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¹ *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

² *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

³ *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

Genesis 1:1-3

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 1968, the crew of Apollo 8 read from the Book of Genesis as they orbited the Moon. Astronauts Bill Anders, Jim Lovell, and Frank Borman, the first humans to travel to the Moon, read the first 10 verses of the Creation narrative. As they broadcast their Christmas message, it was a great reminder that God is the Creator of all things – “the heavens and the earth” – no matter what your perspective... if you are standing on earth or are looking at it

*O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
above the heavens.*

³ *When I look at your heavens, the work of
your fingers,*

*the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,*

⁴ *what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?*

Psalm 8:1,3,4

from the heavens. You are one of eight billion people on Earth and Earth is one planet of eight (or nine) around our sun (which is just one among millions in the universe). Gazing at the stars on a winter's night or studying the planets and stars gives a certain life perspective.

But God, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, does not stay distant from His creation. When it comes to mankind – God is “hand’s on”. God’s Word tells us God spoke the world into existence. But when it came to creating humans, God formed them – both male (Genesis 2:7) and female. *Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. (Genesis 2:22) So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)*

Even when people disobeyed God, He did not stay distant. He continued to guide His creation in many ways – including through His divine presence interacting with them. And when the time was right, God Himself chose to be born into His creation in the most humble way. Our Creator was born in our world in order to die. He died to conquer death and restore His creation to Himself.

*The Word became
flesh and made his
dwelling among us.*
John 1:14

And God does not stay distant today. God, the creator and ruler of the universe, comes to us intimately in His Word and at His table – as we take in the very body and blood of the Savior – together as God gathers us in worship each week. We receive Jesus’ presence and promise “*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever*”. (John 14:16) May you know the presence of Immanuel, God with us, this season and every day.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor John

THE WORD IN DECEMBER

12/3/2023	12/10/2023	12/17/2023	12/24/2023	12/31/2023
Isaiah 9:1-7	Psalms 98		Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
II Corinthians 4:1-6	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Acts 13:16-33, 38-39	Acts 16:13-15	Galatians 4:4-7
Mark 8:22-26	John 1: 14-23	Matthew 1:18-24	Luke 1:64, 67-69	Luke 2:22-40

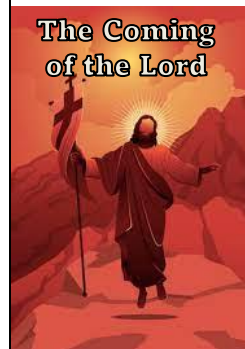
WORSHIP THEMES IN DECEMBER

Open Before Christmas!

December 3: Open Our Eyes
 December 10: Open Our Ears
 December 17: Open Our Hearts
 December 24: Open Our Mouths
 December 31: New Year, New Life

BIBLE STUDY IN DECEMBER

Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies!



For Advent, we will study the Christmas Story in the Gospel of Mark. It's Mark, Chapter ??? Although Jesus' birth is not recorded in this Gospel, Mark has plenty to say about the Coming of the Lord. Join in the discussion of Jesus, then, now and coming.

Official Acts October/November
 10/31- Funeral - Jacqueline Sue Reynolds
 11/19 – Baptism – Madilynn Grace Foley

God gives, we give back to Him, He gives to His Church, we use His gifts for ministry.

In October, we brought our yearly commitments to the Lord.

You may place commitment card in the offering plate at any time.

Your sealed commitment will remain on the altar for the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered and taught Sunday School so far this school year! I think the kids are enjoying our guest teachers and the different activities they have gotten to experience. As you are purchasing Gifts for Jesus this year, Sunday School is always in need of colored construction paper, glue sticks, and markers! We appreciate your support!

Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to sign up to teach Sunday School after the New Year! Thank you!



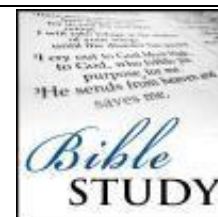
Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all students entering 4th -8th grade. **First Communion** is a two-session class for students and parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class. **Confirmation** is a two-year class for families with students 6th-8th grade. Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month.



Talk to Pastor John if you need to get connected!!

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✚ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – Advent - Gospel of Mark
- ✚ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at PoP – and on Facebook Live
- ✚ **THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m.
The men will start the study *Respectable Sins* in January
- ✚ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m.
The women are studying *Great Women of the Bible Part 4*. In February, we will begin a new book!
- ✚ **MEN'S BREAKFAST** 1st Saturday of the month 8:00AM
- ✚ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – If you would like to explore what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace, contact Pastor John to schedule a class.



FOR DECEMBER, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET!!!!SEE YOU ON JANUARY 11, 2024!!!!



Raising Kids God's Way – An opportunity to get together with other parents – sharing ideas on how to raise kids to know Jesus in today's society! We will be meeting on **Sunday, January 14 at 9:15** in the library. We will be starting a Bible study book on parenting. Come to discuss parenting as a Christian. Talk to Amy Genszler or Jordan Jones for more information!

SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:

Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace

Watch for exciting progress as the Lord leads us in
Sharing Jesus with All Generations, Building to Reach More!



If you missed attending a presentation, watch a recording on our Facebook page with a link to the YouTube video: *PoPCampaign*.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

December 16 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Help shop, pack, and deliver Christmas baskets for local families in need.



LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: If anyone is a Thrivent member and would like to apply for a \$250 Action card, we would greatly appreciate it. It will be used to provide personal care products to help people in need in our community.

POP is hosting a **once-a-month food pantry** through Seagate Food Bank. It is on the **last Saturday** of the month from 10-11am. If you would like to help with the Saturday distribution, or the Friday pick up and packing of food, please contact Cathy Reichow.

MISSION UPDATES:

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

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.



Online giving just got easier! **Download the Vanco app.**

Search for "Prince of Peace" (be careful there are many of us!) or use the invite code: GDFARS

Properties Team: Check the bulletin board to sign up for minor repairs. Please contact Dan or Cathy Reichow with any questions at 419-392-1470 or creichow1958@gmail.com.

The
Property
Team

We are taking orders for pavers for the Memorial Garden. There are two sizes - 4x8; 2 lines; \$75 and 8x8; 2 lines; \$125. Additional lines can be added for \$10. You can do up to three lines on the 4x8 and 4 lines on the 8x8. All proceeds will go into the Memorial Fund. Questions? Contact Cathy Reichow at creichow1958@gmail.com.

Please join us for fellowship, food, and fun at our

Christmas party!

Mark your calendar for *Thursday*

December 14 from

6:00-9:00 p.m. at the

Christ Dunberger VFW Hall. We

will have a white elephant

giftexchange, so bring a gift if you want to take part (\$10-\$15). There

will be music and games for all

ages! Dinner will be catered by KC

Catering and the cost is \$15.00

per person. Kids under 14 are free.

Please sign up on the bulletin board!



Thank you to the LWML for coordinating this great PoP Family Event!

UPCOMING ADVENT ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

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NATIVITY NIGHT December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy numerous Nativity displays and the Living Nativity!

(Costumes and practice Sunday, December 10th at 12:00)

Including a **CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS PRAISE** and **COOKIE EXCHANGE!**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Sunday, December 17 at noon

Advent Devotions and Family Activities

Lessons from Christmas Cookies

All Wednesdays begin at 6pm and include

Potluck supper, Devotion, Family Activity

November 29 – Decorate!

December 6 – Family Advent Craft

December 13 – Cards for our neighbors

December 20 – Carol Sing



AN ANNUAL CUSTOM AT POP is for our members to wrap "gifts" that can be used at the church and preschool throughout the year.

Some ideas: Reynolds hot dog trays (preschool snacks - found at Gordon Food), brown lunch bags, sturdy paper plates* (6" (preschool snacks)), 5 oz. cups* (preschool snacks), coffee, creamer, sugar, salt and pepper (no packets, please), plastic spoons and forks, shaving cream (not menthol), batteries (9v, AA, and AAA), {flour, salt, cream of tartar for play-dough}, colored copy paper (20 or 24 lb. only), markers (large and small), glue sticks, colored construction paper, band aids non-medicated (preschool), tissues and paper towels, stamps, Lysol, Clorox wipes, Scotch tape, med-food handling gloves, dish soap, foam hand soap, bird seed, suet cakes, Purell hand sanitizer.

Wrap your gifts and place them under one of the Christmas trees by the altar prior to the 4:00 service on Christmas Eve.

*No Styrofoam products, please.



Women of the Church:

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We are studying "*Great Women of the Bible*". Contact Jodi Halka or Amy Genszler for information. **FOR DECEMBER WE ARE NOT MEETING!! SEE YOU ON JANUARY 11, 2024!**

MITE COLLECTION

Please remember to bring in your MITE boxes at any time and drop them in the "big Mite Box" at the Information Table in the lobby! A supply of new Mite Boxes will be here soon. Watch for them on the table next to the large mite box in the narthex.



OLD GLASSES and CASES [an LWML project]

There is a box on the table near the entrance in which you can place any old eyeglasses and cases that you would like to discard. (One person's junk is another person's treasure.) These items are donated to MOST [Mission Opportunities Short Term], a LCMS Ministry working with many congregations in Michigan and Ohio, who fit them with new lenses and take thousands of pairs of glasses giving them to many folks, in countries where optical services are non-existent. This is an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

Thank you to all those who have donated yarn the past couple of months! We appreciate the support and prayers!

Men of the Church:

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Join us at 8am on the 1st Saturday of every month for a time of fellowship around good food, a study from God's Word, and time for prayer together. You will meet brothers from other congregations who visit us. You will be uplifted and blessed. Why not invite a friend to come with you? [We plan to finish by 10am].



Looking for Christian Fun and Fellowship? Join the PoP Dartball team.

No experience required.

What is Dartball?

Talk with Ron Wells (419) 320-0490 or contact Pastor John!



Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

We have a few openings in the Tuesday/Thursday class, so please spread the word.

Contact Wendy at 419-693-8661



Our Thanksgiving Feast was a big success. Thank you to Molly Miller and Debbie Haas for all their help in the kitchen. We entertained and fed about 120 people. The food was wonderful. The children prepared the soup, breads, and veggie tray, and they made placemats for the table.

During December, our classroom will have Nativity scenes in many centers. They will learn the Christmas story, and the Savior's birth. They will make gifts for their parents and decorations for our class tree. The staff would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!



We are looking for substitute teachers (needed periodically throughout the year). Anyone interested should contact Miss Wendy. Preschool will pay for your fingerprinting and background check.

Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly

Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell

Sub – Erin Stine, Madison Campbell

Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661

Would you like to see students in our area be able to study the Bible DURING SCHOOL HOURS?

If you haven't yet, show your interest at LifeWise.org/interest . Signing the list at this time is simply a statement of support – it will not obligate you or PoP to anything.

All those who sign will be notified when the Community Meeting will be.

Please share this link with friends and family who would love to bring a LifeWise program to our Oregon City school district. If you need help accessing the website, ask Pastor John.



PRINCE OF PEACE LIBRARY A resource center for you

By Pastor Don Weiss

Need HELP, telling the Christmas Story to your family?

Check out our Church Library:

:DVDs Among others...

... There is one called “**The Story of Christmas**”. It is an animated retelling of the story of Christ’s birth. Borrow it and take it home during Advent for a family devotion that will bless young and old alike.

:BOOKS

...**The Story** is The Bible in one seamless story. Chapter 22 is 6 pages of good family reading. It is called “The Birth of a King” Use it for a family meal time devotion.

...**Jesus of Nazareth** is a book based on the world famous film by Franco Zeffirelli. The 1st chapter tells about the Birth of Jesus with wonderful pictures. The pictures will help you talk about the great gift that Jesus is to us.

...**Season of the Lord** is a book of one-page devotions for the entire year. Find some of those in December that will bless your family as you read them together.

Find all this and MORE in our Church Library!!

LOOK AT THE CATEGORIES ON THE SHELVES.

PICK OUT WHAT LOOKS INTERESTING

BORROW IT FOR A TIME.

BRING IT BACK AND PUT IT ON THE SHELF FOR THE NEXT PERSON.



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.**

Would you be interested in meeting for prayer time once a month?

Contact Pastor John.





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. Joe Daniels	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)

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

If you need prayer (or know someone who does) contact the Prayer Chain. If you would like to join the Prayer Team in praying for our brothers and sisters regularly, join the Prayer Chain. Contact Tina Daniels at tinajoebobb@gmail.com

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Gertrude Brant, Chuck and Charmaine Brinkman, Carol Cicak, Mary George, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Tom Jones, Phil Miller, Ron Oldenettel, Philip Shasteen, Paige Smith, Deanna and Richard Snyder, Jacob Stine, Lily Stine, Grant Plath.

+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, Andrew Pindor

+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

-The Pregnancy Center, Toledo (Bella Vita Network)

+our 'adopted' seminary students –

-Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler

Deaconess Intern Amy has a new email: deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com



**Discipleship at
Home and in
Community**

December 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	2 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:30 ArtLab 419 Painting Ceramics with Molly
3	4 7:30 Dartball	5 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	6 6:00 PM Advent Potluck, Devotion and Craft	7	8	9
10 12:00 PM Practice for Nativity Night	11	12 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	13 6:00 PM Advent Potluck, Devotion and Christmas Card Making	14 5:00-9:00 PM PoP Christmas Party at Dunberger VFW Post	15	16 7:00 PM Nativity Night and Cookie Exchange
17 12:00 PM Christmas Caroling	18 11:00 AM & 2:30 PM Preschool Christmas Programs 7:30 Dartball	19 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 11:00 AM Preschool Christmas Program	20 6:00 PM Advent Potluck, Devotion and CarolSing	21	22	23 5:30 PM Worship Service
24 9:00 AM Worship Service	25 Merry Christmas!!	26 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	27	28	29	30 10:00 AM Drive-Through Food Pantry
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship services						

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December Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
26	27	28	29	30	1 <i>Dan and Cathy Reichow</i>	2
3 Vicki Dupke	4 Bob Young	5	6 Diana Miller	7 Colton Repp	8 Ron Blausey Sam Jones	9
10 Don Halka Jr Jennifer Zeh Samiah Henneman	11	12 Kay Garbers Phoebe Lants	13	14 Ethan Stine Kathy Fletcher	15 Bob Roe Paige Smith Paul Pagel	16 Floyd Rose
17 Mike Thanasiu Sr Quin Richards	18 <i>Paul and Kelly Pagel</i>	19 Garrett Richards	20 Alexandra Spears	21 Randy Ames	22	23 Judy Young
24 Marcia Breier	25	26	27	28	29 Andy Hartke	30 Leah VanCamp Matt Disher
31 Cathy Reichow	1	2	3	4	5	6



Volunteer Schedule for December 2023	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	All God's people!		
Ushers	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Projection			
Camera			
Sound Board			
Readers	Lyle Stine	Gary Garbers	Laura Roe
Acolytes			
Elder	Lyle Stine	Jim Bragg	Joe Daniels
Communion Servers (Wine)	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			

We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways.

How has God gifted you to serve in His Church?

Can you pour a glass of juice? Can you read?

Can you pick up papers? Do you know anyone else with "special skills" like these?

You can serve your church family!

Contact Pastor John at any time!

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