



# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Living, Learning, and Growing in the Word of God

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Sunday, December 22, 2024

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



### Serving our Community:

|               | Today                         | Next Week                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organist:     | Garnet Snyder                 |                             |
| Choir Direct. | Margy Williams                |                             |
| Secretary:    | Vickie Onusko                 |                             |
| Altar Care:   | Angie & Jen Schaefer          | Suzy Clevenger              |
| Lector:       | Sherry Stahl                  | Betsy Naggy                 |
| Lay Asst.:    |                               |                             |
| Counters:     | Vickie Onusko<br>Kathy Bangor | Betsy Naggy<br>Janie Hayden |
| Usher:        | Kathy Petrill                 | Kathy Petrill               |

**From our congregation:** Audrey Spangler, Bob West, Carolyn Sparber, Debbie Lindsey, Dee Stewart, Esther Toth, Ginger Warren, James Schultz, Kellie Douglas, Kevin Spangler, Lisa Mentch, and Linette.

**Our Shut-in members:** Ken Lloyd (Loyalhanna Suites), and Raymond Fry (Loyalhanna Suites).

**Others in need of our prayers:** Adeline, Arlene, Bill Bangor, Butch & Nancy Jo, Ellie, Janet Rethi, Jodi Fill, John Franklin, Judy James, Judy Long, Nicholas, Rachel, Scott Thompson, Sheryl, Stan, Richard Giron, Trish Gaia, and Vicki McCleary.

### Calendar for the Week of December 22, 2024

| Today     |                                |  |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Monday    | 7:00 pm                        | Blue Christmas Service @ POP   |
| Tuesday   | 5:00 PM<br>7:30 PM<br>10:00 PM | Christmas Eve @ POP<br>Christmas Eve @ POP<br>Christmase Eve @ Trinity |
| Wednesday |                                | MERRY CHRISTMAS  |
| Thursday  |                                |  |
| Friday    | 7:00 PM                        | A New Beginning  |
| 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. If you are in the hospital, please ask them to notify the church. The pastor will not know you are hospitalized unless you tell the hospital to call. Pastor Bill's cell phone number is 724-664-4861.



Annual Congregational meeting January 26, 2025  
Meals on Wheels week of February 5, 2025

**Altar Rose** – is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Estella Forsha.

**Gift Envelopes** – for the staff are available in the narthex if you wish to pick them up & use them.

**Church Giving Envelopes for 2025** – are on the large table in the narthex if you missed it on your way in. Pick yours up today.



Our cards of caring this week are for the list we have on the table in the narthex, or anyone who might need to hear that you care about them. There are lots of people who do not have family to celebrate Christmas and the New Year; if you know one of them, send a card this week to let them know you are praying for them.



**Angel Tree** – thank you to everyone who took tags off the tree. There is a Thank You Card from the school counselors who organize this project on the bulletin board if you would like to read it. We made lots of kids happy this Christmas season.

**Hats & Gloves** – now let's fill the tree with hats and gloves/mittens or underwear and socks for local elementary kids. We'll leave the tree up till mid-January.

**Christmas Cards for shut-ins** – a printed list is located on the table in the narthex if you wish to send to folks who are not able to get out & about.

**GLMA Blue Christmas Service** – for those grieving or having a hard time with the holiday celebrations, will be held here at Prince of Peace TOMORROW at 7:00 p.m.

**THRIVENT MEMBERS!!!** Have you completed your Thrivent Action Team projects for 2024? If not, please call for approval before **12/31/24**. You will still have time into 2025 to complete approved projects. If you need help, please see Pam Yuhaniak. We would like to see these \$250.00 projects used to help people in our community. Thank you.

**TNT continues each month** – at a different restaurant, where we gather for fellowship, conversation, and of course, food. January TNT will be on the **SECOND THURSDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>** instead of the first Thursday. Watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet and plan to join us!

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Ginger Warren is still taking calls for the prayer chain, so if you want someone put on it, please call her at 724-572-6072. If she doesn't answer, please leave a detailed message on how you want the prayers worded.

**New Directories** – I finally printed a new directory of our members here at Prince of Peace. It's not perfect because I could not correct all the spacing ☹️ but now you have addresses and phone numbers of your POP family. If I missed you, or got something wrong, please write a note or send an email to me & I will correct it and issue an addendum page. Pick one up from the table under the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Food Bank Collections** – The Latrobe Food Pantry at Trinity in Latrobe is now taking non-perishable food items. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED**—the items cannot be given out if they are past their expiration date. We will continue to collect the items that food stamps do not cover. The item for December is paper towels, single or double rolls.

**Lay Readers** – if you would like to read the lessons during Sunday Worship, we would love to hear you. Please see Pastor Bill or Shirley Moretti if you would like to volunteer. Don't make Shirley come looking for you!

**Want to know more about the Sunday readings?** Then the Wednesday Bible Study is the place for you. Each Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Pastor's office, we look closer at the lessons for the coming Sunday. It is a good way to delve deeper into the lessons and learn about them from a different perspective. Everyone is welcome. **If you are interested, but if this time is not good for you, speak with the pastor.**

**New Sign-up sheets** – for usher and altar care are out! This year you can sign up by the week OR the month. Each service is a separate line, so sign your name for as many as you can. Thank you!

**Flower Pages** – for 2025 are in the book on the usher's table. The prices have not changed. An altar arrangement is \$25 and a rose is \$5. Pick your special dates early!

**Baggaley Care Closet** – now that we've had some time to assess the needs of our Baggaley family, Kim Stewart, principal, has said that the most needed items seem to be toilet paper, deodorant, laundry detergent, and cleaning supplies. Also, they like to stock "on the go" snacks that can be quickly eaten during school time. Some suggestions would be beef sticks, peanut butter crackers, fruit or pudding cups (and maybe some plastic spoons). If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Bill or Janie Hayden.

**Looking Ahead** – Our annual congregational meeting where we approve the budget for 2025 will be held after worship on Sunday, January 26, 2025. If you are on council, or head of a committee, please submit your yearly report to the office by January 12<sup>th</sup> so Vickie can put the report together for distribution the week before. Please reach out with any questions or concerns ASAP.

**Synod Assembly** – this is very early, but if you would like to participate in synod assembly this year, you will need to register early. Since it is a bishop election year, the first **ON LINE ONLY** session will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, and in person assembly at La Roche University in Pittsburgh is June 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Pastor Bill early if you're considering attending this year.

**Bring in your plastic** – Don't forget we are also collecting plastic to get a bench for our playground area. There is a can beside the paper recycling in the gathering space for your plastic donations.

**Secretary's office hours** – This week I will be in the office on Tuesday for a couple hours in the morning and Friday. It's probably going to be a crazy week, so call before stopping in to make sure I'm there if you need to see me. The deadline for announcements in the bulletin is **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** The deadline for the newsletter is the **23<sup>rd</sup>** of the month.

**Reminder: cards of caring box** – is located in the library area outside of the Fellowship Hall. There are lots of cards for birthdays and blank cards that you can write your own message. There are also several other categories, and a miscellaneous in the back that includes Thanksgiving and anniversary cards. Check them out before you go to the card store.

### **Stewardship Corner**

C. S. Lewis said, "He who has God and wealth has no more than he who has God alone." In God's Word we read that Christians are *"sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything"* (2 Corinthians 6:10). As Christians, we understand that true wealth does not consist of possessions but in being rich toward God. As believers, we may not have much in the ways of material things, but we have all we need in Jesus. May God grant us the attitude of Job who said, *"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord"* (Job 1:21).

### **SUNDAY SMILE**

