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When [the shepherds] had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.
Luke 2:17-20

When do you put away your Christmas decorations? By New Year's Day? When school resumes? Epiphany? Groundhog Day? Most of us in January have a moment when "Christmas is over and life returns to normal" (whatever "normal" is).

During Advent and Christmas, we are encouraged to pause, to wonder, and reflect – to be among those shepherds on the first Christmas who received "peace on earth, goodwill to men." But then a return to normal too often means to "get back to the grind", back to work, back to "reality" (as if the events at Christmas were just a dream).

But think back to December... did "real life" stop? Did work and the daily business of life cease? You still cooked, did laundry, cared for your household needs, didn't you? Did the aches and pains magically stop for the month? If anything, they probably were known even more – the aches of colder weather, the heartache of a missed loved one.

Christmas is the celebration that Jesus is born, Immanuel has come to His people. Christmas is an "entering" – a beginning. Now we celebrate that Jesus continues to live, continues to "grow in stature", lives life as we know it day in and day out. This is truly what it means that Jesus is Immanuel – God with us. He lives with the daily learning and growing and struggling and opportunities to share God's mercy – just as you live each day.

Life – in all its joys and challenges – continues throughout the Christmas season, so let the peace of Christmas – the joy of the Savior – continue into January and throughout the year. This may sound like a nice idea, but we know how much of a struggle it is. It can be difficult to keep focus each day. God's Word also has comfort for us in our daily struggle. Paul writes, *"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."* Philippians 3:12

God is still at work in you. He is not done giving His gifts. We celebrate God among us, but Jesus was not born only to live as an example for us. He is the Savior. He was born to die for you. And God's work, through the Holy Spirit, continues in you until the last day. *"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"* Philippians 1:6

God's work continues in you – not just in December, but in January and every day of the year. At times, we struggle to remember this fact. Therefore, our Gracious Father gives us His family. We gather together and we encourage one another – and we are encouraged by one another in God's Love. We live together in God's Love as He grows us individually and as His people at Prince of Peace. We look forward to the changes and growth He is bringing this year. Together, we look to the cross, the empty tomb, and our Returning King of Kings as we live and grow in God's gifts every day.

In the Peace of Christ,

Pastor John

BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP IN JANUARY

January 2	2 nd Sunday after Christmas	1 Kings 3:4–15	Eph. 1:3–14	Luke 2:40–52
January 9	The Feast of the Epiphany	Is. 60:1–6	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
January 16	1 st Sunday after the Epiphany	Is. 62:1–5	1 Cor. 12:1–11	John 2:1–11
January 23	2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany	Neh. 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10	1 Cor. 12:12–31a	Luke 4:16–30
January 30	3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany	Jer. 1:4–10	1 Cor. 12:31b–13:13	Luke 4:31–44

WORSHIP THEME IN JANUARY

January 2: Jesus at the Temple
January 9: Epiphany
January 16: Jesus at the Wedding
January 23: Jesus at Home
January 30: Jesus in Capernaum

BIBLE STUDY IN JANUARY

December 26: The Path of God's Story
Beginning January 2: The Ministry of Jesus: Luke 4-19

A reminder from Pastor John about Covid 19 protocols:

If you are unable to come to the communion rail and would rather receive the Lord's Supper in your pew, simply inform an usher. **I am also more than happy to share the Lord's Supper with you privately if needed.** If for any reason you are unable to gather with the family of God for communion, please contact me by email: pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com or by calling the church office.

There are many reasons someone may or may not follow certain visible protocols at this time. No one should be asked or made to explain why - ***we live with one another under God's grace.***

As we continue to live in a world (as always) with people who think and act differently, please show God's love and forgiveness to those who, for many reasons, are in a different level of comfort than you.

We continue to pray fervently to the Lord for a quick recovery from the pandemic -- and the fear and hardship it is causing. **If your family is experiencing hardship** at this time, **we can help** through programs here at Prince of Peace and contacts with many other avenues of help. **If you have not experienced hardship**, consider a special **Thank Offering to the Lord** for His continued blessings.

We praise God together for His gift of technology and invention! We have installed "air scrubbers" which purify the air and filter out surface and airborne contaminants. The entire cost was covered by specified thank offerings toward this project. Praise God!!

Christmas Worship Schedule:

4pm – hymns and choir

6pm – acoustic service

11pm – praise band

(There will be no service Saturday, December 25th. "Regular schedule" will resume December 26th, with services at 8 and 10:30 and Bible study at 9:15.)

Choir practice will resume in February for the Lent and Easter Seasons – join us!!

Join the Genszlers in celebrating Epiphany!

Annual Epiphany Open House: Sunday, January 9th, from 12-4 p.m.

We will celebrate Life Sunday on January 30th, with a special guest from the Pregnancy Center of Toledo in Bible Study.

Hungry for the Word of God? “Zoe” means “life” and Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life” (John 6:35). Come enjoy time together digesting the Word. 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and Facebook Live around 7:20. The Book of Hebrews – begins January 6th.

JOIN US AT WINTERJAM!! A group from Prince of Peace will be going to WinterJam – a massive concert of many Christian bands – on January 30th. Only \$10 at the door.

We are in the process of realizing the Lord’s Vision for the future – new staff, additional building space and new ministry opportunities!! Even if you missed the Budget/Vision meeting on November 21st, watch for ways to be involved as together we pray for God’s continuing guidance as we take these exciting steps!

FOOD PANTRY update: The food pantry continues to be used and appreciated by our community.

We are always in need of personal care items (toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry soap, dish soap, etc.) and currently need canned meats like chicken and tuna and boxed dinners like tuna helper, hamburger helper, mac and cheese, spaghetti, etc.

If anyone is a member of Thrivent and would like to apply for a community impact card for \$250 to help support the pantry, please contact Corrine at 419-699-7724.

Catechism – Same God, Same Faith, New Process

Over the past several years, we have started a new process for Catechism (First Communion and Confirmation) at Prince of Peace. All students entering 4th - 8th grade who have not yet completed First Communion Instruction and/or Confirmation are encouraged to attend with a parent.

Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month.

Contact Pastor John for more information.

First Communion classes – contact Pastor John to schedule a class for your student.

POP Vision Coordination Team: You may contact Seth Alder, 419-509-9888, mr1alder@gmail.com; Wendy Alder, 419-346-1684, wdalder69@gmail.com; Levi Halka, 567-377-7278, Levi.Halka@rockets.utoledo.edu; Richard and Linda Stanley, 419-450-0392, sillysally@bex.net; Erin Stine, 419-450-9749, Erinlynn584@yahoo.com; Lyle Stine, 419-340-7818, Steamfitter2010@yahoo.com and Lauren Roe, 419-654-2736, laurenroe89@gmail.com.

Cherry Street Mission Team:

Collections are suspended – please feel free to drop off needed items directly to CSM.

Knit and Pray:

Do you know someone who is going through a hard time and would appreciate knowing that Jesus is with them? Please give them one of the prayer coverings and a printed prayer paper to let them know they are not alone. The closet is full of yarn for you to take to create prayer blankets. **Knit and pray is suspended for now. Next meeting is tbd.**

MISSION UPDATES:

We welcomed Pastor Gerry Kovac with Food for the Poor in November. We look forward to welcoming more of our missionaries in the coming year.

The past 2 years have been especially difficult and uncertain for missionaries. As we all rely on God for all needed things in life, **please consider a special gift** if you are able to help support one or more of our missionaries.

For updated news on all our missionaries and Adopt-a-Students, check the Missions Wall at Prince of Peace.

If you missed bringing your Commitment Card on November 28th, don't worry! It is never too late to bring your commitment to the Lord. Place your card in the sealed envelope in the offering plate during any service.



FLOWERS!!! WE HAVE MANY OPEN FLOWER DATES!!! PLEASE SIGN UP! Flowers are \$30 per weekend. Thank you!

FLOWER VASES: When you take your Sunday altar flowers home, please return the plastic cup liners to the church so that we can use them again. Thank you!

Please be sure to pay for altar flowers if you signed up to provide them. The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday and is payable to Prince of Peace. Use a pew envelope and indicate it is for altar flowers. Thanks for your cooperation. If you haven't paid, and it's been at least 2 weeks since your flowers were on the altar, Julie will place a reminder envelope with the date of your flower placement in your mailbox.

Official Acts December:

Received into Membership

Donna Giles

Mel Koch

Ted and Perri Tiefel

Scott and Sara Madson and family

Properties Team: We need volunteers for the Properties Team to do minor repairs. Please contact Dan or Cathy Reichow with any questions at 419-392-1470 or creichow1958@gmail.com.



Stewardship Team: Would you like to be involved with the stewardship team? Cathy Reichow has taken this leadership position and would love to talk to you about what all this team is up to! Contact her at 419-392-1468, or at creichow1958@gmail.com.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A DIGITAL COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER INSTEAD OF THE PAPER COPY BEING SENT TO YOUR HOME, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO WE CAN ADD YOU TO THE LIST WHO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SAVING US COST – POSTAGE, PAPER, INK, MACHINE USE – AND TIME TO ASSEMBLE! ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED. THIS WILL ALSO SAVE US EXTRA POSTAGE COST.



ELDERS IN TOUCH.... our Elders Ministry Team is organized to be in touch with our members. They are working at contacting all of our members on a regular basis. Here is a listing of our elders and the alphabetical groups to which they are assigned. Feel free to contact Pastor John, or one of our elders if we can serve you.

a. Tom Smith	419-343-8553	(Alder > Coffey)
b. Bob Roe	419-266-5426	(Cornell > Geldien)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Genszler > Jones)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Keiser > Maletich)
e. Gary Garbers	419-693-7651	(Mayer > Peters)
f. Jim Bragg	419-690-2608	(Pfefferle > Sarns)
g. Don Halka	567-377-2248	(Sattler > VanCamp)
h. Phil Miller	419-691-7727	(Vanderhorst > Zieroff)

Check out the website (www.princeofpeaceoregon.com):

For more devotions

For Bible Studies

For worship materials

Sermons, songs, and each week – bulletins to download

Due to recent technology changes, it is much more difficult to put services on our website. Service videos are still available through our facebook page: Prince of Peace Luth Church.



Happy New Year! We are all looking forward to a slower pace in January. During the month of January, the children will enjoy a PJ Day – a movie in class and eating popcorn. We can't wait! Thank you for all your wonderful gifts to your Prayer Pals and thank you to those who were able to visit for Christmas programs. Blessings for the New Year!

-For the month of January, we will focus on praying that our prayer pals and their families will learn to love God and love others. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly
Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell
Sub – Erin Stine, Jarod Kelly, Madison Campbell
Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661



Sign Up Sheets on Bulletin Board:
Altar Flowers

God at Work

How has God been at work in your life?

God is at work in your life in big ways and small ways, through everyday occurrences and miracles. Let's encourage one another in God's work. Share a story of God's work in your life – maybe it's how God brought you to faith, maybe it's a "small" event recently or years past. Write a note or email. Put the story in Pastor John's mailbox or email him at pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com. (Your story will not be shared without your permission.)

Save Your Aluminum Beverage Cans and put them (crushed) in the bin by the church garage at the north end of the parking lot. This recycling project provides funds for our AGAPE FUND. **(No plastic bottles please – only aluminum!)**



Spread the News!!! We are pleased to announce that Prince of Peace has received thousands of dollars through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice* Program. By directing Choice Dollars®, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent.



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If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT MEMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW. YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO HELP US RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MISSION MONEY!!

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Jackie Bailey, Tom Bragg, Barbara Camp, Deb Hartke, Tom Jones, Paige Ozanski, Tony Williams

We are in the process of "resetting" our Prayer List.

If you or a loved one needs to remain on the list, please contact the church office.

+for those dealing with the reality of the pandemic for friends and family

+for your church – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God's will

+for those serving in the armed forces – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler, Stacy Galla, Nate Millard

+for our missionaries –

-Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa

-Pastor Dave Erber, LCMS missionary in Nigeria, West Africa

-Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico

-Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church missionary to the children in Liberia

-POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims

-Fellowship of Christian Athletes

-Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo

-The Pregnancy Center, Toledo

+our 'adopted' seminary student –

-Jacob Barber





January Activities at PoP

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Every Saturday/Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM (Saturday) Worship 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Youth Time 2:00 PM A.A.						
						1 8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast
2	3 7:00 PM – Elders Meeting	4 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	5	6 7:00 PM – Zoe Bible Study	7	8
9 Sign-up begins for Winter Jam	10	11 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	12	13 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM – Confirmation	14	15
16	17 7:00 PM – M/M Meeting	18 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	19	20 7:00 PM – Zoe Bible Study	21	22
23/30 Pregnancy Center guest – 30 th Winter Jam – 30 th – 6-8 PM	24/31	25 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	26	27 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM – Confirmation	28	29

January Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 Nathaniel Miller	3 Karen Coffey Samantha Smith	4 Emily Hartke	5	6	7 Ben Genszler	8 Christopher Hoover
9	10 Laura Roe	11 Mason Shafer Tom Jones	12 Heidi Christy	13 Lydia Maletich	14 Sierra Vanderhors	15 Brandon McCoy Deanna Snyder Sue VanCamp
16	17 Judy Brower	18 Dolly Ames	19 Cathy Workman Jay Pollex	20 Andy Laurell	21 Jacob Stine	22
23	24 Kattie Richards	25	26 Ron Wells	27	28 Kevin Pfefferle	29
30	31 Alyssa Disher Demetris Mestousis <i>Tom and Denise Wells</i>					

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Volunteer Schedule for January 2022	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters			Bob Young
Ushers	Addison Stine		Tom Smith
Projection	Ethan Stine	Phil Miller	Melle Koch
Camera	Jacob Stine		Tina Daniels
Sound Board			Joe Daniels
Readers		Don Halka	Tina Daniels
Acolytes	Lily Stine		
Communion Servers (Bread)	Lyle Stine	Jim Bragg	Mark Sattler
Communion Servers (Wine)		Don Halka	Lauren Roe
Altar Guild	Linda Stanley	Jodi Halka	Laura Roe
Pew Care	Molly Miller		

If you are willing to serve in any way, please contact Julie or Pastor John.

We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways. If you have served or are willing to serve in worship, please turn in an I/T survey. Encourage others in the ways they can serve, too. If you do not fill out a sheet, we have to assume you are no longer able to serve in that capacity. Let's encourage one another in the many ways we can serve the Lord together gladly!

***If you would like to help in any of these areas, contact Pastor John. Thanks!!**

Discipleship at Home and in Community



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