVE THE DATE AND COME OUT  
FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AFTER ALL SERVICES**

Our theme this year is Oktoberfest!  
Join us for our 14th Annual Comedy  
Show / Dinner / Gift Auction

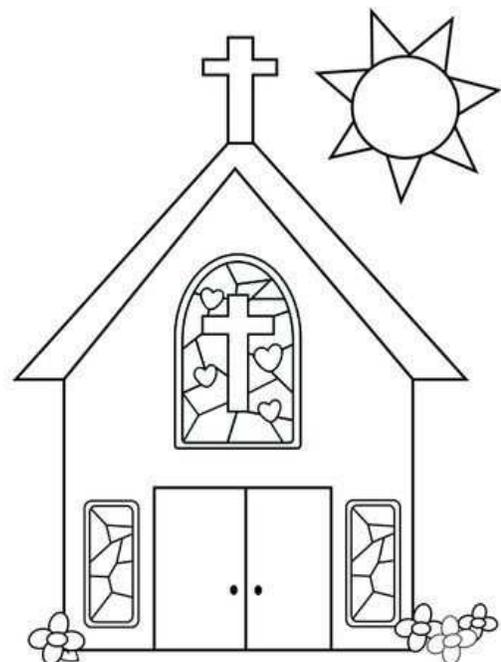
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021**

**Doors open at 3:00 p.m.**

**Dinner served at 4:30 p.m. - B.Y.O.B.**

**Laughter begins at 6:00 p.m.**

Welcome To Sunday School  
Coloring Sheet



## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK - September 2021



Dear members of Prince of Peace

**We awaken in Christ's body**  
by Symeon the new theologian

We awaken in Christ's body  
as Christ awakens our bodies,  
and my poor hand is Christ, He enters  
my foot, and is infinitely me.

I move my hand, and wonderfully  
my hand becomes Christ, becomes all of Him  
(for God is indivisibly  
whole, seamless in His Godhood).

I move my foot, and at once  
He appears like a flash of lightning.  
Do my words seem blasphemous? -- Then  
open your heart to Him

and let yourself receive the one  
who is opening to you so deeply.  
For if we genuinely love Him,  
we wake up inside Christ's body

where all our body, all over,  
every most hidden part of it,  
is realized in joy as Him,  
and He makes us, utterly, real,

and everything that is hurt, everything  
that seemed to us dark, harsh, shameful,  
maimed, ugly, irreparably  
damaged, is in Him transformed

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and radiant in His light  
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The Byzantine saint and poet Symeon the New Theologian (949–1022) is one of the Christian world's greatest mystics. There are a total of 58 Hymns in the authentic corpus, amounting almost to 11,000 verses. It is uncertain whether his hymns were meant for corporate worship or private meditation. What is certain is that his hymns have enlightened the church for a thousand years.

In this short (for him) poem he calls us to realize that the church is fully incorporated into Christ's body as he is in ours when we eat his flesh and drink his blood. In this mystical union.

This past month the Gospel lessons have mostly been from St. John's sixth chapter. There Jesus uses the present tense when speaking of the kingdom of God. It is already here. If we have not achieved this exalted state as yet, it is not for want of God's trying to communicate it to us. If we have not yet entered into the light: only the heart on our side can be wanting, since the divine gift and promise (the Holy Spirit) is already there.

If you wish to enter the kingdom of God it is here whenever and wherever Christians gather around the altar to welcome him into our body.

Yours in Christ's service  
Pastor Ken Fosse

## HYMNALS

During the pandemic we removed the hymnals from the pew racks in order to prevent the possibility of transmission of the virus by people touching the same objects. Now we know that this type of transmission is very unlikely and in any case the number of people who are vaccinated is sufficiently large that the governor has lifted most or all restrictions.

So why haven't we returned the hymnals to the pew racks?

When we looked at the blue hymnals it was apparent that they have suffered wear and tear over the years (many came from the 1970's). Some are held together with tape and others have crayon marks in them.

Before the pandemic, we might be excused for not paying much attention to this as the changes happened over a long period of time. But now it would be jarring to return these books to the pews.

Of course there is a solution.

In 2006 the LCMS published the Lutheran Service Book. Over 95% of the LCMS congregations are already using this resource in their worship and if you attend another LCMS parish when you are travelling you will already have seen and used this book.

It would be hard to call a hymnal "new" when it has been in use for fifteen years but if we purchase these hymnals they will be new to us. And this is what the church board has voted to do.

When we made our budget we did not plan on purchasing new hymnals and with the pandemic donations have been less robust than we would have liked. We're doing okay but there are no excess funds for this purchase.

So we have a different plan.

The hymnals and shipping costs come to about thirty dollars each. We are asking if you would consider purchasing a hymnal for the use in the church on Sunday. 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. Ideally we will have about one hundred and fifty hymnals at some point and will have them in all of the pews. Until that happens they will be kept in the narthex and when you enter the sanctuary you will pick up the hymnal along with your bulletin (which will not usually have the liturgy and hymns printed in it).

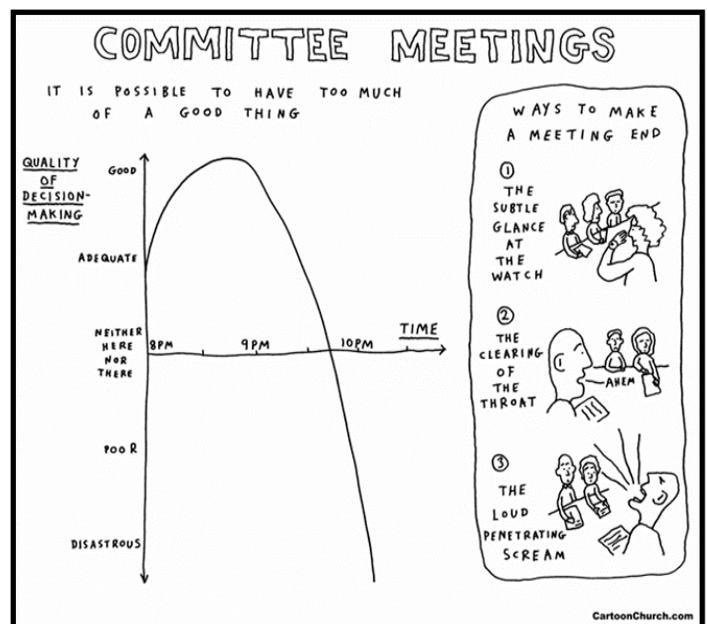
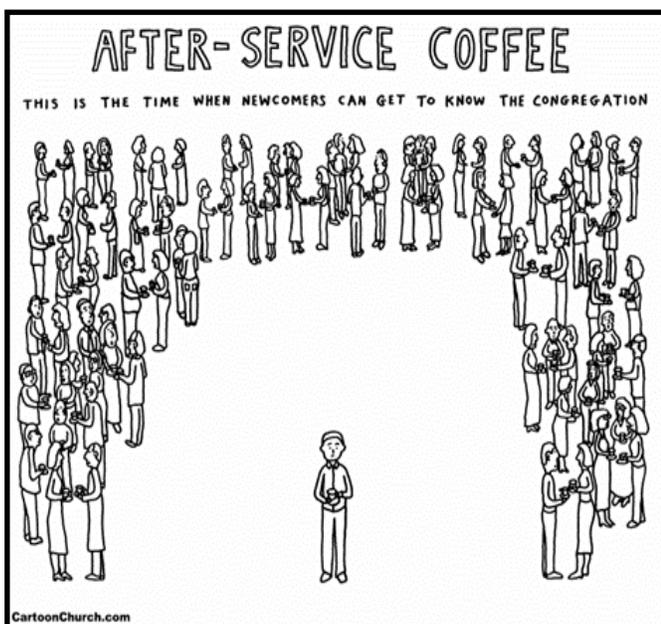
If you donate a hymnal you can dedicate it in memory of any person you wish. We have dedication stickers in the church office and the dedication will appear in the book.

A dozen of these hymnals have already been donated to the church so it is not an unobtainable goal to ask for fifty.

We have been asked that since these have been around for fifteen years is the LCMS working on a still newer hymnal. We would be lying if we said an unequivocal no but if they are they have kept it quiet. As far as Pastor Fosse knows they are not.

We have also been asked if it would be possible for a parishioner to purchase their own hymnal and either keep it at home or carry it with them when they come to church. Of course, you are free to do this if you wish. 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



SUMMER 2021

# Education Notes

VBS, Sunday School, & Confirmation Prep Classes

## Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12th.

Join us in the Parish Hall at 9am. Please send your completed registration forms with your students. Registration forms can be found in the narthex and on our website. Please have your children wear an appropriate mask. Sanitizing routines are in place. Hand sanitizer will be available or feel free to have your students bring their own.

Class assignments and calendars will be sent out at the end of September. Please be patient with us as we work with everyone during this transition.

## Seventh Grade and Up

Please have your students report to the Parish Hall on Rally Day, September 12th at 9AM. Please have your children wear an appropriate mask. Sanitizing routines are in place. Hand sanitizer will be available or feel free to have your students bring their own.

The Confirmation Prep students will be given their Fall & Winter schedule at the end September. Please be patient with us as we work thru this transition.

### REGISTER

Registration forms can be found in the narthex or on our website

### QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to our Dir. of Education, Dani Romano  
[pop434Education@gmail.com](mailto:pop434Education@gmail.com)

### ATTEND

Bring students to the Parish Hall on Rally Day: Sept. 12th at 9AM



**Sunday School Teachers**  
urgently needed  
Lesson plans given



2021 VBS mini event collected an overstuffed sleeping bag of non-perishable foods for **Helping Hand food pantry**



We also collected \$ 42 in coins PLUS \$ 70 in other miscellaneous donations that will help our local homeless through destiny's Bridge



We're excited to invite you to our 8th Annual Community Day on Saturday, September 18 (rain date Sunday, September 19).

Meet us at Squan Plaza in Downtown Manasquan from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for food and refreshments, carnival games, pony rides, live radio from Thunder 106 and an all-around good time. Community Day is free and family-friendly. We hope to see you there!

**Questions?** Contact us at [1-844-626-2265](tel:1-844-626-2265)

## Stewardship Newsletter Article for September 2021

*(Reprinted from the LCMS website)*

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, ‘Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.’ Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).”

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God’s fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Gal. 4:1–7). Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



## The History of Grandparents Day

Marian McQuade hoped to establish a national day that would honor grandparents, and in 1970 she began a campaign to do so. McQuade raised awareness about senior citizens throughout the 1970s. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter declared the first Sunday after Labor Day to be National Grandparents Day. Each year, the president issues a proclamation to keep the tradition going.

Grandparents Day has both an official flower and song. Both were chosen by the National Grandparents Day Council.

- " The official flower is the forget-me-not.
- " The official song is Johnny Prill’s “A Song for Grandma and Grandpa.”

## MAINTENANCE OR MISSION?

### From "Good News People" by Herold Percy

*(submitted by Pastor Fosse)*

1. In measuring the effectiveness, the maintenance congregation asks, "How many pastoral visits are being made?"  
The mission congregation asks, "How many disciples are being made?"
2. When contemplating some form of change, the maintenance congregation says, "If this proves upsetting to any of our members, we won't do it."  
The mission congregation says, "If this will help us reach someone on the outside, we will take the risk and do it."
3. When thinking about change, the majority of members in a maintenance congregation ask, "How will this affect me?"  
The majority of members in the mission congregation ask, "Will this increase our ability to reach those outside?"
4. When thinking of its vision for ministry, the maintenance congregation says, "We have to be faithful to our past."  
The mission congregation says, "We have to be faithful to our future."
5. The pastor in the maintenance congregation says to the newcomer, "I'd like to introduce you to some of our members."  
In the mission congregation the members say, "We'd like to introduce you to our pastor."
6. When confronted with a legitimate pastoral concern, the pastor in the maintenance congregation asks, "How can I meet this need?"  
The pastor in the mission congregation asks, "How can this need be met?"
7. The maintenance congregation seeks to avoid conflict at any cost (but rarely succeeds).  
The mission congregation understands that conflict is the price of progress, and is willing to pay the price. It understands that it cannot take everyone with it. This causes some grief, but it does not keep it from doing what needs to be done.
8. The leadership style in the maintenance congregation is primarily managerial, where leaders try to keep everything in order and running smoothly.  
The leadership style in a mission congregation is primarily transformational, casting a vision of what can be, and marching off the map in order to bring the vision into reality.
9. The maintenance congregation is concerned with their congregation, its organizations and structure, its constitutions and committees.  
The mission congregation is concerned with the culture, with understanding how secular people think and what makes them tick. It tries to determine their needs and their points of accessibility to the Gospel.
10. When thinking about growth, the maintenance congregations asks, "How many Lutherans live within a twenty-minute drive of this church?"  
The mission congregation asks, "How many unchurched people live within a twenty-minute drive of this church?"
11. The maintenance congregation looks at the community and asks, "How can we get these people to support our congregation?"  
The mission congregation asks, "How can the Church support these people?"
12. The maintenance congregation thinks about how to save their congregation.  
The mission congregation thinks about how to reach the world.

**The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to know Christ and inspire people to be caring instruments of God in spreading Christ's love, with joyous enthusiasm, by word and deed.**

## PROPERS PREVIEWS

*A look at the readings to help you prepare for worship*

### **September 5, 2021**

#### **The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 35:4–7a God comes powerfully among the people.

James 2:1–10, 14–18 Faith that is alive is evidenced in good works.

Mark 7:31–37 Jesus heals a man who is deaf.

### **September 12, 2021**

#### **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 50:4–10 God's people are encouraged by the prophet.

James 3:1–12 Counsel regarding edifying speech.

Mark 9:14–29 A child with an unclean spirit is healed.

### **September 19, 2021**

#### **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 11:18–20 The prophet commits his cause to the Lord.

James 3:13–4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord.

Mark 9:30–37 Jesus calls His disciples to serve all people.

### **September 26, 2021**

#### **The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29 All creation looks to and praises the Lord.

James 5:13–20 Prayers offered in faith have great power.

Mark 9:38–50 Mighty works are done in Jesus' name.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

Brandon Chornobroff will be the Elder at the 8:00 a.m. services (unless otherwise noted)

Lynne Berghoff will be the Lector on the first Sunday of each month.

Denise Abdul-Malak, Head Elder, 732-406-1531, schedules Assisting Ministers

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Lisa Tess, 732-905-0687, is Directress of the Altar Guild. Members serve for one month on a rotating basis.

## FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please place \$25 per dedication in a Flower Fund Envelope (which can be found in the Flower Book) and place it in the offering plate. There is a maximum of three dedications each week.

## **COMEDY SHOW TICKET SALES**

Volunteers are needed to "man" the ticket sale table after all the services.

If you can help fill one of the following time slots, please contact either Sharon Jones at [pop434fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:pop434fundraising@gmail.com) or Annette Maresca at [pop434president@gmail.com](mailto:pop434president@gmail.com)

Wed., Sept. 1st 7:00p  
Sun., Sept. 5th at 8:00a  
Sun., Sept. 5th at 10:15a

Wed., Sept. 8th 7:00p  
Sun., Sept. 12th at 8:00a  
Sun., Sept. 12th at 10:15a

Wed., Sept. 15th 7:00p  
Sun., Sept. 19th at 8:00a  
Sun., Sept. 19th at 10:15a

Wed., Sept. 22nd 7:00p  
Sun., Sept. 26th at 8:00a  
Sun., Sept. 26th at 10:15a

Wed., Sept. 29th 7:00p  
Sun., Oct. 3rd at 8:00a  
Sun., Oct. 3rd at 10:15a

Wed., Oct. 6th 7:00p  
Sun., Oct. 10th at 8:00a  
Sun., Oct. 10th at 10:15a

Wed., Oct. 13th 7:00p  
Sun., Oct. 13th at 8:00a  
Sun., Oct. 13th at 10:15a

## **SEPTEMBER DEADLINE**

If you have an article that you would like placed in the October 2021 newsletter, please email it or drop it off in the church office.

The church email address is [popchurch@optonline.net](mailto:popchurch@optonline.net).

**The deadline is Fri., September 24, 2021**