

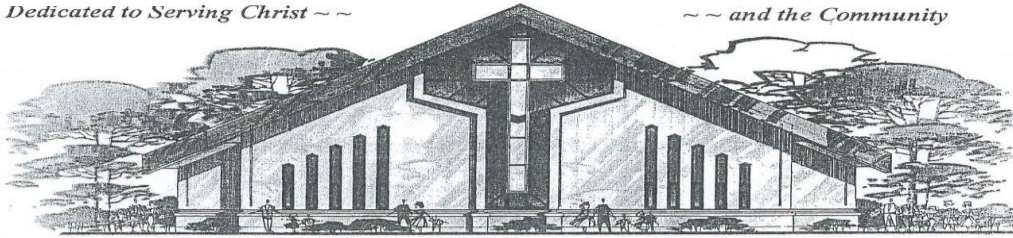
# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
4340 Six Mile Road  
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Child Care Center

*Dedicated to Serving Christ ~ ~*

*~ ~ and the Community*



**January 2024**

**NEWSLETTER**

## **“Let Your Light Shine in 2024”**

It's the small things that can make such a difference. A few weeks ago, I was reading a story in Reader's Digest. It was about this woman who had lost her husband to suicide. He had a stressful job and chronic back pain, but nobody saw it coming. She was suddenly left as a single mom with two boys, 6 and 8. She was devastated. As the months went by, she was then coming up on Christmas. She didn't want to face it without her Sam, but she knew she had to anyway.

Well, one night a few weeks before Christmas, the doorbell rang at her house. She goes to the door, but no one is there. All that was there was a gift on her front porch that read, “On the first day of Christmas.” When she opened it, it was everything they needed to make a gingerbread house. She was touched and wondered who would have given such a thoughtful gift.

She was quite surprised when her doorbell rang a second night. She went to the door to find another package all alone without its giver with the note, “On the second day of Christmas.”

With each proceeding day, another package would come. Her boys would try to catch the person in the act, but was always unsuccessful. For twelve days, Charlotte and her boys were able to escape their grief and pain in the moments of those gifts all because of the goodness of another.

As Charlotte wrote, “In those dark days of intense grief, somebody was shining a light our way with a simple, but powerful message: ‘You are seen. You are loved’.”

It was a story that truly touched me. Simple acts of kindness, yet they left a profound impact. As we begin another New Year, may we as Christ's church continue to look for simple ways to show people that they are seen and they are loved. They may be simple acts of kindness to us, but they may just leave a powerful impact on someone's life. It is our way of shining the light of Christ into the darkness of people's lives.

As Jesus said, **“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise Your Father in heaven.”** Charlotte didn’t know who gave that light, but she felt its warmth.

Just like, last night, my wife and family went to see Dianne our organist in the hospital. We sang some Christmas carols for her and she so appreciated it as she tried to sing along with us. I also know she has so appreciated all the love you have sent her in cards and gifts and well-wishes. I have to believe it is helping her through these dark days of recovery. She too has felt the light of Christ through you.

Therefore, let us keep shining our lights brightly for Jesus this New Year because we know it can be the little things that can make a big difference in people’s lives. Amen.

Blessed New Year!  
*Pastor Chris*

**The office will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Confirmation

### NEW ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, I am beginning a new Adult Confirmation Class for all interested in a confirmation review or in membership at our church. The class will go from 6-7:30 pm with times potentially flexible for the group.

	<u>Worshipped</u>		<u>Communed</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
December 3	202	142	142	87	8198	8180
December 10	157	112	87	76	6614	7119
December 17	197	142	147	90	7342	5011
December 24	112	94	93	64	12,298	2923
December 31		0		0		0
Averages	197	123	138	79	6801	5808



# Prince of Peace Youth Group

## Scrip –Youth Group Fundraiser:

**Gift Card Order due January 21<sup>st</sup>** - Use for Valentine Day Gifts or pay

for everyday expenses, AND help our church's youth at

the same time. Available cards include Kohls, Target, Walmart,

Best Buy, Office Depot, Amazon, Home Depot, Menards,

Pick N Save, Festival, Walgreens, Kwik Trip, BP, Speedway, Panera, Starbucks, and more.

Pre-paid orders **are due by Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** to get cards the following week. Order forms are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Janke, 262-880-6207 or [gmaiorana@aol.com](mailto:gmaiorana@aol.com).



MONTH (UPCOMING HOLIDAY)	Order by (Sunday noon):	Cards Available by:
<b>JANUARY</b> (VALENTINE'S DAY)	<b>1/21</b>	<b>1/26</b>



Junior Confirmation Classes will start  
on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## Sledding at “the Rock” in Franklin

We are hoping to do a Youth group outing sledding at the Rock in Franklin. Dates and Details will be coming in text and email.

## **Bible Study Opportunities**



**Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Offered both in-person and online through Zoom at 10:30a.m. The link is sent in email. Studying the topic “Who Really is Israel?”

**Tuesday Morning Bible Class:** Meets at church. Studying 2 Thessalonians. Will resume January 9th.

**Wednesday Women’s Bible Study:** Women’s regular Bible study is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Tracie Ratz’ house. They are studying the book “God is my Hiding Place.” Call Tracie at 262-498-0377 for details.

**Friday Men’s Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. every Friday at Prince of Peace. We are studying the book of Hebrews.

**Saturday W.O.W (Women of Worth) Gathering:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Their gatherings consist of a devotion/study, food, and an activity/craft.

**Saturday Men’s Breakfast Bible Study:** Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. Studying a video series called, “The Great Deceiver”. Next Study is January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday Bible Study for College/Post-College Age:**

Led by Joe Herron. They are examining the book “5 Things You Can Do to Witness Christ.” Contact Joe at 262-744-2730 if interested. Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

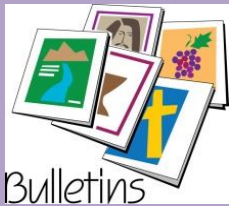


## Cornhole League Night

The Board of Fellowship is hoping to have a fun night of Cornhole at the church. It will begin **on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:15 pm.** If you are interested, the sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

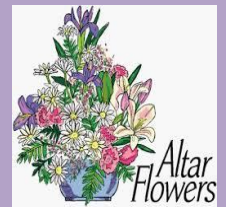
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our annual church planning meeting. This involves all board and council members and whoever else would like to attend. We are also hoping to have Pastor Nathan Meador, the Mission Executive from the South Wisconsin District join us that night. We will look to **start at 5:30 pm.** Bring some food to share.



## Donation of Bulletins

Starting with the New Year, the price of bulletins will increase to \$16.00 per week. Flowers will remain the same price at \$25.00/bouquet.



## THE GIVING TREE

We would like to give members an opportunity to continue making improvements to the church that started with the new flooring and the Lucy Library. The Giving Tree is where new projects will be posted with a description of what POP wants to accomplish, what is needed, and estimated costs. Some projects will be broken down to individual components so they can be completed as funds are available. Some will take multiple individuals to accomplish. You chose what you would like to support, how much, and how often. Please fill out an envelope for the project with your name, number, and amount of contribution. You can place the envelope in the offering box. Most of the projects will need some volunteers so include that on the envelope. Envelopes are located under the Giving Tree, on the glass pane, next to the information center. If you would like additional information please contact Liz Slamka. Thank you!





## WOMEN OF WORTH LADIES FELLOWSHIP NEWS



WOW picks back up on **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** WOW monthly gatherings are for ALL women of the church.

We would love for you to join us for the wonderful food and fellowship that we enjoy. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting Erika Skuhra at 262-818-3675, Corinne Lockie at 262-383-1235, or Dana Johnson at 309-363-6031.

## CARING HEARTS MINISTRY



The Caring Hearts Ministry will be meeting during Sunday School on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.**

Caring Hearts is part of the Stephen Ministry program here at Prince of Peace. This program is open to all women who may need another woman to talk with. If anyone has any questions, please contact Tracie Ratz at 262-681-2987.

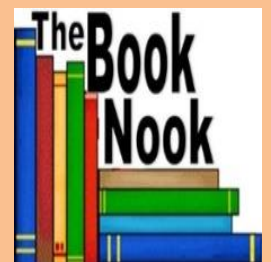
## BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



**We are looking for book donations for the updated library. Any appropriate books such as devotions or history would be appreciated.**

## PRINCE OF PEACE BOOK NOOK

Do you love to read, and have books that you would like to recycle? Please drop them off for others to enjoy! All appropriate books are welcome. If you see a book you would like to read, we ask for \$1.00 donation. All proceeds will be used for church repairs.



## HOLY COMMUNION FOOD NEEDS FOR JANUARY

For the month of January, the food pantry is asking for the following items.



Canned Peas  
Tomato Soup  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Bar Soap

Cereal  
Saltines



For about 8 years we have been putting devotional booklets on a table for our guests to take. During the first year, and ½ of the pandemic, we noticed more of the booklets were being taken. That leads us to believe that people are spiritually hungry as well. We have now started putting our Bibles and children's Bible storybooks out but we cannot keep up with demand. So, we need your help. The books don't have to be new. Gently used books are fine. Stories for all ages of children would be appreciated.

Thank you for all you do to support the pantry and to help feed the hungry in our community!

## AMAZING GRAYS SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Senior luncheons will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month thru May 2024.

The schedule is as follows:

Luncheons at Raymond Community Church (8217 West 6 Mild Road, Franksville) are scheduled for January, March, and May.

Luncheons at North Cape Lutheran Church (2644 Raynor Avenue, Franksville) will host the luncheons in December, February, and April.

Entertainment will begin at 11:00 am and the meal will be served at noon.

There is no cost, but a freewill offering is accepted and all area seniors are welcome.



# Preschool & Childcare



## January News from Child Care



### THANK YOU!

For your generosity, cookies, and support!  
We raised over \$7,000 from the Cookie Walk and Silent Auction. Also, 25 pairs of pajamas were collected during our December pajama drive and given to the HALO homeless shelter.

### SINGING IN CHURCH

Preschool and child care children are invited to share their Jesus songs on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am Sunday Service. Family and friends are all invited to attend this special service of music and praise.



### CALENDAR

Please take careful note of the special days and days closed on the Center calendar. Also, note that holiday breaks may be slightly different than Racine Unified's although we try to follow their schedule fairly closely.

**SNOW DAYS** – During the coming months of winter, we may close school due to the snowy or cold weather. To find out if we will be closed, listen to the radio or watch the news. If Racine Unified School District has called off school **due to weather** – we will automatically be closed as well.



We are now enrolling 3K (currently full), 4K and childcare for the 2023-2024 school year. If interested, contact Carla Abel by phone at 262-639-1277 or email at [poppssc.racine@gmail.com](mailto:poppssc.racine@gmail.com)







RACINE  
LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL

**OPEN HOUSE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29 5PM - 7PM**  
**251 Luedtke Ave.**

**Drop in event - no registration needed!**

## January Birthdays

- 1 Ron Howe
- 2 Cheryl Neff
- 4 Shirley Povkovich
- 5 David Janke
- 5 Penny Koepler
- 5 Jeff Lambrecht
- 6 Larry Harris
- 8 Dale Singstock
- 9 Annabelle Brissey
- 9 Mikayla Mills
- 10 Tracie Ratz
- 10 Erika Skuhra
- 11 Lochlann Laird
- 12 Colplen Kilb
- 13 Patricia Filkins
- 13 Deborah Paget
- 15 Laura Milton
- 16 Katelyn Shipler
- 17 Jennifer Ludvigsen
- 18 Nick Filkins
- 18 Sheri Harris
- 19 Barb Matz
- 19 Larry Winterle
- 20 Daniel Hay
- 21 Betty Kulas
- 24 Jerry Engwis
- 26 Easton Charpentier
- 27 Nathan Abel
- 27 Kevin Rydzik
- 28 Andrew Mahnke
- 29 Tom Guziewicz
- 30 Riley Durik
- 30 Veronica Durik
- 30 Kennedy Pittsley
- 31 Barbara Burgess
- 31 Alexander Haake



## January Anniversaries

- 4 Michael & Katie Leiber
- 6 Joe & Patricia Herron
- 8 Darin & Angela Arndt
- 21 Greg & Colleen Otto
- 30 Bill & Sue Wolff

**\*\*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office.**

# **Lutherans For Life**

## **January 7 – Epiphany I/Baptism of Our Lord**

Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 1:3). This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so (Psalm 29:7-8). Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father's favor (Mark 1:11)!

## **January 14 – Epiphany II**

Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with uncertainty. But the Lord our God knows both our worries (Psalm 139:4) and the best way forward. He has already seen (John 1:48) what it will take to save, and He has still chosen life for all humankind, even when we behold only darkness and despair. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.

## **January 21 – Epiphany III**

The size of a people (as in the case of Nineveh, Jonah 3:3-4) makes no difference to their worth. Nor does the height of an individual's status (so says the Psalmist, Psalm 62:9) affect his or her sanctity. The life-giving grace of God measures according to His abundance rather than our scarcities of age, appearance, or ability. May we likewise direct gazes beyond abortion's and assisted suicide's shortsightedness (1 Corinthians 7:30-31).

## **January 28 – Epiphany IV**

Gospel-motivated voices have the privilege – and the responsibility – to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgment and condemnation (Deuteronomy 18:20). The Scriptures and the Savior have graciously made clear – with “shalls” and “shall-nots” – His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones (1 Corinthians 8:12).

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER**



## January 2024



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**1**

**Happy  
New Year!**

**Closed**

**2**

**Closed**

**3**

**6:00 pm  
Confirmation  
Class**

**4**

**6:30 pm  
Meeting to  
Interview**

**5**

**9:30 am  
Men's Bible  
Study**

**6**

**4:00 pm  
Worship/  
Communion**

**7**

**9:00 am  
Worship/Communion  
10:30-Bible Class/Sunday  
School hour**

**Welcome New Members**

**8**

**9**

**11:00-Bible  
Study**

**6:00 pm  
Adult  
Confirmation  
Class**

**10**

**6:00 pm  
Confirmation  
Class**

**6:00-7:15 pm  
Cornhole League**

**11**

**5:30 pm  
All Boards  
Meetings  
w/potluck**

**12**

**9:30 am  
Men's Bible  
Study**

**13**

**10:00 am  
WOW Meeting  
  
10:00 am-Post-High  
School Study**

**4:00 pm  
Worship/  
Communion**

**14**

**9:00 am  
Worship/Communion  
10:30-Bible Class/Sunday  
School hour**

**Baptism – Evelyn  
Gamble**

**15**

**16**

**11:00-Bible  
Study**

**6:00 pm  
Adult  
Confirmation  
Class**

**17**

**6:00 pm  
Confirmation  
Class**

**6:00-7:15 pm  
Cornhole League**

**18**

**19**

**9:30 am  
Men's Bible  
Study**

**20**

**8:00 am  
Men's Bible  
Breakfast**

**4:00 pm  
Worship/  
Communion**

**21**

**9:00 am  
Worship/Communion  
10:30-Bible Class/Sunday  
School hour**

**22**

**23**

**11:00-Bible  
Study**

**6:00 pm  
Adult  
Confirmation  
Class**

**24**

**6:00 pm  
Confirmation  
Class**

**6:00-7:15 pm  
Cornhole League**

**25**

**26**

**9:30 am  
Men's Bible  
Study**

**27**

**10:00 am-Post-High  
School Study**

**4:00 pm  
Worship/  
Communion**

**28**

**9:00 am  
Worship/Communion  
10:30-Bible Class/Sunday  
School hour**

**29**

**30**

**11:00-Bible  
Study**

**6:00 pm  
Adult  
Confirmation  
Class**

**31**

**6:00 pm  
Confirmation  
Class**

**6:00-7:15 pm  
Cornhole League**

**SCRIPT DUE  
ON 1/21**