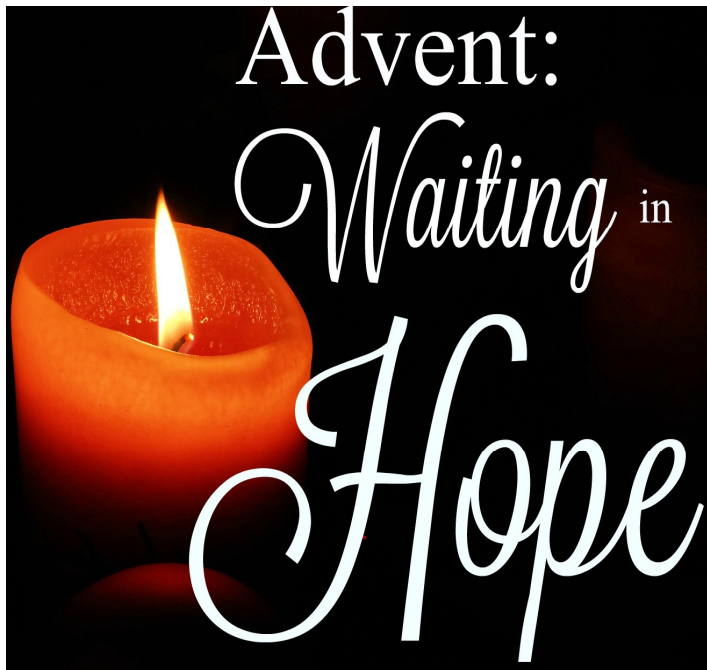


Prints of Peace



Throughout Advent this year, we will look at various characters from the Christmas story, and wonder just what they were *waiting for*. We'll look at the wise men, the shepherds, Mary, and even the angels. Each of these characters were living in a world that was incomplete and broken, and yet, each in their own way, they found healing – hope, peace, and joy – in the coming of Christ.

Each Sunday, we will hear two passages from the gospels: the story of one of these “waiting” characters, and also one of the four majestic canticles that Luke presents in his gospel. Through musical choices and preaching, we will hold these two passages of scripture up as signs that point us to the good news that is always coming, even today, the good news of Christ.

Each week, we will sing the strong Advent message of waiting and hope. And in this year, when we are all so looking for hope, we will also bend the rules a bit to sing at least one beloved Christmas song each week.

We are also offering two extra services for those who would like to participate. First, on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, we will offer the Rite of Healing *before* worship for any who wish to receive healing. Simply come to the nave between 8:45 and 9:15 that morning, and you will have the opportunity to receive laying on of hands and anointing with oil (adapted for COVID precautions), and then stay for the regular 9:45 worship. This will be an “open house” kind of atmosphere – if you prefer, you can simply come in for five minutes, or stay the whole time. Whatever works for you. You will be welcome to come and go as you please – just please be quiet and mindful of others.

Second, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19, we will offer our annual Blue Christmas service for those who find the holidays difficult this year. That service will be held at 3:00 pm. All are welcome. The structure of this season has been informed by the responses received from the online poll taken in October, “What kind of healing do you need this year?” Thanks to all who responded.

Information about Christmas Eve is elsewhere in this newsletter – please see there for information.

In Christ,

Pastor Scholtes



December

BIRTHDAYS



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

- Mark Cotturo, December 1
- Nicole Slegel, December 3
- Elwood Hower, December 3
- Velma Shook, December 4
- 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

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.

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

First Communion: Sadie Baker, Landon Horn, Benjamin Scholtes, Emma Steigerwalt

Thank you



Many thanks for your thoughtful and generous gift for Pastor Appreciation Month!
— *Pastor Scholtes*

Did you notice the mistake in the November newsletter?

On p. 3, it says this: “Annette Buss, our Parish Administrative Assistant, has been serving our congregation for the longest period of time of all employees!” The truth is, Annette has indeed been serving the longest of our *current* employees, and it is good and right to celebrate her long-term ministry with us! Thank you again, Annette, for your 14+ years of dedicated and conscientious service!

However, the way it was worded made it sound like Annette has set the record for *all-time* longest-running employees of Prince of Peace...and there is someone else who holds that record. And so we should also celebrate that person: **Brenda Stauffer**. Brenda served as parish secretary for an outstanding *twenty-two years*! That’s almost half the life of our congregation! Thank you, Brenda!

We apologize for any confusion this caused. —*Pastor Scholtes*



Advent DEVOTIONALS

Advent is coming—and so are the hobbits! On November 28, Joe Scholtes will begin a series of daily email devotions called “Advent With the Hobbits.” On each Sunday of Advent, he’ll introduce a theme for the week, and on following days reflect on those themes using images and stories from writings of the English author, J. R. R. Tolkien.

If you would like to be added to his email devotions lists, please contact him at eaglejoe48@live.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE PLAN



Prince of Peace will host two Christmas Eve services, at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Friday, December 24, 2021. These services will be the same, and will be packed with Christmas music that we will sing together. We will hear the Christmas story, share communion, and sing Silent Night by candlelight. In order to keep attendance to a safe number, attendance in the nave (sanctuary) will be limited to 75 attendees at each service (in addition to worship leaders). **Reservations are required.** The reservation system will be **online**, beginning **December 1**. You will be able to find it at our website at popbangor.org. Information will also go out at that time on Facebook and via PastorMail. If you do not have internet access, you may call the church office beginning December 1 to reserve your seats. If both services fill up with reservations, we will add a third service. Walk-ins without reservations may be asked to sit in the Fellowship Hall, and participate via closed-circuit television.

ADVENT WORKSHOP for ALL AGES

Sunday, December 12th 11am-12noon

Children are invited to participate in craft activities. Adults and children are invited to help make new chrismons and repair broken chrismons. They will be used to decorate the Christmas trees at Prince of Peace.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Kim Jennings 610-905-6030 (so we can plan appropriately).





Thursday, December 2	Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a
Friday, December 3	Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26
Saturday, December 4	Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6
Sun., 12/5 (2nd Sun. of Advent)	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
Monday, December 6	Psalms 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25
Tuesday, December 7	Psalms 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15
Wednesday, December 8	Psalms 126; Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30
Thursday, December 9	Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Friday, December 10	Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 8:4-12; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Saturday, December 11	Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66
Sun. 12/12 (3rd Sun. of Advent)	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
Monday, December 13	Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:1-19; Hebrews 13:7-17
Tuesday, December 14	Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:20-35; Acts 28:23-31
Wednesday, December 15	Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 4:8-13; Luke 7:31-35
Thursday, December 16	Psalms 80:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:10-18
Friday, December 17	Psalms 80:1-7; Isaiah 42:10-18; Hebrews 10:32-39
Saturday, December 18	Psalms 80:1-7; Isaiah 66:7-11; Luke 13:31-35
Sun., 12/19 (4th Sun. of Advent)	Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55
Monday, December 20	Psalms 113; Genesis 25:19-28; Colossians 1:15-20
Tuesday, December 21	Psalms 113; Genesis 30:1-24; Romans 8:18-30
Wednesday, December 22	Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:1-5; Ephesians 2:11-22
Thursday, December 23	Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Fri., 12/24 (Nativity of Our Lord)	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
Sat, 12/25 (Nativity of Our Lord)	Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14
Sun., 12/26 (First Sun. of Christmas)	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
Monday, December 27	Psalms 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24
Tuesday, December 28	Psalms 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7
Wednesday, December 29	Psalms 147:12-20; 1 Chronicles 28:1-10; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17
Thursday, December 30	Psalms 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37
Friday, December 31	Psalms 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

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CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS

Our goal is to create a safe, welcoming worship experience for all people. As faithful stewards of God's Word and responsible members of our community, we encourage all members and visitors to adhere to the CDC guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Each individual has a personal responsibility to act according to the current CDC guidelines and Prince of Peace protocols listed here for the health and safety of all.

Worship is currently held in person on Sundays at 9:45 am.

Current CDC guidance will be followed for all worship services on the church grounds. Because CDC guidance is ever changing, the most recent CDC guidelines will prevail, despite postings or other protocols at Prince of Peace. CDC guidance as of *November 5, 2021*:

Vaccinated members/attendees have the option to remain unmasked indoors.

Unvaccinated members/attendees over age 2 must wear masks while indoors.

Vaccinated individuals who have had a close contact with a COVID positive individual are encouraged to self-monitor for COVID symptoms and contact their health care provider for guidance on testing (in most cases 5-7 days after exposure.) Vaccinated individuals can be in public settings masked for 14 days following exposure or until a negative test result is received.

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Anyone with the symptoms of COVID, regardless of known or unknown exposure, is encouraged to remain home, self-monitor, and contact their health care provider for guidance on testing and treatment.

Face masks are strongly recommended for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status, to protect the vulnerable as we are considered an area of high transmission.

Social distancing is encouraged. Some pews are marked "unavailable." Our current typical attendance allows for all to worship in the nave. If more people attend than the nave would safely allow, overflow seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall, with worship displayed on closed circuit television.

We have begun to sing together again. Masks are required while singing.

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly, in an altered style using pre-packaged communion cups.

Every effort is made to record the worship service and share it via YouTube. We feel it is important to offer our members choices that allow them to worship and stay safe. This service will be offered as long as time, technology, and talents allow. Sunday worship is generally available on Mondays before noon.

MEETINGS/OTHER EVENTS/STAFF

Congregation committees and other groups within the congregation (including our chartered BSA Scout groups) may meet in any normal meeting room in the building; there are no scheduling restrictions at this time. Meetings must be scheduled ahead of time with the church office (610-588-2355 or pop-lcbangor@gmail.com). Masks are recommended and mandatory for unvaccinated individuals. At the end of the meeting, Groups that meet are responsible to wipe down all surfaces touched, with wipes provided in each room. (Groups may choose to wipe down before meetings as well.)

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Eating and drinking is not recommended. The kitchen is off-limits to all groups.

No outside groups are permitted to meet in the building at this point.

The Reopening Task Force (Justine Cesari, Pastor Michael Scholtes, Marlene Stana, Denny Horn and Kathy Williams) will be responsible to check the CDC guidelines for updates and changes every month. This interval may change as the COVID pandemic continues to evolve and impact our everyday life. For questions about the CDC guidelines, please contact a member of the aforementioned committee. To access the most current CDC guidelines, please visit the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

On Sunday, November 7, All Saints Day, we remembered the following people who have died in the past year, members of Prince of Peace as well as those buried under the care of Prince of Peace's pastor:

Helen I. Lane, Carmel M. "Millie" Longyhore, Anthony DeVito, Jr., Virgil C. Kasebier, Sr., Ernest H. Lohman, Velma V. Shook, Jean E. Callie, Betty Louise Godshalk, William Kasebier, Jr.

We also honored all those who have been baptized in our midst in the past year:

Mia Lynn Hock, Jackson Robert Hockenbury, Aria Joy Hughes, Savanna Faith Poliskiewicz, Frederick Martin Nemeth

The following individuals are fondly remembered by family and friends and contributions have been made in their name.

In Loving Memory Of...

Betty Leininger and Floyd Oyer, Jr.

By Louise Brown

John H. Suranofsky, Franklin T. Brown, Jr.

By John and Georgia Suranofsky

Elwood Steinmetz

By Tom and Connie Itterly

Loved Ones

By Holly Blakeslee

Esther and Stanley Godshalk; and John Reinhart, Sr.

By Susan Reinhart

All who have died from Covid

By Cathy and Dennis Mullen

Bernard Deichmann

By Joan Deichmann and Family

William Kasebier

By Joan Deichmann

Grace and Frank Thompson

By Carolyn Leidy

Marwood Hill

By Wilma, Nelson and Sharon Hill

Helen and Delmore Smith, Ada and Manus McLean, Emma and Russell Eichlin;

Manus and Leona McLean

By Manus Smith

Peter and Anna Difilippantonio, John and Betty Billger, Harry and Kathyn Fair

By Neil and Petrina Billger

Loved Ones

By Elwood Hower

Donald R. "Bob" Williams

By Kathy Williams

Tony DeVito

By Betty DeVito

Jonathan P. Antonioli

By Bruce, Linda and Julia Antonioli



*On this All Saints' Day,
may all peoples be blessed
by the Lord and the Lamb,
and may all give thanks
to him and those that have
followed his path.*

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In Loving Memory Of...

My Sister Gwen

By Greta Sherlock

Loved Ones

By Charmaine Collins

My Parents and Brother

By Mary O'Meally

David Jones

By Sherk and June Jones

Carmel Longyhore

By Janet and John Martocci

James Fahr, Sr.

By Vivian Fahr

Arlington and Joyce Weidlick, Edwin and Jeanette Johnson,
and Ethel Fuls

By John and Joanne Robinson

My Husband, Howard Ott, and Our Mothers: Anna Blessing and Marie Beck

By Kathleen Ott

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison M. Godshalk, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Elwood G. Moysey, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison M.
Godshalk, Jr and Sherma LaBarre Godshalk

By Sara and Bill

Earl and Gloria Steinmetz, Sr., and Earl Steinmetz, Jr., Paul and Elizabeth Stauffer and Donna Stocker

By Brenda and Larry Stauffer



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*The following individual's baptism is celebrated
and contributions have been made in their name.*

In Loving Honor of the Baptism Of:

Aria Joy Hughes

By Jaron Hughes,

Aria Joy Hughes

By Brenda and Craig Hughes



I would like to let the congregation know how easy it is to help support POP when Amazon shopping. When you go to Amazon and log in, in the search box, type amazon smile. There is a spot that says you ship, Amazon Smile donates. Click on this box and follow the instructions. When you are prompted, search for Prince of Peace, Bangor. It is that simple! Just an FYI...my orders have contributed \$14.62 & our total donation from Amazon is \$28.41. I'm sure we have many Amazon shoppers that would boost our income.

Thanks and have a blessed day!

Any questions, please let me know. —**Connie Itterly** 610-554-2381 tcbpai@gmail.com

the need goes on...



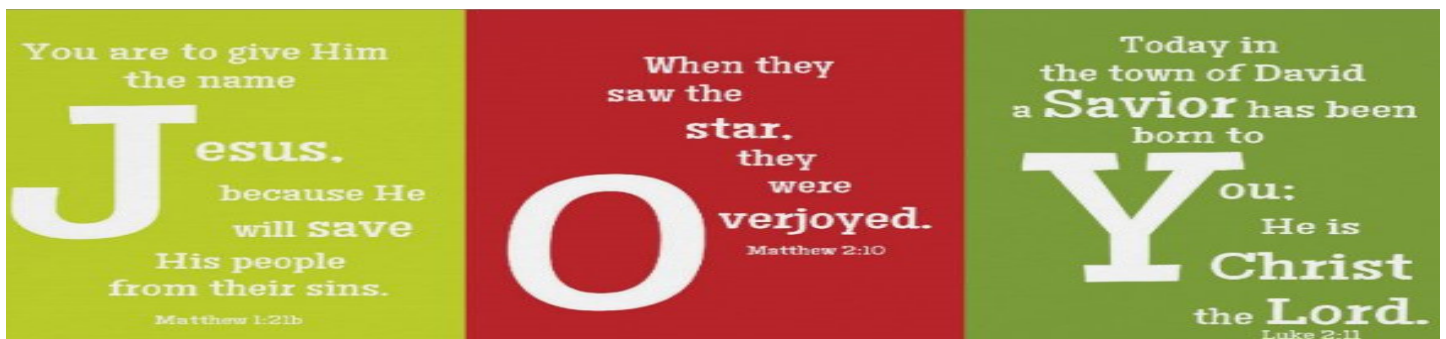
From Social Ministry: As I write this I can't believe Christmas will soon be here, and once again we'll be having "Meals at the Manger." When you attend Christmas Eve service please bring a non-perishable food item and place it in the manger which will be outside the front door. 2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your generous and continued support to PUMP, we also want to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas. —*Mary O'Meally*

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).

**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	Offering Counter
Dec. 5	Brooks Baker, Traci Rumsey	Janet Martocci	Marlene Stana	Brenda Hughes, Kale Baker, Connie Itterly	Kim Jennings	Scott Schipps, Jackie Horn
Dec. 12	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Sara Godshalk	Tina Johns	Brooks Baker, June and Sherk Jones	Jim Jennigs	Connie Itterly, Jim Jennings
Dec. 19	Kale Baker, Vivian Fahr	Mary Hendershot	Connie Itterly	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Tina Johns	Traci Rumsey, Jackie Horn
Christmas Eve Friday Dec. 24	Can you help on Christmas Eve? A Sign-Up Sheet will be available soon!					Jackie Horn, Jim Jennings
Dec. 26	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Kale Baker	Marlene Stana	Bob Gist, Traci Rumsey, Brenda Hughes	Antonioli Family	Chip Harrison, Jim Jennigs
January 2, 2022	Sherk and June Jones	Connie Itterly	Laraine Brands	Vivian Fahr, Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Cathy Mullen	Georgia Suranofsky, Jackie Horn





Submitted by a member, found in an old Christmas card...

My Christmas List of Blessings

My Christmas List is more than just a way to keep track of the special people
God has brought into my life to love.

It's like a treasured scrapbook filled with pleasant memories of all the times
God's answered prayer through friends and family.

Every name's a touchstone that leads to a place and time, where
God has used another's heart to reach out and touch mine.

It may have happened years ago or even yesterday, but, every person on my list
has changed my life some way.

Through simple conversation, a warm hug or a shared meal, every person on my
list has helped me grow or heal, or laugh or love or learn or smile...
the blessings never end as God allows our paths to cross as family and friends.

So please know that this greeting is more than a Christmas wish.
It's a "Thank You" card to God for putting on my list, each and every one whose name
I've come to hold so dear...

Those who've shown me Christmas joy each day of the year!

—Each of us has a place and a reason to be here and each of us is important to the other.



Slater Family Network: Backpack Buddies Program



During the months of September and October we collected healthy snacks, food, health and hygiene items and drinks to fill backpacks for the children of the Bangor School Area whose families are food insecure. Also, children who might be alone while their parents worked long hours or over mealtimes.

Your response to this need was stupendous!! Items were brought in by the bag and box full. The table in our Narthex were filled a couple times over and turned out to quickly fill the backs of 2 SUVs the first trip in September and another SUV in October.

The women in charge of the Slater Family Network were so overwhelmed at our donation, we could tell their smiles were huge even through their masks! As the bags and boxes were brought into their little trailer, they excitedly emptied them and laid them out on two long tables and in a big wagon. Then phones were pulled out for pictures. They couldn't believe how much they had received. They couldn't stop thanking Prince of Peace for their caring generosity.

Social Ministry would also like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to shop for this program or donated money. Without your love and generosity, many children might have gone hungry. But that didn't happen. You cared about these children and their families, just as Jesus has asked us to do. Not only that, you didn't hesitate, you didn't scrimp, it was amazing the way the items kept pouring in.



Our annual meeting was attended by 44 members on November 21, 2021. Here are the highlights:

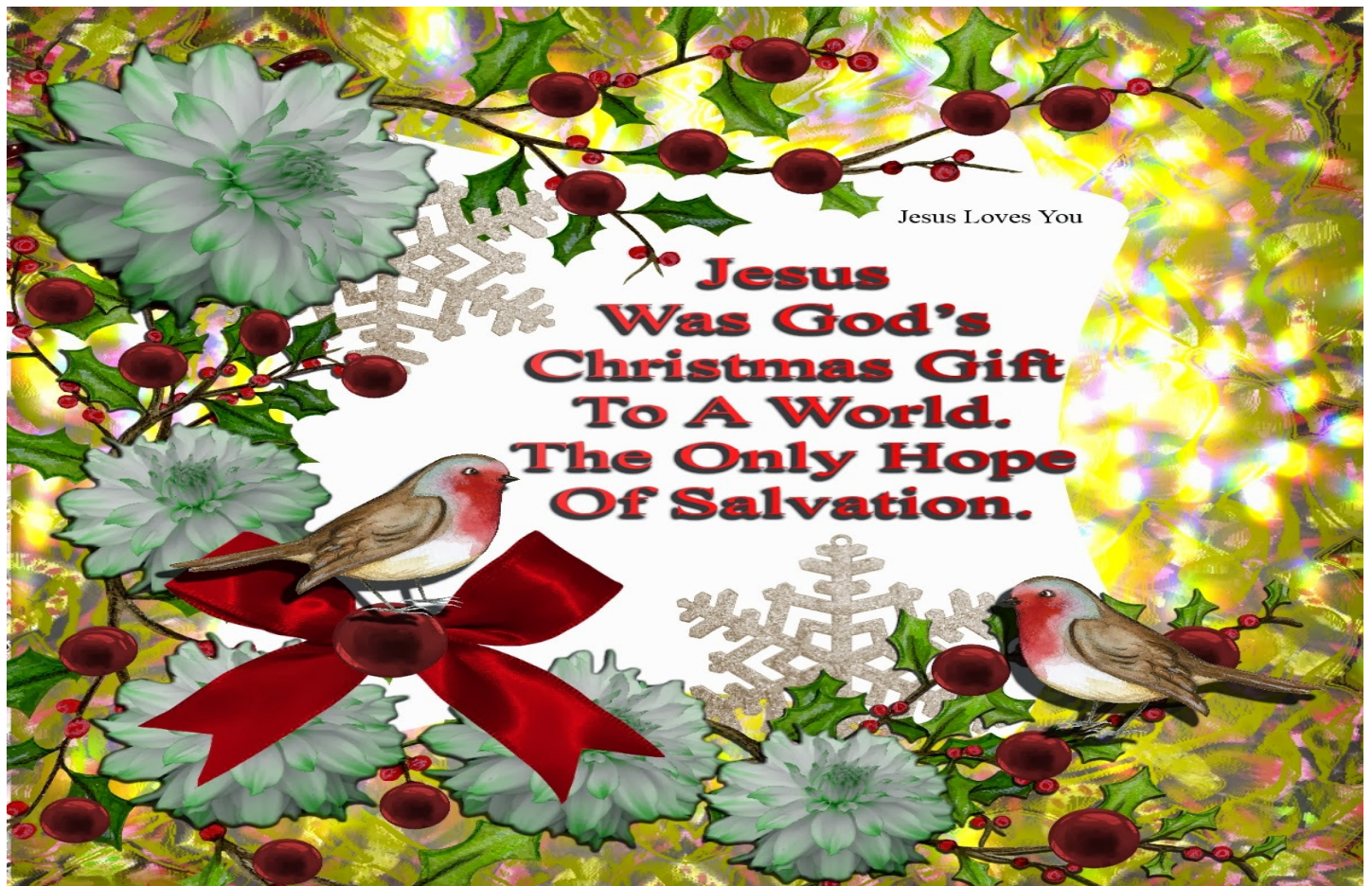
1. Bylaw change ratified for the office of Treasurer
2. 2022 Budget approved
3. Election of council members beginning in 2022: 3 year terms- Brenda Hughes, Sara Godshalk, Traci Rumsey and Connie Itterly; 2 year term-Tina Johns; Maxwell Manicke-Youth Representative/1 year term
4. Marlene Stana and Charmaine Collins agreed to serve on the nominating committee
5. Connie Itterly and Kale Baker will be the representatives to Synod assembly

Here are a few updates from the Reopening Task Force:

1. Attendance will not be taken after 12/1/2021
2. Hymnals and bibles have been placed in the pew racks
3. Coats should continue to be taken along when seated in sanctuary

Have a blessed day!

Georgia Suranofsky
Council President





Jesus
is
the
reason
for the
season

Graceful Generosity

Published to help you grow as a steward of God's grace.

Sharing the Christmas Story

The season of Advent has provided opportunity for us to reflect on God's great love for us fallen sinners that has caused him to send his very own Son who came for the ungodly, even for those who will never acknowledge his sacrifice and who reject his free gift of salvation.

Along with the joy that we have in our Savior, especially at this time of the celebration of his birth, the knowledge that not all experience this joy brings a sorrow to us as it does to the heart of our Lord.

Just as God in his love sent his Son into this world to save the lost, so we are now sent to tell others of that love. Our church's mission is to follow Paul's admonition to Timothy:

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

1 Timothy 4:13, 16

Together we preach and teach the Word from the pulpit and through our Bible classes. Together we strive to live as Christ would have us live, persevering by grace, in order that we might bring glory to God and extend his Kingdom. We are grateful for this partnership in the Gospel and for your gifts of time, talents, and financial resources that you so willingly share in order to carry out God's work on earth. God's blessings on your Christmas worship and celebration with loved ones.

Giving to Jesus

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year because we get the opportunity to celebrate the wondrous gift of God's Son, Jesus. Because of God's gift to us on the very first Christmas, Christmas has become a gift-giving season. With so many people to give gifts to such as sons and daughters, moms and dads, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas, etc., it is difficult to find the right gift for everyone. God has no such problems. He knew exactly what each person needed. In fact, he knows our needs better than we know them, and he knew them before we were ever born. And the timing of his most indescribable gift was perfect.

"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons." Galatians 4:4

How do we respond to what God has given us? Shouldn't we be asking, "What have I given to him?" Certainly, we don't go to the malls to shop for Jesus. The greatest gifts we can give him are not found there anyway. The best gift that we can possibly give him is our hearts and to show him our love by faithfully and obediently doing what he asks of us. God is pleased when we allow him to work through us as channels of his love to others. We will remain his channels when we stay focused on the most indescribable gift, the gift of Jesus.

May we all keep Christ as the heart of our Christmas and make Jesus the reason for our joy



Tell the Good News

Here we are, ready to celebrate the birth of Christ – a major event, even for those who don't believe in him. Today this celebration is heralded back in October, or at least November, by merchants filling their shelves with enticing gifts, decorations, cards, and all the trappings of Christmas.

How different from the first Christmas! Mary and Joseph settled down in an inn.

There were no photographers waiting outside to snap the first picture of the new king. No one knew what was happening! No one, that is, except for the parents and the host of Heaven who made the announcement. But to whom was this announcement made? To the powerful who would speed through the towns and villages, spreading the news? No, to shepherds who were outcasts, hired hands who were so low on the social scale that they weren't even allowed to give testimony in a court of law. They weren't even allowed to come into the Temple.

Yet these were the ones chosen by God to tell the good news. These wretched creatures saw

the angels with “. . . *the glory of the Lord [shining] around them* ”

They heard the message the angels brought:

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord ... you will find a baby ... lying in a manger.”

Luke 2: 9, 11, 12

They saw, they listened, and then they went to see for themselves. After receiving the Good News, they spread it.

“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.”

Luke 2:17-18

If lowly shepherds could tell the story, can't we as well? *“All who heard it were amazed,”* Luke writes, but he doesn't say all believed. All we're asked to do is tell the story. How could fear, uncertainty, or apathy hold us back? This is the biggest news mankind has ever received! As stewards of the Gospel, we have no choice but to follow the example of the shepherds and *“spread the word concerning what has been told [us] about this child.”*



Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

*“For unto you is born ... a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.”*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Luke 2:11

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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. — See Page 2 for details!
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  - **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
  - **Treasurer: Joyce Weishaupt**
  - **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
  - **Sexton: Brittnee Brown Evans**
  - **Parish Nurse: Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895,**  
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  - **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**
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| Connie Iterly - V-P        | Scott Schipps               |
| Marlene Stana - Sec.       | Kathy Williams              |
| Dave Karner                | Chip Harrison               |
| Traci Rumsey               | Benjamin Manicke-Youth Rep. |
| Bruce Antonioli            | 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 2022 Newsletter is:  
December 14th**

*You may email your submissions to  
[poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)  
Or give a handwritten items to  
Annette Buss*

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



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# SYNOD NEWS

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## *What's up with the Synod Website?*

Have you ever been frustrated by the synod website? Have you ever found yourself searching high and low unable to find the correct form or link? Have you noticed outdated information that's useless due to its datedness? If you answered "yes" to any of the previous questions, you're not alone!

The Synod Connections team along with staff worked to vision a new website in February 2021. We hired a designer/programmer and met with them to discuss what we needed our website to do and what information is needed to provide. Unfortunately, the designer was not able to finish our work due to personal issues. Fast forward to October 2021... Staff and members of the Connections team reached out to a new designer, Carter Blend, to work on redesigning our website, logos, and communication templates. We shared our vision and hope for the website. Over the next month, Rev. Lauren Wolfe Blatt, Director of Communication and Events will be working with Carter to organize our existing information, update our website, and live into who we are as a synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*We can't wait to launch our new website and share our new logos*

*with all of you!!!*



# Learning Ministries Day



The next Learning Ministries Day will be held on January 22, 2022 at Atonement, Wyomissing from 8:30am-3:00pm. The theme of the day will be "Live Well from the Waters of Baptism," which will be led by The Rev. Dr. R. Jane Williams, Episcopal priest and clinical counselor.

For unto us a  
Child  
is born

ISAIAH 9:6

# MISSION SUPPORT 2022



Send in your mission support commitments for 2022. You can find the form on the synod website, under the resources tab.

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