

Prints of Peace



November is a time when the natural world around us in Pennsylvania slows down. The trees lose their leaves, the temperature plummets, the grass becomes dormant. Animals shift into their winter modes of collecting food, hibernating, and sometimes seeking shelter in our own houses or sheds! The world starts to get ready for the winter. All around us, there are signs that look like death – bare trees, cold winds, perhaps even the first snow. But we know that this “death” will not last forever – this is not the end, but rather a time of dormancy, a time to huddle up and stay close, a time that will before long lead to the first buds of spring.

In this time of slowing down and preparing for what’s ahead, we celebrate several special days in the church.

All Saints Sunday: All Saints Day is November 1. In many congregations, including ours, we observe All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday in November. On this day, we remember those who have died, and we celebrate with those who are baptized. We light candles and ring chimes to remember and celebrate a few names, just those in our midst in the past year. But together we remember all the saints who now rest in God, and all the saints who now live in God. We celebrate All Saints on Sunday, November 5 at 9:45 am.

Christ the King / Reign of Christ: Throughout the wider church, the name of this holiday has been in flux for some time now, shifting from “Christ the King” to “The Reign of Christ.” The reason for this is simple – we no longer live in a world where “kings” have much power or influence. The idea of having Christ as a “king” just doesn’t resonate the way it once did. But the meaning of the day endures – on this final Sunday of the church year, we recognize the sovereignty of Jesus Christ. We praise the crucified and risen One who now reigns forever, the One whose kingdom is always coming into our world, just as we pray in the Lord’s Prayer. We celebrate Christ the King / Reign of Christ on Sunday, November 26 at 9:45 am.

Thanksgiving Day: Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States and is not truly a religious holiday in the church year. However, by its nature, Thanksgiving (at its best) brings us to a spiritual place of gratitude and grace, a sense of hopeful togetherness. We celebrate Thanksgiving with the Slate Belt Ministerium at a special service on Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 pm at Community Presbyterian Church, 1755 N Delaware Dr., Mt. Bethel.

As the days grow shorter, celebrate the goodness of God with us!

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

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Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counters
Nov. 5	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Georgia Suranofsky	Bob Schuette	Marlene and Butch Stana	Cathy Mullen	Isabel Baker	Jackie Horn, Connie Itterly
Nov. 12	Sherk and June Jones	Kale Baker	Marlene Stana	Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk	John Martocci	Alex Scholtes	Jim Jennings, Scott Schipps
Nov. 18	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Connie Itterly	Laraine Brands	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Tara Flyte	Landon Horn	Jackie Horn, Brenda Hughes
Nov. 26	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Sherry Hock	Kale Baker	John and Georgia Suranofsky	Jim Jennings	Alex Scholtes	Jim Jennings, Tina Johns,
Dec. 3	John and Georgia Suranofsky	Mary Hendershot	April Miller	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Kim Jennings	Isabel Baker	Jackie Horn, Kathy Williams

Communion Assistants:

November 5: April Miller, Tina Johns
 November 12: Diane Hahn, Connie Itterly
 November 18: Marlene Stana, Brooks Baker
 November 26: Laraine Brands, Jim Jennings
 December 3: Tina Johns, Jim Jennings

Altar Guild November: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart
Altar Guild December: Kim Jennings, Sara Godshalk

Thank you for your willingness to serve!! If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please find someone to take your place and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change as soon as possible. For last minute changes be sure to leave the message on Pastor Scholtes' voice mail at 610-588-2355 or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.

Weis Grocery Receipts:

Thank you to all who save their Weis receipts for Prince of Peace!

Keep those grocery receipts coming! Please note we can only use slips from the Blue Valley store and we cannot use receipts for gift cards, milk, tobacco, sales tax, alcohol and pharmacy items. These items are deducted from the slips. Thank you for your continued support.

—Janet Martocci

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals: John A. Dyer, September 18 (non-member)
 Donald M. Jones, September 22 (non-member)

WORSHIP WITH US

On-site (9:45 on Sundays)

Note: Weather permitting, we will worship *outside* in our grove on the first Sunday of October.

Online / Facebook / Telephone

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor). You can also call in to hear our worship each week at 877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767). New videos and audio files will be added each Monday.

OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council has accepted confirmands, Emma Confalone, Alex Scholtes, Isabel Baker, Allison Manicke, Sarah Harrison into adult membership.
- Deadline for submission of information to the Annual Report-October 23rd.
- Annual Congregation Meeting, Sunday, November 19th-following worship service.

Social Ministry News:

Social Ministry does not have any projects planned for the last quarter of the year. Please continue to bring in food items for PUMP, especially pasta, and mac & cheese. Thanksgiving food items (mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce) are requested along with pasta, and mac & cheese. We also ask that you support the Christmas card ministry for our military, if you need cards see Holly Blakeslee. On the outside of the envelope write "American Soldier." Cards are due at church by November 12th. Last but not least, Christmas gifts for PUMP in December. Social Ministry thanks you for your generous and continued support of our ministries and projects throughout the year. —*Mary O'Meally*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting of Prince of Peace will be held on Sunday, November 19 immediately following the 9:45 am worship service. All Prince of Peace members are invited and **encouraged** to attend and participate. Items of business will include adoption of a 2024 budget, election of council members, consideration of an amendment to the by-laws, and more.

IMPORTANT: Please get all reports (print ready) for committees, staff, etc. to Annette no later than **Sunday, October 23** for inclusion in the Annual Report Booklet.



CONFIRMATION/REFORMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 29, 2023, Prince of Peace will celebrate **Reformation Sunday**. We will also celebrate with five of our young people as they affirm their baptism in the rite of **Confirmation**: Isabel Baker, Emma Confalone, Sarah Harrison, Allison Manicke, and Alex Scholtes.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 5, 2023, Prince of Peace will celebrate **All Saints Sunday**. On this day, we will honor all those who have died in the past year in our congregation, as well as those who were buried under the care of our pastor. We will also celebrate all those who have been baptized in the past year.

A special All Saints remembrance document will be prepared for our announcement folders and emailed to Pastor's email loop. The remembrances will be included in the newsletter too. An envelope is provided in your offering envelope box.

To be included: All Saints Remembrances names must be given to Annette by 9 a.m. Monday, 10/30/23.

Looking Ahead:

Due to Annette's vacation dates November 20-28th, the December Newsletter's deadline is: **Tuesday, November 7th at noon**. Please note that any items received later than the due date will be held until the next newsletter. All submissions are important!

Thank you: Thank you all so much for all the cards and phone calls while we recuperate. We appreciate it very much.

— *Neil and Petrina Billger*

Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for your generous support of my year in Senegal with Young Adults in Global Mission. Your support made my time there possible. I will carry my experiences in Senegal with me for the rest of my life.
Peace, —*Quentin*

A Thank You letter from Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry (P.U.M.P) was received thanking Prince of Peace for our continued support, financial donations and grocery donations.

Thank you for all the cards, emails, texts, phone messages, birthday serenade, and gifts in celebration of my birthday. Thank you for all the nice surprises, they all were so thoughtful! —Sincerely, *Annette Buss*

TASK FORCE NEWS

By now, you've surely heard about the plan our congregational Task Force has made to cut our annual budget deficit by more than 50%. The budget that council has recommended for consideration at the Annual Meeting has a deficit (called the "New Money required to Balance the Budget") line of \$15,020, compared to \$38,482 that was in the 2023 budget. This is a *huge* improvement (a 61% reduction)! The Task Force has worked very hard to accomplish this, as you've heard.

You've also heard that *your* involvement is necessary to make these numbers a reality. The plan includes an increase in the purchase of Weis cards – we need those of *you* who shop at Weis to make the decision to purchase these cards. The plan includes helping at events at Jacktown – we need *you* to sign up to be part of these fundraisers. The plan includes an increase in building rentals – we need *you* to recommend Prince of Peace when a friend or family member is looking for a venue to rent. And above all, the plan includes an increase in regular giving – we need *you* to prayerfully participate in an upcoming Stewardship Campaign, which will be held in January and February 2024. During that campaign, members of the Task Force and Stewardship Committee will present to you a compelling case for an increase in our financial commitment to the church. Listen. Ponder. Pray. Talk with your family. Take it seriously. Even if you think you can't give more, *listen and pray*.

The Task Force and Council have done their job of *preparing a budget and a plan* that significantly increase our sustainability. Now, it's time for *all of us* to work together to make that budget and plan *a reality*. Thank you for supporting the work of the Task Force all year.

POP's Treasures Boutique will be open on the following dates:

Nov. 10 & 11; and Dec. 8 & 9. Hours: Fridays 10 a.m. -2 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. – Noon.
Committee members: Valerie Kessler, Mary O'Meally, Jackie Horn

Fall Rummage Sale Dates:

The Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, November 10th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 11th from 9 a.m. to Noon.

We would love for you to be involved during this wonderful outreach and fund-raising opportunity! Because it is a task worth our time and talent, we have set 2 weeks to accomplish the task. When we spent one week to set up, it seemed like a mad dash. By taking 2 weeks to get ready, it's more relaxed and less stressful. There is an event in the fellowship hall on **October 29th**, so setting up the tables will take place after the event. You can start dropping off your items on Sunday afternoon on October 29th, in the back hallway, but **please no more drop offs after November 8th**. If you are interested in helping, please just come out to the church at 9 am Monday-Friday during set-up. We will leave when we feel like we have laid out most of our donations. If you want to check to see if we are at the church before you come out, you may call Jackie Horn at 610-810-7268.





Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!

Jennifer Grusso, November 2
Olivia Brands, November 3
Emma Confalone, November 3
Julia Antonioli, November 4
Joanne Schipps, November 4
Kathy Griggs, November 5
Brandon Harrison, November 5
Anthony Diabo, November 5
Sarah Harrison, November 7
Ralph Werner, November 7
Lucas Hoff, November 7
Mary Dry, November 8
Robert Johns, November 8
Georgia Suranofsky, November 9
Paul Hinton, November 9
Richard Butler, November 10
Alissa Kornafel, November 11
Stacy Powell, November 13
Wayne Bisher, November 13
Tami Manicke, November 14
Maureen Suprick, November 16
Kevin Hall, November 17
Emma Steigerwalt, November 17
Kerri Miller, November 17
Jared Reto, November 18
Sherry Hock, November 20
Yvonne Gist, November 21
Ashlyn Oessenick, November 22
Larry Rissmiller, November 22
Bonnie Scholtes, November 23
Maci Hock, November 23
Wayne Shuman, November 23
Marlene Stana, November 27
Sherwood Jones, November 28
Robert Gist, November 28
Stephanie Shoemaker, November 28
Joseph Daley, November 30



Proposed Bylaw Change for November 2023 Congregational Meeting

Congregation Council is proposing the following amendment to our bylaws. This amendment will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2023. It requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

Existing Bylaw B4 (in part):

Treasurer – The treasurer shall be responsible for the books of account of the congregation and shall see that all funds are received and disbursed on proper orders, making remittance of mission support to the treasurer of the Synod. The treasurer or designee from the Finance Committee shall make a written report of all financial transactions to the congregation council monthly and to the congregation, together with a satisfactory audit, at its annual meeting. All financial officers shall give corporate surety, in amounts determined by the congregation council, for which the premium shall be paid by the congregation. The treasurer shall be properly bonded. This bonding requirement can be satisfied through the purchase of the appropriate insurance coverage for this risk. **Many of these duties may be delegated to a paid accountant. In the case when the congregation has such an accountant, the chair of the Finance Committee shall be *ex officio* elected as treasurer. The treasurer shall be exempt from the constitutional expectation that “no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office” (C11.03).**

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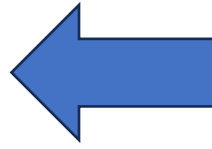


Thy
Word
 is a
Lamp
 unto my feet
 and a
Light
 unto my path.
Psalm 119:105

ALL SAINTS DAY (11/1)	Revelation 9:7-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-13; Matthew 5:1-12
Thursday, November 2	Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29
Friday, November 3	Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3
Saturday, November 4	Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28
Sunday, November 5	Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
Monday, November 6	Psalm 5; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Tuesday, November 7	Psalm 5; Lamentations 2:13-17; Acts 13:1-12
Wednesday, November 8	Psalm 5; Proverbs 16:21-33; Matthew 15:1-9
Thursday, November 9	Psalm 70; Amos 1:1-2:5; Revelation 8:6-9:12
Friday, November 10	Psalm 70; Amos 3:1-12; Revelation 9:13-21
Saturday, November 11	Psalm 70; Amos 4:6-13; Matthew 24:1-14
Sunday, November 12	Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Monday, November 13	Psalm 63; Amos 8:7-14; 1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Tuesday, November 14	Psalm 63; Joel 1:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Wednesday, November 15	Psalm 63; Joel 3:9-21; Matthew 24:29-35
Thursday, November 16	Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 6:1-14; Revelation 16:1-7
Friday, November 17	Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 7:1-9; Revelation 16:8-21
Saturday, November 18	Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 7:10-27; Matthew 12:43-45
Sunday, November 19	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Monday, November 20	Psalm 9:1-14; Zechariah 1:7-17; Romans 2:1-11
Tuesday, November 21	Psalm 9:1-14; Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
Wednesday, November 22	Psalm 9:1-14; Job 16:1-21; Matthew 24:45-51
Thursday, November 23	Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Kings 22:13-23; Revelation 14:1-11
Friday, November 24	Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15; Revelation 22:1-9
Saturday, November 25	Psalm 95:1-7a; Isaiah 44:21-28; Matthew 12:46-50
CHRIST THE KING (11/26)	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46
Monday, November 27	Psalm 7; Esther 2:1-18; 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Tuesday, November 28	Psalm 7; Esther 8:3-17; Revelation 19:1-9
Wednesday, November 29	Psalm 7; Ezekiel 33:7-20; John 5:19-40
Thursday, November 30	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13

Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to DailyLectio.net, where you can sign up for daily emails, or download the app for iPhone or Android!

Your Generosity in Action



Your giving to mission support helps do God's work in the world. Did you know.... that 1 out of every 50 Americans receives a benefit from a Lutheran ministry? You are being a generous steward when you contribute financially when you can not be there to use your time or talent.



The Joyful Noise collection in September totaled \$82.00. Thank you for your continued support. The bucket is always on the counter in the narthex for donations at anytime!



It is that time of year when we have the opportunity to show our gratitude to our staff. During the year they use their time and talents to support our congregation. Why not include a monetary gift this year using the envelope you see here?



*The November Newsletter is sponsored:
In Memory of My Mom,
Betty Louise Moysey Godshalk by Sara*



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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. – Join us!!

- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes**
- **home: 610-588-2314 - PastorMJS@gmail.com**
- **Volunteer Pastoral Assist. Larry Rissmiller**
610-588-4669
- **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Bookkeeper: Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
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- **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**
- **Admin. Asst’s Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,**
Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon
Thursday: 1 to 4 pm
- **Admin. Asst’s email: poplcbangor@gmail.com**

Congregation Council Members:

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| Connie Itterly - President | Brenda Hughes |
| Traci Rumsey - Vice President | Jackie Horn |
| Tina Johns - Secretary | Kerri Miller |
| Kale Baker | Dave Karner |
| Sara Godshalk | Marlene Stana |
| Rev. Michael Scholtes | |

Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank you? Make an announcement?

EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

December 2023 Newsletter is:

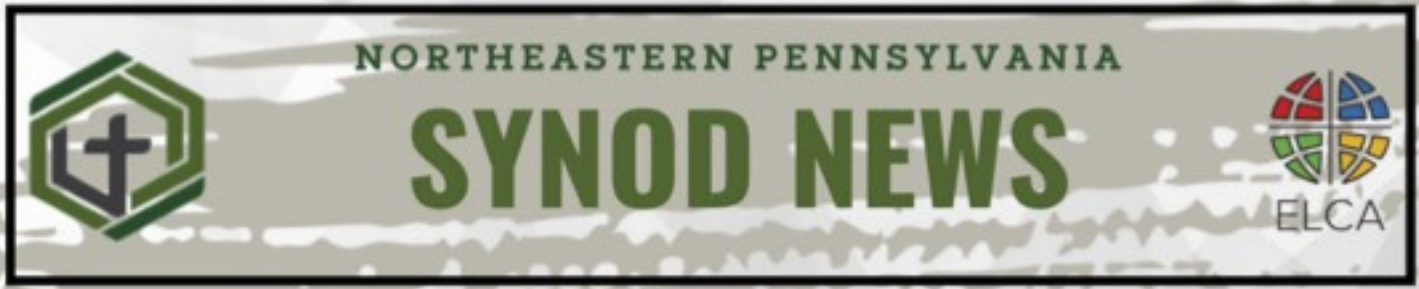
Tuesday, November 7 at Noon

*You may email your submissions to poplcbangor@gmail.com
Or give a handwritten items to **Annette Buss***

****Items received after the deadline will go into next month’s newsletter.****

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

We, the people of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, will actively seek and serve Christ in all people.



Interconnected, Diverse, and Wild Creation

Have you ever worked on a crochet or knit project, and got to a point where your yarn ends up tied in a bird nest-looking mess? Or maybe you're one that works with a fishing line, and while re-spooling a reel you end up with a knot with loops and swoops that make you scratch your head and wonder, "Now what?"

I've noticed that when I experience the dilemma of a knotted skein, I feel frustration and anger. If I'm not in my clearest headspace, I will reactively pull one loop at a time, looking for one with any ability to move. "This one moves? Great!" I'll pull it in either direction until it stops. Still knotted? Find another! And again, and again. If I'm not careful I can end up tightening the knot even further, never to be unwound and destined for the scrap pile.

On my clearer days, I can take a jumbled mess of a knot and get it unwound and collected into a smaller ball of yarn without even needing to cut it from the rest! In Times like this, I have found, that the frustration and the anger are still present, yet in letting them pass while I pause, I create the opportunity to take care and intention in my untangling.

I wonder if God feels like that sometimes when, as the interconnected, diverse, and wild Creation that God so deeply loves, we get ourselves all knotted up through broken relationships, judgments, and ignorant acts. I wonder, does God reactively start pulling at us to take action? Does God accept our jumbled mess, allowing us to make different choices and seek right relationships that honor our connectedness? Does God enjoy the feeling of seeing us come together to co-create something new and beautiful?

May you know and trust that the One who has knit you together in the womb is the One who is eager and ready to create goodness and mercy in and through you this day and always. Blessings on your detangling.

Reverend Lauren Applegate
On Leave From Call





We Love 2023:
The Reconciling
in Christ Process

Saturday, November 4, 2023
8:30AM-3PM
at The Lutheran Center
2354 Grove Rd., Allentown

Join the synod's LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team as we host a special day of education, information, and fellowship on this year's theme: The Reconciling In Christ process. We are thrilled to welcome Carla Christopher, Assistant to the Bishop for Justice Ministries in the Lower Susquehanna and Delaware-Maryland synods, to work with us on integrating our commitment to racial justice into our RIC efforts.



SAVE ^{THE} DATE
synod
assembly
JUNE 8TH 2024

NATIONAL
YOUTH
GATHERING

Registration - now open!



www.elca.church/gathering



*This Thanksgiving, we acknowledge
this land is Indigenous*