

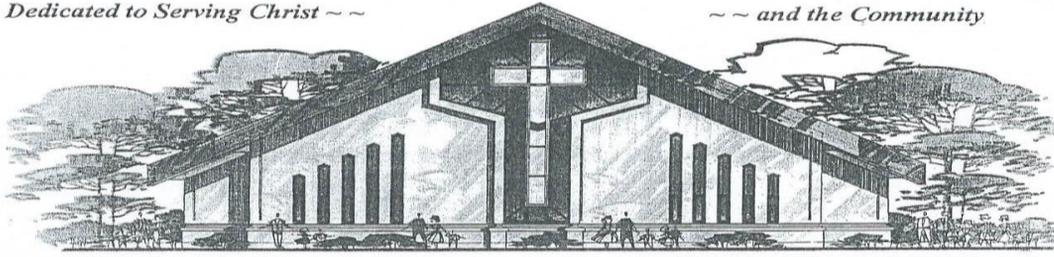
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~ ~ and the Community



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NEWSLETTER

What our world desperately needs

A few years back I read a book entitled, "What's So Amazing about Grace." If you haven't read it, I strongly suggest it, but in the book, the author Philip Yancey tells about a conference on comparative religions which was being conducted in Britain. It consisted of experts from around the world that debated what, if any, belief was unique to the Christian faith. They began eliminating possibilities. The Incarnation was brought up; how God became man in Jesus, yet other religions had versions of god's appearing in human form.

Jesus' resurrection was put forth as a possibility, but again other religions had accounts of return from death. The debate evidently went on for some time until C.S. Lewis wandered into the room and asked, "What's the rumpus about?" When he was told they were debating Christianity's unique contribution among the world religions, he quickly answered, "Oh, that's easy. It's grace."

As they discussed it, they realized it was true. All other religions emphasize doing things to earn God's approval or achieve their version of salvation. The Buddhists have their eight-fold path, Hindu's have their doctrine of karma, the Jews have their covenant and Law requirements, the Muslims have their five required pillars of the faith to earn Allah's favor, but Christianity is the only religion that dares to make salvation conditional upon God and his grace, and not upon man's effort to earn God's favor.

Christianity's unique contribution is the message that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ and not by our works or doing. It means salvation before God is ours simply by accepting the fact by faith that Jesus has earned our salvation and we are forgiven of our sins before God through Him and His act of grace. It is why Luther and others describe faith as like an open hand that simply receives the good gifts of God's grace we didn't earn or strive for.

This is our heritage and the message of the Bible, like in Jesus' parable of the Workers in the Vineyard in Matthew 20. If you read that parable, the key is that the workers are simply led to answer the call to work by the Vineyard owner. Because at the end of the day, they aren't rewarded with wages according to the amount of work they did, but according to the grace of the Vineyard owner, who paid them all the same. It was Jesus illustrating His Father's grace.

The same could be said of what Jesus illustrates in the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. They didn't have to earn the party the shepherd and father threw for them, but it was conditional upon the Shepherd and the Father's love and grace that sought them out and embraced them.

It is where we worship as Christians a grace-full God and we are to be a grace-filled people as those who follow our grace-full God and boy, does our world need more grace. As I write this, we are just a few days removed from another mass shooting and a man sending bombs to some of our leaders. We know those actions were motivated by their political and ideological leanings. It is where for us too it could be easy with another election coming up to get swept up in the passion of the issues of our day by responding to them with anger and hatred.

However, as we approach the delicate and contentious political issues of our day as Christians, what we can't forget to do is to approach these issues and disagreements with grace.

We don't have to agree and shouldn't agree on all issues, but it doesn't mean we should respond to these issues with belligerence, hate, or insults. Rather we see the Lord calling us through his Word to much different reactions towards those we don't agree with.

Jesus tells us in his Sermon on the Mount to "love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, so that we may be sons of our Father who is in heaven." He is saying we reflect our Father's grace as his children when we handle even our enemies with grace and love. We also see this message in the parable Jesus tells of the unforgiving servant, which is his answer to how many times we should forgive our brother when he sins against us. Jesus says, "**not seven times, but seventy times seven.**" The parable is meant to illustrate that as we are the man who has been forgiven such a huge debt to God for our sins, so in turn, we are to do likewise.

We also find the Lord saying through the apostle Paul these words to us as the church in Romans 12. "**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord. To the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**"

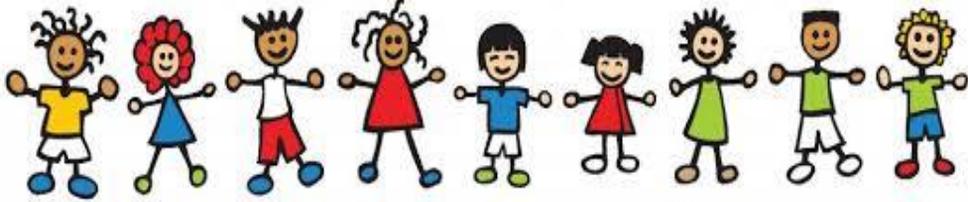
It is where as sinners these are words that could seem impossible to live every day in every situation of life and it is true. The weakness of our flesh and Satan can have its way with us some days, yet these words are to remind us of the general attitude our Lord through the Spirit would seek to work in us. We are called to be bearers of God's grace, and all we can do is pray for Christ's strength to do so even toward our enemies, but as we do, we are showing this world something it desperate needs to see and experience. Grace. God's grace. Amen.

Pastor Chris Lockie

Our Worship & Our Gifts to the Lord
*"Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary
 I am the Lord."*
Leviticus 19:30

		<u>Worshipped</u>		<u>Communed</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
		<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Oct.	7	204	177	159	123	5740	5994
Oct.	14	173	178	138	134	4735	4335
Oct.	21	175	199	139	141	5913	5741
Oct.	28	166	186	129	128	4560	3880
Averages		179	185	141	131	\$ 5237	\$ 4987

Preschool & Child Care



October brought with it evidence outside of a changing season. We had a great time learning about fall: what animals do in the fall to get ready for winter, why leaves change colors, how pumpkins grow, and all about spiders, their webs, and their other arachnid friends. While the 4k was busy learning about and making spiders, webs, pumpkins and leaves, the 3k was busy learning about pumpkins and discovering squares and the color orange.

And we especially had some fall fun with our class Orange Day and Pumpkin Day parties!

During October, we have continued to establish routines, positive attitudes, and a happy learning environment. The children have gotten to know their friends better and have quickly learned their favorite place to play/activities to do.

CHILD CARE: Please remember that we are not a drop-in child care. You need to have a reservation so that we can meet the state child: teacher ratio. We are unique in that you pay only for the hours you schedule in Child Care. Please also keep in mind that we need twenty-four notice for all reservation, changes in schedule or cancellations.

FYI: we recently had our license revised to accept children through age 9.



Fund Raisers

Our Preschool and Child Care silent auction fundraiser is just around the corner (beginning mid-November). Our 3K and 4K classes are donating items for a PLAYDOUGH basket and an ART basket. In addition gift certificates, products, or other gift basket donations from companies, families, or individuals are welcome! Thank-you for your support!

Jesus Time

Encourage your child to keep the Bible story pictures in the JESUS BOOK brought home from preschool.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it”
Proverbs 22:6

This & That

Thanksgiving Parties:

3k November 15th,

4K November 16th

**No Preschool: November 19th &
20th Parent/teacher
conferences**

(childcare open)

No PS/CC: November 21st-23rd

Happy Thanksgiving!



Welcome to
Preschool

•Don't forget to like us on
Facebook!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS:

A way to help support the Youth is through [AmazonSmile.com/](https://www.amazon.com/smile). So many of us use Amazon but by using [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Amazon donates 1% of your purchase to the non-profit organization of your choice. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is listed as one of the options. There is no cost to you as the consumer to do this and it's just another great way to help support our Youth. We thank everyone for their continued support as we work towards our goal!

Do you have a favorite holiday recipe for a main or side dish? What about your favorite cookie? We are in need of more recipes for the Youth Group Cookbook! Please email them to 3sparklyowls@gmail.com as soon as possible. We will take main dishes, side dishes, cookies, baked goods, appetizers, soups, salads, breads & rolls, candy, cookies, and THIS & THAT (dog biscuits, home cleaners, all natural soaps, etc...)



Prince of Peace Fundraiser For 2019 Youth Gathering & Child Care Center

Prince of Peace Scrip weekly program is here!

What is Scrip? Scrip is substitute money in the form of prepaid gift cards (physical or on-line) that can be used like cash.

Gift Cards – Purchase gift cards in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants and more. Use for local and on-line stores.

Earnings that Add Up -A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to our organization.

Fundraising Made Easy -Raise the money your group needs with no soliciting or selling. Limited cards (Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly, Walgreens, Speedway, Kmart, Cousins) will be available as cash & carry. Scrip can be purchased via check (payable to 'Prince of Peace')

or online. Details on electronic purchasing option for instant e-cards and reloads on existing cards will be available in July.

All purchases made by Sunday at noon will be available the following week

For complete list of retail vendors: see <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>





OH DEER!

It's That Time of Year Again!

After much anticipation, the holiday season is here again! You're busy with holiday gift shopping, meal planning and preparation, and making time to see your family and friends at gatherings and parties. You don't need to add "fundraising" to your list of to-do's. Shop with scrip for all of your holiday needs so you can earn money for your organization and love the holidays!

Amazon.com

American Eagle

Amazon.com

American Girl

Barnes & Noble

Bath & Body Works

Best Buy

BP

Claire's

Crate & Barrel

Disney

GameStop

HomeGoods

iTunes

Kohl's

Marcus Theatres

Marshalls

Nike

Old Navy

Pick N Save

Piggly Wiggly

Pottery Barn

Regal

Speedway

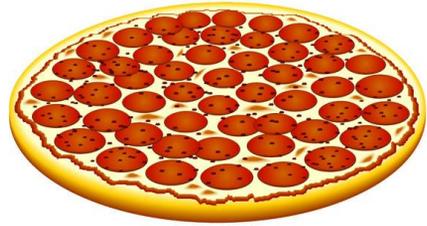
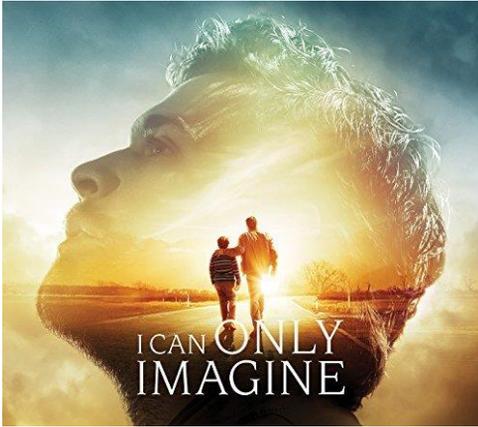
T.J. Maxx

Target Ultra Beauty

Walgreens

Walmart

JOIN US FOR DINNER AND A MOVIE



When: Saturday, November 17, 2018

Where: Prince of Peace Old Sanctuary

Time: Right after Saturday Church Service (about 5:00 pm)

Movie: I Can Only Imagine (great Christian movie that is a must see for everyone).

Pizza will be served for dinner.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Attention Ladies:

This year's Advent by Candlelight will take place on Sunday Evening, November 25th. Take a break from your busy Holiday Schedule and join us for a time of reflection and relaxation knowing that Jesus is Truly "The reason for the Season!"

This year's program is entitled "God's Gift."

Doors will open at 5:30 pm and our program will begin at 6:00 pm.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join us also.

We are also in need of people to hostess tables. There is a spot for hostesses on the sign-up sheet as well. Sheets outlining hostess duties can be found near sign-up sheet.

Any questions please contact Tracie Ratz or Julie Maiwald.



Children's Christmas Eve Program
Monday, December 24, 2018
5:00 PM



We are busy preparing for the Christmas Program to tell the story of Christ's birth. The Christmas program will be on **Monday, December 24 at 5:00 pm**. We would like to know who will be participating so the parts can be assigned and learned. Cast members can be pre-Kindergartners through high school aged students. Cast selection will be announced in early November. Practices will be held during Sunday School at Prince of Peace, 10:30 AM, starting on November 11th, as well as one Saturday morning full dress rehearsal, December 22, 8:30-11:30 AM. There are many wonderful parts; speaking and non-speaking; plus costumes and special music. Your children may participate even if you are not a member of Prince of Peace. There is always "Room at the Inn" for any child who would like to join us!

We also have pre-service music that is performed by our musically talented children. Let us know if your child would like to be included in our pre-service music and what instrument she/he plays. In the past we've been entertained by students playing a violin, cello, trumpet, piano, flute, drums, and organ. If your child would like to sing a solo, let us know. We enjoy all types of music!

Parents, if you could help us with the program, please let us know by completing the last section of the form.

Please return the form below to your Sunday School teacher, Andrea Lunda (mailbox 106) or Gina Janke (mailbox 48). If possible, fill out the form today!

We are excited about this year's program and look forward to working with your children!

Family Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Children's Names & Grade (Put Preschool if child is 3-4 yrs.)

_____ My child/children will NOT be participating in the Christmas Program

My child/children would like to be included in the pre-service music program:

(include instrument he/she plays)

_____ I would be willing to help out with the Children's Christmas Program (check below)

_____ During Sunday School practices (costume fittings, helping with lines)

_____ Day of show (Help getting children ready in costumes)

_____ Program preparation (Ironing, mending costumes, checking props)

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

On Thanksgiving Day we will offer our prayers of praise, thanksgiving and supplication before we participate in an annual feast surrounded by family and friends. We will enjoy a great deal of bounty; reflecting on the generosity of our heavenly Father Who has provided and continues to provide abundantly.

Since 2011, Brookfield Lutheran Church and the South Wisconsin District have partnered together to provide a Thanksgiving meal for families in Milwaukee, Racine and Beloit. Individuals and congregations have shared some of their bounty with others, giving with a thankful heart from the gifts they have received.

Our goal this year is to touch the lives of 954 families with baskets containing a turkey, green beans, corn, rice, yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and topping, dinner rolls and apple juice. The members of Brookfield Lutheran Church will assemble and deliver the baskets as they have since 1993. But they need partners to help in this annual day of sharing.

Please consider being a partner as each basket costs approximately \$30, and your generous financial gift will go a long way in sharing some of God's abundance with others. A financial donation of any size is appreciated and so are your prayers for the blessings of God upon this effort to share mercy and grace with others.

Information on how to donate is on this page.

As always, if you have any questions please speak with your pastor or call the South Wisconsin District office at (414) 464-8100.

You may send a check payable to: South Wisconsin District-LCMS

Mail to: ATTN: Thanksgiving Drive

8100 W. Capitol Dr.

Milwaukee, WI 53222 or: online at swd.lcms.org and click donate.



Thanksgiving Service

Please join us on Wednesday November 21st. at 6:30 pm for our Thanksgiving Service.



Time to Trim the Tree!!!!

Hard to believe, that Christmas is right around the corner, but it is. On Saturday December 1st, we will be decorating our Sanctuary and Narthex in preparation for the Holiday Season.

We are looking for volunteers to help make this process go smoothly, and faster.

We will be meeting at 10:00 am in the church.

Please consider lending a hand. The more people, the faster the work gets done.





ELEVENTH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

It's hard to believe, but it is that time of year already. Time for our eleventh annual Silent Auction for our Preschool and Daycare Center. The auction will begin on Saturday, November 10th and end at 10:25 A.M. on Sunday, December 2nd.

We are, once again, looking for donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, hand made items etc. The sky is the limit!

Please have all donations to church no later than Wednesday, November 7th to allow us time for set-up.

If you should have any questions, please contact either Julie Maiwald at (262) 488-1259 or Carla Abel at (262) 639-1277.

Thank you for your support!



EIGHTH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK AND HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR

This year's Cookie Walk and Holiday Vendor Fair will take place on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

We are once again looking for donations of homemade cookies, bars, breads and other Christmas snacks. We would ask that donations be dropped off to the church kitchen by Friday, November 30th. Also, if you are interested in being a vendor, there are vendor forms on the table in the narthex. As always, we will have Christmas music throughout the event for your listening pleasure.

If you have any questions or need of additional information, please contact either Julie Maiwald at (262) 488-1259 or Carla Abel at (262) 639-1277. Thank-you

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

**Join us on Saturday November 17th at 9:00 am.
for fellowship, a Bible study, and of course breakfast.
All men of our Congregation are invited, bring a friend.**





Come Join Us for a fun
game of basketball on
Sunday November 4th
at 3:00 pm.

If you don't want to play,
come and cheer on the
players. All are welcome!

Daylight Savings time Begins
on Sunday
November 4th at midnight.
Remember to set your clocks
back 1 hour.



Quarterly Voter's Meeting
Immediately following the 9:00 am Sunday Service on
November 18th.
All members are encouraged to attend.

Lutherans For Life

November 4 – Pentecost XXIV

We get to love God not only in spirit but in the person of our neighbors (Mark 12:33). The same blood that makes Him our brother and us His children (Hebrews 9:12) also makes those around us into treasures and privileges. In protecting and providing for the least of these—uncertain parents, unresponsive patients, unborn embryos—the Kingdom Himself will never be far from us. *Prayer: Incarnate God, draw us into Your humility that our race be raised up. Amen.*

November 11 – Pentecost XXV

“Put not your trust in princes” (Psalm 146:3a). Neither stake yourself upon congresses or courts or physicians or popular opinions. None of these delays even their own death and only hastens the demise of others. Turn away from their life-shortening ways and take refuge instead in the God who made the universe. He who formed your body watches over the hopeless. He lifts up the lowly and saves life still. *Prayer: Lord Jesus, deliver into abundant and everlasting life all who cry out in desperation. Amen.*

November 18 – Pentecost XXVI

Fathers consign their children to abortions (Mark 13:12). Children encourage their parents toward physician-assisted suicide. The latter days have come upon us. Let us hearten each other with the promise of resurrection, even for terminal illnesses, and with the assurance of forgiveness, even for violence against life (Hebrews 10:12). Let us confidently confess this hope in the face of crisis and panic, for the Holy Spirit Himself speaks new and eternal life in us (Mark 13:11)! *Prayer: Heavenly Defender, loose our tongues to declare Your purposes. Amen.*

November 25 – Last Sunday after Pentecost

Incurable conditions can feel like the floods lifting their roar (Psalm 93:3). Complicated pregnancies can thunder. We get to remind sufferers how our Lord reigns over them, and He reigns in them. His blood frees us from our sins (Revelation 1:5). If even our guilt cannot hold back His angels from gathering His elect (Mark 13:27), then neither can any age, appearance, or ability limitations stand in the way. *Prayer: Faithful God, let nothing in us obstruct any eye from beholding Your glory. Amen.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bd/Meetings	2	3 8:30 Elder's Meeting Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Worship/Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Family Education Hour 10:15 a.m. Basketball 3:00 p.m.	5	6 11:00 am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	7 6:00 Pickle Ball 6 to 7:15 pm Confirmation	8 6:30 Council Meeting	9	10 Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
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18 Worship/Communion 9:00 am Voter's Meeting Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Family Education Hour 10:15 a.m. Shaffer Rental	19 December Newsletter Deadline	20 11:00 am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	21 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 p.m.	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24 Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
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Up Coming Bible Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Class: Pastor's class – "Jesus' Sermon on the Mount." Class led by Joe and Amy Herron – "Love and Respect." – Video Study on marriage.

11:00 Tuesday Morning Bible Study:

For Other Bible Study Opportunities: See the sheet on the Welcome Center.

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