



Tidings

Prince of Lutheran Church
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January 2024

LONG RANGE PLANNING RETREAT

The Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting weekly since September and have now set dates for an entire congregation retreat. They need everyone's input on determining our strengths, weaknesses and developing a plan for the next five years for Prince of Peace. **It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Prince of Peace on Friday, January 12, 2023 6:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday, January 13, 2024 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.** Food will be provided. The retreat is based on Kennon L. Callahan's book: Twelve Keys to an Effective Church: Strong, Healthy Congregations Living in the Grace of God. Mark your calendars and prayerfully consider attending. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If questions, contact one of the committee members: Pastor Carl, Dave Jahnke, Bill Hake, Gail Ernst, Herb Peterson or Sue Wilford.

JANUARY 2024 NOISY OFFERINGS FOR "CONNECTING GROUNDS CHURCH"



Noisy Offerings January 6 & 7, 2024 will go towards Connecting Grounds Church provide clothing, meals and support to families in need, as well as the homeless. They also have counseling services to help unify families. They have weekly church services where everyone is welcome and are currently raising funds to build temporary shelters for the homeless.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH ADVENT
& CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES!**



About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with approximately 4.5 million members in more than 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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Council Meeting Minutes are attached on the bulletin board located outside the church library and are available for all members to review. *denotes a non-council, team leader

WORSHIP WITH US

**Saturday Evening Worship Service
at 5 pm with Holy Communion**

(casual, praise music)

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 am
with Holy Communion**

(Traditional)

Welcome to the Table of Our Lord!



We welcome all baptized Christians to the table of our Lord who come seeking reconciliation and restoration, with God and with the people of God, through the assurance of Jesus' real presence with us in the sacrament. Adults and children who have not yet been instructed in the sacrament are welcome to receive a blessing. Since we seek to include everyone in this holy meal we offer: the Host in the form of gluten free bread. Red wine or grape juice, is presented in individual cups to protect health.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

1. Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service;
2. Mail offerings to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810;
3. Give electronically by downloading the "VANCO MOBILE" app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; select Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO and give at your convenience;
4. Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom where you will see the opportunity to give online;
5. Scan the QR code. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the "VANCO MOBILE" app



Remember to check the voice mail message on the church phone (417-881-0833) and/or facebook or the church webpage (pop-elca.net) when inclement weather could impact worship services or events planned at the church



SOME PICTURES FROM THE KIDS
CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD DECEMBER 15!



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night Bible Study will resume in January with a study on the Book of Acts. We will meet on Mondays, starting on January 8th in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will be using a Navigators Life Change series Study Guide. The books have been ordered, have arrived and are in the workroom. A donation of \$10.39 per book is appreciated-please note on the donation "Monday Night Bible Study" so the tellers will know where to apply the donation. From the publisher: *"After Jesus left His followers with a mission, the Spirit of God moved mightily through them to fulfill it...Discover the exciting and challenging first few years of the church, the things we have in common with them today, and how that applies to our faith in the modern-day church."* Tracy Richter

<https://www.navpress.com/p/acts/9780891091127>

BRRRRR! COLD WEATHER IS ON THE WAY!

If you have coats that you no longer want, please take them to any Glo Cleaners. They will clean them free of charge & they will deliver them to Council of Churches who will give them to children and adults who need to not be cold this winter! (They cannot handle leather. If you have a leather coat that doesn't need any cleaning, you may take it directly to Council of Churches – or leave it at church for Gayle Bell to take to the Council.) Any questions please contact Gayle Bell at 417-268-8563.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please check your mail slot about mid December for 2024 Offering Envelopes, unless you give regularly electronically or use your bank's online bill pay option. Thanks!

DECEMBER NOISY OFFERINGS

Thanks to all who contributed to Season of Sharing. We adopted 7 children from LFCS plus we collected \$310.00 in gift cards for children who were not adopted.

SEWING & CRAFT DAY AT THE CHURCH

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until ? in the Fellowship Hall. We also enjoy a sack lunch together around noon. Join us and bring a sack lunch with you!

. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Adult Sunday School resumes Sunday, January 7 at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children resumes Sunday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m. in "Dani's Room"

A THANK YOU TO POP

Thank you for the noisy offerings donation to Eden Village. Your support of our mission helps us pursue our dream of making Springfield a city where no one sleeps outside.

Blessings,
David and Linda Brown
Co-Founders



SERVANTS OF THE LORD

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes. Thanks! *Patty Killian*

Saturday	December 30	January 6	January 12	January 20	January 27
Acolyte	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Lauren Jackson	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday	December 31	January 7	January 13	January 21	January 28
Acolyte	Bella Guillen	Elijah Otzelberger	Oliver Kavanagh	Lila Teaster	Bella Guillen
Worship Assistant	Gail Ernst	Julie Karlson	Brett Onstott	Nyssa Brockhoff	Caroline Wake
Greeter	Kathy Corwin	Jim & Carol Kerns	Ken & Leania Carter	Mark & Pam Duneman	Patricia Van Aken
Usher	Bill Ernst	Joel Karlson	Herb Peterson	Bill Ernst	Ross Jahn
Hosts	Diane Washburn & Caroline Wake	Jan Gauck & Jessica Stelford	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Sue Stelford & Sue Wilford	Greg Verheyen & Jackie Higgins
Musician	Donna Mohr	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Tellers	Kathy Corwin & Gail Ernst	Susan Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ricky Wallenburg	January 5
Tracy Richter	January 8
Jim Smith	January 8
Per-Niklas Brinck	January 9
Cheyenne Wallenburg	January 9
Grant Higgins	January 9
Emberly Kolie	January 10
Millie Burt	January 13
Avilene Reece	January 13
Paul Winther	January 13
Desiree Flood	January 14
Dr. Brad Messner	January 15
Lesa Campbell	January 17
Jeannie Taylor	January 18
Jenny Mattison	January 21
Kelly Miller	January 23
Bill Ernst	January 23
Brandon Winther	January 24
Gabe Derr	January 25
Patti Moore	January 31

CARE RIDES

Need a ride to church, church events, doctor appointments, picking up medication, and/or grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help! We do need sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you need this service or want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. *Thank you and God's Blessings, Congregational Care Team*

January 2024 Daily Devotions

Thoughts to Ponder by

Pastor Larry L. Sydow, Retired

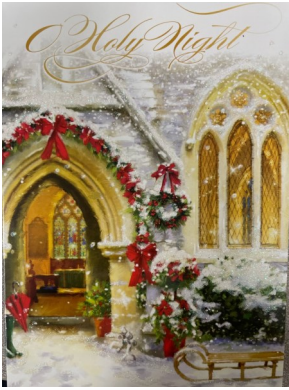
larry.sydow@gmail.com

Prayers by Pastor Bruce Freeman, Hospice Chaplain

bruce259@msn.com

Retired and former POP Pastor Larry Sydow emails the church the devotionals each month. You can pick up a printed copy of the Devotional booklets on the credenza facing the stairwell in the church narthex.

A Christmas card from Pastor Larry and Sue Sydow received in the church office:



O Holy Night...

*Wishing you peace in your heart and joy in
your world now and always.*

Have a blessed holiday

Dear Family and Friends,

It's Advent! And we're getting ready to celebrate Jesus' birth once again. With the choirs of angels, we rejoice.

2023 was busy, fun, and sometimes surprising. Walk down memory lane with us.

CELEBRATIONS

55th anniversary for us

80th birthday for Sue

TRIPS

We took several trips visiting the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Scotland, and Ireland, (where some of Sue's ancestors came from), with trips in the US to Iowa for a wedding, and Seattle to see our kids.

LARRY

Larry's working again! One would think retirement is retirement. God has different ideas, so Larry is back preaching at our church since our pastor moved on. He still finds time to be on the Jazz Festival board as chaplain and now also as secretary. And he still square dances with Sue.

SUE

After seven years, she finally finished a hand-appliqued and hand-quilted quilt with 3,203 flowers. She's still the church financial secretary, and treasurer for the quilters guild. Come Thursday mornings, you can find her line-dancing.

KIDS

Dane sold his house and bought an old newspaper office in Montesano, WA. It will be interesting to see what he does with it.

Dan and Amy along with Fiona (11) and Logan (7) still live in Seattle and doing well. Logan will celebrate his first communion in May, so we'll be going to that.

THE FUTURE

We have trips lined up for Norway and Mexico, and Seattle for 2024.

As God leads, we will follow, so we don't really know what exciting things He has in store for us. Guess we'll just have to wait and find out.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Larry & Sue Sydow

JANUARY EVENTS AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday, January 1		New Year's Day Observance – church office closed
Tuesday, January 2	7:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting (<i>ZOOM</i>)
Wednesday, January 3	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)
Saturday, January 6	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in their workroom
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, January 7	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
Monday, January 8	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Tuesday, January 9	6:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting (<i>Library</i>)
	6:30 pm	<i>G.R.O.O.V.E. Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</i>
Wednesday, January 10	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)
Thursday, January 11	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the Church (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Friday, January 12	6:00 pm	Long Range Planning Committee RETREAT! (<i>until 9 pm-Fellowship Hall</i>)
Saturday, January 13	8:30 am	Long Range Planning Committee RETREAT! (<i>until 3:00 pm-Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in their workroom
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, January 14	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
Monday, January 15	February	Tidings submissions due in the church office today
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Wednesday, January 17	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)
Thursday, January 18	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Saturday, January 20	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in their workroom
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, January 21	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
	6:00 pm	<i>Ozarks Antique Automobile Club (Fellowship Hall until 8:30 pm)</i>
Monday, January 22	6:00 pm	Ozarks Gem & Mineral Society Club Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)
Wednesday, January 24	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)
Thursday, January 25	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the Church (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Saturday, January 27	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in their workroom
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, January 28	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
Monday, January 29	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Wednesday, January 31	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>)





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