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“Proclaiming the Gospel in Russia”

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Acts 1:8-11

Dear friends in Christ,

On May 13th, the Church will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. On this, the 40th day after Easter, Jesus was lifted up into heaven and a cloud took Him out of their sight. Our Lord became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, then died at the hands of sinful men, before being raised to life on Easter morning. On Ascension Day, He now returns to His rightful place in heaven. We can only imagine the celebration in heaven as our Lord returns to His place at the right hand of the Father.

Before Jesus ascension, He told His disciples that the Holy Spirit will clothe them with power to be sent into the world as witnesses to the events of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. We read of their witness accounts in the Scriptures, and we listen to these accounts in our worship services. Christians are called upon to carry this torch of being God’s witnesses to the world. The disciples were to witness in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. For Prince of Peace, we witness to our community, Indiana, the United States, and to the ends of the earth. Our witness at Prince of Peace occurs in our worship, along with our activities in the community. We offer our witness to the families at our preschool and daycare ministries. Our witness grows stronger as we join other Missouri Synod congregations in the Indiana District. We faithfully send our mission dollars (over \$16,000.00 last year) to our district office where they engage in expansion of the church’s mission in Indiana and Kentucky. We also faithfully sponsor the Lutheran Hour radio ministry on WCBK every Sunday morning, serving all who listen to this radio broadcast. We are blessed to be a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that faithfully prepares church workers and continues to embrace the mission of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world.

To learn more about this work, Prince of Peace will hear about a specific mission that is occurring in Russia. Our church body has a seminary that faithfully trains men to become Pastors in Russia. I pray you will be able to be in worship on Sunday, May 23rd, (the day of Pentecost) to hear Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill tell us how the Russian Seminary continues in the witness of the Gospel in Russia.

When our Lord left on Ascension Day He left with the promise to return in the same way He left. He will redeem His faithful witnesses in body and soul on this last day, when the dead will rise and we will join Him in both body and soul in heaven. Until that day, we pray that we may remain His faithful witnesses to this community, and to the ends of the earth. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Janssen

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Meet our staff:

- ◆ Pastor: Rev. Nathan Janssen
- ◆ Vicar: Kyle Mullins
- ◆ Director of Youth Ministries: Sharon Raney
- ◆ Secretaries: Sharon Raney & Beth Wallis
- ◆ Preschool Teacher: Maggie Dewey
- ◆ Preschool Aide: Brittany Grounds
- ◆ Daycare Director: Mrs. Bethany Asher
- ◆ Asst. Daycare Director: Mrs. Christy Gornall

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**CHURCH ATTENDANCE
AT PRINCE OF PEACE FOR
APRIL 2021**

	2020	2021
Mar 31/Apr 4	Pandemic	172
Apr 7/11	Pandemic	126
Apr 14/18	Pandemic	
Apr 21/25	Pandemic	
Average/month		149

**Official Acts
April 2021**

Baptism
4/11/2021 Nathaniel John Janssen



**Those Serving at
Prince of Peace
May 2021**

Elders & Ushers

Wednesday Noon

4/28 John Taylor
5/5 John Taylor
5/12 John Taylor
5/19 John Taylor
5/26 John Taylor

Wednesday 7 pm

4/28 David Drake
5/5
5/12 David Drake
5/19
5/26 David Drake

Sunday 9 am

5/2 Sam Rinehart & Tom Polster
5/9 Larry Polster & Levi Johnson
5/16 Greg McKelfresh & Ken Gilenwater
5/23 Tom Jackson & Neill Hully
5/30 Dennis Eickhoff & Ben Sheldon

Acolytes

5/2 Piper & Willow Petersen
5/9 Adam Satter & Maryn Willoughby
5/16 Mikayla Prater & Landon Johnson
5/23 Annika Gray & Leighanne Hully
5/30 Piper & Willow Petersen

Altar Guild

Rita Chambers, Annabelle Cleary, Laurie Johnson, Lucy Rike & Lyna Rinehart

Fellowship Treats

5/2 Sue Jackson
5/9 Brenda Polster
5/16 Catherine Prater
5/23 Karen McKelfresh
5/30 Lyna Rinehart

Greeters

Wednesday Noon

4/28
5/5 Theresa Hawkins
5/12 Lois Lambert
5/19 Tom & Barb Gray
5/26

Wednesday 7 pm

4/28
5/5
5/12 Mark & Robin Will
5/19
5/26

Sunday 9 am

5/2
5/9 Tom & Sue Jackson
5/16 Dave & Rose Hutton
5/23 Brenda Polster
5/30 Larry & Patty Polster

COVID-19 Response at Prince of Peace April 15, 2021

Prince of Peace has been committed throughout the pandemic to follow local recommendations in order to maintain in-person worship while safeguarding the health of the community.

In light of recent changes, Prince of Peace is making adjustments to our expectations at worship services and other congregational gatherings. In Indiana, anyone 16 years of age and older is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In essence, all who desire vaccines are able to be vaccinated. Also, Indiana Governor Holcomb has turned over face covering recommendations to county and local authorities.

Therefore, assuming that there are no further governmental restrictions, Prince of Peace is making the face covering mandate optional (while still encouraging those who prefer to wear a face mask, to please do so) on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Until then, your diligent observance of the current masking guidelines (wearing a mask as you enter and exit church) is greatly appreciated.

We also want to remind members that Prince of Peace offers worship at 12:00 and 7:00pm on Wednesdays. These services are smaller in attendance making it easier to social distance from one another.

We thank you for your understanding, patience, and compliance as we continue to pray for God's gracious deliverance of the world from this affliction.

Your servants in Christ,
Pastor Janssen
The Board of Elders

A note from a friend

We recently received the following note from Alida Zweidler-McKay, the Daughter of former member Paula McKay: "Hello Prince of Peace - Mom has been enjoying your online services and seeing her friends when they go up for Communion...We got to spend Easter together - the first time she's been to our home since November. We're so glad things are opening up again. Please give our best to the congregation! Wishing you all well!" If you would like to reach out to Paula, cards and letters may be mailed to her at 68 Commonwealth Ave, Apt. 225, Concord, MA 01742.

Greendell "Give Back" program

If you shop at Greendell in Mooresville for your summer and fall planting & mulching needs, please remember to mention Prince of Peace as you check out. Greendell will donate a portion of your purchase to our church. We will receive a check in late October. Thank you to those who have supported this program in the past!



Read the Bible in a Year

In 2021 we suggest reading the Bible in **chronological order**, sequencing events and books as they occurred in real time.

May	11 2 Sam. 10; 1 Chron. 19; Ps 20	23 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21-22; Psalm 30
1 2 Sam. 5:1-10; 1 Chron. 11-12	12 Psalm 65-67, 69-70	24 Psalm 108-110
2 Psalm 133	13 2 Sam. 11-12; 1 Chron. 20	25 1 Chron. 23-25
3 Psalm 106-107	14 Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122	26 Psalm 131, 138- 139, 143-145
4 2 Sam. 5:11-6:23; 1 Chron. 13-16	15 2 Sam. 13-15	27 1 Chron. 26-29; Psalm 127
5 Psalm 1-2, 15, 22- 24, 47, 68	16 Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55	28 Psalms 111-118
6 Psalm 89, 96, 100- 101, 105, 132	17 2 Sam. 16-18	29 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, 94
7 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17	18 Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64	30 Psalm 119:1-88
8 Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39	19 2 Sam. 19-21	31 1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chron. 1; Psalm 72
9 2 Sam. 8-9; 1 Chron. 18	20 Psalm 5, 38, 41-42	
10 Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75	21 2 Sam. 22-23; Psalm 57	
	22 Psalm 95, 97-99	

A LETTER FROM THE

INDIANA DISTRICT LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

We, as a staff, pray for the pastors, teachers, staffs, and congregations of the Indiana District...It is truly a joy and privilege for us as a staff and individually to gather and study the Word and then remember in prayer the work and lives of our brothers and sisters in the faith...The congregations remembered in prayer during the month are listed in the *Lutheran Witness* District Edition. We prayed specifically lifting Prince of Peace up in our prayers the week of April 4, 2021. Continue to remember the District office in your prayers as they walk with us to carry out the work of the Kingdom.

Indianapolis Area Day of Pentecost

Mission Festival Sun., May 23



On **Sunday, May 23**, the LCMS congregations in Indianapolis and surrounding communities are celebrating a Pentecost mission festival. The day begins with a festive Divine Service at each church plus a guest presenter from the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society, who will talk about the effort to save the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia. **Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill will be the guest preacher at Prince of Peace on that day.** The mission festival will continue with an **afternoon party at The Barn at Kennedy Farm in Lizton, IN** (525 N. State St. Lizton, 46149) from **4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**, and all are invited to attend to enjoy an afternoon with family, friends, fellow Lutherans, live music, and complimentary food and beverage including beer & wine.

Youth Group Notes

The POP Youth Group is open to all youth in Grades 7-12. If you are interested in further details about the activities listed below, please contact Sharon Raney (765-516-4108).

Youth Group Activities - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Open Youth Group Room, every Wednesday from 3:00—5:30 pm

Come hang in the YG room with us. Get your homework done, play some video games, a game of pool...there's always something to eat, tunes to listen to... Friends are always welcome!!

Start your engines!

The month of May means Indy 500 time, and for several of our youth families, time to put on the yellow shirts and work at the Speedway to earn money for YG expenses (primarily, the National Youth Gathering!). Let Mrs. Raney know if you would like to work as well; you must be at least 16 years old. *This opportunity is also open to any POP member to work for money toward any of our special funds.* Volunteer forms are at the information center.



Save the Date—Golf Outing, June 4th

All 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering-bound students and anyone thinking about applying for the 2021-2022 Men's Club college scholarship need to help out during the Outing! Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. at Martinsville Golf Club on Friday, June 4th. You'll be assisting with set-up and will be free to leave when everything is accomplished (approximately 9:00-9:30). Please dress appropriately.

Golf Outing Hole Sponsors

2022 National Youth Gathering-bound students and those applying for college scholarships need to sell hole sponsorships for the Golf Outing. Your assignment was placed in your church mailbox in April. You can also ask someone you know—your personal hair stylist, dentist, doctor, or favorite restaurant. You never know who might be a sponsor unless you ask!





Prince of Peace 2021 Golf Outing Friday, June 4

The Prince of Peace Golf Outing will be **Friday, June 4** at Martinsville Golf Club. Registration and check-in begins at 8:00 a.m., the shotgun start at 9:00 a.m., and lunch at 1:00 p.m. This annual event, sponsored by the Men's Club, raises money for many youth programs at Prince of Peace, including college scholarships and the LCMS Youth Gathering. All golfers of all skill levels are welcome to our event! Registration forms are now available in the narthex. Get your foursome together and sign up today!

CPH Summer Reading Program

All families are invited to participate in **CPH Reads**, a free summer reading program that's all about Jesus! From **June 1 through August 13**, you can join with thousands of kids from across the country on a journey of faith-inspired reading. Go to cph.org/reads, to create an account with your child. You can then log any books read between June 1 and August 13 to earn points. Once you've logged 1,000 points, you'll be entered for a chance to win awesome prizes.

It's a rewarding, no-purchase-necessary experience for everyone. Look for an informational brochure in your church mailbox in mid-May, and happy reading!



Kroger Community Rewards



THANK YOU to those who have registered their Kroger Plus cards to benefit either Prince of Peace Lutheran School or the Youth Group. Our 2021 first quarter checks have arrived; the school received **\$91.19 (29 households participated)** and Youth Group **\$73.73 (30 households participated)**! If you have not yet registered your card, please consider doing so. There are absolutely no added costs to participate. There is a flyer on the information center in the narthex with instruction on how to register your card. You may also contact Sharon Raney in the school office.

News from our school

- The last day for our students is **Tuesday, May 11**. Our end-of-year program is Tuesday, **May 11 at 7:00 p.m.**, and our students will enjoy their class picnic on Wednesday, May 12.
- We will continue to accept enrollments for our outstanding preschool and prekindergarten programs throughout the summer. Our morning prekindergarten class is almost full, but we have many openings in the afternoon class as well as the morning preschool class. Please refer families with young children to our quality school!



AmazonSmile program:

If you shop on Amazon, all you need to do is "start with a smile" and choose Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Martinsville, Indiana, of course!), and our youth group receives 0.5% of your purchase. Occasionally, Amazon raises this percentage as part of a special promotion.

60th anniversary of Prince of Peace this fall!

It's hard to believe, but September of 2021 marks the 60th anniversary of our wonderful church and the establishment of an LCMS congregation in Martinsville. We will be celebrating this occasion! If you would like to help with planning, there is a sign-up sheet at the information center. If you've been longing for some church fellowship, this will be the perfect opportunity!



Churches in Mission Food Collection

We will continue to collect food items for Churches in Mission throughout the pandemic, as the need in our community is great. Below is a list of items that are needed most.

- Canned fruits, vegetables, proteins
- Spaghetti sauce, canned ravioli, SpaghettiOs, canned tomato products
- Rice, peanut butter, dry noodles/pasta, macaroni & cheese
- Cereal, oatmeal, fruit cups, coffee
- Toilet paper, sanitizer wipes, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent.

Help Camp Lakeview prepare for summer camp season

Our spring Work Weekend retreat is back! Come out to camp (for FREE) the weekend of **May 7-9** to help get things ready for the summer. We have even more projects to complete than in a normal year, so we're hoping for a strong turnout of camp folks to help us get everything ready. If you've never been out to a Work Weekend before, we have projects of all kinds. We welcome families, adults, retirees...there will be something you can help with. Days are spent serving and evenings are spent enjoying camp and time in fellowship. Go to <https://lakeview.camp/workweekend/> to learn more or register.



Graduation Reception, June 6

A graduation reception will be held following worship on Sunday, June 6.

Graduating are Grace Raney, Annabelle Cleary and Brady Mann.

More information on the graduates will appear in the June newsletter; but for now, save the date!

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to all who contributed toward the Easter Lilies that adorned our chancel on Easter morning. Donors included:

The Boler Family (1)

Debbie Crist (1) - In loving memory of Larry Crist

Greg & Jennie Cummings (3) - In loving memory of Armond Tumm (Jennie's dad), Barbara Galloway (Greg's mom), and Jerry Dean Curtis (Greg & Jennie's grandson)

Dennis & Janice Eickhoff (2)

Ken & Judy Gilenwater (2) - In honor of Drake & Clay Starnes (grandchildren) and Dane & Trey Starnes (great grandchildren)

Stacey Gilenwater (2) - In honor of Ken & Judy Gilenwater

Tom & Sue Jackson (2) - In honor of Glendon & Rachael Archer (Sue's parents) and in loving memory of Russell & Gloria Jackson (Tom's parents)

RaNell Miller Family (1) - In loving memory of Stan Miller

Theresa Oatman (1) - In loving memory of her parents

Merlin & Doris Petersen (2) - In loving memory of Lucas Petersen and Penny Kazmierski

Tom & Brenda Polster (1) - In loving memory of JoAnn Polster

Kevin & Sharon Raney (1) - In loving memory of Marshal Raney & Bob Broering (Kevin & Sharon's fathers)

Katelyn Wilber (1) - In loving memory of Sharon Stickan

Bob & Paula Yocum (2) - In loving memory of their parents



Sunday School at Prince of Peace

The month of May will mark the end of our regular Sunday School and June 6 will mark the beginning of Summer Sunday School. We will be considering Bible stories like the Wedding at Cana, Jesus Calms a Storm, and Jesus Feeds Five Thousand. **We are looking for volunteers who will take a Sunday and lead the children, ages 3 through 6th grade in a devotion, craft or game and maybe even a snack.** Beth Wallis is willing to assist with the planning of each Sunday if the volunteer so chooses. Please see Beth Wallis if you are willing to help with our wonderful Sunday School this summer.

Also we would like to thank all who have helped with Sunday School in any way this year. Listed below are some of our most faithful volunteers.

- Jessica Hunt, Early Childhood
- Lucy Rike, Lower Elementary
- Bethany Janssen and Laurie Johnson, Upper Elementary
- Sharon Raney, Rena Sheldon, and Vicar Mullins, Young Adults

And of course

- Pastor Janssen, Adult Class and Guidance
- Vicar Mullins, Adult Class and Guidance

We pray that you will join us in the study of God's Word. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.



More Sunday School News

On May 9 Sunday School will celebrate a special Mother's Day Mommy/Grandma/Special Lady and Me Sunday School.

Please remember to invite your special lady.

On June 20 Sunday School will celebrate a special Father's Day Daddy/Grandpa/Special Guy and Me Sunday School.

Please be thinking of who you will invite for this fun Sunday School Day.

We look forward to having our special guests and showing them what fun we have in Sunday School. Mark your calendars now for May 9 and June 20.

See you in Sunday School!

Calling all youth:

Experience Christ Academy this summer

All high school youth are invited to consider a summer experience at Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne from **June 20 - July 3**. Christ Academy consists of three important elements: confessional catechesis, liturgical worship and a fun life together. This tradition of learning, worship, and fun provides an incredible two-week experience for young men and women in high school, especially for those considering a future in church work. Christ Academy is comprised of two schools, Timothy School for men and Phoebe School for women. For more information, go to www.ctsfw.edu or talk to Pastor, Vicar, or Mrs. Raney. Applications for the academy will close on JUNE 1. Please do not allow cost to deter you from attending! Talk to Mrs. Raney for more information.



“Children, obey
your parents in the
Lord...” Ephesians 6:1



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"Come Grow With Us"

Coming Events to Note on Your Church Calendar



- ◆ 9 - Mother's Day
- ◆ 10 - PreS Final Student Day
- ◆ 11 - PreK Final Student Day
- ◆ 11 - PreS/PreK Closing Program
- ◆ 12 - Day school end of year picnic
- ◆ **13 - Ascension Day**
- ◆ 31 - Memorial Day



- ◆ 4 - Men's Club Golf Outing
- ◆ 6 - Graduation Reception
- ◆ 20 - Father's Day
- ◆ TBD - Voters' Assembly Meeting



- ◆ 4 - Independence Day
- ◆ TBD - Farewell to Vicar and his family