

Outreach Opportunities INSIDE!

PEACE TALKS

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THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO PASTOR MARK

We worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. (Athanasian Creed)

The first Sunday after Pentecost is celebrated in many churches as Trinity Sunday. It is unique in the church calendar because it celebrates a doctrine instead of a historical event. If you have ever had Jehovah's Witnesses stop by your front door, you know that one of the common complaints against the teaching of the Trinity is that the word, *Trinity*, is not in the bible.

The Christian church confesses the Trinity because it is revealed to us in Scripture. Throughout the Old Testament, God reveals himself as Father, Son, and Spirit. Occasionally all three persons appear in the same text (Isaiah 42:1). More often, it is hinted. Let us make man in *our* image (Genesis 1:26). In the New Testament, we see a clear vision of the Son. And the Son sends his church in the name of the triune God. Baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Paul and the other epistle writers confess the Trinity in their letters to the early church.

The early church struggled with the teaching. Some believed that Jesus and the Spirit were inferior to the Father. Others believed that there was one God who appeared in different modes (much like an actor in a play might appear in different roles). Eventually the conflict was clarified in the council of Nicea where the church came to an agreement concerning the relationship of the persons of the

Godhead. The Father was uncreated, the source of all things. The Son was begotten, not created and one substance with the Father. The Spirit proceeds from the Father. As we experience the Trinity, we often see God as the Creator, the Son as the Redeemer, and the Spirit as the Sanctifier. With these carefully constructed ideas, the understanding of God as Three-in-one became the confession of the church.

The Trinity is difficult to understand, yet God is often difficult to comprehend. We receive this teaching and rejoice in it. The good news in the Trinity is that through this teaching God makes himself known as a God who loves us and desires eternal fellowship with us. He sends his Son so that we might know him as the one who will redeem his people. His Spirit works through the power of the Word to draw people to Jesus. Through faith, we are part of the people of God and we give glory to the Triune God! Trinity Sunday is June 12 this year. We welcome a guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Robert Kasper from the Michigan District. Plan to join us in worship as we give thanks to God for his revelation to us.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Pastor Mark



S'more Summer OUTreach Fun

Think about one of those sweet summer treats eaten around a campfire or heated up over a grill. It includes three ingredients: a piece of chocolate, a marshmallow, and a Graham cracker. It takes a warm fire to get it hot and gooey. What if we all could spread s'more love this summer. What a different world it would be. Give me s'more of Jesus!

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." Psalms 34:8

This summer there will be opportunities to actually be out and about, see and talk with your neighbors and offer them a taste of something that could change their life. **Prince of Peace offers Bible studies**, along with Sunday worship, throughout the month. This includes in person or online. Sunday morning Bible study is like an appetizer before hearing the sermon in worship. It wets your appetite and prepares you for receiving the meat of God's Word. Try a Bible study this summer and get s'more of Jesus!

Our **AWPC Baby bottle campaign** will finish up on Father's Day, June 19th. Bottles are still available. As you may know, the Supreme Court ruling is coming and pregnancy centers serve to support and save lives. Funds collected through this campaign support AWPC in Farmington Hills in their ministry efforts. Lives of parents are being saved, too, as the Gospel is shared. Please continue to cover the pregnancy center and court decision with your prayers. Save s'more through your financial gift which will be matched through by a LCMS grant.

Serving together gives each opportunity to double the fun...be a blessing to others and being blessed by serving. We serve as a team at **Family of God** in Detroit as we partner with them in ministry. Whether it means serving a meal on-site there on the third Monday each month or packing lunches for them to take to those on the streets or in the parks. It gives more to experience s'more of Jesus!



In July, Prince of Peace will host **"an old-fashioned ice cream social"** on Sunday, July 24. You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream! Add some activities/games and family fun for making s'more summer memories. Watch for exciting details in the works and invite your family, friends, the neighborhood. **SAVE** the date, 2-4 p.m. and offer a hand. Pray the Lord blesses this event as we reach out to those in our community to show His love and make Him known.

Coming in August this summer, you can come **"Walk for Life"** at the Detroit Zoo and support sharing the truth of God's Word partnering with Another Way Pregnancy Center and their ministry. Mark the date: August 6, 2022. Make it a family outing for s'more family fun with a purpose. See more information in this issue or on AWPC website.

🏠 **"PoP's Night at the Movies"** will continue for the summer months for fun on the last Friday of the month. Watch for the movie title each month. Show time begins at 6:30p.m. Invite and bring a friend or neighbor for an evening out.

May the summer of 2022 allow us to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25) Share s'more of God's love this summer. Put three ingredients together: faith, hope, love and cover it with prayer. **May the Holy Spirit fire our hearts up to serve faithfully!**



Thrivent Members can assist with Prince of Peace Ministry



If you have an account with Thrivent Financial Services, there are two important ways that you can use your membership to assist Prince of Peace with our mission and ministry. The first is to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to Prince of Peace. You can view your Thrivent Choice dollars from your membership overview after logging in on their webpage.

The second way to apply for a Thrivent Action team. Members are eligible to apply for two projects a year. Thrivent provides up to \$250 to assist these projects. If you have a new idea, that is great but we are already doing a number of projects that can qualify for these grants. Please talk to Pastor if you would like to learn more. If you would like help navigating the Thrivent website or setting up a Thrivent Action Team, Pastor can help.

Matching Grant for Another Way Pregnancy Center

In January 2022, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) launched the Million Dollar Life Match, an exciting new matching grant opportunity to support LCMS congregations' local, beginning-of life mercy efforts. The program offers a total of \$1 million in matching grants — ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 each — to LCMS congregations. Grants will be given out in three phases during 2022 and 2023. Prince of Peace is in the process of applying for this grant. We hope to partner with them to raise \$50,000 which would be matched so that they can expand their ministry and help many families to choose life for their children! This year our baby bottle drive monies will be matched. If you would like to make a special gift to support this ministry, please note AWPC matching grant on your check. You can also give on the Prince of Peace website. Princeofpeacehills.org



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Stressed? Discouraged? Lonely? Sad?

Don't Suffer Alone. Help Is Available.

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life. Call our confidential Stephen Ministry line at (248) 553-3380 and press extension 9. Leave a message and our Stephen Ministry leader will call you back promptly.

Field of Dreams

"If you build it, they will come..."

As we watch the Boys of Summer, cheering on our favorite baseball teams, I am reminded of the movie Field of Dreams. You'll recall the main character builds a baseball diamond in the middle of his Iowa cornfield after hearing voices. whisper the above quote. Simply creating the field was not the end of the story. He chases across the country to discover the answer to two important questions. "Why?" and "What happens now?"

During the construction of the baseball field he is questioned, criticized, and ridiculed. He comes close to losing the farm. But he perseveres, confident his efforts will result in something amazing. My favorite scene is after the old-time players finish the game and leave the field. One player remains, his father, as a young man. They play catch and talk, as he relishes the opportunity to spend time with the man he rejected when he was a boy.

We also have the chance to spend time with our Father. Do we make the best use of our opportunities? How much time do we spend in quiet contemplation reflecting on God's Word? Or do our busy schedules make it a challenge to carve out some time each day? But He is always there reaching out to us, ready to spend time and communicate with us.

As parents we take on the task of influencing our children and grandchildren. What we do and say is a living example for them. Praying, having devotions, going to church, and just spending time with them, demonstrating our values can make a lifetime of difference. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, "Train up a child in the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."

I recently had the pleasure of taking two of my grandchildren to The Ark Encounter in northern Kentucky. Seeing the reality of Noah's Ark come to life, opened the door to some great conversations. My prayer is, experiencing, reading the stories, and discussing how this biblical account happened, cements the faith that has been nurtured in their young lives.

What impact can you have on the lives of your grandkids, friends, and neighbors? Take the time to share your faith. Demonstrate your faith in how you live your life. It can make a lifetime of difference. We invite you to join with Church Extension Fund to work with us to Build the Kingdom.

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