

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Living, Learning, and Growing in the Word of God

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P.O.P. NOTES



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An Invitation to Celebrate

2012 marks the 50th anniversary of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and you are invited to be part of the celebration. This celebration is not just a one day event; rather it is a celebration that will last throughout the year. Our year of celebration will begin on Sunday, January 8th with a kick off dinner after worship and will come to an end on Sunday November 25th with a festive worship service that will include our bishop, Kurt Kusserow, preaching and a celebration dinner following the service at St. Vincent Grove.

50 years of mission and ministry to Jesus Christ and to the people of Latrobe has taken this congregation into many exciting adventures. It is my hope that we can take time throughout this year to tell the stories, relive the experiences and continue to grow our current mission of "Living, Learning, Growing the Word of God".

Each month we will have the opportunity to share our history in a new way. Some kind of activity is planned for each month and one of the former pastors and lay staff will be here to preach and share in our celebration. Our first preacher has never served Prince of Peace, but her father was the pastor of St. James, Youngstown at the time that Prince of Peace was formed from many of the members of St. James. The Rev. Janice Altenburger, the daughter of the Rev. Donald Power, will be with us that day. She has a unique view of the events of 50 years ago and is delighted to be able to share some time with us for our celebration.

I am excited about the opportunity to celebrate this special time in the history of Prince of Peace. I am excited to be your pastor at this time of growth and mission here at Prince of Peace. I am blessed call each of you my brother and sisters in this mission and we, together, will continue to grow the Word of God in this place for another 50 year. Thanks be to God for the blessings, work and joy that has come from this congregation since 1962 and thanks be to God for the saints that have served our Lord Jesus in this place.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

Thanks you so much for your generous gifts to me during this Christmas season. I am blessed to serve a congregation that is so caring and generous. Again, from Jen, Noah, Angelina and me, thank you for sharing your love with us again this year. May you know the blessings of Christ in the coming year. Pastor Bill

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Rosie Nickle – Ministry Chair

Christian Education Meeting – January 12th
at 7:00p.m.

Confirmation Class – the Confirmation Class has been doing a variety of things to raise money for camp. There will be a soup sale (**beef vegetable**) on the 15th of this month. We still have about 20 coupon books left. They are a great deal and many local businesses participate. There is candy available and they will be selling pies for Easter. Also on January 10, 2012 from 5pm-9pm. why not head over to at Chick-Fil-A. The confirmation kids get a portion of all sales during that time. Please consider supporting the kids through one or two of these ventures.

FINANCE

Dwight Sarson – Ministry Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2011

CURRENT FUND

Beginning Balance	\$(27.87)
Receipts	\$ 10,455.00
Disbursements	\$10,389.20
Ending Balance	\$37.93

BENEVOLENCE

2011 Pledge	\$15,500
Amount Pledged to Date	\$14,208
Amount Received to Date	\$13,188.50
Difference Over/(Under)	(1,019.50)

BUILDING FUND

Beginning Balance	\$24,475.58
Receipts	\$932.02
Total Available	\$25,407.60
Less Disbursements	— \$0
Ending Balance	\$25,407.60

OUTREACH

Vickie Onusko – Ministry Chair

Winter is here and the blanket drive will continue until further notice. Please bring in your new or gently used blankets to be donated to those in need. Please place blankets in the bin in the narthex.

Meals on Wheels is in need of drivers to deliver meals to homes. Meals are picked up at Latrobe Hospital and then delivered to individuals homes. It takes about 1 to 1 1/2 hours once or twice a month. If you would be interested please contact Alice Harr 724-539-8988.

Finals boxes – Were sent to 7 of our young adults. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

Property and House Committee
R.R. Schmitt/Lee Semasko–Ministry Chairs



Tractor cost	\$3049
Less total Donations	-\$3049
Remaining	-0-

The tractor has been paid off by the generosity of the Bolyard Family in memory of Fred Bolyard.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Pam Yuhaniak – Ministry Chair

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

JANUARY 1ST

Greeters: Bob and Elaine Woller
Acolyte: Carisa Byich
Lay Reader: Jen Schaefer
Lay Assistants: Jack and Kathy Bangor

JANUARY 8TH

Greeters: Gus and Esther Toth
Acolyte: Emily Hay
Lay Reader: Barb Volpe
Lay Assistants: Dennis Guy/Pam Yuhaniak

JANUARY 15TH

Greeters: Glenn and Sheila Thompson
Acolyte: Zakary Jellison
Lay Reader: Pam Yuhaniak
Lay Assistants: Sherry Stahl/Pam Yuhaniak

JANUARY 21ST

Lay Reader:
Lay Assistants:

JANUARY 22ND

Greeters: Pat Maatta
Acolyte: Courtney Warren
Lay Reader: Donna Smith

JANUARY 29TH

Greeters: Youth Group
Acolyte: Marc Weltz
Lay Reader: Donna Smith

Head Usher for January is Jim Moretti

Altar Care for January is Pam Yuhaniak

The 2012 Head Usher sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the Ushers station. Please sign up early to get your desired month. Your willingness to serve in this capacity is greatly appreciated!

The 2012 Flower book pages are now in the notebook on the Ushers station.

STEWARDSHIP

Susann Tschupp – Ministry Chair

Sharing God's Love

At the heart of stewardship is the love of God has shown to us through His Son, Jesus. Because He loves us, He has given us "*redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us...*" (Ephesians 1:7-8). God is not stingy with His gifts: He "lavishes" them on us. Forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation would be enough, wouldn't they? But God chooses to give us more gifts – the gifts of His creation to care for, food and clothing, family and friends, and much more. He "*richly provides us with everything to enjoy*" (1 Timothy 6:17). Responsibility comes with this enjoyment, for we "*are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share*" (1 Timothy 6:18).

We are enabled to shoulder this responsibility because God Himself has called us to be His stewards. Because God has chosen to work through us, we faithfully respond to His love and grace. Because of God's grace in our lives we are transformed into Christ's likeness. We read in Galatians 2:20, "*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.*"

As followers of Christ we are capable of doing marvelous things because of God's power at work in our lives. God uses us as conduits to share His love and rich supply with others. God not only calls us to His work of stewardship, He sets out the good deeds He wants us to accomplish: "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them*" (Ephesians 2:10).

God's love shines through us as we individually share our blessings with others. We can reflect God's love as we follow His guidance and willingly serve Him with our time, abilities, and money. As the Apostle Paul said, "*Therefore, my beloved brothers be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain*" (1 Corinthians 15:58). May our love never grow cold and may we never tire of doing God's work.

Fellowship

Shirley Kelley – Ministry Chair

Women's Christmas Party – a big thank you to the mystery man who picked up the entire tab at the Women's Christmas party held on December 7th. The gesture was greatly appreciated and heartwarming. The women then took up a collection and paid the kindness forward by making a donation to the Salvation Army.



1962-2012

50th Anniversary

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On January 8th, the committee will be holding a "Kick off to the 50th Anniversary"

A ham dinner will immediately follow the service. Everything will be provided and a free will offering will be taken. Anyone wishing to donate a dessert should contact Shirley Kelley. All members are invited to attend.

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 the office 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.

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.

Announcements

From our congregation: Julie Zeltner, Bev Guyer, Mary Jane Hayden, Vi McIlhny, Verna Allen, Dave Williams, Ron Carey, Verna Frontz, Phyllis Stewart, Norie Schrecengost, R.R. Schmitt, and Terri McAfoose.

Others in need of our prayers: Rev. Susan Luttner, Dan Schaefer, Bill Hauger, Betty Onusko, Nickolas Gehlman, Debbie Gehlman, Mary Jane Bangor, Nash Sinchak, Donald Dick, Mary Evelyn and Gene Miller, Cecil Metz, Jim Greene, Ann Walthour, Chris Volpe, Helen Lowman, Betty Jean Sulzer, Bruce Kantorik, Carol Keim, John Horton, Joyce Roddy, Ethel Weltz, Karen Groans, Lillian Santone, Rev. John Tollner, Matthew Pickering, Gabe Naggy, Jen Carey, Maggie Elder, Phyllis Jones, Tim Walter and Julia Kozar.

Those in the Military: Sean Stewart, Justin Kowatch, Jessica Miller, Jordan Omlor, Troy Golden, Richard Schall, Erik Sarson, and the 28th Military Police Battalion.

Our Shut-in members: Louise Johns (Emeritus), Frieda Nehls (Nature Park Commons), Helen Albright (at home), Phyllis Stewart (Redstone Highlands), Marie Hill (at home), Betty Felbaum (at home) Barney and Dolores Helfferich (Emeritus), Thomas Washnock (at home) and Violet Myers (Barnes House).

Addresses for Care Homes of our Members

Barnes House

2021 James Street
Latrobe PA 15650

Nature Park Commons

132 Nature Park Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

Emeritus (Green Meadows)

500 Brouwers Drive
Latrobe PA 15650

Redstone Highlands

8 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg PA 15601

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – will be held on January 22nd. This meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the congregation. The budget and other congregational Business will be discussed at this meeting. If you have Business to be brought before the congregation please see Vickie Onusko or Pastor Bill so your item may be placed on the agenda.

Adams Memorial Library Did Santa bring you an eReader or Tablet for Christmas this year? Or have you been saving up all of your gift cards to buy one? Either way, InspectOur Gadgets is the Event for you.

Our Librarians will be on hand to walk you step-by-step through the downloading process for borrowing eBooks from the Library - for free!! This is also a great time to "test drive" various eReader models to compare size, weight, lighting, page turning & more.

Each device has its own downloading process, and we're here to help you access all possible Library resources with your eReader or Tablet. Stop by to InspectOur Gadgets - Hope to see you there!

50 Years of Ministry – On November 25, 2012, Prince of Peace will celebrate 50 years of Ministry. The First services were on June 3, 1962 and the Congregation was officially formed on November 25, 1962. For 50 years, we have served the people of Lawson Heights, Latrobe, Unity Township and the Synods of Southwestern PA. The committee would like to plan a special event for each month of the year, so this does not have to be a year-long commitment. If you would like to be involved for a certain month, or have an idea you would like to share, contact Vickie Onusko, Shirley Kelley, Pam Yuhaniak, or Pastor Bill.

The anniversary committee is looking for photos, movies, slides, programs, or any items that would help to archive the history of Prince of Peace. We would like to make a digital "movie" to put onto our web site, and would also like to use these items for our monthly celebrations starting in January. If you have something we could use, please get it to Pastor or to Kellie in the office. If you would like it back, please mark it with your name and phone number so we can return it when we are finished.

Pennsylvania Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP helps PA citizens pay their heating bills and resolve heating emergencies such as utility termination, no fuel.

LIHEAP offers both CASH and CRISIS grants:

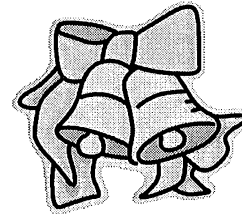
- **CASH grants** (11/01/11-3/20/12) help pay heating bills. Payment is sent to the utility company or fuel provided and is credited on the recipient's bill. In some cases the check may be mailed directly to the recipient. Maximum benefit \$1,000/Minimum benefit \$100.
- **Crisis Grants** (01/03/12-03/30/12) help families with an emergency and are in danger of being without heat (broken furnaces, less than 15 days left of fuel). Maximum benefit \$300/Minimum \$25.

LIHEAP applications available in the Narthex in the rotating rack.

A New Year's blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown

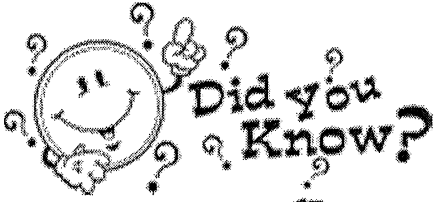


ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: When is the last time the two of you did something just for your relationship? Make 2012 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee; plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. The **2012 Pennsylvania Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends** are: **March 16-18 at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center, State College PA** (peaceful resort located in the center of the state), **Apr. 20-22 at Park Inn by Radisson-Sharon, West Middlesex, PA** (a lovely hotel featuring king beds and in-room hot tubs--1 hour north of Pittsburgh), **September 14-16 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA** (a 1917 Manor with beautiful modern retreat center in the Allegheny National Forest -- 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA), and **October 19-21 at The Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA** (in the beautiful Pocono Mountains just off Interstate 80 -- 2 hrs. north of Philadelphia.) Registrations are limited, so choose your Weekend, and **sign up today** to ensure your first choice. If a conflict arises, you may transfer your registration to any other Weekend that has openings. To sign up, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card. Or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with a registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

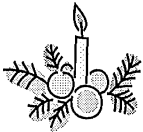
God refuses to give up on us. When we lose hope, when we fail and fall short, his mercy never runs out. Tomorrow is full of promise and our Lord's unceasing love.

CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY CARING...

This page features our members that are doing positive things within the congregation and in the community. If you catch someone being "good" please let Kellie know so they can be featured in this new section.



Blanket Drive – to date we have collected 36 blankets to keep those in need warm this winter. The drive continues until further notice.



“Light A Candle For Those Who

To date we have raised **\$290 dollars** for the Lutheran Global Mission in Jerusalem supporting existing congregations and funding inter-faith outreach efforts.

- Special thank you to all who supported this project and who make it come to fruition and beautify the church on Christmas Eve.



Cards for MAX

I received an e-mail from wtac news with a video of the story they ran for Max. Turns out all though our information was a little erroneous the outcome was still the same. Max is from Iowa and is 12. He does have leukemia and wanted to get a million cards. Through a relative, a pair of sisters in Belle Vernon heard about Max, and started a campaign of their own. To date Max has gotten 350,000 cards and over 20,000 have come through the Belle Vernon sisters. The video said that Max is currently doing well and hopes it continues. <http://www.wtac.com/video/30086827/detail.html> Here is the link if you would like to watch the video.



We received this from the staff of Derry Area School District – “To the Angels at Prince of Peace Church, Many thanks to all who helped make Christmas a little brighter for the students in Derry Area School District. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

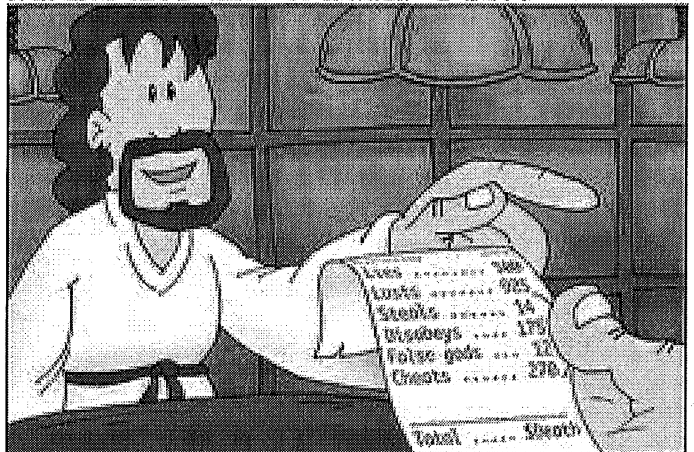


Mittens – Our gift tag tree turned mitten tree has collected almost 50 items. After the first of the year they will be donated to the local elementary schools.



7 of our Prince of Peace College students received packages full of snacks to help them through finals week. Thank you to all that helped fund the project and pack and mail the boxes.

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Thanks to Corey Adams (See Reasons 6-23)

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I'LL GET THIS ONE

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

PASTOR - BILL SCHAEFER	Finance - Dwight Sarson (532-3020)
President - Vickie Onusko(537-9383)	Outreach - Vickie Onusko - (537-9383)
Vice President - Dwight Sarson (532-3020)	Fellowship - Shirley Kelley - (537-5645)
Secretary - Cathie Schall - (539-7164)	Worship/Music - Pam Yuhaniak (537-5533)
Financial Secretary - Pat Fry (539-7513)	Library - Margy Williams - (539-8704)
Treasurer - Lisa Mentch (309-3264)	W.E.L.C.A. - Shirley Kelley - (537-5645)
Stewardship - Susan Tschupp (219-3893)	Memorial Committee -Pastor Bill/Pat Fry
Christian Ed - Rosie Nickle (539-9488)	Prayer Chain - Ginger Warren (593-7524)
Evangelism - Cathie Schall - (539-7164)	Altar Care - Pam Yuhaniak - (537-5533)
Property/House - R.R. Schmitt (537-3245) Lee Semasko (537-9164)	Funeral Dinner Coordinators- Sheila Thompson - (537-8010)/Ginger Warren (593-7524)



January Birthdays

- 1 Dennis Guyer
Sarah Zill
- 2 Mike Kowatch
Jeffrey Byich
- 3 Garnet Snyder
Neil Svehla
- 4 Doug Wano
- 5 David Gruebel
Amy Harshell
Tabby Holnaider
Zakary Jellison
- 6 Dolores Helfferich
- 7 Cheryl Israel
- 8 Dana Sarson
Lara Zimmerman
- 9 Aileen Kowatch
Melia Richards
- 10 Deidra Wells
- 13 Brian Zimmerman
- 14 Amy Guyer
- 15 David Matheny
- 17 Ruth Ann Zidak
Chris Hough
Luke Jellison
- 18 Brian Woller
- 20 Vergean Helfferich
- 22 Emily Hay
- 23 Jessica Johnson
- 24 Samantha Weaver
- 25 Cora Hill
Adam Kowatch
Jason Braden
- 26 Pam Yuhaniak
- 27 Bill Smith
- 28 Amy West
Nathan Apel
- 31 Audrianna Scherer
Jody Jellison

Baptisms


- 6 Flo Gulilsek
- 7 Lauren Israel
Scott Israel
- 8 Megan Vargo
- 10 Denise Thiel
- 12 Jim Moretti
Nathan Braden
- 14 Beth Ann Shaw
- 23 Janet Mills
Juliann Zeltner
- 30 Mitchell Schall
Richard Schall



Anniversaries

- 12 Jim & Shirley Moretti
- 22 Barb & Paul Volpe
- 27 Paul & Nancy Smith








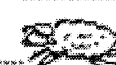










A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

_____ adcltne _____			
_____ rohmtao _____			
_____ srgbape _____			
_____ rbleda _____			
_____ pehtshred _____			
_____ rdhaenlca _____			
_____ iadoo _____			
<small>Her name in Greek</small>			
_____ pdoesh _____			
_____ dchlinero _____			
_____ drove _____			
_____ acentr _____			
_____ sarcos _____			
_____ nuscotim _____			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas