

**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:** “Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!” These words of Moses in today’s Old Testament Reading find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Called and gathered in the name of the triune God, we have the amazing assurance that the Holy Spirit does indeed rest on us! The Spirit brings us to the amazing grace of Jesus Christ today as we gather around His Word and His Table. The works that are done among us in the name and by the Spirit of our God will send us forth today to share the grace our Lord promises to all who call on His name.

**Birthdays being celebrated this week:** 9/27 Donna Dentzau, Dawn Lavelle; 9/28 Annette Maresca; Susan Smigelsky; 9/29 Jessi Renouf, Kuri Renouf; 9/30 Ayden Georgiano, Joseph Ghigna, Andrew McAllister; 10/1 Paulette Bradow, Walter Pennington.

**Flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Sharon & Dana Jones in celebration of Dawson’s birthday and by Luise Didato in loving memory of her son Erich Schick and by Karen & Walt Pennington in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

**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.

**After careful consideration**, the Prince of Peace Fundraising Committee has decided to postpone the Comedy Show and Dinner portions of our event to October 15, 2022. **However, we will still hold the Gift Auction portion in the Parish Hall during the week of Oct. 10-Oct. 16, 2021.** In order to social distance, we will set up designated times during that week in order for you to purchase prize tickets, view the baskets and drop in your tickets. 50/50 tickets will also be available for sale this week as well. On Saturday, October 16th at 3:00pm, we will go Facebook Live and pull tickets for the prizes and the 50/50. Prizes for the winners will be held for pick up at a later date. If you would like to attend the drawing in person, you are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall. More information and details will follow soon.

**Our Office Manager, Maria Rotberg, is retiring!** Come join us in wishing her a fond farewell! On Thursday, Sept. 30th we will host an open house in the church narthex from 9am- 3pm. Meet our new part-time secretary, Tracey Knoblock, from 9am - 1pm.

**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.

**Next Sunday's Readings** October 3, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost –Genesis 2:18-25 Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in a relationship. Hebrews 2:1-13 Hebrews, an early Christian sermon, emphasizes that Jesus became so fully human that he shared our experience of death. Mark 10:2-16 Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity.

**Hand Bell Choir Practice** has resumed at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in September. Welcome back! Practice dates include September 7, 14 & 21. We wish to thank all of our bell ringers for all the wonderful blessings they add to our church services. They bless us all year long in every season and occasion with their precious gifts of sacred music. New ringers are always welcome! Bells will ring during the 10:15a.m. service on Sept. 26th. Contact Alexandra Hildebrand at 732-685-9528 for more information.

**Generosity Thought for Sunday, September 26, 2021** The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—**Mark 9:45** – “**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.**” So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? It's better to cut “it” off! We need the Lord's help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

**Christmas Card Collection** Judy Ricca will once again be partnering with local senior facilities this holiday season to spread a little Christmas cheer by delivering Christmas and holiday cards to shut-ins. Please help by donating new Christmas cards and holiday cards with envelopes (please, no mass cards, no cards mentioning “home for the holidays” or donation type cards) - all cards can be dropped off in her mailbox or in the church office. Thank you for your support!

**Life Quotes for The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021** “Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice.” *Pastor Michael Saleminck, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life* - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**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!

**Sunday school is underway!** 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.

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

**Board of Directors Mtg.** Sunday Sept. 26th at 11:30am

**Comedy Show Mtg.** Tuesday Sept. 28th at 6:30pm

**Farewell Get Together** Thursday Sept. 30 9a-3p

**Jackson Day** Saturday Oct. 2nd

**Elders Mtg.** Sunday Oct. 3rd

**Gift Auction** Oct. 10th- Oct. 16th (times TBA)

**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!

**Support Prince of Peace** You can make an impact while you shop. Did you know that you can generate donations while shopping at no extra cost? Simply start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103) to confirm "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization.

**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.

**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.

### ***THOSE WHO SERVE***

Worship Leader: Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, September 26th at 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, September 26th at 10:15 a.m.

Elder: Andrew Tess

Social Media Specialist: Madison Maresca

Organist: Judith Jensen

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Wednesday Midweek Service, September 29th at 7:00 p.m.