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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:17-21

Happy New Year! Have you made New Year's Resolutions? Even if you have not made "resolutions" have you taken a moment to reassess anything in your life? We often need a break or a push to pause and reflect – to look at life with open eyes. It is healthy to ask, "Are there habits I have formed that need to be changed?" "Are there good habits I have neglected for whatever reason?"

If you answered "No, my habits are right what they should be", it might be good to take a longer look. *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us* (I John 1:8). Even if our habits are not specifically "sin", we recognize that all our habits either build up or detract from our relationship with God and His people. If we say all our habits are perfect, we may need a closer look. All of us can improve.

What is the goal of improvement in our habits? Why are some good habits so easy to skip and others (not so good) so easy to get into? Often the good habits – those that strengthen our relationship with God, are good in the long run. The benefits are not apparent immediately. But the benefits are also much longer lasting – even for generations. Who has strengthened your relationship? Who shared God's Good News with you? Was it just once, or did you grow over a long time?

This New Year, perhaps we should not be so quick to pack away Christmas. Not just the decorations and the trees and the lights, but the truth of Immanuel – God with Us. Jesus was born to live and die and rise again for you – not just every now and then, but for your everyday life.

As we continue to celebrate God's greatest gift – the Word made flesh, we recognize that our lives are lived not to gain something from God, but in response to His gifts given. God gives all we need every day. Because He provides for us – the needs of body and soul and all things – out of His goodness and love, we respond in praise to God, living under His guidance by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we think about our habits, we ask God for a more eternal perspective. How can we strengthen habits that build up our faith and the faith of those around us? How can we teach these regular habits of daily prayer and weekly worship to the next generation? How can we choose our daily habits in view of the consequences not just today, but for generations to come? *Choose this day whom you will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.* (Joshua 24:15)

Receiving, serving, and growing with you,

Pastor John

THE WORD IN JANUARY

1/7/2024	1/14/2024	1/21/2024	1/28/2024
Isaiah. 60:1–6	Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28, 31	Psalms 136:1-4,10-16,23-26	Psalms 143:7-11
Ephesians 3:1–12	Psalms 95:1-7	I Corinthians 7:17,20-23	Romans 8:1-11
Matthew. 2:1–12	Matthew 7:7-12	Matthew 14:22-32	John 14:15-21,26

WORSHIP THEME IN JANUARY "What We Believe"

January 7 – Epiphany – The Baby Changes Everything
January 14 – God – The Creator
January 21 – God -The Savior
January 28 – God – The Helper

BIBLE STUDY IN JANUARY

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

Sunday 9:15 am

What Did You Say?" – Unpacking "Churchy" Words

We proclaim the truth of God, but often the words we use are misunderstood by those around us. What do we mean when we say "faith" or "God" or "saved"? Join the discussion as we "unpack churchy words" and help each other communicate the Good News for all people.

Official Acts November/December

*November 18 – Wedding of Lauren Roe and John Franke
November 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. 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!



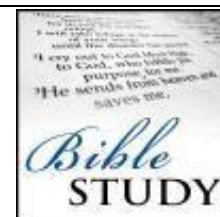
Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all students entering 4th -8th grade. **First Communion** is a two-session class for students and parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class. **Confirmation** is a two-year class for families 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. – Unpacking “Churchy” Words
- ✚ **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 resume 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** – Would you like to talk about what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace? Contact Pastor John and watch for details on a new class coming soon!



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*.



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.

FREE Medical walker

If you are in need or know someone who may need a walker, please contact Demetris at 419-705-5397 any time.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Thank you to the many volunteers who made our Advent season so much fun and full of the love of Jesus! We decorated, made crafts and cards, went caroling, the kids told of the birth of Jesus, and there were cookies and gifts for Jesus and Christmas baskets and so much singing!!! Thank you to ALL who helped bake, sing, decorate and generally made merry! We would like to thank the Outreach Team, the Discipleship Team and LWML especially for all of their hard work!!

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. **We resume on January 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm!!**

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.

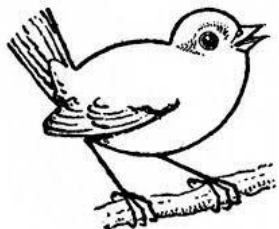
What is Dartball?

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



Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

A big thank you to our Prayer Pals for attending the Preschool Christmas programs and the gifts the children received. We would also like to thank the Knit and Pray group for the wonderful gifts that were knitted for the children with patience and love. Many thanks for the gifts for Jesus that help the preschool. They are greatly appreciated. January will be a quiet month in the classroom. The children will visit Pumpkin Jack out in the snow, take care of birds, and have a fun P.J. Day at school. Blessings for your 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

Sunday January 7, 2024 is the day that we will be Preparing the Church for 2024!!

After the late service, we will get some pizza and start cleaning up the church for the New Year!

We all love Christmas decorations but it's time to put them away and clean up for the New Year. There will be a sign up sheet for pizza so make sure you get your name on it and stick around after the late service to lend your hands (and legs) to get the Christmas décor stored away upstairs. Many hands make light work!!



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.



SAVE THE DATES!!!!

We have some family fun coming up in January and February. **Mark these dates** on your calendar and watch the bulletins and slides at church for more information!!

Friday January 26, 2024 at 5:30 will be the next Family Game night!! We will order pizza and have drinks and some other snacks available. Bring your family, and your favorite board or card game and join in the fun!!



Sunday February 4, 2024 is the Toledo Walleye Faith and Family Night!! There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for you to write your name, phone number and how many tickets you need. The faith sharing portion will prior to the game which is at 5:15. More details to come!



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 tinajobobb@gmail.com

Remember in Your Prayers:

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

+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

You are invited to an Evangelism Seminar at
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
412 Fremont Street Elmore, Ohio

EVANGELISM

THROUGH THE BOOK OF JOHN

"EVANGELISM IS
POINTING AND INVITING"
JOHN 1:29-51
BY REV. STEPHEN H.
LUTZ

"WHY GOD GAVE IS WHY
WE GIVE HIS SON"
JOHN 3:16
BY REV. MARK LOVE

"YOUR OUTREACH IS
ONLY AS GOOD AS
YOUR INREACH"
JOHN 10:27
BY REV. MICHAEL MAPUS

"SHARING THE LIGHT IN
DARK DIGITAL DAYS"
JOHN 8:12-30
BY REV. RYAN
KLEIMOLA

JANUARY 26, 2024 6-9PM

JANUARY 27, 2024 9AM-4PM

**FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
PROVIDED**

**TICKET IS BY DONATION TO BE DONATED TO LCMS GLOBAL
MISSION FUND**

SIGN UP LINK



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	2 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	3	4	5	6 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
7 12:00 Prep the Church for 2024	8 8:30 am NWII Pastors' Circuit Meeting at PoP	9 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	10	11 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study & Confirmation Class	12	13
14 9:15 AM Raising Kids God's Way 12:00 Family Confirmation Meeting	15 7:00 PM Mission and Ministry 7:30 PM Dartball	16 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	24	25 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study & Confirmation Class	26 5:30 PM Family Game Night	27 10:00 AM Drive-Through Food Pantry
28	29 7:30 PM Dartball (away)	30 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	31			

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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>
	1	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 Jr	12 Heidi Christy	13 Lydia Maletich
14 Sierra Vanderhorst	15 Brandon McCoy Deanna Snyder Sue VanCamp	16	17 Judy Brower	18 Dolly Ames	19 Cathy Workman Jay Pollex Jr	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>			



Volunteer Schedule for January 2024	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	Ted Tiefel	Tony Maletich
Acolytes			
Elder	Phil Miller	Don Halka	Tom Smith
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!

Discipleship at Home

and in Community



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