



# Tidings

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**February 2024**



## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

An Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held February 14 at 7 pm. Join us each Wednesday in Lent (*except March 27*) for worship at 7 pm and pre-worship service meals at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet to help set-up and/or clean up and/or bring food will be posted in the narthex soon.

## CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING EVENT HELD JANUARY 26 & 27

The Congregational Planning Event was held Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27 in the church Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who attended; thank you to the Long Range Planning Committee; thank you to Paula and Kathy of Fellowship who provided exceptionally wonderful meals during the event; thank you to all who helped set-up for the event and clean-up afterwards and thank you to Pastor Carl! A sign is currently situated in the narthex with the following five key areas identified during the event that our congregation will be focused on over the next five years.

FIVE KEY AREAS IDENTIFIED  
AT THE LONG-RANGE EVENT TO  
BE FOCUSED ON OVER NEXT 5 YRS.

1. CORPORATE, DYNAMIC WORSHIP
2. SIGNIFICANT RELATIONAL GROUPS
3. HIGH VISIBILITY
4. PASTORAL AND LAY VISITATION
5. SEVERAL COMPETENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastor Carl shared Sunday, January 28 during announcements: *"The Committee will put together a priority and a diagram of what we will be doing first. All in all I thought it was a great meeting! One of the things that we showed is that most healthy congregations will have about five keys in which they do very well and we have nine! So we are up in the stratosphere now in terms of healthiness! Now all we have to do is complete the goals, bring more people in and we'll really kick off! Thank you to all those who attended, I thank the committee who worked on it and we look forward to putting those things into action!"*

**LET THE HOLY SPIRIT  
LIGHT OUR PATH TO THE FUTURE**

## 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



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## PROTEIN DRIVE-40 DAYS OF LENT

We will be collecting foods high in protein for Least of These through out Lent and ending at Easter. Collections will be in the “Cry Room” on the upper level. Foods high in protein are:

- Canned tuna and salmon
- Dried beans
- Peanut Butter
- Mac and cheese
- Nuts
- Must be non-perishable

## COATS FOR COLD WEATHER

If you have coats that you no longer want, please take them to any Glo Cleaners. They will clean them free of charge and 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.

## SEWING & CRAFT DAY AT THE CHURCH

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until approximately 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Leania Carter coordinates the group. We assemble in the Fellowship Hall with our respective craft projects and also work on community outreach projects. (*i.e. bibs and blankets for Newborns in Needs, etc.*) We enjoy a devotional at our mid morning coffee and snack break as well as enjoy a sack lunch together around noon. Even if you do not have a craft project to bring along, join us for fellowship!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us 8:15 am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall as we delve into the old “Davey and Goliath” show. Our Adult Class will spend six weeks from February 11 through March 17 studying and learning from this class show. *Dave Jahnke, POP Learning Ministries*



## CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in “Dani’s Room.”

## WHAT IS PERICOPE?

“Pericope” at Prince of Peace is a group that meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 am via ZOOM to read over the scripture *lessons together for the next weekend’s worship services.* (*The group generally works a week in advance*). The group also selects hymns that are appropriate with the scripture selections to be included. If you would like to join the group, please contact Gail Ernst, Gayle Bell and/or Peggy McCabe or call the church office at 417-881-0833.

## 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*



## NOISY OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2024

### SAFE TO SLEEP



- Has been a safe space for over 1,000 women since October 2011
- Snacks, dinner and breakfast are provided
- Two volunteers are on duty all night
- Hosted by Pathways Methodist church/includes showers
- Women are provided cots, sleeping bags, and can get personal items if needed;
- Cash donation are utilized in area with greatest needs

### MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night Bible Study resumed January 29 with a study on the **Book of Acts**. We will meet Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will be using a Navigators Life Change series Study Guide. There is one book left in the workroom for retrieval. If you would like to join the group and need a book, please contact the church office and one will be ordered for you.

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### INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

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### 2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-up to give flowers during 2024! Please check the upper level hallway for the latest altar flower sign-up sheet. You have the choice of bringing your own flowers, or you can ask the church office to order flowers to be delivered to the church **for you for only \$25**. If you opt to bring your own flowers, please bring them and place them on the stand adjacent the altar before the Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5 pm. *Thanks!*

### CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE

Remember to check out the church calendar online for the most up to date information on what is happening here at Prince of Peace by visiting our church web page at [www.pop-elca.net](http://www.pop-elca.net)! Additionally, please remember to inform the church office when meeting dates are determined so the meetings can be added to the church calendar.

# 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	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Acolyte	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner
Worship Asst.	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis
Greeter	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Acolyte	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen	Lila Teaster	Oliver Kavanagh
Worship Assistant	Brandon Otzelberger	Gail Ernst	Julie Karlson	Dave Jahnke
Greeter	Kent & Leania Carter	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Patricia Van Aken	Sue Stelford
Usher	Bill Ernst	Joel Karlson	Mark Duneman	Barry Kilian
Hosts	Bill & Gail Ernst	Barry & Patty Killian	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Mark & Pam Duneman
Musician	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr	Katie Ernst	Donna Mohr
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Set Up	Leania Carter	Leania Carter	Leania Carter	Leania Carter
Tellers	Sue Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Gail Ernst & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

ASH WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 14
Acolyte/Worship Assistant	Volunteer needed
Greeter	Volunteer needed
Usher	Bill Ernst
Communion Set Up	Sue Stelford
Musician	Donna Mohr

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LISTINGS IN THE TIDINGS

Is your birthday and/or wedding anniversary listing missing in the Tidings newsletter? Please take a moment to notify the church office via email at [princeofpeaceelca@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeaceelca@gmail.com) or 417-881-0833 so that your information can be added to the church database as well as listed in the newsletter.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cecilia Reece	February 5
Marvelle Klint	February 6
Linda Los	February 8
Brandon Messner	February 9
Joan Bass	February 10
Sue Wilford	February 13
Jan Gauck	February 15
Dee Hamman	February 18
Sherry Jones	February 24
Donna Mohr	February 24
Nicole Moore DiBlasi	February 25
Owen Deepe	February 25
Garrett Hynek	February 26
Kinley Thompson	February 28

## February 2024 Daily Devotions

### *Thoughts to Ponder by*

Pastor Larry L. Sydow, Retired  
[larry.sydow@gmail.com](mailto:larry.sydow@gmail.com)

*Prayers by* Pastor Bruce Freeman, Hospice Chaplain  
[bruce259@msn.com](mailto: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.*

## Jail Book Ministry Update



Thank you all so much for your support through the years for the local county jail collections!! Originally Covid and then changes in rules at several jails to whom we had been sending items stopped our giving books to those places, however, **Good News!** 1) **Christian County Jail appreciatively accepted 3 boxfuls of word puzzle books and paperback books for its library. Thank you again!** 2) The team that ministers to several other jails will let us know if they can use our help again later on. **YOUR PRAYERS FOR INMATES, THEIR FAMILIES, DEAR ONES, AND VICTIMS ARE VITALLY NEEDED, AS ARE YOUR PRAYERS FOR ALL JAIL STAFF & THEIR FAMILIES AND DEAR ONES AS WELL.**

The following notes were included with the items for Christian County : To the inmates: **We hope you will enjoy the puzzle books & books given to your library. We want you to know that God and our congregation care about you! May we all walk together, as God's children - with Christ, who always seeks to transform brokenness into wholeness - and to give us His love, hope, renewal, guidance, and so much more - through His grace & love. We've asked our members to pray for you and your families. From Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield.** To the staff: **Many thanks to all the staff at the jail for the work you do. It's a difficult, vitally important job and you often don't get the thanks and appreciation you deserve. We have asked our members to pray for you and your families. God's blessings, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield. Outreach Team**

*If you have questions or comments please call Gayle Bell*

## POP FOOD PANTRY

A reminder POP has a Food Pantry located in the lower level of the building. The pantry is located in the cabinets in the last classroom on the right before you exit to the lower level parking lot. Bags are located on the wooden table and basic pantry items are included. If you would like to donate to the pantry, you can leave your donations in the same room on the table, or in the cry room on the table. Diane Washburn and Kathy Corwin routinely go through the donations within the pantry and remove items that have aged and slipped out of date. *Outreach Team*

## ELEVATOR

An additional reminder POP has an elevator located on the north end of the building, with an emergency phone which dials OTIS Elevator Company inside in case of emergency.

## FEBRUARY EVENTS AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday, February 2	9:30 am	Facility Use Request—Tina & Kevin Miranda ( <i>Sanctuary &amp; Fellowship Hall</i> )
Saturday, February 3	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society Wire Wrap Class ( <i>Fellowship Hall until 2 pm</i> )
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
Sunday, February 4	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School ( <i>Dani's Classroom</i> )
Monday, February 5	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
Tuesday, February 6	6:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting ( <i>Library</i> )
Wednesday, February 7	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study ( <i>ZOOM</i> )
Thursday, February 8	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the Church ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
Saturday, February 10	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in their workroom
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
Sunday, February 11	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School ( <i>Dani's Classroom</i> )
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Grace Note Studio Facility Use -Reese Minasian (<i>Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen &amp; playground areas until 7 pm</i>)</b>
Monday, February 12	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
Tuesday, February 13	6:30 pm	G.R.O.O.V.E. Meeting ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
Wednesday, February 14	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study ( <i>ZOOM</i> )
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
Thursday, February 15		<b>March Tidings Newsletter submissions due in the church office today</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
Saturday, February 17	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society ( <i>Rock workroom</i> )
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>G.R.O.O.V.E. Monthly Club Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
Sunday, February 18	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School ( <i>Dani's Classroom</i> )
	5:00 pm	Ozarks Antique Automobile Club ( <i>Fellowship Hall until 8:30 pm</i> )
Monday, February 19	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
Wednesday, February 21	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study ( <i>ZOOM</i> )
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Lent Pre-Worship Service Meal (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Lent Midweek Worship Service</b>
Thursday, February 22	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the Church ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
Saturday, February 24	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in their workroom
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
Sunday, February 25	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck</b>
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School ( <i>Dani's Classroom</i> )
Monday, February 26	6:00 pm	Ozarks Gem & Mineral Society Club Meeting ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)</b>
Wednesday, February 28	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study ( <i>ZOOM</i> )
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Lent Pre-Worship Service Meal (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Lent Midweek Worship Service</b>





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