

July 23, 2024

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# PRINCE OF PEACE

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## In Our Prayers

**Members in our prayers:** Doreen Brumbaugh, Amy Cooper-Suphankomut, Ella Cooper, Amy Day, Dave Day, Debi Donogher, Jessica Dysard, John Elias, Donna Emser-Jacobs, Eli Gawlak, Shirley Hellenbach, Tom Hessel, Janet Koch, Selma Kullerkupp, Joyce Laviolette, Sandy & Doug Luengen, Barb Peterson, Frank & Carol Podpora, Marianne Reusch, Ric Slagor, Dick Smith, Elynn Strzelec, Brianne Tulumello, Conrad Walters III, Velma Zink

**Friends in our prayers:** Melissa Aniskiewicz, Richard Barzycki, Amanda Brink, Arlene Brown, Nick Burkowski, Kris Carter, Susan Casucci, Claudia, Laura Cross, Shea Devinney, the Edwards Family, Sheila Eshenour, JoAnn Frys, Gary Gerevics, Patrick Grant, Colin Green, Sue Guadagno, Nancy Hamilton, Celeste Hartman, Mike Hartman, Nancy Herman, Barbara Hudack, Eric Huet, Kim Jacobs, Jennifer, Jack Kling, Larry Kochalski, Debbie Korczynski, Ann Marie Latucca, Andrew Lotocki, Stephanie Maisch & family, Dana Markle, Colleen Murray, Russell Neu, Philip Newton, Tim O'Connor, Phyllis Paianini, Peter Passino, Nancy Pietrzak, Dale Prieur, Jr., Gia Rodo, Bob Rogers, Regina Rogers, Joyce Salhoot, Jamie Shaner, Amber Sheaffer, Lyla Grace Stanley & family, Lily Testa, Michelle Wutz, Sally Zack

## The Good Shepherd

In the darkest valley,  
at the banquet table;  
in the hard work of life,  
at the moments of ease;  
in our day-to-day reality,  
at times set aside—  
for worship, for listening, for  
paying attention;  
with every step we take:  
goodness and mercy follow us;  
our cups overflow.  
We hear God's call,  
and we gather.

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## 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2Kings4:42-44, *Psalm 145:10-18*  
*Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21*

### Rollin' in the Dough - and Fishes

In recent years many books have been printed that focus on baking an assortment of breads—from rye to pumpernickel, French to Italian. Today, however, we encounter a bread that points to both a deeper longing, physically and spiritually, and an even more fulfilling outcome than the tastiest assortment of baked bread. This abundance of bread satisfies hunger, transforms lives, and ushers in a new vision of the holy in community. Recognizing the power of action, John calls to mind the ways prophets fed and nourished the people, and then he multiplies this in the person and action of Jesus. Jesus uses earthly gifts to provide for the gathered community—the gospel's vision of Jesus' life and God's abundance in creation. Second Kings and John allow our congregations to wonder with the faithful servants and disciples how God will provide. We are invited into a conversation that might start by reflecting on a sentence written by the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld: "Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back." The scriptures today open a door for us to think about how individuals and communities are nourished and sustained by God, and also imagine how we become vessels of the holy who are now opened to the call of service. How might ordinary gifts (and ordinary people) become the ways God's love and mercy are multiplied in sustenance for neighbor, community, and world? Through our questions, our acts of giving, and our proclamation of the works of God in Christ Jesus, we are invited to experience what it means to be rooted in God's sustaining love and to proclaim this God who invites us into the unimaginable vision of abundance.

## What's Happening This Week

**Monday:** 5:30pm Red Hatters

**Tuesday-Thursday:** Michele in the Office

**Wednesday:** 4:30pm Sunflower Girls

**Friday:** Pastor's Sabbath Day

**Sunday:** 10:00am Worship at POP and Online

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### Office Hours

Pastor Rebecca: Tuesday thru Thursday  
or by appointment

Michele: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9am to 1pm

716-685-2216

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Our Facebook page posts live worship videos weekly and continues to be updated periodically with special posts. Check us out!

We worship in-person at Prince of Peace on Sundays at 10:00am. At 8:30am, an online worship service is posted on the Facebook Group page, the Prince of Peace page, and the Pastor's personal page, and can be watched at any point after that. YouTube worship streams live at 10:00am.

We welcome you to worship any of these ways.

# Ministry and Mission

## Prayers and Support

Continue to keep the Gawlak family in your prayers as they begin the next chapter in their fight against Eli's cancer.

The information below is for a T-shirt fundraiser. Click [HERE](#) if you would like more information.

Our village has truly shown up to support us since Eli's diagnosis, much like a pride of lions who protect one another.

### In this Pride, no one fights alone ♥

On April 24, 2024 at 8 months old Elijah was diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia referred to as MPAL. This means he has both ALL and AML. He was emergently admitted to the PICU where he required intubation and apheresis due to his dangerously high white blood cell levels. Since April, the majority of Eli's care has been inpatient. The hope is that he can soon move toward bone marrow transplant with his brave big brother, Dylan, as his donor. We have created these t-shirts along with the help of our friend Cameron Garrity to help show support for Eli and our family. We thank you all for surrounding us with love during this difficult time.

**AND JUST WAIT 'TILL YOU HEAR ELI'S "ROAR"!**



## Dates to Remember

August 4: After 10am service- Church Clean Up\*

August 9: Lutheran Night at the Bisons

Early August- exact date TBD: Theology on Tap

August 21: Quarterly Planning Meeting

Early Fall - Nature Walk

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### \*Project Clean-Up

It is time for our annual church clean up!

On August 4, join us for worship and then stay to help with some overdue 'spring' cleaning. There will be projects and jobs for everyone, inside and outside, depending on the weather. Don't wear your Sunday finest but bring your cleaning gear and supplies (gloves, paper towels, buckets, your favorite cleaner, etc.)!

Remember, many hands make work light.

## **We are Grateful!**

Glory to God for generous people and their donations.

We are very grateful for Karen (Parr) West and the St. Martha's Seniors Group who have recently donated. Their kindness is appreciated!

*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38*

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## **Local Concerts & Events**

### **Depew Concert Series**

540 Terrace Ave

July 25: Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra

August 1: Lancaster Town Band

### **Greenfield Concert Series**

5949 Broadway, Lancaster

August 3: Classic Car Show at 5:30 p.m. (*Classic Car owners must pre-register at 684-8400*)

Terry Buchwald as Elvis at 6:30 p.m

### **Lancaster Summer Concerts**

200 Oxford Ave

August 20: 6pm JC Thompson Band

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## **"Buy Nothing"**

The Office has been notified that there is a set of dishes available to anyone in need. Its a service for 4 people and the colors are blue and gold.

Contact Michele at the Office if you are interested.

## **Flowers for the Altar**

There have been a few people who have signed up to bring flowers.

Thank you to them! The color they add to the altar makes a difference.

Consider signing up for a week and beautify our place.

Recognize a birthday, anniversary or someone special altar flowers. The calendar is on the bulletin board, along with dedication envelopes.

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## **Prayer List**

The prayer list will continue to be updated throughout the summer. Please take a moment to read it. Hopefully, some prayers have been answered!

Contact the office or write a note and drop it in the Request Box found on the table in the back of church if you would to update the list.

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## **Pantry Re-Stock**

The following items are needed for the pantry:

Decaf and Regular coffee

Paper Towels

Any donations can be brought to the kitchen or the Office.

Thank you!

# Odds & Ends: Connecting, Giving, and Collections

## Want to Stay Connected? Here's How!

Facebook: "Prince of Peace Depew, NY

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/78019037007>

YouTube: "Rebecca Mentzer" OR

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG7rXKrNLYlkCHkQeeel2gw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG7rXKrNLYlkCHkQeeel2gw?view_as=subscriber)

Virtual Membership: If you are interested in joining POP in this way, please reach out to the office through the connect card in the body of the email, or send an email to the office at [office@popdepew.org](mailto:office@popdepew.org)

## Want to Give? Here's How!

Tithely: Search for "Prince of Peace" on the Tithely website or go to

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1310840](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1310840)

Snail Mail: 2311 George Urban Blvd., Depew 14043

Envelopes: Rather than order pre-printed (aka more expensive) offering envelopes, we are printing our own! These are now available on the table in the narthex. If you are unable to pick them up in person, but would still like to use these, please reach out to the office and we will make sure you receive some.

## Clothing Collection by the Numbers

In 2023, 61,866 pounds of clothing were donated to our clothing shed, which was enough to clothe an estimated 11,396 people all over the world! That's 660 more people than the previous year!

We are grateful to everyone for your continued support!

## Contact Information

**Office Phone: (716) 685-2216**

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**Pastor Phone: (716) 598-0358**

**Pastor Email: [pastor@popdepew.org](mailto:pastor@popdepew.org) OR [rebeccamentzer@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccamentzer@gmail.com)**

**Website: [www.popdepew.org](http://www.popdepew.org)**

## Food Pantry

If you have a donation for the Tri- Community Food Pantry, you are welcome to stop by church with your item, or simply mail in any monetary gifts to the pantry directly at 722 Terrace Boulevard, Depew.

Tony Marrano delivers all donated food items to the pantry on a regular basis at the beginning of each month.

**Worship Help Needed**  
**Let Pastor know if you might like to help with in-person or online worship. Lectors, musicians, communion assistants, and altar guild members are wanted. No prior experience is needed! All online worship offerings will be recorded, so access to a video recording system (phone, tablet, or desktop), will be important.**  
**Thanks for your consideration!**