

Prints of Peace



If you were present at the All Saints worship and Anniversary Banquet on November 6, you heard Prince of Peace described in some very colorful metaphors. In the sermon that day, I compared this congregation to a *meteor shower*, sparkling and twinkling with light from God. At the banquet, Bishop deForest then compared us to a *sweater*, knit together by God's love to provide warmth for one another and for our world. Two very different metaphors, but both true in their own way, for we share God's light and warmth with each other and with our community.

And as we head into the Advent season, I think each of these metaphors connects with Christmas. Just as a *meteor shower* shines light into the darkness, certainly the star of Bethlehem shone light into a dark world. And a *sweater* – well, everybody knows that “ugly Christmas sweaters” are a staple of the season! So we're also a *Christmas people*, aren't we!

So, I invite you to participate in Advent and Christmas this year. Here are some of the ways you can do that:

There are multiple **Advent Devotions** you can receive. For adults, a printed booklet is available in the narthex, and you'll also receive another booklet from me via email. Sunday School children will receive an Advent calendar. And for teens and young adults, a special booklet entitled “It's About Time” is being mailed to them.

I invite you to attend Sunday worship at 9:45 am on the **Four Sundays of Advent** (November 27 – December 18), as we learn anew how to **wait** for the Lord's coming.

I invite you to attend **Blue Christmas**, our special service designed especially for those who find the holidays difficult. (Though all are of course welcome!) This year's quiet and hopeful Blue Christmas service will be held Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm.

I invite you to attend **Christmas Eve worship**, held this year at 3:30 and 6:30 pm. (Even though I accidentally listed the second service somewhere as ~~7:30~~, it's actually at **6:30. That's 6:30. Six. Thirty.**) Don't forget to come 30 minutes early for the special music!

And I invite you to attend **Christmas Day worship**. Christmas Day is a Sunday this year, so we will worship with a simple service of lessons and carols, with Holy Communion, at 9:45 am on Sunday, December 25. Come as you are – pajamas are welcome!

I hope to see you this Advent and Christmas season. Come and be part of the meteor shower, part of the sweater. Come and be part of this community that God has called to bear the good news of Christ to the whole world.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes





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

- Mark Cotturo, December 1
- Nicole Slegel, December 3
- Elwood Hower, December 3
- Juanita Hower, December 11
- Danielle Schipps, December 16
- Grace Fraunfelter, December 16
- Jaron Hughes, December 17
- Kathy Williams, December 18
- Samantha Streisguth, December 19
- Sandra Brodt, December 21
- Janice Kiefer, December 22
- David Karner, December 22
- Robin Ott, December 24
- Carolyn Leidy, December 24
- Patricia Antonioli, December 26
- Brenda Dotta, December 27
- Stephanie Fraunfelter, December 29

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UPDATES - New members:

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In-person (9:45 on Sundays)

All in-person worship services may include alterations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including (but not limited to) altered seating arrangements, the wearing of masks, and so forth. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

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.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Blue Christmas: Sunday, December 18 @ 3:00 pm. This special service is designed for people who find the holidays difficult. All are welcome. A time of refreshments will follow.

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24 @ 3:30 and 6:30 pm. (Yes, the second service is at **6:30**, despite what may have been printed elsewhere!) There will be special music starting 30 minutes prior to each service. Contact Minister of Music, Martin Yazdzik, ASAP if you're interested in participating in the special music.

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25 @ 9:45 am. A simple service of lessons and carols with Holy Communion.



Thank you very much for the lovely flowers, food and cards. It is comforting to know so many people care.

Love,
--Lois Neiley

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

- Funerals: Carol Heinsohn, October 17
- Baptism: Jeremy Smith, October 12



Fun & Fellowship News:
 Rada Knives will be on sale in the Narthex after worship on December 11th. When coffee hour starts in January, they will then be in the fellowship hall to purchase. The intent of the committee is to deplete our current inventory, we need you to do this. Tell your friends they may want to purchase a knife or two. Preferred type of payment are checks unless you have the exact amount in cash. Questions: see Jackie Horn or Mary O'Meally



PUMP Update:
 Prince of Peace received a letter from PUMP (Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry) asking for a monetary donation. Funds are needed to upgrade equipment and vehicles they need to collect donated items. The Post Foundation has generously offered a challenge grant opportunity to the pantry, they will match each dollar raised by PUMP up to \$30,000.00 until December 31, 2022. Social Ministry has decided to donate \$500.00 from the Joyful Noise Collection to PUMP, we are also giving you the opportunity to make a donation. You may make a donation one of three ways: visit their website: pumppantry.com, mail a check to: PUMP, P.O. Box 69, Portland, Pa. 1835, or make it through Prince of Peace. Help PUMP continue to provide necessary food assistance to our neighbors. Questions: see a member of Social Ministry

Social Ministry Needs Your Suggestions:
 Social Ministry will soon start planning projects for 2023 and would like your help. Besides collecting items for PUMP, Slater Family, BLOOM, etc. is there an organization that you would like to suggest? Please see a member of Social Ministry with your suggestions. Thank you for always supporting our ministries.



ARE YOU GETTING PASTORMAIL?
 Pastor Scholtes sends out emails to the congregation almost every day. These *PastorMails* contain information about upcoming events, about recent decisions made in the church, and generally help to keep us all connected. If you are not receiving them, please send him a note at pastorMJS@gmail.com to get added to the list or sign up at our church website (popbangor.org). They are also archived at popbangor.org/pastormail.



Sunday Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall begins again on January 8. Over the years we've enjoyed getting to know each other better and meeting new people, so come again and bring someone with you! Bakers will be called to bring something to share for coffee hour. Coffee hours are hosted each week by two people. If you are interested in hosting coffee hours, or being added to the Baker List, please contact Coffee Hour Team: Karen Karner, Janet Martocci, Cathy Mullen or Sue Reinhart.





50th Anniversary News:

*Living Nativity--December 3rd, 1pm to 4pm. We are in need of 8 people to play Mary and Joseph, if you would like to volunteer, please write your name in the book on the counter in the Narthex. We are also in need of costumes that "Mary & Joseph" can wear, if you have one or both, please see a member of the committee.

Questions: see Jackie & Denny Horn, Brenda Stauffer, John Martocci, and Mary O'Meally

This Month We Are Thankful and Filled with Gratitude For:

- December 4: Staff and volunteers with World Hunger
- December 11: Staff and volunteers with Lutheran Disaster Response
- December 18: Staff and volunteers with the Synod
- December 25: Staff and volunteers with the ELCA



Prince of Peace Friends,

Thank you all for the many beautiful birthday cards and wishes I received. They made my day that much more special. They were very much appreciated!

--Mildred Clancy

Tuscarora Invites you to:

A Christmas Weekend Concert Series:

Sandi Patty, Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m., and David Phelps, Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Tuscarora.org/concerts. \$40 Admission. Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center is located at 3300 River Road, Mount Bethel, PA. Questions? Call: 570-897-6000

You are invited:

Knowlton Presbyterian Church is hosting a special MESSIAH SING! with string quartet and harpsichord on Sunday, December 4 at 5 p.m. (Chorus rehearsal at 3 p.m.) Community chorus members are welcomed by Maestro Eugene Sirotkine! (former MET Opera conductor!) OR Join the audience! Location: KPC, 3 Knowlton Rd., Columbia, NJ 07832. For details see: www.knowltonpca.org/sing for chorus information, tutorials for Messiah Chorus links, parking locations, and seat reservations \$10 & \$20.



Looking Ahead...

From the Fun & Fellowship Committee: This committee has planned many fun events for 2023, we start the year with a game night with appetizers on January 21st. Scott Schipps will have a hobby fair on February 19th; a birthday social (cake and covered dish) on March 18th; prepare shut-in baskets on April 1st and a Mother's Day tea on May 6th. These are just a few events we have planned; more information will be available in the new year. Make sure you check the newsletters and announcement folders for updated information.

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 (610-588-2355) or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.

| Date: | Greeters | Lay Reader | Assisting Minister | Ushers | Power Point and Camera | Acolyte | Offering Counters |
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| Dec. 4 | Sherk and June Jones | Sarah Harrison | Marlene Stana | Brenda Hughes, Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk | Tina Johns | Landon Horn | Scott Schipps, Jim Jennings |
| Dec. 11 | Sara Godshalk Vivian Fahr | Brooks Baker | Tina Johns | Georgia and John Suranofsky | Antionioli Family | Alex Scholtes | Brenda Hughes, Jackie Horn |
| Dec. 18 | Georgia and John Suranofsky | Sara Godshalk | Laraine Brands | Traci Rumsey, Bob Gist | Cathy Mullen | Izzy Baker | Tina Johns, Jim Jennings |
| Dec. 24 | CAN | YOU | HELP? | SIGN-UP | TODAY! | THANK YOU! | Jim Jennings, Jackie Horn |
| Dec. 25 | CAN | YOU | HELP? | SIGN-UP | TODAY! | THANK YOU! | Jim Jennings, Jackie Horn |
| January 1st | CAN | YOU | HELP? | SIGN-UP | TODAY! | THANK YOU! | Jim Jennings, Jackie Horn |

Communion Assistants:

December 4: Linda Waszmer, Laraine Brands
December 11: Connie Itterly, April Miller
December 18: Brooks Baker, Diane Hahn
December 24 Sign-up
December 25: Sign-up
January 1: Sign-up

Altar Guild for December: Kim Jennings, Sara Godshalk **Altar Guild for January 2023:** TBD



November Key Council Highlights

1. Update from Reopening Task force, all restrictions have been lifted and team will be inactive, and will reactivate if needed by the council
2. Two recommendations for membership, Rhonda Montgomery and Jeremy Smith. Welcome
3. Identified leader for some new and exciting ministries watch for more information to come soon.

READ YOUR BIBLE

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| Thursday, December 1 | Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 |
| Friday, December 2 | Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25 |
| Saturday, December 3 | Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28 |
| 2nd Sunday of Advent (12/4) | Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12 |
| Monday, December 5 | Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 |
| Tuesday, December 6 | Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21 |
| Wednesday, December 7 | Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37 |
| Thursday, December 8 | Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10 |
| Friday, December 9 | Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18 |
| Saturday, December 10 | Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18 |
| 3rd Sunday of Advent (12/11) | Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 |
| Monday, December 12 | Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16 |
| Tuesday, December 13 | Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25 |
| Wednesday, December 14 | Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34 |
| Thursday, December 15 | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29 |
| Friday, December 16 | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7 |
| Saturday, December 17 | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36 |
| 4th Sunday of Advent (12/18) | Isaiah 7:10-16; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom. 1:1-17; Matt. 1:18-25 |
| Monday, December 19 | 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20 |
| Tuesday, December 20 | 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1 |
| Wednesday, December 21 | 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17 |
| Thursday, December 22 | Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20 |
| Friday, December 23 | Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14 |
| Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve) | Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 |
| Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day) | Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:8-20 |
| Monday, December 26 | Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8 |
| Tuesday, December 27 | Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12 |
| Wednesday, December 28 | Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14 |
| Thursday, December 29 | Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44 |
| Friday, December 30 | Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 |
| Saturday, December 31 | Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19 |

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!



Ignite your spiritual imagination!

Kim Jennings continues leading a discussion series for the Prince of Peace Seekers about the artwork in *The Saint John's Bible*. The topics for the sessions are from 10AM-12 Noon in Fellowship Hall as follows:

- *Dec. 1: Use of Gold to mark God's Presence
- *Dec. 8: Use of Stamps and Repeated Motifs
- *Dec. 15: Layout, Design, and Style of the Illuminations
- *Dec.22: Themes that are Emphasized in *The Saint John's Bible*

*The following individuals are fondly remembered by family and friends
and contributions have been made in their name on All Saints Day*

In Loving Memory Of...

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| Stefanie Purvis by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duran | Loved Ones by Mary O'Meally |
| James R. Fahr, Sr. by Vivian Fahr | Betty Louise Godshalk by Sara Godshalk |
| John Hahn by Diane (Wife) | Candice "Candy" Leibig Rissmiller by Sherk and June Jones |
| Howard Ott by Kathleen Ott | Jack Clancy (Father) and John Clancy (Brother) by Diane and Paul Kimsey |
| Emma and Pauline by Gladys | Arlington and Joyce Weidlick, J. Edwin and Jeanette Johnson; Ethel Fuls |
| Eugene Koch by the Miller Family | by Joanne and John Robinson |
| All Four Mothers and Fathers by Carolyn Leidy and Daughters | Our parents: Luther & Stella Steinmetz and Nicholas & Nora Martocci |
| Anthony DeVito by Betty DeVito | by John and Janet Martocci |
| Ed Montgomery by Rhonda Montgomery | Helen and Delmore Smith, Ada and Manus by Manus Smith |
| Elwood Steinmetz by Gladys L. Steinmetz | John H. Suranofsky and Franklin T. Brown by John and Georgia Suranofsky |
| Earl and Gloria Steinmetz, Sr., Earl Steinmetz, Jr. by Brenda and Larry Stauffer | Marwood Hill by Wilma Hill |
| Paul and Elizabeth Stauffer, Dona Stocker, Eric Stauffer by Larry and Brenda Stauffer | Shirley Pensyl (Passed May 23, 2022) by The Pensyl Family |
| Betty Leininger and Floyd Oyer by Louis Brown, Jane Oyer and Carolyn Singer | Esther and Stanley Godshalk by Susan Reinhart |

In Loving Honor Of...

Bethany Mae Reinhart, Baptism
by Susan and Richard Reinhart, Grandparents

Eli Hughes, Baptism
by Brenda and Craig Hughes

Eli Hughes, Baptism
by Jaron Hughes

Mildred Clancy (Mother)
by Diane and Paul Kimsey





Gifts for the children – Holly Blakeslee

Yes, it is again that time of year
When we hold the children of PUMP near
At Christmastime in our heart
So we will again be taking part
And help in the gift giving
Because through us Christ is living.
I will pass on information as it comes to me.
Any questions contact Holly B.



DID YOU KNOW?

Gifts may be made to the Endowment Fund at any time.

At the annual meeting we made some decisions about how the sub funds would be used in 2023 for property and other ministries. On November 6th we also heard about “Milestone Giving” as an opportunity to make gifts to honor an event that happens in your life of family and friends. Use this link to see more about gifting.

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This month we are thankful and filled with gratitude
for Staff and Volunteers of the Synod, ELCA,
Lutheran Disaster Response and World Hunger



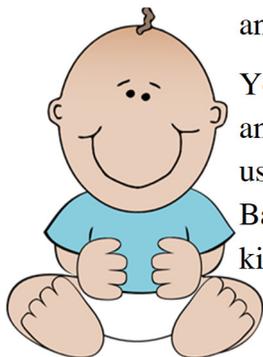
Lutheran Disaster Response



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Help us Prepare Baby Care Kits!

On Sunday, January 29, 2023, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., join us in the fellowship hall to assemble Baby Care Kits. Lutheran World Relief will distribute our gifts around the world to newborns and families in need.



You can help by donating items for the layettes, giving a monetary gift to help purchase items, and/or share your time to prepare the layettes at the baby shower. Sizes 6 to 24 months may be used. If you want to make sweaters or diaper, go to www.lwr.org/beinvolved and click on Baby Care Kits for patterns. They specify that we are not permitted to add other items to the kits.

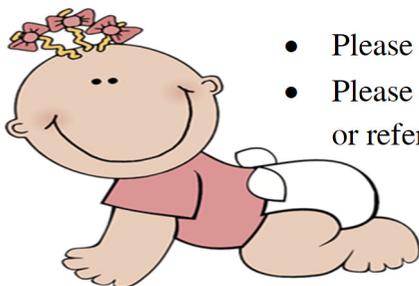
Kits will include:

lightweight cotton t-shirts, long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet (top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers pajama top/pant sets may be substituted), receiving blankets up to 52" square, cloth diapers, flat fold preferred, jacket, sweaters or sweatshirt with a hood or baby cap, socks, hand towel, dark color recommended, bath-size bars of gentle soap in the wrapping (like Ivory or Dove), diaper pins or large safety pins

Look for information in the narthex where items can be placed. Call Michele Harrison at 610-863-8398 or Joanne Schipps at 570-460-1065 if you have any questions.

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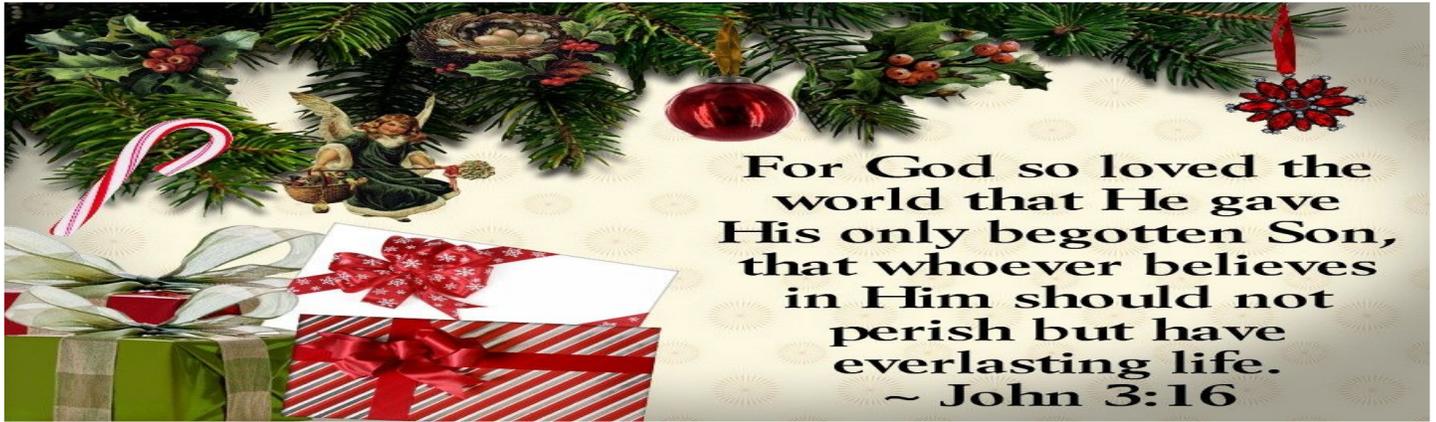
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



Join us for a 6-week study on the Book of Esther, from January 12-February 16.

(During POPS Coffee Hour – Thursdays 10 a.m. to Noon)

We will enter into an exotic and fanciful Persian kingdom complete with a dim-witted king, a defiant queen, an egotistical lieutenant and a loyal uncle. With lavish banquets, extreme beauty treatments and dangerous liaisons at every turn, can the beautiful and courageous Esther avert disaster for her people? All this occurs in a Biblical book where God is never mentioned. Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Wolfe helps us dig deeply and lovingly into this complex story with its fascinating study of power, corruption, violence, and courage. Bring your bible every week as we read through the story together, watch some video and discuss this amazing woman. Georgia Suranofsky will be our facilitator for the study.



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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. — See Page 2 for details!

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- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes 610-588-2314,**
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 - **Bookkeeper: Joyce Weishaupt**
 - **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
 - **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
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- Admin. Asst’s Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday,
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Congregation Council Members:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Connie Itterly -President | Jackie Horn– Treasurer |
| Traci Rumsey -V-President | Tina Johns -Secretary |
| Scott Schipps | Georgia Suranofsky |
| Kathy Williams | Chip Harrison |
| Dave Karner | Brenda Hughes |
| Sara Godshalk | Max Manicke-Youth Rep. |
| Pastor Michael Scholtes | |

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

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! January 2023

Newsletter Deadline is:

December 13th 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.****

Prayer Prompt



LORD, REMIND ME TO CHOOSE YOUR PRESENCE OVER PRESENTS AS I WAIT TO CELEBRATE CHRIST’S BIRTH.