

# Prints of Peace



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Announcing a new way for us to connect at Prince of Peace: **POP-KIT!** (Prince of Peace – Keeping in Touch.) It's a lightly structured way to keep in touch with one another, through phone, text, or email! How will it work?

## THE SIMPLE VERSION:

- You'll be assigned as the **encourager** for someone.
- You will reach out to that person once or twice a week. Encourage them! You could share a prayer, a Bible verse, a poem, anything.
- Someone else will be **your encourager** and will be reaching out to you with encouragement.
- Every two months, you'll have the chance to either get new partners, or to leave the program.

## IN DETAIL:

- If you choose to participate, **sign-up** in the church narthex between August 3 and August 17.
- You'll need to choose your **preferred method of communication**: email, text, or phone call. This will ensure that you and both of your partners can communicate in the way most comfortable for you. When you sign up, make sure to sign up in the proper column (TEXT, EMAIL, or PHONE CALL), and share your name and your email address/phone number.
- The week of August 17, you will be randomly assigned your two partners (one will be your encourager, and you will be the encourager for the other).
- I will contact you by August 23 to let you know who your partners are and give you some tips on how to do this well.
- Start contacting your partner right away, around August 24! Reach out once or twice a week, maybe more if you want to.
- If you run into any problems, or if your encourager isn't contacting you, please contact me.
- **The commitment is just over two months**, from August 24 through October 31. Sometime in mid-October, I will contact you to see if you'd like to continue. If so, you'll be assigned new partners for the next two-month period.
- **Any questions? Contact me!**

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

*Encourage  
one another and build  
each other up*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



# Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

## Psalm 119:105



Friday, August 01	Psalm 49:1-12; Proverbs 24:1-12; Ephesians 4:17-24
Saturday, August 02	Psalm 49:1-12; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; Mark 10:17-22
<b>Sunday, August 03</b>	Eccl. 1:2,12-14;2:18-23; Ps. 49:1-12; Col. 3:1-11; Lk. 12:13-21
Monday, August 04	Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 2:1-17; Colossians 3:18-4:1
Tuesday, August 05	Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8; Colossians 4:2-6
Wednesday, August 06	Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14; Luke 12:22-31
Thursday, August 07	Psalm 33:12-22; Job 21:1-16; Romans 9:1-9
Friday, August 08	Psalm 33:12-22; Ecclesiastes 6:1-6; Acts 7:1-8
Saturday, August 09	Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 11:27-32; Matthew 6:19-24
<b>Sunday, August 10</b>	Genesis 15:1-6; Ps. 33:12-22; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
Monday, August 11	Psalm 89:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:1-17; Hebrews 11:1-7
Tuesday, August 12	Psalm 89:1-18; 2 Chronicles 34:22-33; Hebrews 11:17-28
Wednesday, August 13	Psalm 89:1-18; Jeremiah 33:14-26; Luke 12:41-48
Thursday, August 14	Psalm 82; Joshua 7:1, 10-26; Hebrews 10:26-31
Friday, August 15	Psalm 82; 1 Samuel 5:1-12; Hebrews 10:32-39
Saturday, August 16	Psalm 82; 1 Samuel 6:1-16; Matthew 24:15-27
<b>Sunday, August 17</b>	Jeremiah 23:23-29; Ps. 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
Monday, August 18	Psalm 32; Jeremiah 23:30-40; 1 John 4:1-6
Tuesday, August 19	Psalm 32; Jeremiah 25:15-29; Acts 7:44-53
Wednesday, August 20	Psalm 32; Jeremiah 25:30-38; Luke 19:45-48
Thursday, August 21	Psalm 103:1-8; Numbers 15:32-41; Hebrews 12:3-17
Friday, August 22	Psalm 103:1-8; 2 Chronicles 8:12-15; Acts 17:1-9
Saturday, August 23	Psalm 103:1-8; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Luke 6:1-5
<b>Sunday, August 24</b>	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Ps. 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Monday, August 25	Psalm 109:21-31; Ezekiel 20:1-17; Hebrews 3:7-4:11
Tuesday, August 26	Psalm 109:21-31; Ezekiel 20:18-32; Revelation 3:7-13
Wednesday, August 27	Psalm 109:21-31; Ezekiel 20:33-44; Luke 6:6-11
Thursday, August 28	Psalm 112; Proverbs 15:13-17; 1 Peter 3:8-12
Friday, August 29	Psalm 112; Proverbs 18:6-12; 1 Peter 4:7-11
Saturday, August 30	Psalm 112; Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26; Matthew 20:20-28
<b>Sunday, August 31</b>	Proverbs 25:6-7; Ps. 112; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to [DailyLectio.net](http://DailyLectio.net), where you can sign up for daily emails or download the app for iPhone or Android!*



*Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!*

Taylor Baker  
 Wilma Hill  
 Pauline Newell  
 Isabel Baker  
 Maxwell Manicke  
 Stephanie Steele  
 Evelyn Diabo  
 Craig Hughes  
 Barbara Reimer  
 Lori Heitzman  
 Sharon Shook  
 Donna Ott  
 Betty Steinmetz  
 Robert Duran  
 Erica Schuette  
 Diane Kimsey  
 Lee Ann Lambert  
 Trista Artley  
 Autumn Williams  
 Kale Baker  
 Cathy Mullen  
 Lauren Frey  
 Monica Spero  
 Eleanor Hill  
 Petrina Billger  
 Peyton Walters  
 James Poliskiewicz, Jr.  
 Isaak Griggs  
 Mark Grusso



### **Worship On-site (9:45 on Sundays)**

Our worship will be held outside on August 31st!

### **Online / Facebook**

Watch our worship each week at our website ([popbangor.org/video-worship](http://popbangor.org/video-worship)). Or watch it on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/popbangor](https://facebook.com/popbangor)).



### **Art show in the Narthex!**

The artists participating in the Summer Art Group had a fun time sharing and making art for 6 weeks this summer. On Sunday, September 14, before and after church, we will display our works of art in the Narthex by the coat rack. Come by and take a look!



### **Social Ministry Project for September:**

Several years ago, the Go-Wams (remember us?) put together personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have the opportunity to do it again. The synod in Allentown is having an ingathering on Friday, October 10th from 9 a.m. - Noon, and Saturday, October 11th from 8 a.m. -10 a.m. What does that mean for us? We can bring the kits we assemble to the Synod and not have to pay postage. Each kit contains the following: 1 bath towel; 2 bars of soap; 1 toothbrush; 1 sturdy comb, and 1 metal nail clipper. These items can be purchased at Dollar Tree for a total of \$6.88 (includes tax). There will be a sign-up sheet on the counter for you to fill out. Don't want to shop? See a member of Social Ministry, we'll be happy to shop for you. Members: Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock and Holly Blakeslee. Questions: see Mary "O"

### **Recent Pastoral Act**

Funeral: Wayne D. Bisher, June 21

### **Outdoor Worship**



We will worship outdoors in our grove on August 31st! The walkway to our grove is located at the end of the parking lot. For those who are uncomfortable walking into the grove, we will again set a speaker up on the hill so that you will be able to hear the service in your car, if you park next to the grove entrance. If the weather is bad, we will hold worship indoors instead. Outdoor worship will not be rescheduled. —**Pastor Scholtes**



Would you like to join the volunteer team? Contact the church office at 610-588-2355.

If you are unable to fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change.

<b>New Format!</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 24</b>	<b>August 31</b>	<b>September 7</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Lisa and Wayne Jones	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Sherk and June Jones
<b>Council Greeters</b>	Jean Janosa	Tina Johns	Tina Johns	Wayne Jones	Wayne Jones	Allison Maniecke
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Mark Grusso	April Miller	Brooks Baker	Kim Jennings	Janet Martocci	Connie Itterly
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Marlene Stana	Tina Smith	Kale Baker	Tina Johns	Laraine Brands	April Miller
<b>Com. Assts.</b>	Tina Smith, Jim Jennings	Diane Hahn, Tina Johns	April Miller, Laraine Brands	Brooks Baker, Marlene Stana	Jim Jennings, April Miller	Diane Hahn, Tina Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk	Sherk and June Jones	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Brenda Hughes, Vivian Fahr	Marlene and Butch Stana
<b>Power Point Camera</b>	Tina Johns	Antonioli Family	Tara Flyte	Jim Jennings	Kim Jennings	Cathy Mullen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Fabian Vargas	Aaron Smith	Taylor Baker	Sadie Baker	Ben Scholtes	Landon Horn
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Tina Johns	Chip Harrison	Mary O'Meally	Jean Janosa	Connie Itterly	Georgia Suranofsky
<b>Pew Tenders</b>	Sara Godshalk	Rhonda Montgomery	June Jones	Traci Rumsey	Sherry and Maci Hock	Sara Godshalk
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Pat Manicke					Connie Itterly

**August Altar Guild:** Cathy Mullen, Phyllis Bisher; **September Altar Guild:** Connie Itterly, Diane Searfass

**Real Readers: Join Us! We meet at 2 p.m.**

**Real Readers Book List for the rest of 2025:**

**a little bit of everything for everyone. New members are always welcome!**

Questions? Please feel free to speak to Karen Karner, Janet Martocci or Sherry Hoch for information.  
 August 7 – “Tell Me Everything” by Elizabeth Strout (Terry)  
 September 4 – “Demon Copperhead” by Barbara Kingsolver (Janet)  
 October 2 – “The Secret Life of Sunflowers” by Marta Molnar (Karen)  
 November 6 – “The Housemaid” by Freida McFadden (Mary)  
 December 4 – “All He Ever Wanted” by Anita Shreve (Maureen)



### Council Highlights

Congregation Council did not meet in July. Watch for August highlights next month!



### Social Ministry Project:

The Valley Youth House projected ended June 29th, 181 items were donated with a value of \$269.75. Georgia Suranofsky has requested a check for \$269.75 from the "Helpers Helper" Endowment Sub Fund. This check will be presented to Valley Youth House along with the items donated. Social Ministry wants to thank you for your generous support of this project. Questions? See Mary O'Meally

## Growing Young

In last month's newsletter, I discussed a book called ***Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church***. This book is the result of deep research and thoughtful prayer. It has provided many congregations with the tools to assess how they can make their church the most welcoming and loving congregation they can be.

It isn't a program to follow that solves everything. It isn't a silver bullet that brings all the kids running. Rather, it's a list of strategies and suggestions for ways we can subtly shift the *culture* of a congregation to be attractive and welcoming to young people.

I'd like to read this book with you in the coming year. I said in the last newsletter that our first session, to discuss Chapter One of the book, would be in August. I have had to postpone that session until **Saturday, September 6 from 9:00 – 10:30 am. Future meetings will be held about once a month.**

A signup sheet to buy a copy of the book will be available in the narthex from August 3-17. I will then order the books and get them to you by August 24, so you have time to read the Introduction and Chapter One by the first session. --**Pastor Scholtes**



## The Blue Valley Farm Show

The Blue Valley Farm Show is just a few weeks away (Tuesday, August 12 through Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>) and there are still some open time slots needing to be filled. The signup sheet will remain on the counter in the Narthex until the first Sunday in August. After that date you just may be getting an email or text from me asking for your help, so please, prayerfully consider volunteering some time to help and have fun while doing so! If you can only give us a few hours instead of the longer "shifts" please just add those hours next to your name. We do have a few people who are willing to be fill-ins to cover for anyone not able to do a full 4-5 hour shift and to give the workers breaks as needed. We also need some people to come later and help close/clean up each evening. You must be over 18 to work on the grill and all positions require hats to be worn. Please feel to contact me. --**April Miller, Volunteer Coordinator**

## Website and Social Media Position:

POP is looking for someone to take over the website and social media position. After many years, Heather Scholtes is stepping down. If you have any questions regarding what's involved, please reach out to Heather or John Martocci if you are interested. Thank you all in advance for your help. —**April Miller, Volunteer Coordinator**



Thank you to all for the many cards and expressions of sympathy with the passing of my brother, Barry. Everyone is so kind and thoughtful here at Prince of Peace. —**John and Janet Martocci**



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**Online Coordinator: Heather Scholtes**

**Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:**  
 Sundays at 9:45 a.m. – Join us!!

- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes**
- **Volunteer Pastoral Assist. Larry Rissmiller**
- **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Bookkeeper: Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Brenda Hughes**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
- **Parish Nurse: Justine Saviet**
- **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**

**Congregation Council Members**

Larry Rissmiller, President	Jackie Horn
Kale Baker, Vice President	April Miller
Tina Johns, Secretary	Brenda Hughes
Allison Manicke, Youth	Wayne Jones
Jean Janosa	Kerri Miller
Mary O'Meally	Holly Blakeslee
Rev. Michael J. Scholtes	Justine Saviet

Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank you? Make an announcement?

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**

September 2025 Newsletter is:

**Tuesday,**  
**August 12 at Noon**

**\*\*Please submit items in a Word Document not PDF format, thank you!\*\***

**\*\*Items received after the deadline will go into next month's newsletter.\*\***

**OUR PURPOSE  
 STATEMENT**

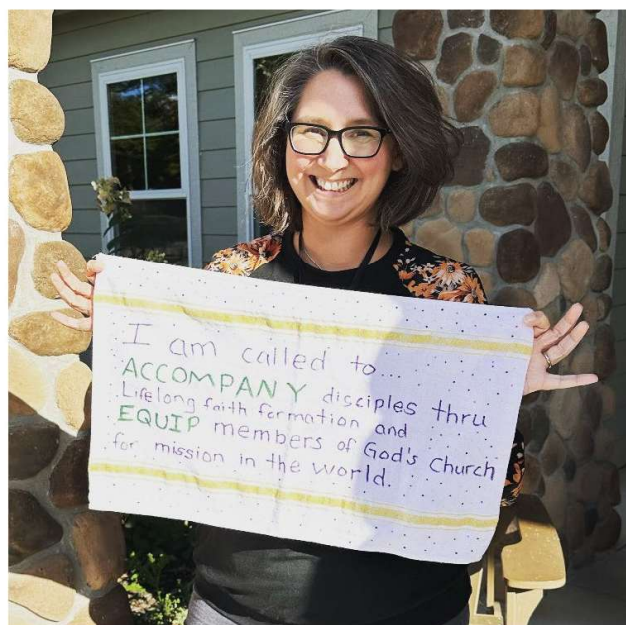
***We, the people of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, will actively seek and serve Christ in all people.***





## Nurtured by Community, Sent to Serve: A Candidacy Story

*Written by: Heidi Shilanskas, Candidate for Word and Service*



Hi! My name is Heidi Shilanskas, and I am a Deacon Candidate at United Lutheran Seminary, serving at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Pa. I am in my final year of Seminary, preparing to start my internship this fall. I am looking forward to graduating in May of 2026 from ULS and starting my call as a Deacon in Northeast Penn Synod.

I have always been involved in Youth and Family Ministry since my own days as a youth, going to Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Assemblies and participating in Mission District progressive dinners. As a paid youth worker at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Easton, I took classes out of the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg (now ULS) on youth ministry and learned from professors and leaders in the field how to look beyond the church walls for service projects for youth. After I got married and had my own

children, I started to look for new ways we could participate in church in a culture that doesn't center congregational ministry the same way it did when I was growing up. As a member of St. Mark's in Bethlehem, I started dreaming of new ways to involve children, teens and their parents in ministry beyond the church, making service in our communities a core element of church life.

My candidacy journey started when Pastor Brandon Heavner suggested I'd be a good candidate for ministry. At first, I scoffed at his certainty, but he was tenacious and after many, many discerning conversations about call and passion, I decided to move forward with candidacy. The next step was meeting with Pastor Rachael Dietz, then Executive Associate to the Bishop and Director of Candidacy. Her warmth and encouragement helped me feel secure in the decision to go to Seminary. Without Pastor Brandon and Pastor Rachael, I would never have dreamed God's call on my life would have included Candidacy and Seminary. I am forever grateful for their faith in me.

For my internship, I plan on implementing some of those dreams. I am looking forward to creating "family style" worship services that are intergenerational and interactive so all members can participate in the liturgy. I am planning Bible studies with a focus on service and using our gifts to serve our neighbors.



I will use social media and online tools to create more opportunities to connect with people. Finally, I am hoping to work more closely with the Bethlehem

Interfaith Group on creating ecumenical services projects with our neighbors who aren't just Lutheran, but Presbyterian, Moravian, Jewish or Muslim, etc. I am excited to find ways to be a part of a wider community of neighbors.

My ministry is centered around Jesus' command to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Diaconal work looks outside



of our church buildings to find the needs in the community and make connections to the resources of time, talent and treasure stored within our walls. As I meet and talk to Deacons across the ELCA, I am inspired by the courage, creativity and experimentation that fosters new and exciting way of reaching God's people outside of the church buildings. I am hopeful that my own work will continue in this

tradition, planting seeds of love in communities desperately in need of joy.

*If you are interested in or discerning Candidacy, please contact Pastor Jennifer Heavner at [pastor@starofbethlehemlutheran.com](mailto:pastor@starofbethlehemlutheran.com)*

**DID YOU KNOW** that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit [godslove.org/missionsupport](http://godslove.org/missionsupport).

## God's work. Our hands.

September 7, 2025

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Use the QR code above or visit [elca.org](http://elca.org) to learn more



How will you be observing  
GWOH Sunday?



Learn  
more



[godslove.org/events](http://godslove.org/events)

## September 14, 2025

The Lutheran Center: 2354 Grove Road, Allentown PA 18109

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Lutheran Congregational Services! Help make it meaningful by assembling over 100 Flood Clean-Up Buckets and Women's Hygiene Kits for neighbors in need. **You don't have to attend in person to take part.** Congregations and individuals can help by signing up to donate kit items using the QR code or URL, then drop them off on September 14 or contact Heidi Shilanskas ([hshilanskas@gmail.com](mailto:hshilanskas@gmail.com)) to arrange a drop-off.