

# PEACE TALKS

SUMMER 2021

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

## THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO PASTOR MARK

You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD. Leviticus 23:16

Pentecost has a long history in the Scriptures. In the Old Testament, it is known by several names that derive from its meaning and timing. The Feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16) represents the first fruits (Numbers 28:26) gathered as the result of the labor of those who completed the spring grain harvests in ancient Israel (Exodus 23:16). It is also called the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22), with this name coming from the seven weeks plus one day (50 days in all) that are counted to determine when to celebrate this festival. Leviticus 23:16 also refers to this counting and in the New Testament, it is referred to as Pentecost (Pentekostos is the Greek).

The festival was established to celebrate the new harvest, a reminder that God provides for the needs of his people through the working of creation. The first-fruit offering was designed to indicate the trust that the children of Israel had for God. By giving of the first of the harvest, their expectation and confession was that God would continue to provide for them.

So Luke tells us (Acts 2) that the disciples were gathered together in one place. The Holy Spirit descended and filled the disciples. Tongues of fire were seen on their heads and they spoke in different languages. The different ethnic groups who had come to Jerusalem to observe the holiday heard the Gospel, each in their own language. And over 3,000 people were baptized on that day.

Pentecost as we observe it as a Christian holiday reminds us that the good news of God's gift of Jesus Christ has always been for all nations, people groups, and languages. All ethnic groups are sinful and in need of a Savior. God loves all ethnicities. God has given his Son so that all people might come to the knowledge of Christ and be saved. Pentecost is a first fruits gathering of ethnic groups that foreshadows God's plan for all nations, language groups, and tribes to gather in praise before the lamb (Revelation 7:9). Christians continue to trust and confess that God is working through His word and Spirit to gather people and give them life and forgiveness in Christ.

This Pentecost, join me in giving thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit creates and sustains faith in us as we join with Christians of all nations in praise of God for all his gifts to us.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.



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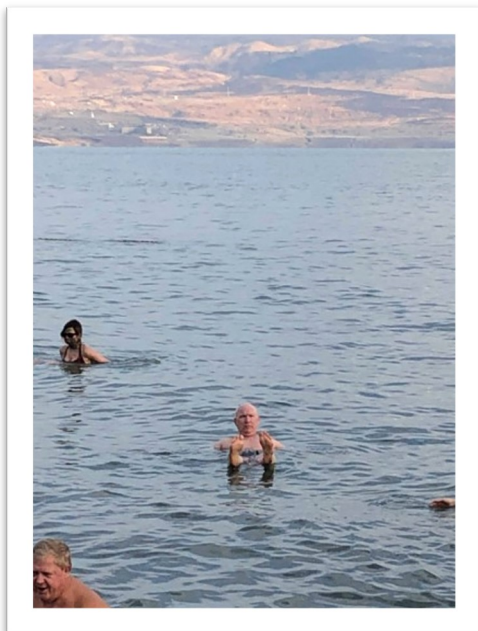
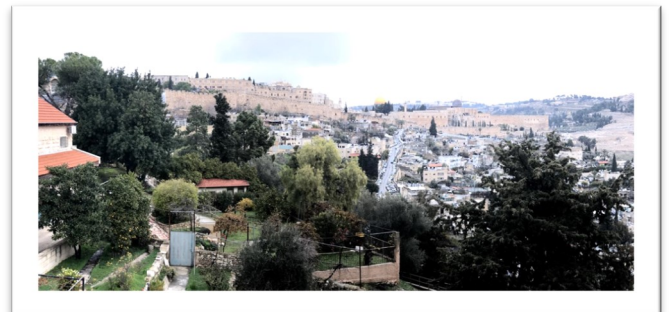
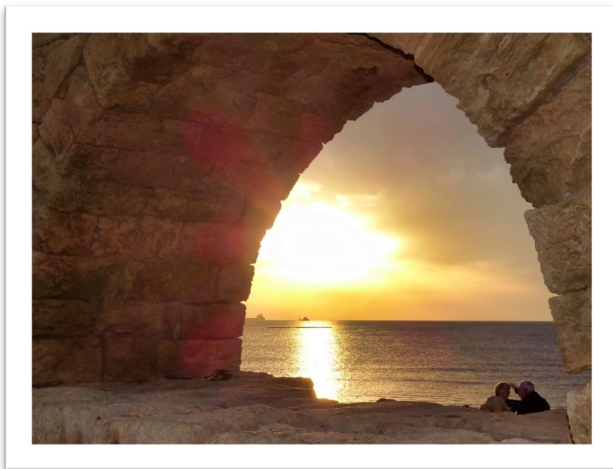
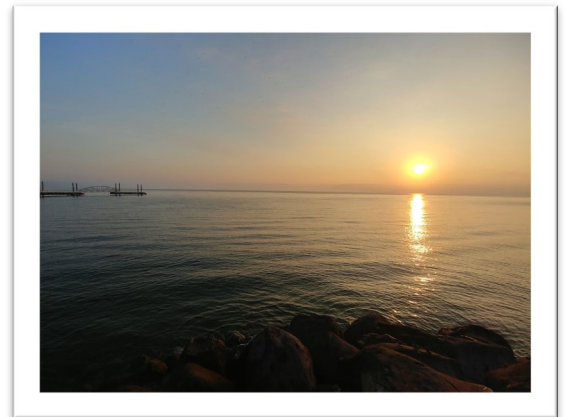
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# EXPERIENCE ISRAEL

If you have ever wanted to tour the Holy Land, you may be interested in a tour that will be led by Pastor Mark in January 2023. This is a ten-day visit to some of the major Biblical sites in Israel. We will see the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Magdala, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives. The trip will give you a new perspective on the events that are recorded in the Scriptures. We will have the opportunity for devotion time, reflection, and learning new things about Biblical and modern Israel. Brochures are available outside Pastor's office or email [pastor@princeofpeacehills.org](mailto:pastor@princeofpeacehills.org) for more information.



*Check out Pastor's Blog online at [PrinceofPeaceHills.org](http://PrinceofPeaceHills.org)*

## YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Let's face it, talking about money isn't always fun. But the fact of the matter is Prince of Peace isn't able to provide God's work to world without the generous financial support of our church family. There are several ways you can support our church in addition to dropping your offering envelope in the plate each week! Please take a moment to check out these resources and make a couple of small changes in your spending habits, and you can make a HUGE difference in how we Make Him Known!

### EFT

Prince of Peace offers Electronic Fund transfers through Vanco services. You simply set up direct deposit from your bank account for the amount you wish to offer to church. This amount can be withdrawn weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and the amount and timing can be changed at any time. It is a great option for those who want to keep regular offering but may not be able to attend "in-person" on a regular basis. If you would like to sign up for EFT simply call the church office and an application can be sent to you!

### SCRIP

Scrip cards are available for purchase in the church office. Scrip cards are gift cards are purchased through the Great Lakes Scrip program. They provide charitable donations from companies to non-profits like us! For example: Starbucks offers a 4.5% donation. So we purchase a \$10 gift card to Starbucks, it is worth \$10 but we paid \$9.55 for this card. When you purchase the card for \$10 we are getting a "donation" from Starbucks to further God's mission for our church! It is that easy and the list of retailers who participate in the program is huge! You can order cards or check out our inventory of cards we keep on hand. Talk with Laura in the church office or Sharon Moses for more information or to order cards

### COMMUNITY REWARDS

Kroger grocery stores offer Community Rewards. By simply linking your Kroger plus card to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Kroger sends along a percentage of your spending to us in the form of a check each

quarter. Currently we have 12 households that participate in this program and support Prince of Peace! We receive about \$35 each quarter. If you are a regular shopper at Kroger, there isn't a simpler way to support your church! Stop by the customer service desk the next time you're shopping Kroger and be sure your card is linked to support PoP!

### AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? Prince of Peace is part of Amazon's Smile program. All you need to do is log onto: amazon.com/smile, set your charity as Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills and then get shopping. Amazon has 100 of items that offer Smile benefits and checks are automatically sent to us here in the office! It is an easy way to extend your spending power and make your purchases more meaningful! The 'trick' is to be sure you're logged into Amazon/Smile each and every time you shop!

We hope you will keep these ways to support our ministry in mind as you enjoy the summer months! If you have any questions, please call the church office. Your support makes a difference and is greatly appreciated! Keep checking our web page as we add and make improvements for online giving options in the near future! Princeofpeacehills.org

### Financial Snapshot Revenue vs. Expenditure analysis—Thru April 2021

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
YTD Income	\$62,649	\$68,191
YTD Budget	\$85,833	\$82,333
Short/Over	(\$23,184)	(\$14,142)
YTD Expenditures	\$81,490	\$93,814



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## ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER UPDATES

Did you realize that Planned Parenthood was never closed during this Covid pandemic?

There is an alternative to abortion as Another Way Pregnancy Center staff ministers to those who may be “abortion-minded.” God can do a heart work and save a baby! Help support AWPC through your donations during our Mother’s Day to Father’s day fundraiser. Pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your loose change for the next month. Baby bottles are available at the Welcome Center and donations can be made online as well. Help meet the challenge to fill the pack n play with needed baby supplies including diapers, wipes, spring/summer outfits, etc. Honor a mother or father will your donation as you recall the influence they have made in your life. Bottles may be returned any time from now until Father’s Day on June 20 to the church office.

*Prayer support is always needed for the center, the director & staff, the volunteers, too.*

*Proverbs 22:6* “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

*1 John 3: 1* “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.”

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PLANNED FOR LIFE**

**WALK FOR LIFE**  
**DETROIT ZOO**

**2021**

**July 24, 2021**

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To register go to [AWPCfriends.org/events](http://AWPCfriends.org/events)

*Bring Your Family!*

The God of the universe makes no mistakes. Each person was known and planned before creation.

Help us to continue to share the truth of God’s word with those that are struggling to see the value in their own life as well as the value of the life of their unborn child.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY



The Prince of Peace Board has approved supporting Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. This is the only state supported veterans home in the lower peninsula. Because they do not receive V.A. funding they are especially needy. The Christmas in July donation drive will run June 13 - July 18. Individually wrapped snacks such as Twinkies and any jerky as well as Hershey bars are requested. They need all sizes of underwear, socks and t-shirts would be appreciated. Fifteen women veterans live there and they have requested sets of body lotion/body wash in feminine scents for these ladies. If you would like to help, items purchased may be dropped off to the box located in the narthex.



## SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Beginning on June 13 join us for our summer sermon series titled: Designed for Life! Based on the 10 commandments, this 9 week series is sure to inspire and make a lasting and meaningful impression. Join us in person or online each week!



## WHO WANTS TO SING?

Now that restrictions regarding COVID are easing up, it would be most appropriate to lift our voices in singing praises. I'm seeking singers who would be willing to lift thier voices at the outdoor picnic service on Sunday, July 11. Please let me know if you are interested by June 6. I will choose an appropriate song or two. We could stay a few minutes after church to practice or get

together on a weekday evening or two. Please consider serving the Lord with your voice! *"Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee."*

*PoP Music Director is  
Karen Turgeon*



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**STAND OUT in our community  
and shine & share the L♥VE of Jesus this summer!**  
**Community Connectors - INVOLVEMENT - Partner in Ministry**

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10th Cipriano Classic 5K Fun Run & Walk  
Friday, June 11, 2021  
1 mile @ 6:30 p.m. / 5K @ 7 p.m.  
Location: Farmington YMCA  
Greet n meet the participants and cheer them on. More details coming as CDC guidelines change.

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Turn back the clock...it's going on a year this July when Rev. Mark and Joan Schumm arrived here in Michigan from Wisconsin amid a pandemic. It's time to officially welcome them with "a taste of Michigan" picnic following an outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 11, 2021. Come meet the pastor and his wife if you have not yet. Enjoy some summer fellowship and fun. Watch for details in the weekly bulletin/e-newsletter. Call Sandy Blair or Sharon Moses to volunteer!



August brings back-to-school sales. Shop early and \$ave. Items may be purchased as donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project 2021 and/or shared with local students in need here in Farmington Public Schools. Shop this summer for the donations that bring a smile and lots of fun: jump ropes, beach balls, small water toys, etc. that will later help to fill a shoebox and add JOY to a child's life.

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Age 3-13

In-person VBS 2021

Registration Starting soon!!

**MEM CHURCH**

★ Invites YOU For ★

**Wonder World FUNFEST**

★ MUSIC

★ FUN

★ FOOD

★ GAMES

JULY 15TH & 16TH, 6 PM TO 8 PM  
JULY 17, 11 AM - 1 PM

FREE ★ ENTRY

LOCATION : 28000 NEW MARKET RD, FARMINGTON HILLS  
FOR MORE INFO : JOJY KURIAKOSE 248-595-9185

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU



### *Christ Caring for People through People*

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis.

What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

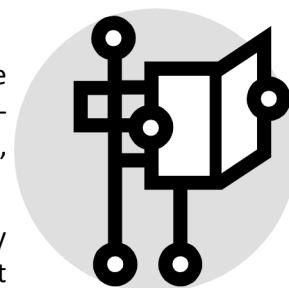
If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, call (248) 553-3390 ext. 9 and leave a confidential message. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



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## KEEP IN TOUCH

- ◆ **THROUGH OUR WEB PAGE:** Our Prince of Peace web page is the place for up to date calendar information as well as where you can access the live stream link for our worship services and read pastors blog posts. Be sure to check it out if you haven't recently, as changes are being made regularly. [PrinceofPeaceFhills.org](http://PrinceofPeaceFhills.org)
- ◆ Please feel free to send emails to the church office or contact pastor if you need any assistance. (248) 553-3380 press 1 to leave a message for pastor or email Laura at [office@princeofpeacefhills.org](mailto:office@princeofpeacefhills.org)
- ◆ Our E-newsletter is sent out electronically each week on Thursday and includes a short list of information you need for the upcoming week about Worship, Discipleship and Service. Also included in our weekly prayer list (as an attachment). Please contact the church office if you need to make updates to your email address. Our Peace Talks newsletter will be sent out through the USPS seasonally for 2021.
- ◆ We continue to provide worship online as well as in person. Prince of Peace has a YouTube channel which live streams worship each Sunday morning and also provides mid-week worship during Lent. Please go to our webpage for a link to the live stream or YouTube.com and search Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, LCMS. There you will find our library of uploaded content.



*How do I know what is going on at Prince of Peace? Read the newsletters and check out the web page!*



### **Summer Office Hours are starting!**

Until Labor day, the church office is open

Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to noon.