



Tidings

Love God - Follow Jesus - Invite All

The Story of Emil Pribula

by Glenda Klein Mali

Emil Pribula was born in Chicago on January 3, 1923. He was one of seven children and the only child born in a hospital.

His father, John, was ordained in 1914 after attending seminary at Carthage College. He had traveled from Slovakia to America first, via Ellis Island, followed by his wife Christine. Her family owned a vineyard in Slovakia where they most likely met while working in the vineyard. He pastored Lutheran churches in Indiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.

At 12 years of age, Emil worked on a garlic farm in Midlothian, IL (and ate garlic sandwiches for lunch). These were depression years, and he was trying to help support his family living in poverty. Emil graduated from high school in 1937. His first job was with Hills Bros. Coffee at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, where he worked for 46 years.

Emil was drafted in 1943 and served in the Army Air Corp. He attended Honor Flight #27 out of Midway Airport in 2011.

Emil met his wife Pauline in 1946. Their first date was at "Orchestra Hall," attending a Rachmaninoff concert directed by Leonard Bernstein. Dinner followed at the Berghoff Restaurant. Always a gentleman! They were married for 63 years, raised four children, and grew as soul mates. Their passions together were family and church.

Emil's interests are many. Besides having been an accomplished golfer and bowler, Emil is a gifted artist. He received his artistic talent from his mother who used to draw frequently on the kitchen table (white enamel) & then erased it (the original dry erase board). His uncle was an artist too. Emil took art classes at Harper College and Fremd High School; he would paint watercolor from photos and places they traveled such as Door County and Yosemite.

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Save-the-date:

Mid-year Congregation Meeting

Sunday, January 29 at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and online. The online meeting details will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Pastor's Perspective

by Pastor Erin Clausen (she/her)

Prince of Peace

...gathering in celebration for 65 years

“Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live...” begins a hymn by Marty Haugan. The song continues with all of the things a church can be: a house full of people who love, forgive, speak prophecy, celebrate sacraments, reach into the community, welcome the outcast and stranger. As we enter 2023, we at Prince of Peace celebrate 65 years of doing all of these things. Since 1958, the people of Prince of Peace have gathered around the cross to celebrate the good news of Jesus and to share it in our lives and our community.

Over these 65 years, each of us have come to Prince of Peace in different ways. We are transplants and we were raised here; we chose this church, and this church chose us; we joined, and we merged; we converted, and we've been Lutheran forever. No matter how or when we began gathering with this congregation, all of us have found welcome here.

At the same time, welcome doesn't just happen – we each play our own part in that welcome. When we gather, we bring our hope, our questions, our love, our forgiveness, our faith. We invite God to transform us. We also know that we gather for a reason beyond ourselves. Jesus invites us in to be welcomed and fed, so that we might go into the world and work alongside God to transform it.

Throughout this year, we will celebrate all that God has done in us, for us, and with us. Even as we continue to gather around the cross, we will also gather in celebration. Each month, one of the Congregation Boards will sponsor a gathering that celebrates an aspect of who we are as church. Look for the calendar of events and information about the January event in this issue of the Tidings. Some of these events will be gatherings for fun and community. Some of them will gather us to serve our neighbor. All will remind us of God's blessing, as we continue to build this house where love can dwell, and all are welcome.



Board of Stewardship

by Wil Damico

We are in the middle of the annual Stewardship emphasis. Our theme for 2023 is *Investing in God's Mission*. We have shared videos that highlight the investments made by our congregation to addressing homelessness and supporting the youth programs. Our congregation also provides support to organizations such as Lutheran Social Services in fulfilling their missions not just in special collections but also in meeting space and other logistical support and we serve numerous other social needs for space to provide services as well as to provide Christian pre-school education to the community.

The reality is that Prince of Peace is a congregation that “Loves God, Follows Jesus and Invites All”, and a very real part of the way we do that is to invest the resource you, our members, provide through your financial support in ways that impact the lives of both our members and those in the community around us.

This is the time of year we invite our congregation members to join together in making pledges of financial support towards the investments we make in God's mission. This is an opportunity for you to make a promise to yourself to make your investment in God's mission and to give the Prince of Peace financial planners the faith that the monetary resources will be there for our congregation to continue to commit Prince of Peace to support all these programs and more. Over 70 families have made their pledges as of the writing of this article. If your family is not one of them, there is still time. You can get to the form to make your pledge by either scanning the QR code or using the [online form](#). If you would prefer to use a paper form they will be available before and after services or by request from the church office. You can return a paper form by placing it in the collection plate or by sending it to the church office.



The Story of Emil Pribula (continued from page 1)

Emil was confirmed at age 14 at the Slovak Lutheran Church and the first to be confirmed in English. While still in high school, he took two years of training to become a Sunday School teacher. Emil has been a member at Prince of Peace for over 58 years. Both Emil and his wife Pauline were highly active in service, leadership, and multiple ministries. It all began with a pastor from long ago who asked Emil, “How would you like to do something for your Lord?” The rest is history.

Emil participated in the Kingdom Weekend for many years. He served on the church council, attended the Tuesday morning Bible study, the men’s weekly breakfast, served as a Stephen Minister, and taught adult Bible Studies. His favorite series was called Bethel Bible Study. Each lesson had a picture symbolizing the content for that lesson to help students remember the main points. One of the lessons was entitled “From Cradle to Crucifixion.” The corresponding picture showed a light shining on Jesus’s manger (cradle) and a beam of light then cast from the cradle to the cross beyond it. This image was very meaningful to Emil and a similar image appeared during a Christmas Eve program at Prince of Peace, as the production lighting on the manger angled up to the cross above it. God’s plan was to come to this earth as an infant to be with us and to die for us, in order to save us from our sin.

Ten years ago, Emil traveled to Germany on a Martin Luther Reformation tour with Prince of Peace and Christus Victor Lutheran Church. Each night at dinner, Emil would lead our group in the doxology. Emil has always been a devoted worshiper, in person, and more recently, online. His faith is strong and steadfast, during adversity and joy.

Emil’s favorite hymn is “Beautiful Savior” which he first heard at age twelve and later sung during the war. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 121: 1-2: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Emil currently lives at Friendship Village and continues to stay active by listening to audio books, exercising, staying abreast of current events, and prayer/devotions. Always level-headed, self-disciplined, moderation, perseverance, adapting to change.

Celebrating a child of God who models a lifetime of Living Lutheran!





Music Notes...

by Scott Uddenberg

The season of Epiphany is a season we denote in the Lutheran Church as a season of light.

We do this because the history of the Lutheran Church is set in the northern hemisphere, and during the season of Epiphany we are in the winter solstice and our daily sunshine is at its least. We want to take the light of Christ and expose it to the darkness of the winter season. However, Jesus' story following his birth is also quite dark. His parents were forced to flee into hiding to protect him from a deadly royal decree. Imagine a government in our world ordering the death of half the children under the age of two? Still, there is that kind of darkness in our world. The potential of humankind demonstrating that kind of horror still exists in our world today. So, light represents hope. Only by continuing to share our story of light, of hope, of life, Jesus Christ, do we have the tools to fight against the darkness. We were gifted the Light of Christ during our Christmas celebrations, now let's find a way to let that light shine throughout our congregation, community, nation, and world. Pray for the children of the world that face darkness.



Update on our Support of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Thanks to all who contributed coats or funds to buy coats for the children in foster care. They are providing comfort and warmth in the wintry weather! Our final total is **162** coats/snowsuits given to LSSI.

Thanks to all who purchased Christmas gifts for the 56 children whose wish lists we received. Imagine the joy on their faces as they open the gifts they've been hoping for!



In addition, the congregation's generosity was overwhelming and we provided 38 extra Target, Walmart, and Foot Locker gift cards (valued at \$25.00-60.00) that were donated or bought with the monetary donations. These cards are filling a vital need to support the children receiving services from LSSI. The first priority is giving each child a Christmas gift, including those who came into foster care after the wish lists were distributed. The second priority is meeting the urgent needs of foster families such as gift cards for food and winter gear. Additionally, basic needs support is given to intact families in which the children are receiving mental health services.

Coming Full Circle

by Emily Uddenberg

In the coming weeks, the Confirmation students will be introducing their service project to the congregation. They will be aiding the Board of Serving Ministries in sponsoring a refugee family through partnership with Exodus World Service, particularly by organizing a collection of household items to get a family started in a new life in the United States. I have been tasked with mentioned/advertising said endeavor in my next Tidings article. Consider my task complete.

But of course, in the usual fashion of sitting down to write my monthly articles, my thought process has taken a different direction. For those of you who are teachers, you know that lesson planning is nothing but a plan - what actually happens all depends on what the kids do on that particular day. As the adult leaders had introduced the concept of service projects, refugees, and the vast day-to-day differences from a typical junior high school student's life in weeks prior, I had not yet seen the students jump in with both feet, brain power all in. That is, not until the first Wednesday evening we really started planning the who, what, when and where.

I had started off the evening with brainstorming what the Christmas party was going to look like - and although there weren't dancing sugar plums, the anticipated sugar high and spirit of the impending holidays was definitely alive in room 210. The same energy was maintained throughout the planning of this project. Using the post-it notes on the wall technique, every student posed questions, compromised on ideas, and offered to go beyond their comfort zone in the execution of their service project. It was absolutely awesome to experience this willingness and teamwork from this age group. (Parents of said students, you have some awesome children!)

Sitting back and thinking about it, the openness and courage of the humans that are 11-13 years old are exactly the vibes that everyone should aspire to include in their new year's resolutions. In the church, we reflect on rebirth and baptism at the beginning of a new calendar year. Every adult once had the same fantastic qualities the youth of our congregation demonstrate so easily, and could access the scarier qualities without thinking too hard about it. Let us pray for the Lord to let our children help the adults come full circle, and go back to a time where happiness, togetherness, joy, cooperation, and kindness were no-brainers.

Matthew 18: 3-5 And [Jesus] said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

Discipleship

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Craft Fair in December. We are hoping to have a summer mission trip next summer. There is certainly a need for skilled help close by. Watch the Tidings for more information soon.



Stephen Ministry
How is Your Resolution Doing?
by Janet Ichida



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of the truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

The new year brings a fresh slate and a myriad of plans that should hopefully last until January 2. I found the most common promises online in this top ten list.

1. Exercise more
2. Lose weight
3. Get organized
4. Learn a new skill or hobby
5. Live life to the fullest
6. Save more money / spend less money
7. Quit smoking
8. Spend more time with family and friends.
9. Travel more
10. Read more

None of those items seem overly surprising finding their frequency around the country and possible world. The problem is getting these less than novel ideas to stick. If I would exercise more, I would lose weight. I lost my list of exercises amidst my clutter, but I am planning to take a new class on getting organized. I don't understand #5. I can't find a gear suggesting the fullness. I need more money to save more money. Luckily, I don't smoke. I would love to spend time with the family (*You do know I'm a grandma, don't you?*) but they live 300 miles away. Traveling more would let me spend more time with them, but then I wouldn't be spending less money. I like to read!

I also found a myriad of wonderful ideas for resolutions. Here are a few that were listed.

1. Focus on a passion, not the way you look (*Try to describe that one to my husband.*)
2. Stop gossiping (*What if that is someone's passion?*)
3. Go a whole day without checking your email (*Hey, that's the only place in my life where I get any excitement.*)
4. Reduce your waste (*I thought I was supposed to reduce my waist.*)
5. Turn off your phone one night per week. (*Then I forget to turn it back on.*)
6. Stop multi-tasking (*It's not multi-tasking, it's just that I forget what I was doing!*)
7. Clean out your car (*Does this take a year?*)
8. Try a totally new restaurant. (*There goes that money I am supposed to save.*)
9. Bring a plant into your home. (*How is a philodendron going to help my life? My brown thumb will kill it in 2.5 days.*)
10. Start cooking. (*No explanation is needed on this one.*)

Those all seem fine and dandy, but where's God? Where is helping others? Where is caring? I think one of the things wrong with all resolutions is they cause an undue stress with more demands on many stressful lives. You need to focus on God before you worry about cleaning out that car. Try this resolution.

Call one of the leaders listed below to take care of your own worries by getting a Stephen Minister.

If you're worrying about failing resolutions and the reasons they don't work, you may need some chats with a Stephen Minister. Let's spend time meeting together to discuss your personal expectations or talk about problems you have in your life. We would love to help.

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There is an additional name under leaders. Pastor Erin has completed her training and has been commissioned at POP to be a Stephen Leader. It's so important having a pastor with this training. Also, great news is that Tom Pfeiffer begins his training for leadership this month. PLEASE take time to pray for him and the vital work he will do for our church. Take time to express your appreciation to him the next time you see him.



Early Childhood Programs at Prince of Peace

By Michelle Heberling

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of Christ. We had such a great time celebrating Christmas at preschool this year. We had classroom parties, Christmas science experiments, Christmas stories, Christmas crafts, a visit from Santa, a chapel visit with Pastor Erin, and a Christmas Program. Our families and staff enjoyed a time of rest & celebration over the break.

At the preschool, registration for the next school year will begin in January. We have classes for young 3s, 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and bridging. If you know a 2 ½ year old – 4 year old looking for a preschool, please send them our way. I would love to show them our fabulous program.

Children and Family Ministry News

by Karen Wagner

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Have you noticed the changes in the hallway outside the Worship Center? The Board of Youth has added a new area called PoP Playground. It is an area where the youngest in our midst can gather with additional accommodations during the worship service. As always, families are welcomed into the Worship Center. For your convenience, in the PoP Playground, there are supplemental activities for children and chairs for parents where you can still hear the service over the hallway speakers. The area is designed to engage young children while still being a part of the community. Check it out!



Meet the Youth of Prince of Peace

Luke A. McCoy

Luke is a 15-year-old freshman at Schaumburg High School, where his current favorite class is Biology. The teacher makes the class fun, and he teaches concepts really well. Luke is an amazing musician, and is part of the SHS Concert band, playing percussion; plays in the Pep Band; the Drum Line in Marching Band; is a member of Jazz Ensemble, playing electric guitar; and also in Jazz Lab, playing the drum kit. You may have also seen him on the drums with the Crossroads Band during our worship services, where he has been playing since 2021. Luke has played electric guitar in Crossroads as well. He has added so much energy to Crossroads and is admired and appreciated. When Luke was nine years old, he became an inaugural student at the School of Rock. Luke currently performs in their House Band on electric guitar - actually, on several electric guitars! The House Band gave an outstanding performance in last summer's Schaumburg Septemberfest. If Luke has any free time at all, he is playing music! Music is his social life.



Luke plays baseball, either as catcher or at second base. His family enjoys watching sports together, eating good food, traveling, and spending time together. The family is looking forward to visiting Disney World and cheering on the University of Illinois in the ReliaQuest Bowl in Tampa. Luke says that "Family is everything to me." Especially during Covid, Luke became even more grateful for his family. Luke will always enjoy hugging his mom and says he has learned a lot from his two older brothers. Luke counts his brothers as his closest friends.

Of course, Luke envisions a future in music. His first choice would be as a touring rock musician. Luke attended an exposition about colleges and music at Northwestern recently. There, he became interested in opportunities in music therapy and music education.

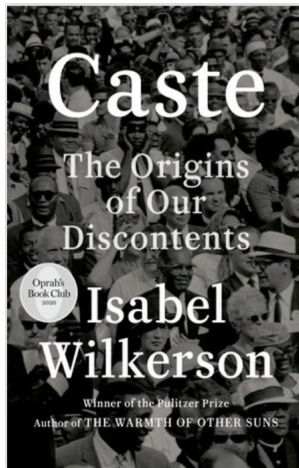
Luke feels that his time at Prince of Peace in youth activities and education has made him a better person. He has benefitted from working with a lot of different people through Crossroads and the church community. Luke is learning more about God and getting ready to confirm his faith in the spring.

Update on our Faith Community Partnership with Viator House of Hospitality



Thanks to all who contributed men's coats or funds to buy coats for the young men at VHH. Twenty-four winter coats were delivered to them on November 14th. A thank you note was received:

"Wow! With the temperature dropping, these winter coats will be put to good use Thank you for partnering with us as we accompany young, male immigrants in need of housing, case management, and supportive services. Many of them have fled persecution, violence, and unrest in their home countries and are in the process of seeking asylum. Because of generous people like you, since opening in January, 2017, more than 97 men from more than 23 nations have found success in school, work opportunities and relief from trauma, while building lives that will contribute to our nation."



Prince of Peace Book Club - January 27 @ 10AM

by Kathy Tweeten

Prince of Peace Book Club, January 27th, 2023

The book selection for the January 27th meeting is Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents written by Isabel Wilkerson. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10 AM on Friday January 27th.

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched, and beautifully written narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. It's an eye opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary

lives and of American life today.

Hope you enjoy this book and the discussion we'll have about it. Questions? Call Kathy Tweeten, 847-971-0192 or email at kathy@paperworkplus.org.



January Family Movie Event

Post holidays blahs? Looking for a fun family activity with some of your favorite people? Come join us for an afternoon movie, discussion, snacks, and gifts.



Walt Disney Animation Studios tells the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift from super strength to the power to heal – every child except one, Mirabel.

Join us and learn the role Mirabel plays!

Saturday, January 21, 2023, from 3-5 PM in the CLC of Prince of Peace.

All are welcome! Invite friends and neighbors.

PADS Update - January 2023

Journeys has opened their new building for staff only at this point. Early next year the shelter portion will open which will increase the capacity to accommodate a growing need for emergency shelter in the northwest suburbs. The year-round 24 hour comprehensive two- story facility will enable all clients to streamline their journey to stability by receiving on-site critical support services, shelter and permanent housing.



There are still 150 clients being housed in area hotels including an influx of families. Prince of Peace will continue to support them with healthy meal box food donations - look for sign-ups in the weekly emails sent out to the congregation.

Volunteer opportunities to serve at a PADS site this season are available at First Presbyterian of Arlington Heights which is a Tuesday night site and St. John's of Arlington Heights which is a Friday night site. There are currently sites open 6 out of 7 nights during the week with an average of 12 people staying in each shelter.

Please contact Bonnie Wagner at bbonsai@iCloud.com or 630-220-1034 for further information.

Souper Bowl of Caring - Stock a backpack with Food

Super Bowl Sunday is February 12th and this year our congregation will be collecting donations in two ways to support the annual Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. Sunday school children will be asked to bring in food donations for healthy lunches for the Hanover Township food pantry. The congregation will be collecting donations to support ELCA programs across the country. One program helps students at risk of hunger by discreetly stocking backpacks with a weekend's supply of food each Friday afternoon. Every \$10 can help stock a backpack! Look for more details in upcoming emails for food items to donate.

Let's join churches across the country utilizing the energy of Super Bowl Sunday to fight hunger in our local community.

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed



Thank everyone for all their contributions to the Food Pantry this last year. Your gifts are always welcomed with a big "Thank you" and smile of gratitude. We encourage you all to keep giving in this time of need at the holidays and beyond into the new year. Blessed Christmas to you all.

Holiday Baking

flour, sugar, salt
oil, shortening
vanilla extract, cinnamon
baking soda, baking powder
cake mix, frosting, brownie mix
pie shells, pie fillings
pudding
eggs, butter

hot cocoa
canned chicken, tuna, spam
toilet paper, paper towels, tissue
personal care items
baby food, baby wipes, diapers,
all sizes
pancake mix and syrup
peanut butter and jelly

Additional Needed Items

salad dressing, mayonnaise,
other condiments
canned peaches, apricots, pine-
apple, mandarin oranges
tomato sauce, tomato paste,
diced tomatoes
large canned soups, chili
Pasta Roni, Rice A Roni
Hamburger Helper



Second Saturday Date Night

January 14 @6:30pm

Cheers to 2023!! Prince of Peace couples are invited to join in a wine tasting event. Each couple will be asked to bring in bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. Details about where and a theme to come via email. Please let Jim and Jill Wilkins know if you are able to attend or would like to be included in emails with the details about this event or future Date Nights. JWilkinsx2@gmail.com or text Jill at 847-754-7657.



Looking ahead in worship:

Sunday, January 8

Pastor Jason Mohn from Exodus World Service will be preaching about Refugee Ministry at the 9:45 am Worship Service.

Also that morning, the Confirmation students will be introducing their service project collection of household items for a refugee family.

For information about Exodus World Service visit their website: [Home - Exodus World Service](#).

Save The Date:

**Deaf Ministry Fundraiser Event
at
Chicago Wolves game**

**Saturday April 1, 2023
7pm**

Rockford IceHogs
@ Chicago Wolves



Be on the lookout for ticket ordering information!
For any questions, please contact Nathan Zastoupil at zastman@hotmail.com.

Adult Learning Opportunities

(Meeting locations may change)

Passages Meetings have resumed on the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings of the month at 6:30 p.m. Contact Karen Wagner at wagner@princeofpeace.net for questions.

Touchstone will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in person, rm 213 at 7pm. We are studying Max Lucado-Ten Women of the Bible. Cherie Bachman- cbutterflie40@hotmail.com, text or call- 623-776-5969.

Men's Bible Study Group meets on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 213 and virtually via Zoom. For the Zoom link contact Tom Pfeifer at jets820@comcast.net.

Rebekah Circle - meets through Zoom, the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00PM. Please contact [Elaine Scholtes](#) or [Pam Johnson](#) for meeting information.

Please contact the church office at 847/885-7010 for more information.



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Upcoming Events

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services
5 PM Family
8:30 PM Music, 9 PM Service
December 25 - Christmas Day - 9:45 worship
January 1, 2023 - New Years Day - No worship
January 3, 2023 - Emil Pribula's 100th Bday!
January 29, 2023 - Mid-Year Congregational Meeting
April 23, 2023 - 65th Anniversary Event



Worship Schedule:

Sundays, 9:45am
Sunday School, 9:00 am (in person only)
Also available via Livestream on Facebook
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Services posted on our YouTube channel after Livestream:
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