Prints of Peace

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Join us for some very special worship services this November. Read on to learn more about All Saints, Reign of Christ, Thanksgiving, and Advent!

All Saints: Sunday, November 1 is **All Saints Day.** During worship that morning, we will have a special time of remembrance, both for all those who have died in our midst in the past year, as well as all those who have been baptized in our midst the past year. This is appropriate, because just as baptism celebrates our new birth into a relationship with Christ, our death (and funeral) celebrates our new birth into eternal life with God. We will read names, light candles, and sound chimes. This service is usually very meaningful for all who attend. Join us at 9:45 a.m.

Reign of Christ: Sunday, November 22 is **Reign of Christ** (also known as **Christ the King**) Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the church year, and so this year we are going to celebrate it by looking back on the whole church year. We will have a service of **Lessons and Carols** that day. Usually "Lessons and Carols" is done during Christmastide, with all the songs being Christmas carols; this service instead will have one Lesson and one Carol for Advent, one for Christmas, one for Epiphany, and so forth. It should be fun and meaningful! Join us at 9:45 a.m.

Thanksgiving: Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m, our annual **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held. This is sponsored by the Slate Belt Ministerium. The service will be held at Flicksville United Church of Christ, 1337 S. Main St., Bangor. Refreshments will follow. Join us at Flicksville at 6:00 p.m.

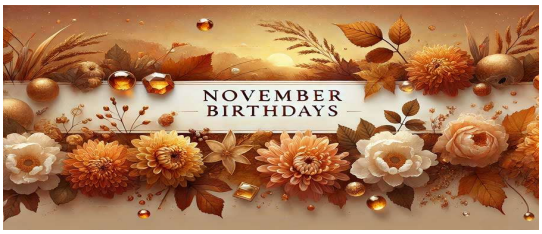
Advent: Sunday, November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin a new church year as we hopefully await the coming of Christ. Advent is a perfect time to commit to daily devotion and weekly worship. This year, we will be blessed with a special Advent Devotional Booklet of poems and hymns by Rev. Joe Scholtes.

And of course, every Sunday is incredibly special as we celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament! See you on Sunday!

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

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

Jennifer Grusso
Emma Confalone
Eleanor (Lynn) Rideout
Julia Antonioli
Joanne Schipps
Kathy Griggs
Brandon Harrison
Anthony Diabo
Sarah Harrison
Mary Lee Dry
Robert Johns
Georgia Suranofsky
Alissa Kornafel
Stacy Powell
Tami Manicke
Maureen Suprick
Kevin Hall
Kerri Miller
Emma Steigerwalt
Jared Reto
Sherry Hock
Charlie Comunale
Yvonne Gist
Ashlyn Oessenick
Wayne Shuman
Bonnie Scholtes
Maci Hock
Marlene Stana
Robert Gist
Sherwood Jones
Stefanie Shoemaker



8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Join us . . .

for Worship on-site at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays

Online / Facebook

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor).

October Key Council Highlights:

1. Annual Congregational Meeting on November 22, 2026
2. Welcomed the New Scout Master of Troop #41, Nick McMonagle
3. POPS Treasures had their best month ever with $8,500 in sales

Recent Pastoral Acts

Funerals: Everett R. "Pete" Reimer, September 26
Gladys Steinmetz, October 4

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 22** immediately following worship so about 11 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend and vote. The business we will conduct will include election of congregation council members, consideration of a budget for 2027, approval of Endowment sub fund disbursements for 2027, and a proposed amendment to our by-laws.

Do you shop at Weis for your groceries? Do you give Weis gift cards as gifts on occasion?

We are STILL selling Weis Cards. This is a GREAT fundraiser. With the sales of gift cards, it allows us to earn 5% right from the beginning and then another 1% when we turn in the receipt we collect. We have raised a nice dollar amount from this form of fundraising. Please consider this easy way to help our church, especially if you already are shopping at Weis anyway!

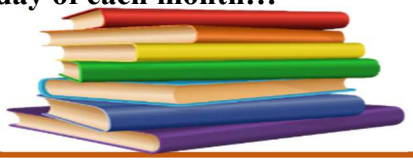


November Altar Guild: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart **December Altar Guild:** Kim Jennings, Sara Godshalk

	November 1 All Saints	**November 8**	**November 15**	**November 22 Christ the King**	**November 29 Advent 1**	**December 6 Advent 2**
Greeters	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Justine Saviet, Dave Karner	Tina Johns, Holly Blakeslee	Mary O'Meally, Traci Rumsey	Lisa and Wayne Jones	Georgia and John Suranofsky
Lay Readers	Quincy Miller	Taylor Baker	Justine Saviet	Tina Johns	Jim Jennings	Traci Rumsey
Assisting Ministers	Marlene Stana	April Miller	Tina Smith	Alex Scholtes	Laraine Brands	Connie Itterly
Com. Assts.	Tina Smith, Jjm Jennings	Tina Johns, Brooks Baker	Aaron Smith, Marlene Stana	Laraine Brands, April Miller	Alex Scholtes, Jim Jennings	April Miller
Ushers	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Landon Horn, Sue Reinhart	Sadie Baker, Traci Rumsey	Aaron Smith, Connie Itterly	Brenda Hughes, Tina Smith	Marlene and Butch Stana
Power Point Camera	Tina Johns	Antonioli Family	Tara Flyte	Cathy Mullen	Tina Johns	Jim Jennings
Acolytes	Fabian Vargas	Aaron Smith	Ben Scholtes	Taylor Baker	Fabian Vargas	Alex Scholtes
Offering Counters	Mary O'Meally	Georgia Suranaofsky	Connie Itterly	Tina Johns	Jean Janosa	John Suranofsky
Pew Tenders	Traci Rumsey	Rhonda Montogmery	June Jones	Sherry and Maci Hock	Sara Godshalk	Rhonda Montgomery
Bread Baker	Janet Martocci	Petrina Billger		Sue Reinhart	Brenda Hughes	Tara Flyte

Real Readers: Join Us! We meet at 2 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month…

November 5 – "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters
December 3 – "Atmosphere" by Taylor Reid (Janet)





The Slate Belt Ministerium of Churches has been in contact with the Northampton County Department of Human Services. We have coordinated with them to offer seminars and presentations at some of our churches. The first presentation will be an overview of the services that the Area Agency on Aging offers: Caregiver Support, OPTIONS Program, Scams, Safety, Medicare and Medicaid, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. This presentation will be held on **Friday, November 13th** at **11 a.m.** at **Grace Lutheran Church,** 5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth (Belfast). Questions? Call 610-737-9684

Health & Wellness

Join our Health and Wellness Committee meeting on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Zoom attendees are welcome! Please see any Health and Wellness Committee member or Justine Saviet, RN Parish Nurse if you have any questions!

POP'S Treasures:
Come, Shop, Donate

Our next sale will be on **Friday, November 13th (10 a.m. -2 p.m.) and Saturday, November 14th (9 a.m. –Noon)**

Donation Drop Offs
Mondays:
November 16 and 23rd,
(1-2 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.)



Thank you Prince of Peace for your continued support of the Weis 1% Donation program. We recently received a check in the amount of $479.86 from Weis for the grocery receipts we submitted. In 2026, we received a total of $1,211.80 for our submission of $1,211,180 of grocery receipts. Keep bringing in your grocery receipts!! Please continue to bring your slips (including those paid with Weis gift cards - we can use these also for our 1% program) Thanks again!
—Janet Martocci

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Coffee Hours have resumed in the Fellowship Hall after Worship! The Hospitality Committee will always be providing coffee and tea and will provide some treats on the first Sunday of the month. The Congregation is invited to provide some treats on Sundays that are open on the calendar. The schedule for coffee hour is in the Narthex.

Social Ministry Project Update:

154 personal care items were donated for PUMP through September; each item was given a value of $1.50. The Helpers Helpers Sub-Fund issued a check in the amount of $230.00 payable to PUMP. Social Ministry thanks you for always supporting our projects and ministries. **Don't forget our current project, winter kits for VALOR**.

Do you know what VALOR House is? No, then let me tell you. They provide assistance with accessing benefits, and help find shelter for our Veterans who, due to health reasons, are unable to find or keep shelter of their own. Homelessness among veterans is high, they live in tents right in our "backyards." The winter is approaching fast and Valor House is putting together winter care kits for them. Our project through November will be collecting the following TRAVEL SIZE or SMALL items of shaving cream, razors (men & women), toothpaste, deodorant (men & women), baby powder, shampoo, and body wash. These items go in a gallon size baggie and will be distributed to the men and women who are homeless. A member of the social ministry committee, Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock and Holly Blakeslee will be happy to shop for you. We thank you for your continued support of all our projects and ministries. Together, we can make a difference.



P.U.M.P Special Request Update:
P.U.M.P. requests items for Thanksgiving: mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, apple sauce and canned vegetables. Thanksgiving items need to be at POP by November 8th. As always, staples are always appreciated too.



You're Invited: Family Advent craft / Christmas gift workshop - 2-day event
Friday, November 27 from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 28 from 9 a.m. – Noon.

Come join us to make crafts and gifts – all ages and all levels. Easy crafts for little ones, wreaths for the family, and all levels in between. Light snacks will be provided. Start the holiday season with the family, crafting some gifts.

Some of the crafts will be handprint ornaments, clothes pin cross, dot art wooden ornaments, wooden bookmarks, snow globes, ribbon letter oraments, crayon melt ornaments, beaded keychains, cardboard gingerbread houses, Advent wreaths and others! Questions? See Tina Johns



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!

All Saints Day (11/1)	Rev. 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
Monday, November 02	Psalm 5; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20;
Tuesday, November 03	Psalm 5; Lamentations 2:13-17; Acts 13:1-12;
Wednesday, November 04	Psalm 5; Proverbs 16:21-33; Matthew 15:1-9;
Thursday, November 05	Psalm 70; Amos 1:1-2:5; Revelation 8:6-9:12;
Friday, November 06	Psalm 70; Amos 3:1-12; Revelation 9:13-21;
Saturday, November 07	Psalm 70; Amos 4:6-13; Matthew 24:1-14;
Sunday, November 08	Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Monday, November 09	Psalm 63; Amos 8:7-14; 1 Corinthians 14:20-25;
Tuesday, November 10	Psalm 63; Joel 1:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13;
Wednesday, November 11	Psalm 63; Joel 3:9-21; Matthew 24:29-35;
Thursday, November 12	Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 6:1-14; Revelation 16:1-7;
Friday, November 13	Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 7:1-9; Revelation 16:8-21;
Saturday, November 14	Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Ezekiel 7:10-27; Matthew 12:43-45;
Sunday, November 15	Zephan. 1:7, 12-18; Ps. 90:1-8; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30
Monday, November 16	Psalm 9:1-14; Zechariah 1:7-17; Romans 2:1-11;
Tuesday, November 17	Psalm 9:1-14; Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18;
Wednesday, November 18	Psalm 9:1-14; Job 16:1-21; Matthew 24:45-51;
Thursday, November 19	Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Kings 22:13-23; Revelation 14:1-11;
Friday, November 20	Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15; Revelation 22:1-9;
Saturday, November 21	Psalm 95:1-7a; Isaiah 44:21-28; Matthew 12:46-50;
Christ the King (11/22)	Ezek. 34:11-24; Ps. 95:1-7a; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46
Monday, November 23	Psalm 7; Esther 2:1-18; 2 Timothy 2:8-13;
Tuesday, November 24	Psalm 7; Esther 8:3-17; Revelation 19:1-9;
Wednesday, November 25	Psalm 7; Ezekiel 33:7-20; John 5:19-40;
Thursday, November 26	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13;
Friday, November 27	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18;
Saturday, November 28	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31;
1st Sun. of Advent (11/29)	Isaiah 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor. 1:3-9: Mark 13:24-37
Monday, November 30	Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8;



Prince of Peace Seekers (POPS):

Now through November 19, Georgia Suranofsky will lead a 4-week study focusing on four major people in the Old Testament. We will look at Rachel, Joseph, Moses, and Joshua. We will find out who A Lamenter, A Dreamer, and Two Pretty Good Leaders are. Their stories help tell us who we are and who God is for us. There will be no gathering on November 26. Happy Thanksgiving! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner or Janet Martocci.



The Health and Wellness Committee announces some upcoming events!

Walk to Bethlehem- Feeling inspired by the recent One-Week Journey? Let's plan for Spring 2027! Have you ever thought about "visiting" the Holy Land? Well now you can have the experience of a lifetime without leaving the Slate Belt! The Health and Wellness Committee is planning a Walk to Bethlehem for the Spring of 2027! As a group, we will plan to use our time spent enriching our mind, body, and spirit through prayer, movement, reading the Bible, exercise, volunteering, good deeds, church activities and the like to record our "miles" as we "walk" the path to Bethlehem over a 12-week period! Just minutes a day from many people can make an impact on your health and wellness! Our vision is to do this in conjunction with other Lutheran churches in the Slate Belt to collaborate and grow with our neighbors. Want to learn more? Please join us for a brief brainstorming and planning meeting on Sunday, November 1st after coffee hour! Can't make it that day? Join our Health and Wellness Committee meeting on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Zoom attendees are welcome!

Please see any Health and Wellness Committee member or Justine Saviet, RN Parish Nurse if you have any questions!

Cookbook Update:

The cookbooks are HERE! To purchase your copy, see Brenda Hughes.





WORLD CAFÉ RESULTS

Over the past few months, the Future Building Task Force of Prince of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church has led three events called "World Cafés." The purpose of these events was to help the congregation begin the process of discerning what our mission is, and what God is calling us to in the future. This document outlines the results of each of these World Cafés. Our work is not done – there is more to come…

WORLD CAFÉ WITH COUNCIL & FUT. BUILDING TASK FORCE, APRIL 2026

The four aspects of "Mission" we identified were:

- MUTUALITY
  - Love, Care, Support, Listen, Share, Learning, Presence, Nurturing
- EQUIPPED
  - Holy Spirit-guided, Purpose, Talents/Gifts, Time, Conduit, Leadership, Experience, Discernment
- INTENTIONALITY
  - Showing up, Open-minded, Leadership, Presence, Reaching Out, Living out Faith
- COMMUNITY
  - Service, Family, Babies/Children, Mission Big & Small, Kindness

WORLD CAFÉ WITH YOUNG ADULTS, AUGUST 2026

Mission begins with **self-stewardship**, taking care of our God-given selves so we are able to take care of others.

The next step is **connection**, reaching out, with intensity, to step up and meet the needs of others.

This leads to **impact** on both the others and us. We experience being needed and lead by example so it might continue.

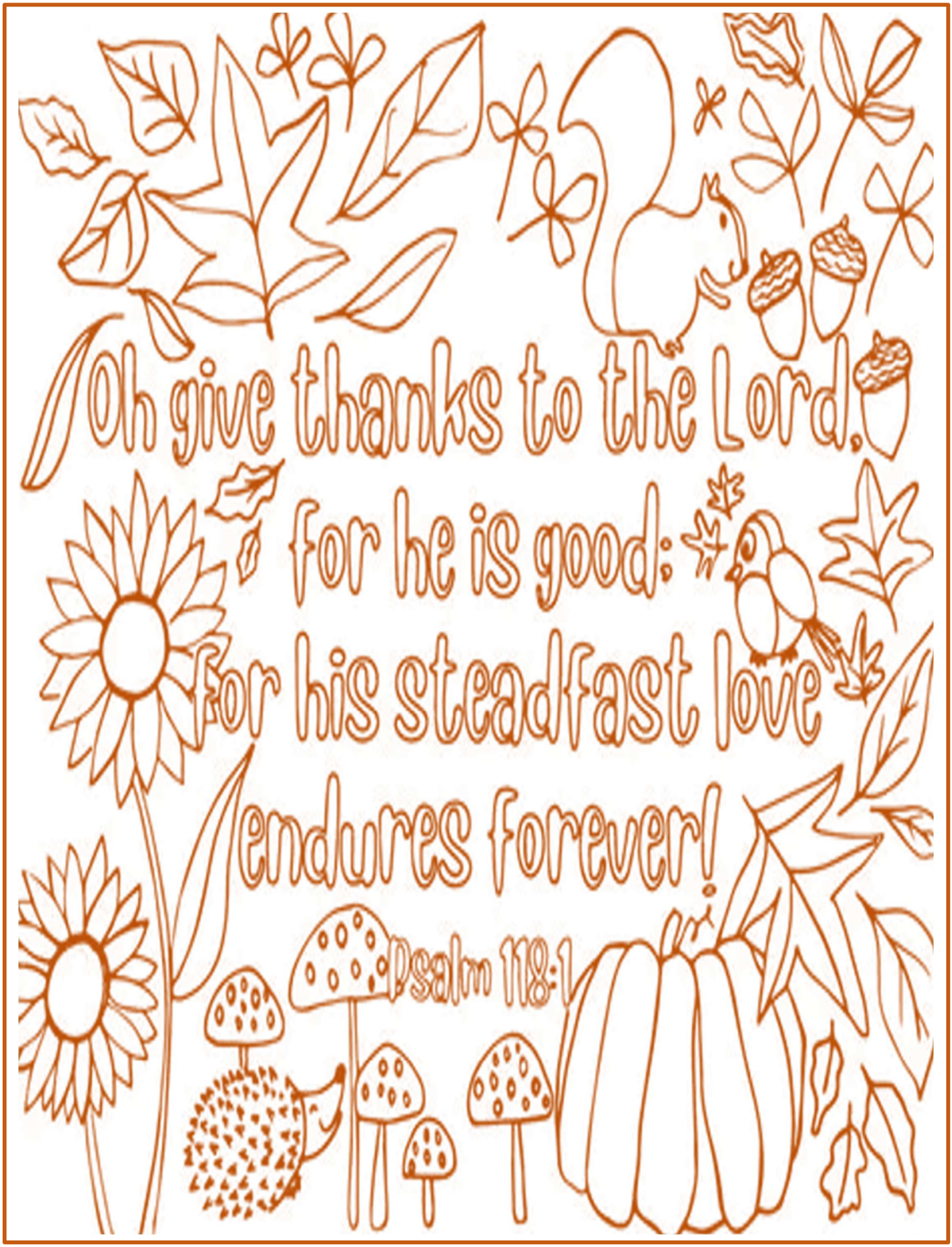
Together we see **potential**, which makes it easier to change and adapt, and those who had no voice find one.

This is done in our own **community**, among friends, family, children and others, through volunteering, caregiving, support, and other ways.

WORLD CAFÉ WITH CONGREGATION, SEPTEMBER 2026

Mission requires our deep involvement and discernment…

- …which leads us to **outreach to our community.**
  - Service, Caring, Helping, Giving, Support, Doing, Respect, Sharing, Providing, Volunteering
- …which leads us to **personal growth, for ourselves and those we reach.**
  - Transitions, Making people happy, Accepted, Overcoming rejection, Personal, Life-changing changes, Conquering fear, Reorganizing self
- …which leads us to **a deeper understanding of our foundation.**
  - Church, Roots, Generations, Family, Faithful, Calling, God's Work
- …which leads us to **a sharper focus.**
  - Decision-making, Time Management, Listening, Responsibility, Unfinished, Conflict, Teaching
- …which leads us to **a many-faceted mission.**
  - Youth, Community, Protection & Safety, Interfaith, Homelessness.


Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good:
for his steadfast love
endures forever!
Psalm 118:1

Endowment News

During September disbursements from the Helpers' Helpers Sub fund totaled $275.00 to help the with the God's Work Our Hands Project of Birthday kits for kids at P.U.M.P (Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry). Also, a $75.00 disbursement from the Congregational Education Sub fund was made for Minister Tina John to attend the Bishops Conference.

DID YOU KNOW?.....Year to date releases from sub funds total $54,335.45

Stewardship News



LOOK at the new information on God's Refrigerator Door when you are at church! As you can see the Social Ministry Committee has sponsored great ways for you to give generously to others in need! Thank you to everyone who has used their hands to create!

Joyful Noise Good News!

Donations in September totaled $75.00. Year to date $857.75 has been donated.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

`A message from Bonnie Scholtes`

I was asked to write an article for the newsletter why I find writing prayers for Sunday worship is important to me. First off, prayer writing doesn't come easily to me. So, I see this as more of a challenge. And meeting challenges and working through them is always good for the mind. My prayers will always be the ones that are more concise, less flowery, more simple to the point. I just don't have a way with words like some people. But that's ok; it's good to have variety in the prayers as there is variety in the people who write them.

***Thanks to Bonnie for sharing and for helping in our worship ministry*!**



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

- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes**
- **Minister of Youth and Worship: Tina Johns**
- **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Bookkeeper: Rev. Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Brenda Hughes**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
- **Parish Nurse: Justine Saviet, RN**
- **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**

Congregation Council Members

Kale Baker, President
April Miller, Secretary
Tina Johns, Vice President
Alex Scholtes, Youth Rep.
Jean Janosa
Mary O'Meally
Rev. Michael J. Scholtes
Jackie Horn
Justine Saviet
Brenda Hughes
Connie Itterly
Kerri Miller
Brittany Walters
Holly Blakeslee

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 2026 Newsletter is:

Tuesday,
November 10 at Noon

****Please submit items in a Word Document not PDF format, thank you!****

****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.

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NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

More Than a Meal: Building Community in Bangor

Submitted by Pastor Deborah Staniszewski of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor, PA



On August 19th, the faith community at Trinity Lutheran in Bangor came together for an evening that blended hospitality, fun, and genuine relationship-building. It was a true intergenerational effort, and even some of our youngest members rolled up their sleeves to help set up, serve, and welcome guests.

The congregation offered a free community meal featuring hot dogs with all the fixings, homemade sides, cold drinks, and a full ice-cream sundae bar. Neighbors were invited to stop by for quick pick up or to stay, sit, and enjoy conversation. Children delighted in a castle bounce house, hands-on crafts, and art projects that kept creativity flowing all evening.

The turnout was strong, the weather was beautiful, and the spirit of connection was unmistakable. Food, laughter, and shared presence were enjoyed by all.



This event was made possible through the generosity and collaboration of many: volunteers who cooked, served, and created delicious desserts; members who offered their time, talents, and creativity; a Thrivent grant shared by a member; and the support of friends who came out to join the celebration. Trinity also received a Witness and Service Grant from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, which helped defray costs and make the event accessible to the whole community. Special thanks to DEM Kat Tigerman and Jean Sandberg for their guidance and support in making the grant available.





Creative ministry moments such as this cookout remind us that church is not confined to a building but is lived out wherever God's people gather to share food, joy, and love. On August 19th, Trinity Bangor embraced Christ's call to friendship, hospitality, and service, creating a space where neighbors could connect, children could play, and the Spirit could weave community in simple, joyful ways.

Help Make Ministry Possible

Mission Support strengthens congregations, supports leaders, and helps new ministries take root across our synod and the wider church. Thank you for being part of this shared ministry. Learn more about Mission Support and how your congregation can support at **godslove.org/missionsupport**.

