

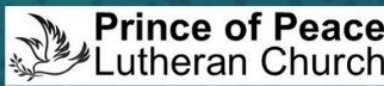


# Tidings

*Love God - Follow Jesus - Invite All*

## 2026 - 2027 UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>WED. JULY 22, 2026</b> 7PM - 9PM Author Kit Sargent	<b>TUES. DEC. 8, 2026</b> 7PM - 9PM ESO Holiday Brass / Percussion Ensemble	<b>SAT. APRIL 24, 2027</b> 6PM - 9PM The Tony Ocean Show
<b>FRI. SEPT. 18, 2026</b> 6PM - 9PM ARTsong: A Vocal Recital & Art Exhibition	<b>SAT. JAN. 23, 2027</b> 7PM - 9:30PM The Semple Band	<b>SAT. MAY 15, 2027</b> 7PM - 9PM Elmhurst Choral Union - Mozart Requiem
<b>SUN. OCT. 11, 2026</b> 4PM - 6PM Purdue University Glee Club	<b>SAT. FEB. 20, 2027</b> 6PM - 9PM Denny Diamond - Neil Diamond Tribute	<b>FRI. MAY 28, 2027</b> 7PM - 8:30PM ESO String Quartet Concert
<b>FRI. OCT. 23, 2026</b> 6PM - 9PM Illusionist Bill Cook	<b>FRI. MARCH 19, 2027</b> 7PM - 9PM The Last Supper Chronicles	<b>SAT. JUNE 5, 2027</b> 7PM - 10PM Fifty/Fifty Nostalgic Rock Band Concert
<b>FRI. NOV. 20, 2026</b> 6PM - 9PM Josh Scholl Queen Tribute Performance	<b>SAT. APRIL 10, 2027</b> 7PM - 10PM Trivia Night for the Board of Youth	All tickets will generally be \$30 but may be subject to change
For Questions, Please Contact: Church Office: 847-885-7010 Mark Walther: 224-281-1166	930 W. Higgins Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60195	



### A Very Special Thanks...a Peek into the Future...and an Urgent Ask

We've enjoyed a marvelous year of special events! We've worked especially hard to invite members of our community to attend and experience our congregational energy while raising valuable resources for our operational expenses as a church. THANK YOU for your presence and continued support!

Here's the schedule for special events in the coming year. Please place these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend... there's something for everybody!

Finally, please share this information with your friends, neighbors, colleagues, acquaintances, and folks you may encounter in your daily living. Your invitation is the MOST effective way to bring new folks to witness the grace and vibrancy here at Prince of Peace!

Mark Walther  
 Chair - Community Engagement Committee

# Pastor's Perspective—What is a Synod Secretary?

by Pastor Erin Clausen (she/her)

By now, you have probably heard that the Metropolitan Chicago Synod has elected a new bishop at the Synod Assembly earlier this month. Bishop Erik Christensen will take office on September 1. You may also know that I serve as the elected Synod Secretary, which is also an election that takes place at Synod Assembly. I was reelected to this position in 2025. You may not know, though, what that means.

First, it is important to understand that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (that's the Christian denomination of which Prince of Peace is a part) has 3 expressions: congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization. You are most familiar with the congregation – that is, PoP. Congregations in geographic areas are then organized into Synods (we are a part of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod.) The Churchwide organization is located on Higgins Road in Chicago, but it is made up of and serves all ELCA congregations across the country.

Much like a congregation, the synod has a pastor who is responsible for its life and ministry. In the congregation, this person is the [senior] pastor. In the synod, this person is called the bishop. Also like a congregation, there is a council who is elected to take care of the business of the synod in between meetings of the whole synod. Just as PoP elects a secretary for the congregation, so too the synod assembly elects a secretary to serve the synod. For now, that person is me.

This position is an unpaid, volunteer elected position. Thus, I tithe to the synod some my time and energy. I serve the whole synod on behalf of Prince of Peace, just as I might serve on a board of another not for profit on behalf of PoP. My service is one way the bishop and the other congregations of the synod get to know PoP.

But what is that service? Clearly, I take minutes at council meetings and serve on the executive committee. With the other officers, I serve as a sounding board for the bishop when challenging situations arise. I help ensure that the synod council follows *Robert's Rules* in our deliberations, and I report on those deliberations at the synod assembly. I also assist congregations with their governing documents (constitutions, bylaws, and continuing resolutions). I both interpret governing documents in light of specific situations and guide the process when congregations seek to amend them.

The unspoken part of the role of secretary makes up the largest part of the role, though. I maintain the details of meetings and events. I work behind the scenes, watching for gaps and attempting to name and sometimes fill them. I guide the voting members at synod assembly in the processes by which they can do what they seek to do. I watch for what the bishop and synod staff need and address these needs.

I often tell people that attention to detail and executive functioning are my superpowers. These gifts serve me well in the role as secretary, and they enable me to serve the larger church in this role. They are also gifts that you, Prince of Peace, give the larger church through my service.

The Synod Assembly theme this year was Stronger Together. At Prince of Peace, we have put this into practice through Lay Day events and Bishop Curry's farewell service. We share my time and Leslie Beck's time (did you know she does slides and tech support for synod assembly?) with the synod. We regularly send voting members to synod assembly, and we participate in synod youth events. We financially support the synod and churchwide, as well as many other partner ministries. We know that God's ministry through us is strengthened through these relationships. May they continue to blossom and flourish so that God's love may be known through us!



## Coffee With Council

by Terri Lamberti

*“There is time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven. A time to be silent and a time to speak.” Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 7b*

Once again this church year, the congregation council will be holding **Coffee with Council**. They invite you to share your comments and questions with them during **Coffee with Council** four times during the church year. (But know you can ask a question of congregation council or Pastor at ANY time...this is just a formal time to remind you we are here to listen and respond as required!)

Come and visit the congregation council members in Room 206 in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates after church, at 11:15:

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Sunday, February 7, 2027

Sunday, May 2, 2027

If your question cannot be addressed by someone at the table, the appropriate person will be notified of your question and respond accordingly. Perhaps multiple boards will need to work together to address the question or maybe congregation council will need to discuss and vote to make a change. We will also have current financials available for your information (to view or take a hard copy). The congregation council is here to “hear” you speak. Thanks for all you do to help make Prince of Peace the vibrant congregation we are to Love God. Follow Jesus. Invite All.

## Pastor's Return to Work Plan

**As Pastor Erin's health is being restored and she is working back to being in the office and available for ministry full time, Pastor and the Congregation Council provide the following update for the congregation:**

Last September, Pastor Erin took Administrative Leave for health reasons. She returned to part-time office work beginning in February. Since March, she has been able to return to Sunday service as well. She is working with her medical team to gradually increase working hours.

During this time, the Long-Term Disability benefits that are a part of her compensation have covered some of her regular pay and all of the rest of her benefits (health, retirement, etc.). Prince of Peace is paying an hourly rate for the time Pastor Erin is able to work, as she works back toward full-time service. When she returns full-time, Prince of Peace will again pay the entire compensation, including both salary and benefits.

As these medical issues resolve and Pastor Erin returns to a regular work schedule, there are a couple of things she needs to address. She will be away on Sunday, June 7 through Saturday, June 13 to attend to family matters. A familiar face, Pastor Gail Heidtke will preside at worship on that Sunday.

Pastor Erin has also learned that she needs a total knee replacement. This surgery will take place on June 18. She will be out of the office completely for 2 weeks – from Thursday, June 18 through Sunday, July 5. During this time another familiar face, Pastor Jeanine Reardon, will serve the congregation on Sundays and be available to address pastoral care concerns. Other local pastors will also be on call for emergencies during this time.

Beginning Sunday, July 12, it is expected that Pastor Erin will return to worship leadership, although Pastor Reardon will share worship leadership on this Sunday and following if necessary. Pastor's ability to drive will be impacted, so she will work from home and/or the church building as possible. She will continue to be available via phone and email, and in person meetings and hospital visits can be scheduled as appropriate. This leave will continue to be covered by disability insurance. It is expected that Pastor will return to a regular work schedule in early August.

If you have questions, please email Pastor Erin or Terri Lamberti, or call the church to be connected to Pastor Erin at 847-885-7010.

## You are invited to an Open House for Karen Wagner & Sonia DeLuca



You are invited to an Open House at Prince of Peace honoring our departing dedicated servants, Sonia DeLuca and Karen Wagner, on Thursday, June 25th and Friday, June 26th from noon-4:30. Light snacks will be served!

Feel free to offer thanks and good wishes in a card or note for each of them. (If you cannot stop by church either of those afternoons, there will be a basket in the narthex to drop cards and notes that will be given to them on Thursday, June 25th or Friday, June 26th.)



Questions...please contact Terri Lamberti (cell 224-456-7375 or [execdirector@princeofpeace.net](mailto:execdirector@princeofpeace.net))

## Love your Neighbor!

*by Jacqi Schuetze*



Love your Neighbor is the theme for this year's Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip. Mission trip volunteers will promise to love and serve their neighbor during the commissioning service. Their love and service will not only be evident in the work they complete on Appalachia house, but also in the love and care given to the homeowners, staff people, and other volunteers they meet during the week.

However, we do not need to embark on a week-long trip in order to live out Paul's injunction. Many of you have shared your love through your support of those individuals traveling. Others have shared a smile with neighbors by sending a flock of flamingos.

What more can we do? Is there a familiar face you haven't seen at worship lately? Someone struggling or feeling alone? Can we love them with a note, an email, a phone call, or visit? Is there a service we can provide?

Thank you for your overwhelming support of the Mission Trip. I pray that the desire to love and serve continues well beyond the one week in July.

May you listen to Paul and, "Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in times of trouble and never stop praying. Take care of God's needy people and welcome strangers into your home." Romans 12:12-13



### "Rejoice, O Daughter Zion!": Faithful Citizens in a Pivotal Year

*Zechariah 9:9-12 | America 250 Celebration*

As our nation marks its 250th anniversary this year, we gather not only as Americans but as people of faith — called to hold joy and hope together in a world that so often feels divided. The prophet Zechariah spoke to a people returning from exile, weary and uncertain about their future, and offered them this astonishing word: *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey."* (Zechariah 9:9)

This king is no conqueror in the usual sense. He comes not on a war horse but on a donkey — humble, accessible, the bringer of peace. He speaks *"peace to the nations"* and promises to free prisoners from the waterless pit, restoring double to those who have suffered. It is a vision not of domination, but of restoration and justice. Christians have long heard in this passage a foreshadowing of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday — the Prince of Peace arriving not with force, but with grace.

What does this ancient word have to say to us as we celebrate 250 years of American life?

#### Called to Vocation in Civic Life

As Lutheran Christians in the ELCA tradition, we carry a rich theological gift: the doctrine of *vocation*. Martin Luther taught that God calls us not only to worship on Sunday mornings, but into every corner of daily life — the workplace, the home, and yes, the public square. Our citizenship is itself a vocation. Voting, serving on a school board, volunteering with a neighbor in need, advocating for the vulnerable, paying attention to the common good — these are not distractions from faith. They *are* the practice of faith.

In a democracy now 250 years old, we are heirs to both the remarkable gifts and the deep unfinished work of this nation. Zechariah's vision of a king who "cuts off the chariot and the war horse" and "commands peace to the nations" reminds us that Christians bring a different imagination to civic life — one shaped not by power or partisan victory, but by the peaceable kingdom of God. We are called to be bridge-builders, truth-tellers, and advocates for those in the waterless pit of poverty, injustice, and despair.

#### Singing Our Way Forward

Two beloved hymns frame this national milestone beautifully for people of faith.

Samuel Francis Smith's *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* (1831) — sung to the tune of the British national anthem — is a prayer as much as a patriotic song. Its final verse is pure doxology: *"Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing."* The song has always understood that freedom is not self-made but gifted — and that the proper response is gratitude and praise to God.

Katharine Lee Bates wrote *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* after ascending Pikes Peak in 1893, overcome by the grandeur of the landscape. But notice what she prays for: *"God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law."* It is not a triumphalist anthem. It is a confession that this nation needs mending — and a prayer that it might be. Bates, a woman of deep faith, understood that love of country includes honest reckoning with its failures and humble reliance on God's grace.

Both hymns, sung rightly, are acts of faithful citizenship.

#### A Word for Our Moment

As we mark America 250, we are invited into the posture of Zechariah's king: humble, committed to peace, and trusting in God rather than in horses or chariots. We celebrate genuinely — the freedoms we enjoy, the beauty of this land, the generations who sacrificed for the common good. And we remain honest about the work still ahead, especially for the most vulnerable among us.

This is what it means to love one's country as a follower of Jesus. Not uncritical celebration, not cynical despair, but the hopeful, engaged, servant-hearted citizenship to which God calls us — in the pew and in the public square alike.

*Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope.* (Zechariah 9:12)

May we be, together, prisoners of hope.



# Stephen Ministry Fun in the Sun

By Janet Ichida



*“From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.”  
Psalm 113:3*

July comes smack dang in the middle of the year and middle of the summer. Many people stay hidden away in the air conditioning, not wanting to sneak out with the high humidity and temperatures. I never hear that it doesn't feel hot because of the high humidity. We are definitely different from the middle of Arizona.

Whether thinking of Phoenix or Chicago, the expression “Fun in the Sun” comes to mind voiced by travel agents wanting us to crave that summer weather. That fun brings to mind local swimming pools, adventure theme parks, and summer picnics. Of course, mosquitoes, high humidity and lawn care arrive in vain attempts to reduce that fun level.

Even if you can ignore those flying pests and levels of mercury rising away, there may be other factors that fight off that fun. Finances can hinder outings that generally bring smiles. We all know the pain of the pump and high numbers in all sorts of menus. It gets even more depressing when we feel as parents, we should be the ones responsible for capturing that fun. Any personal illness detracts from any happiness, particularly if chronic pain or words like “cancer” come to mind. Hospital visits tend to be crazy expensive and drive all family calendars a little crazy. The number of people living at home impacts that fun too. Marital discord is near impossible to ignore. Friends and summer job schedules pull older teenagers away.

Despite lowering the fun level, all of these examples might benefit from a Stephen Minister. A mere one hour per week can be a great way to think about you. There is absolutely no cost, and you help pick the location and time to meet. With confidentiality guaranteed, people at church won't learn of your problems. Right now, pastor's house calls are limited - just one more reason to think of having a Stephen Minister. Why don't you take some time and pray about it? Any of the leaders listed below will be happy to fill you in about all the details. Even this call is totally private. Let's work together to try to bring some of that fun back.

Janet Ichida  
630-650-8336

Pam Johnson  
847-382-7521

Glenda Klein  
847-519-3933

Tom Pfeiffer  
847-313-5702

Mary Simonis  
847-571-2541

**THE COMMUNITY MEAL**

**2026-2027 Dates:**  
 Tuesday, July 21, 2026  
 Tuesday, September 29, 2026  
 Tuesday, November 10, 2026  
 Tuesday, January 12, 2027  
 Tuesday, March 9, 2027

**A free meal is served to all who attend  
 from 5:00 - 6:15 pm  
 All are Welcome!**

[www.thecommunitymeal.org](http://www.thecommunitymeal.org)

Questions? Contact:  
 Judy Farb or Mark Walther  
 at 847-885-7010

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## Calling All Youth!!!

Prince of Peace treasures their youth and seeks to offer meaningful activities to deepen and grow the faith of our youngest members.

During this time of transition know that the Board of Youth is here for you and actively planning! Some of the upcoming events are...

### Vacation Bible School

June 22nd to 29th - a time for kids and adults to explore the Nature of God!

### Sunday School, Confirmation & Emerge Registration-

Will open at the end of June. Sign up for your youth to be involved in all the opportunities available!

### Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip-

July 12th to 18th - a weeklong opportunity for older youth and adults to work on construction projects to make houses warmer, safer & drier!

### ELCA Youth Gathering-

June 27th to July 2nd, 2027. Yes, 2027, but save the date now as you don't want to miss it! This is more than an event, it's a movement where young people and leaders come alive in faith, grow in hope, and move with purpose. This event is open to all youth starting 8th to 12th grade in 2026.

### Emerge-

Board of Youth is looking for feedback from families with 9th to 12th graders on the expectations for the Emerge program. Preferred meeting days, times, frequency, topics, and activities. How can Prince of Peace best serve high school youth? watch your email for an invitation to a listening session where you can share your ideas, or email them to [emerge@princeofpeace.net](mailto:emerge@princeofpeace.net)

## A Walk Down Memory Lane



The Evangelism Board invites you and your family & friends to join us for "A Walk Down Memory Lane," a celebration of love, marriage, and laughter. We look forward to revisiting and creating beautiful memories together. This event is a fundraiser for the Appalachian Mission Trip,

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, June 27
- **Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- **Location:** CLC
- **Cost:** \$20 (Attendees under 18 are free)
- **Attire:** Dress up!

Click here to register for a  
Walk Down Memory Lane

The program will include music, a talk on marriage, and a bridal fashion slideshow featuring gowns from the 1900s to the present, and some surprises as well. We will also feature a parade of our own wedding dresses and serve elegant desserts and punch during fellowship.

### How to Participate:

**Register by June 21** using the forms located by the sanctuary desk & drop in collection plate or office. OR by using the link above to register.

**Slideshow Photos:** Submit a wedding photo of yourself or previous generations to Carol Pfeifer at [Jets820@gmail.com](mailto:Jets820@gmail.com). Please include names, the date, the location, and a brief comment. Ensure your name is attached to any photos of previous generations.

**Photo Display:** All brides are encouraged to bring a framed wedding photo to display "On Memory Lane."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Renee Lucas at [RALfarmgirl@gmail.com](mailto:RALfarmgirl@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you on the 27th

## Board of Serving Ministries

### It's Farm Bill Time Again! Your Advocacy is Needed to Reduce Hunger!!

*by Chris Chason*

You may remember that in recent years, a new Farm Bill wasn't passed because the House and Senate did not agree on a final version. The five-year bill from 2018 expired in 2023 and was extended several times. The current expiration is September 30, 2026.

On April 30, the House of Representatives passed H.R.7567, the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026". It is also called the Farm Bill, and includes national agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and forestry policy. It is a 5-year plan and would expire in 2031.

The bill was sent to the Senate for their review. The Senate is expected to write their own version of the Farm Bill and then, ideally, compromise with the House for the final version of the bill.

The agriculture and nutrition portions of the bill are vitally important for farmers and families facing hunger. Critics of the House version believe that it will not provide enough food assistance to folks that need it.

Our neighbors—the children who receive free lunch at school; families, college students, veterans, and older folks who don't have enough income to buy food—are at risk of not receiving the nutritional benefits they need.

An increasing number of individuals and families are turning to local food pantries to fill in the gap between their nutrition needs and what they can afford to buy. And the food pantries are finding it increasingly difficult to keep enough food on hand to serve their clients' needs.

Two hunger relief organizations—ELCA and Bread for the World—are asking their supporters to write letters to Congress so that hunger can be eliminated. Bread for the World is asking letters to be sent to both the House of Representatives and the Senate, since both chambers have to agree to fund anti-hunger programs.

The ELCA, in an Advocacy Action Alert on May 27<sup>th</sup>, asked for letters to your Senators so that they will be aware of your priorities for the Farm Bill. You can advocate for international as well as domestic aid programs.

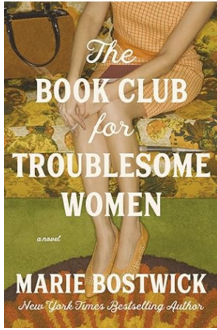
You can use the websites of both organizations to send your messages electronically. You can choose your own words in addition to or instead of the preprinted words. You must include your name and address so that your letter can go to the legislator for your district.

You can also call your legislators, send them your own email directly, visit their office and talk to their staff, or mail your letters.

#### **Here are some other ways to help::**

- ◆ **ELCA Action Center** – Go to <https://elca.org/advocacy> and scroll down to find the ELCA Action Center, then click on it to get to the Farm Bill info.
- ◆ **ELCA Advocacy Network** - Get Action Alerts directly by joining the ELCA Advocacy Network at [ELCA.org/advocacy/signup](https://elca.org/advocacy/signup)
- ◆ **Schaumburg Township Food Pantry**- Please also continue to bring in groceries and personal care items especially during the summer when kids are not getting free lunches in school. The Tidings always has a list of the most-needed items on page 10.
- ◆ **Feed My Starving Children** Feed children around the world by volunteering at a packing session. Go to [fmsc.org](https://fmsc.org).

## Prince of Peace Book Club Selection for July



The Prince of Peace Book Club will meet at either of two times in July. The evening group will meet at 7 PM on July 29 in the conference room across from the office. The morning meeting will meet July 31 at 10 AM in that same conference room. We'll be discussing "Book Club for Troublesome Women" by Marie Bostwick.

By 1960s standards, Margaret Ryan is living the American woman's dream. She has a husband, three children, a station wagon, and a home in Concordia--one of Northern Virginia's most exclusive and picturesque suburbs. She has a standing invitation to the neighborhood coffee klatch, and now, thanks to her husband, a new subscription to *A Woman's Place*--a magazine that tells housewives like Margaret exactly who to be and what to buy. On paper, she has it all. So why doesn't that feel like enough?

Margaret is thrown for a loop when she first meets Charlotte Gustafson, Concordia's newest and most intriguing resident. As an excuse to be in the mysterious Charlotte's orbit, Margaret concocts a book club get-together and invites two other neighborhood women--Bitsy and Viv--to the inaugural meeting. As the women share secrets, cocktails, and their honest reactions to the controversial bestseller *The Feminine Mystique*, they begin to discover that the American dream they'd been sold isn't all roses and sunshine--and that their secret longing for more is something they share. Nicknaming themselves the Bettys, after Betty Friedan, these four friends have no idea their impromptu club and the books they read together will become the glue that helps them hold fast through tears, triumphs, angst, and arguments--and what will prove to be the most consequential and freeing year of their lives.

***The Book Club for Troublesome Women* is a humorous, thought provoking, and nostalgic romp through one pivotal and tumultuous American year--as well as an ode to self-discovery, persistence, and the power of sisterhood.**

Questions, call or email Kathy Tweeten at 847-971-0192 or [kat8@aol.com](mailto:kat8@aol.com)



## Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

Our expert guides are hired, and we are ready to step through the mist! Next week, June 22-26 we are embarking on an amazing adventure to plunge deep into the nature of God and discover what it means to be truly rooted in a relationship with Him. Please surround our expedition with your prayers for a safe, meaningful week--that every child finds a safe place in life's storms and deepens their faith beneath the canopy.

A massive thank you to all of the amazing individuals who helped prepare and cultivate another incredible year of Vacation Bible School! Nurturing this environment is truly a collaborative effort. We could not weather the storms or scale these heights without the vital support of our volunteers, church staff, and donors!



## Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed

by Sue Patt

Summer is in full swing, and I, for one, am enjoying being outside and seeing all the flowers and greenery that God has given us. The pantry is in full swing also and hoping to feed all the school children home for the summer. Ready made and easy to make meals are the request for June.

Please continue to donate as you can with actual food donations or possibly a monetary donation to [www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org) and scroll down to the Make a Donation button.

salad dressing – all kinds  
single serve microwavable meals  
gluten free pasta  
easy snacks  
salt and pepper  
Jiffy cornbread mix  
Spam, canned chicken, tuna  
personal hygiene items – bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes  
tampons and maxi pads  
adult incontinence items

baby diapers – sizes 5, 6, 7  
canned fruit – all varieties  
household cleaning products  
ramen noodles  
low salt items  
fruit snacks  
jelly – any kind  
mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce  
tomato paste, tomato sauce  
Pasta Roni, Rice A Roni  
coffee and tea

## Board of Stewardship The Cross and the Switchblade

by Will Damico

In high school, I was in a class that was assigned the book *The Cross and the Switchblade* to read and discuss. For context, it is probably worth pointing out that I went to a Jesuit high school and the class was a second-year religion class.

The book was written by Pentecostal pastor David Wilkerson of the Assemblies of God and was published January 1, 1963. It is a bestseller with over 15 million copies sold.

In 1958, Pastor Wilkerson felt a calling to go to New York City and minister to drug addicts and gang members. He had a fair amount of success most notably in convincing drug lord Nicky Cruz to give his life to Christ and become a youth outreach minister.

What I got from the book was that Pastor Wilkerson had success by convincing the gang members and addicts that he cared about them and so did Jesus. He met their needs for belonging to a caring community. He was modelling the saying that people don't care what you think until they think that you care.

Jesus also showed how he cared by meeting peoples' needs. He met Matthew (the tax collector) and the adulteresses needs for forgiveness and recognition of their value. He fed the 5,000; healed the blind, the lepers, and the woman with a bleeding disorder. He attracted large numbers of followers with his caring for their needs before he showed them his miracles.

Even today, some churches are experiencing growth by meeting younger peoples' need for community much like Pastor Wilkerson did with the gang members. We need to identify our strengths in meeting the needs of our community. We do have pockets of success like our youth program which has many pre-teens who are excited about Sunday school. I asked one why she liked it so much and she said, "because all my friends are there." If we are able to identify needs in our community God is calling for us to meet and trust in what God is calling on us to do to meet those needs, I believe that will be our best path to growing.

If you are willing to help or have any questions or suggestions, email [bdstewardship@princeofpeace.net](mailto:bdstewardship@princeofpeace.net).



## Second Saturday Date Night Summer Breeze Hillbilly Rockstarz Concert July 11 @ 6:00 pm

A Second Saturday July Date Night Tradition continues! Join us as Schaumburg Summer Breeze kicks off their season with Hillbilly Rock Starz "lakeside" on the lawn by the Ateher Municipal Center.

The concert begins at 7pm, but you will want to arrive early for parking and seating. We will try and reserve a spot so that our group can sit together. You can bring your own food and beverages and picnic "Ravina" style. Don't forget your chair or blanket to sit on!

RSVP not required but appreciated, via Realm, email [jwilkinsx2@gmail.com](mailto:jwilkinsx2@gmail.com) or text Jill at 847-754-7657.

## Adult Learning Opportunities

(Meeting locations may change)

**Passages** meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Contact Karen Wagner at [wagner@princeofpeace.net](mailto:wagner@princeofpeace.net) for questions.

**Men's Bible Study Group** meets on Mondays at 7:00pm in Room 213 and virtually. Contact [Tom Pfeifer](#) with questions.

**Rebekah Circle** - meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. Please contact [Pam Johnson](#) with questions.

**Vine & Branches**—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Please contact [Renee Lucas](#) with questions.

Please contact the church office at 847/885-7010 for more information.




## Prince of Peace Mission Statement

Love God – Follow Jesus – Invite All



## SAVE THE DATES: 2026 Deaf Ministry Fundraiser Events

**COMPLETED:**  
Monday May 4  
**Jersey Mike's**  
Raised: \$63.75



**COMPLETED:**  
Wed. May 20  
**Red Robin**  
Raised: \$196.53



Tuesday June 9  
5pm-8pm  
**Portillo's**  
611 E. Golf Rd  
Schaumburg



Tuesday June 23  
4pm-8pm  
**Panera Bread**  
2415  
West Schaumburg Rd  
Schaumburg




**EVENT CANCELLED**  
RESTAURANT  
CLOSED



Mon. July 27  
All Day  
**Village Tavern**  
901 W. Wise Rd  
Schaumburg



Wed. Aug. 19  
All Day  
**Lou Malnati's**  
1 South Roselle Rd  
Schaumburg



Mon. Sept. 14  
11am-8pm  
**Culver's**  
1800 Wise Rd.  
Schaumburg



Wed. October 7  
All Day  
**Garibaldi's**  
2346 W. Higgins Rd.  
Hoffman Estates



Wed. Nov. 4  
All Day  
**Buona**  
2352 W. Higgins Rd.  
Hoffman Estates

Fundraiser event flyers will be made available on  
Prince of Peace's facebook page near the date of each event.  
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Lutheran Church**

### Upcoming Events

- June 22-26—Vacation Bible School
- June 27—Walk down Memory Lane Fundraiser
- July 21—The Community Meal
- July 22—Author Kit Sargent
- August 16—Coffee with Council
- September 29— The Community Meal
- October 18—CROP Hunger Walk
- November 10— The Community Meal
- November 15—Coffee with Council
- January 12—The Community Meal
- February 7—Coffee with Council
- March 9— The Community Meal
- April 10—Trivia Night for the Board of Youth
- May 2—Coffee with Council



### Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

A Reconciling Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America  
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#### Worship Schedule:

Sundays, 9:45am  
Sunday School, 9:00am, beginning in September  
Also available via Livestream on Facebook  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Schaumburg  
Services posted on our YouTube channel after Livestream:  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Schaumburg

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