



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Living, Learning, and Growing in the Word of God

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Christ the King

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Welcome to worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our Lord Jesus calls us to give thanks and praise to Him together as a family and we are blessed to gather together each week to hear His Word to us and share in His Holy Supper. Please take a moment and look through the worship folder for more information about Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and our worship service.



Prayer is an essential part of who we are as a people of God. Below is a list of people from our congregation to keep in your daily prayers. If you know of others who should be added to these lists, please contact the church office with the names.

Serving our Community:

	Today	Next Week
Organist:	Garnet Snyder	
Choir Direct.:	Margy Williams	
Secretary:	Vickie Onusko	
Altar Care:	Vickie Onusko	Angeline Schaefer
Lector:	Sherry Stahl	Amy Schultz
Lay Assts.:		
Counters:	Ed Sparber Janie Hayden	Vickie Onusko Lee Semasko
Head Usher:	Vickie Onusko	James & Amy Schultz

From our congregation: Audrey Spangler, Debbie & George Lindsey, Esther Toth, Ginger Warren, James Schultz, Jane Six, Kevin Spangler, and Verna Frontz.

Our Shut-in members: Dorothy Myers (Ridgeview Residences), Ken Lloyd (Loyalhanna Suites), Kay Shaw, (at home) and Raymond Fry (Loyalhanna Suites).

Others in need of our prayers: Bill Bangor, Bruce, Chase Hill, Irene, Jodi Fill, Judy James, Judy Long, Leona Lewis, Lucy, Mason Martin, Peggy Taylor, Stan, Scott Thompson, and Tim Baker.

Calendar for the Week of November 26, 2023

Today		
Monday		
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Miracles at Work
Wednesday	1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Study Choir practice Bell choir practice
Thursday		
Friday	7:00 PM	A New Beginning
Saturday		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

Those in the Military: Michael Clevenger, Jacob Hay, and Matt Mickinak.

**Note - those added to the prayer list are entered for two months. When the two months expires the program automatically removes them from the list. If you would like your loved one added for more or less time than two months please specify on the "Request a Prayer" card and it will be done. If your loved one has rotated off the list and is still in need of prayer please let the Pastor know.*

If you or someone you know from the congregation is in the hospital or is at home and sick and needs a visit from Pastor Bill, please call his cell phone so that he can schedule a visit. The Pastor is only told by the hospital when a person is a patient if they ask for the church to be notified

Mark Your
Calendar



**December 16
Christmas Eve**

**Decorating for Christmas
5:00 PM & 7:30 PM @ POP**

Altar Flowers – are given to the Glory of God in celebration of their daughters, Jordan & Gabrielle, by James & Amy Schultz.

Altar Rose – is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her nephew, John Phillips Koontz, by Pam Yuhaniak.

Eternal Candle – is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her husband Rick, on his birthday, by Pam Yuhaniak.

Children's bags are back – on the hooks on the back wall of the sanctuary. There are two different bags for different ages. Please set the bag on the floor after use so the items can be wiped off for the next person. Thank you.

Pastor Schaefer's cell phone number is 724-664-4861.



Our cards of caring this week are for Esther Toth, who continues to recover at home. Esther is not able to drive yet, and she desperately misses her Prince of Peace family. Please take a few moments this week to send a card or a note to Esther to let her know we miss her too and that she is in our prayers.

Esther Toth
3131 McClellan Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

PRAY FOR PEACE



Poinsettia orders – forms are on the usher's table and the small table in the gathering space. All flowers will be red and should be taken home after the services, we will not be delivering to shut-ins. The deadline for orders is **December 3rd**.

Angel Tree – is up in the gathering space. Please take a tag and mark your name on the list by the tree. If you can include wrapping paper and tape, it is greatly appreciated. Kellie Douglas has once again offered to do your shopping if you want to take a tag and give her the money you want to spend. Please have all gifts returned no later than **December 10th**.

Decorating the Sanctuary – for the Christmas season will take place on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m.

I wish to thank everyone –for the kind words, thoughts and prayers during my mother Mary's hospital stay and her passing. During her hospital stay the cards she received brightened her day. They were on her window sill and she told me every day how pretty they were and she wanted me to make sure I thanked everyone. Then I was blessed when she passed away with all the kind words, prayers, hugs and cards. I am so grateful and blessed to have my Prince of Peace family. Words cannot express how thankful I am to be part of such a loving and caring church. Thank you all from the bottom of my bruised heart and God Bless Cathie Schall and the Schall family

Delmont Pilgrimage – is a beautiful walk through the birth of Christ portrayed by real actors (and animals) each year sponsored by the churches located in Delmont. The walk begins across from the Salem Lutheran Church, and takes you to the birth of our Savior in a manger. Terry and I have been the last two years and it is beautiful and peaceful. This only happens one weekend, Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3 this year. There is then shuttle service between the 5 churches, who each have unique displays and food available for purchase. You can ask us about it, and you can get tickets at Delmontpilgrimage.com/tickets.

The Greater Latrobe Ministerial Association – is seeking a part-time Food Pantry and Centralized Assistance Manager to serve vulnerable members of our community through our local food pantry and emergency assistance programs. Ideally, this person could begin work in November of 2023. The Food Pantry and Centralized Assistance Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of both the food pantry and emergency assistance programs, along with the coordination of a monthly food distribution. This position entails client intake, volunteer coordination, resource management, and emergency assistance distribution, along with other administrative responsibilities. Most of all, it requires compassion and care for people experiencing difficult circumstances. Vickie has a full job description if you would like to check it out.

Thrivent Action Teams update – The response from eligible members has been wonderful! We are nearing our goal of 100% participation. There is still time to apply for projects. If you have financial products from Thrivent, you may be eligible to apply for up to two \$250 grants that would benefit our church and community. You can apply online or over the phone. It's simple and takes only minutes. If you need some guidance, talk to Pam Yuhaniak.

Thursday Nights Together –The Fellowship Committee continues our dinner dates on the first Thursday of the month. We will meet at Dino's on December 7th. Sign your name on the bulletin board and bring a friend.

Food Bank Collections – there is a box in the gathering space for Non-perishable items for the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Our non-food item for **November is paper towels**. All food items are needed and welcome.

Choir and Bell Choir practice – has returned to Wednesday evenings. Singers will meet at 6:00 p.m. and ringers will meet at 7:00 p.m. Make a joyful noise to the Lord; Margy would love to have you.

The Saturday evening service WILL NOT – be returning. We will, however, add an 8:00 a.m. service on the third Sunday each month beginning in January. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes, but we'd love to see you on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Secretary's office hours –I am in the office on Tuesday and Friday from 10:00-2:00 p.m. The deadline for announcements in the bulletin is **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** We are moving the deadline for anything in the newsletters to the **23rd** of the month to give us more time to complete it and send it out. You can leave a message in the office or send an email to office@princeofpeaceatrobe.com.

Some of the ways Lutheran Disaster Response – already accompanies our partners in the Holy Land: Lutheran Disaster Response supports: **Augusta Victoria Hospital**. The hospital procures medical supplies and provides accommodations for patients and staff unable to return to their homes in Gaza. **The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land**. The church provides emergency education support for families who have lost income due to the war and are unable to pay school fees. **ACT Alliance**. Through implementing partners Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, ACT Alliance responds to immediate needs for psychosocial support, shelter, household items, public health centers and direct cash assistance, focusing on the Palestinian communities in Gaza, East Jerusalem and the West Bank. I encourage you to visit the ELCA's "[Conflict in the Holy Land](#)" resource page, where you'll find worship resources, advocacy opportunities, statements from the ELCA and our partners, and more. The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Parish Nurse News – Christine Weller is available in Pastor's office on Thursday evenings from 6-8 PM. Her cell phone number is 724-244-4003 if you would like to call her, or you can just come in to talk about concerns you may have while she is here.

Lutherlyn news – This beautiful facility in Butler County is running a [Building for the Future Campaign](#) and **Kathy Bangor** is our congregational coordinator for donations. Lutherlyn is the camp that our confirmation kids go to; and many members, past & present, have taken advantage of their programs over the years. Please take a look at the insert in your bulletin and consider donating for future generations to enjoy this wonderful place.

Christ United Church of Christ – in Latrobe will host a Blue Christmas service on December 10th at 3:00 PM for those who may be struggling with the joyfulness of the holidays. Details are on the insert in your bulletin today.

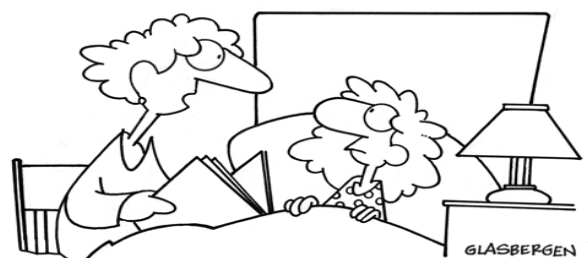
Ginger Warren is still looking for – unused birthday & Christmas cards, blankets, and kids' coats. If you have any of these items, please give Ginger a call at 724-593-7524 or you can leave them in the office.

Stewardship Corner

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we have received two treasures. We are justified, that is, God has once-for-all declared us righteous. In addition, we are sanctified. This means that God has equipped us for righteous living, a process through which we daily become more like Christ. God's goal is not only to justify us. As the just judge, he does not let the guilty go free to continue in sin. For the sake of His Son's self-sacrifice, he declares us not guilty so that we may be restored to the righteousness which we had at creation. His goal and purpose in declaring us righteous is to rehabilitate us. (*The Goal of the Gospel*, 1992; CPH)

SUNDAY SMILE

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"Not a creature was stirring...that's why the gravy was lumpy at Christmas dinner!"