



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Living, Learning, and Growing in the Word of God

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our Lord Jesus calls us to give thanks and praise to Him together as a family and we are blessed to gather together each week to hear His Word to us and share in His Holy Supper. Please take a moment and look through the worship folder for more information about Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and our worship service.

Serving our Community:

	Today	Next Week
Organist:	Garnet Snyder	
Choir Direct.	Margy Williams	
Secretary:	Vickie Onusko	
Altar Care:	Pam Yuhaniak	Pam Yuhaniak
Lector:	Amy Schultz	Karen Chamberlain
Lay Asst.:		
Counters:	Betsy Naggy Pat Maatta	Ed Sparber Suzy Clevenger
Usher:	Pat Maatta	Pat Maatta

Calendar for the Week of August 16, 2026

Today	Noon-ish	PICNIC
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Congregation Council mtg
Friday	7:00 PM	A New Beginning
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Early Worship Sunday Worship



Pet Blessing @ Trinity/Latrobe

October 4th

Altar Flowers – are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Audrey Spangler’s 106th Birthday today by Garnet Snyder, and Kevin & Marian Spangler.

Altar Rose – is given to the Glory of God in Celebration of Audrey Spangler’s 106th birthday by Sherry Stahl.

Eternal Light – is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her husband, Rick Yuhaniak, by Pam Yuhaniak.

Sunday, August 16, 2026



Prayer is essential to who we are as a people of God. Below is a list of people to keep in your daily prayers. If you know of others who should be added to these lists, please contact the church office with their names

From our congregation: Audrey Spangler, Becky Planinsek, Debbie & George, Dee, Esther Toth, James Schultz, Janet Vid, Kevin Spangler, Maureen Black, Richard Schall, Sheila Thompson, and Sue Wintermeyer.

Our Shut-in members: Ginger Warren (Barnes Place) Ken Lloyd (Loyalhanna Suites) Jane Six (Ligonier Gardens)

Others in need of our prayers: Bill, Desiree, J. R. & Phyllis Mrosco, Judy James, Leslie, Nancy, Paula, Peggy, Scott, Susan, Tom, Walter & Judy.

Those in the Military: Jacob Hay, Matt Mickinak, and Joseph Walters

**Note – those added to the prayer list are entered for two months. When the two months expires the program automatically removes them from the list. If you would like your loved one added for more or less time than two months please specify on the “Request a Prayer” card and it will be done. If your loved one has rotated off the list and is still in need of prayer please let the Pastor know.*

If you or someone you know from the congregation is in the hospital or is at home and sick and needs a visit from Pastor Bill, please call his cell phone so that he can schedule a visit. If you are in the hospital, please ask them to notify the church. The pastor will not know you are hospitalized unless you tell the hospital to call. Pastor Bill’s cell phone number is 724-664-4861.



Our cards of caring this week are for Ginger Warren. She is living her best life at Barnes Place, but misses her POP family very much. Please take a moment this week to let her know we miss her too and she is in our prayers.

Ginger Warren
2021 James St.
Latrobe, PA 15650

Annual Picnic – Join us this afternoon at the beautiful Planinsek Pavilion on Youngstown Ridge. Hot Dogs and Burgers are provided, and we will try to have lunch ready by 12:30. There will be plenty of food and drinks if you didn't sign-up but decided this morning you can make it. WELCA will have their August meeting and a craft project as well. Bring a comfortable chair if you wish, and there is a pond where you can fish. If you need directions, see Vickie or Pastor after worship.

Vacation Bible School 2026 – was held this past week at POP. We had a great time learning about God's love and answering the question: "Who is my Neighbor?" The answer is...EVERYONE! We appreciate all the leaders, helpers and volunteers who made 2026 VBS a special learning, fun and tasty experience for all the children and adults involved. Thank you!

MEAL IN A BAG– the Congregation Council has decided to participate in a project through the Union Mission in Latrobe called "Meal in a Bag". It's a plastic bag with a list of 5-7 items that can make a quick meal for around \$10. The Union Mission hands these out to the community as well as their residents. Please take a bag if you can and return it to the bin or you can drop it off directly at the Mission.

TNT returns September 3rd – with a trip back to El Vaquero on the diamond in Ligonier. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, sign your name today. If you've never joined us for TNT, it's just food & fellowship. Come check it out.

Water and Gatorade –thank you to all who brought in the water and Gatorade for the local fire companies. All has been delivered and they were very appreciative.

Grief support group – Lopatich-Brinker Funeral Home is offering a six-week grief support group called "Healing Together" on Wednesdays, beginning September 9th. There is more information on the bulletin board. Registration is required by calling 724-537-2001. Deadline to register is August 30th.

Landscaping around the church – there is no specific landscaper or committee to take care of the areas in front of the church and the sign by the road. If you see weeds and feel the urge to pull them, please do. In fact, it would be greatly appreciated. Bring a garbage bag, and we can give you a replacement if you wish. Leave the full bag near the cross and James will put it out for the trash. Thanks, Vickie

Food Bank Collections – we are still collecting items for the Latrobe food bank. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED. We will also continue to collect the items that food stamps do not cover. The item for **August** is soap and body wash.

Pet Blessing – looking ahead to October, our annual pet blessing will be held at Trinity in Latrobe, 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2026.

Baggaley Care Closet – school will be starting soon, and the need for "portable" snacks and other items for the Baggaley closet will also begin. We'll start out with the list we were given at the beginning of the project, then we'll get in touch with the principal and guidance counselor at Baggaley and refine their needs. Check out the poster on the bulletin board and pick up an item or two if you can.

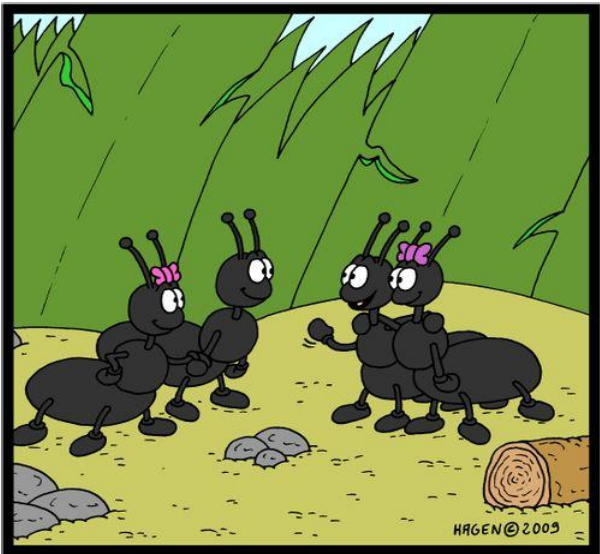
Christmas Cards – Ginger and her friends at Barnes Place are looking for unused Christmas cards to sign that will be delivered to local nursing homes in December. If you have any leftovers, or the free ones that come in the mail that you would like to bring, give them to Vickie or put them on her desk. Thank you.

Secretary's office hours – This week I will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday. Please call the office before stopping in to be sure I'm there if you need to see me. The deadline for announcements in the bulletin is still **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** You can call or email the church office or call me at 724-757-6523. Thank you, Vickie

Stewardship Corner

Scripture tells us that we cannot be free to be God's servants or stewards until death to ourselves takes place in each of us. This death is not a physical death, but a spiritual death. It is the death of the old nature in us so the new nature or new life in Christ can be raised. Paul wrote, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). All things in Christ are created anew. It is this new life in Christ that people see as we give generously and serve freely. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10).

SUNDAY SMILE



Yeah, we met at a picnic too... Doesn't everybody?