

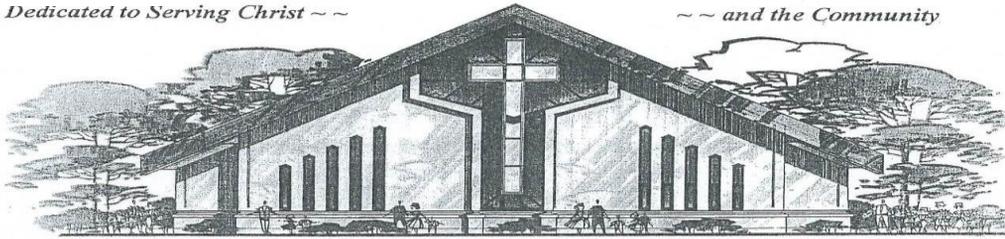
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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~ ~ and the Community



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NEWSLETTER

Are you ready for the new?

Are you ready for the new? Whether we like it or not, we turn the page on a new year, and with it comes a certain amount of hope. We hope for new blessings and joys. We hope for the leaving behind of the parts of the old year that were not so blessed and joyful. However, we all know with the turning of the page on another year, it doesn't automatically mean the unfortunate things associated with the previous year magically go away.

Unfortunately, we will still carry with us some of the hurts, fears and anxieties of 2021. We know the threat of illness isn't going away on January 1st. We know the tensions between political parties and ideologies isn't going away on January 1st. In many ways, it is just another day just with another year attached to it.

However, when the Lord says something will be new, He means it and that can give us hope in this and every year. In Isaiah 43, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, **"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ...for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people."**

Isaiah was looking ahead to what would come with the season we just celebrated and are still in: the season of Christmas. Isaiah was telling the people of Israel, who would be carrying the hurts, fears, and anxieties of their past into the future, that the Lord would be doing something new for them. Their hurts, fears, and anxieties from conquest by foreign powers and the upheaval it caused in their families, could be tempered with the joy and hope of the new the Lord was bringing. It would be the hope and joy found in the Savior. Jesus was "the new thing" God would be doing. He would come to provide for them "the living water" that would well up to eternal life. The water of the Spirit that could lead them to walk through the wilderness of this life with some hope.

He would provide for them the hope of living in a New Jerusalem that would be free from conquest and war, hurts and fears. It is the New Jerusalem we see in Revelation. It is us as Christ's church coming down out of heaven from God beautifully adorned for her husband, Jesus. Israel was promised the new thing of having the chance to become Jesus' church and living in His "new thing" that promised everlasting peace and forever joy. It also meant they would live in the hope of having a Savior, who said to them this through Isaiah.

"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off", fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:9-10).

We live in the days of that promise fulfilled. God has done His new thing for Israel and for us in Jesus. So embrace the "new" of this New Year, knowing who goes with you into it. Your Savior Jesus who says, "fear not, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God." Now that is hope. That is something to rejoice in. That is something to look forward to in another New Year. Amen.

Pastor Chris Lockie

Our Worship & Our Gifts to the Lord

***"Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary
I am the Lord."***

Leviticus 19:30

Worshipped

Communed

Offerings

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Dec. 5	147	115	121	102	9795	8490
Dec. 12	136	109	113	88	6396	5748
Dec. 19	141	111	114	87	5954	6715
Dec. 26	139	119	107	101	11512	3576
Averages	140	113	113	94	8414	6132

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Class: We are continuing to study Revelation. It will be offered both in-person and online through Zoom. The link will be sent in email.

11:00 Tuesday Morning Bible Class: We will be studying the Gospel from the previous Sunday.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study: to be held every third Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. We will be continuing the study on "Warriors of the Bible". Please join us for breakfast, fellowship, and of course a bible study.

Weekly Men's Bible Study: to be held every Friday at Prince of Peace at 7:00 am. We are studying the book of Mark.

New Bible Study Opportunity: Joe Herron is starting a new Bible study on "Prayer" beginning in January. It will go from 6 to 8 weeks. If you are interested, sign-up at the Welcome Center or call Joe at 262-902-7817. Day and time will be determined by the group interest.

Preschool & Childcare



School for December came and went so fast - as things often do when you're having a blast! But there was no shortage of Christmas glee and plenty of learning to go with it! Along with the many December songs, projects, and activities this month, our classroom centers have played a vital role in our learning, discovery, and creativity.

A special star in the sky was an important part of the night Jesus was born and it was an important part of our 3K class as they shared and discussed their own special stars. All classes learned that a star is an important reminder that God ALWAYS keeps His promises!

The 4K class used their imaginations as we took a train ride to the North Pole and had some fun surprises during our Polar Express Day. Both classes especially enjoyed and spent a lot of time on our surprise gifts for our parents!

"A Savior is to be born!" These miraculous words set the tone for Jesus time this month. Through God's awesome Word, several objet-lesson devotions, songs and prayers, we learned about the special secret the angel told Mary, the events of the remarkable night our Savior, Jesus, was born, and about some shepherds that got a big surprise that very same night! This got us very excited for Christmas, because Jesus' birthday is a wonderful reason to celebrate!

Jesus Time

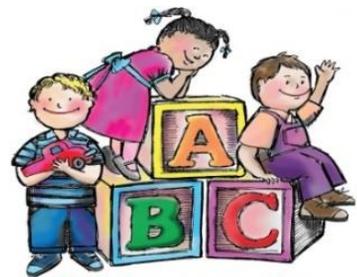
Encourage your child to keep the Bible story pictures in the JESUS BOOK brought home from preschool.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it"

Proverbs 22:6

THIS & THAT

Watch for upcoming events



LADIES NEEDED FOR ALTAR GUILD



Over the 2021 year, we lost 3 members of our Altar Guild. We need to fill these spots (one before February). It is an easy way to serve our church.

You would serve every fifth month setting up and taking down communion ware with a partner. If for some reason you can not serve a week during your month, the other members of the Altar Guild are always willing to help. If this is something that sounds of interest to you, please call the church office at 262-639-1277.

Women's Craft Opportunity

Calling all who quilt or want to learn!

A new ministry is being proposed to provide quilts to local agencies who provide support for those needing assistance. The ministry would begin by providing crib size quilts for Mothers to be and distributed by a local agency who provides prenatal testing and education.

It's been suggested that POP have a women's fellowship group that could include knitting, crochet and quilting.

Times would be monthly or bi-weekly as interest dictates. If this is of interest, please email patschroer@gmail.com or call (334)-559-0387.



NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY

On Saturday morning February 12th, the Board of Education is starting up a new women's fellowship opportunity. It will be for all ages of women in the congregation, Their vision is to have a devotion/Bible study, an activity, food, and just the chance for the women of Prince of Peace to gather. More information will follow, but if you are interested in this New ministry, sign up at the Welcome Center.



NEW ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Pastor is offering a new adult confirmation class that leads to membership in our church. If interested please talk to Pastor Chris or call him at (262)-977-5077

Scrip –Youth Group Fundraiser:

Need gift cards for groceries, pharmacy, gas, restaurants, or easy gifts? Order by February 6th to get cards the following week. Some of stores available include Piggly Wiggly, Pick N Save, Festival, Walgreens, Kwik Trip, BP, Speedway, Olive Garden, Panera, Starbucks, Best Buy, Office Depot, Target, Kohls. Many other stores and services available For orders and questions, contact Gina Janke, 262-880-6207 or gmaiorana@aol.com

Anyone Interested in Playing Basketball?

Pastor is gaging who might be interested in playing basketball as a fellowship gathering on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm.
If you are interested, contact Pastor Chris at 262-977-5077.



CORNHOLE LEAGUE

There will be a cornhole league starting on Wednesday January 12th at 6:30 pm. The league will run 7 weeks 3 games per week, 2 people per game, 4 members per team.

If you are interested, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



**SPECIAL
THANKS**

A special thank-you to all who donated books in 2021. We began in August and are continuing throughout the year and made over \$200.00 going towards our roof fund.

We are low on books. Please consider donating used cookbooks, books and magazines to keep our mission going in 2022.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are out on the tables just off the Narthex.
Please remember to take yours next time yours next time you attend church.

Thank-you!



2022 CHURCH PLANNING MEETING ALL ARE INVITED

On Thursday, January 13th we are going to have our annual church planning meeting in our Fellowship Hall. It will begin at 6:00 pm and we encourage those who come to bring a snack item or desert to share. (we are going to have a full meal with this meeting). We invite anyone from the congregation to attend, but we especially would like board and council members to attend that night. Thank-you!

Pastor Chris

New Member Meal

On Sunday, January 23rd at 5:00 pm, we will be hosing a meal for all the recent New Members of our church. If you are a recent new member, please mark your calendars. For ALL church members, we invite you to attend and meet our recent new members to Prince of Peace.

FOOD BANK JANUARY NEEDS:

bar soap, canned peas and carrots, side dishes, tuna, saltines, snack bars, pork and beans.

A special thanks to those who helped provide a blessed Thanksgiving for all our clients. We were able to serve 106 families a Thanksgiving meal because of your support.

2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar is up and ready to be filled.

There is room for two bouquets per week. The cost has not changed (but I will pass it along if it does). It remains \$25.00 **PER** bouquet.

Please make sure you mark if you are sponsoring one or two bouquets and the reason for sponsoring the flowers.

The bulletin sponsor sheet is also up. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$12.00 per week.



January Birthdays

- 1 Ron Howe
- 4 Shirley Povkovich
- 4 Nicole Riemer
- 5 Dave Janke
- 5 Penny Koeppler
- 6 Larry Harris
- 8 Dale Singstock
- 9 Annabelle Brissey
- 10 Tracie Ratz
- 10 Erika Skuhra
- 12 Colplen Kilb
- 13 Deb Paget
- 15 Laura Milton
- 17 Jennifer Ludvigsen
- 18 Sheri Harris
- 19 Barb Matz
- 19 Larry Winterle
- 20 Daniel Hay
- 21 Betty Kulas
- 24 Jerry Engwis
- 27 Nathan Abel
- 27 Kevin Rydzik
- 28 Andrew Mahnke
- 28 Bennet Warren
- 29 Tom Guziewicz
- 30 Kennedy Pittsley
- 31 Alexander Haake



January Anniversaries

- 4 Mike & Katie Leiber
- 6 Joe & Pat Herron
- 21 Greg & Colleen Otto
- 30 Sue & Bill Wolff

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

Lutherans For Life

January 2 – Christmas II

King Solomon acknowledged depending upon God like a little child. The Lord recognized it as wisdom and multiplied it (1 Kings 3:7, 10). Only Jesus sanctifying childhood by experiencing it Himself represents greater wisdom (Luke 2:40, 52). He extends this grace to gestating as an embryo – and finds favor with God for it. How delightfully Christian to treasure all little ones!

January 9 – Epiphany I/Baptism of Our Lord

The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth (Psalm 29:9). And does not His Word likewise will the conception of every child (Genesis 30:22)? He creates, redeems, and calls each one (Isaiah 43:1) even more precious than the other creatures. His incarnate Son displays His desire to claim every human life as His beloved son or daughter (Luke 3:22). That includes you, me, and all other neighbors!

January 16 – Epiphany II

God chose humankind in Christ Jesus. God chose you with the celebration of a wedding (John 2:11). God chose you with the love a husband has for his bride (Isaiah 62:4-5). God chose you and all offspring of Adam and Eve (Psalm 128:3). God chose you and every variety of human being, chose us into existence, chose us with forgiveness, chose us for making a difference (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

January 23 – Epiphany III

Did Nehemiah's people weep for gladness or grief at the Word of the Lord (8:9)? Were they ashamed or excited to hear how He values even the seemingly weakest among us (1 Corinthians 12:22)? Did they resist or insist on acclaiming and proclaiming His favor unto people of whatever abilities or impairments (Luke 4:18-19)? Will we let these gracious words of good news fall silent before the altars of abortion and assisted suicide?

January 30 – Epiphany IV

Physician-assisted suicide prizes autonomy. Abortion prioritizes “my body, my choice.” But Christlike love “endures all things” and “does not insist on its own way” (1 Corinthians 13:5, 7). Only this love, which speaks truth, shows hope, and shares joy, can unshackle hearts from the demonic deception of using death as a solution (Luke 4:35). The Gospel love of Him who knows all before any are born (Jeremiah 1:5) changes minds and saves lives.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
2 Worship/Communion 9:00 am 10:00 Family Education Hour	3	4 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	5 6:30 Confirmation	6 6-6:30 Board Meetings	7 7:00 Men's Bible Study	8 Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
9 Worship/Communion 9:00 am 10:00 Family Education Hour	10 9:00 Hosting Circuit Gathering	11 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	12 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Cornhole League	13 6:00 Planning Meeting	14 7:00 Men's Bible Study	15 8:00 Men's Bible Breakfast Worship/Communion 4:00 pm
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REMEMBER MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST RESUMES

On Saturday , January 15th, the 3rd Saturday of the month. It is held at 8:00 am.

It includes breakfast foods and Bible study. We are still covering the topic, "Warriors of the bible".

Just show up if you would like to participate.

