

Prints of Peace



The Church Year has been developed over the course of many centuries. Designed and discerned by people who lived in the northern hemisphere, it ties in with the seasonal changes that happen around us. We celebrate the Incarnation (the coming of God in human form) in December not because we know that Jesus was born in December. In fact, scholars have absolutely no idea what time of year was born, and the gospels give no evidence whatsoever. We celebrate Christ's birth in December

because that is the darkest time of year, the time when we yearn for the Light to shine in the darkness, and we are reminded that the Light *has come* into our darkness. We celebrate Easter at the dawn of spring partially because this connects it to the Jewish festival of Passover, when Jesus was crucified. But just as importantly, spring is the time when life returns to a world that seemed dead. As buds begin to appear and the first flowers bloom, we celebrate the new Life that Christ brings to us even when we feel dead.

So, we are now in the time of the church year known as *The Time after Epiphany*, or *Ordinary Time*. (The word *ordinary* here does not mean "commonplace," but rather "ordered," because the readings we hear each week follow a specific order.) This is a time focused on spiritual growth; we might imagine being cooped up in a cold house in the winter, sitting before a fireplace with a cup of coffee reading and praying and studying. This season began on January 6 with the Epiphany, a time when the light of Christ shone so brightly that magi from the east saw it, and came to pay him homage. The season will end on February 27 with the Transfiguration, a time when Christ again shone so brightly that the disciples were overwhelmed, and a vision of Moses and Elijah appeared. In the meantime, we learn and grow as enlightenment grows within us.

Join us for worship during the Time after Epiphany. On February 6, stand at the shore and watch as Jesus shows Simon Peter how his vocation of fisherman can be used for the Kingdom of God. On February 13, sit in the plain as Jesus tells us about what it means to be blessed in our life. On February 20, listen to Jesus as he explores the miraculous way that faith can do what seems impossible, transforming us into people who can love our enemies and be merciful to the ungrateful. On February 27, stand in awe as Jesus himself is transformed into a beam of light, shining from the mountaintop.

Join us, whether in person or online. Grow in your faith and understanding. Live the way Christ calls us to live. Worship the Lord of heaven and earth.

In Christ,

Pastor Scholtes



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

Brandy Hoff, February 3
Sandra Butler, February 4
Richard Newhard, February 6
Richard Reinhart, February 6
Larry Stauffer, February 7
Ryan Gillow, February 7
Keith Heard, February 10
Raymond Flyte, III, February 10
Emily Brands, February 11
Brenda Hughes, February 14
Cathy Steinmetz, February 15
Victoria Poliskiewicz, February 15
Shirley Krauss, February 17
Alan Manicke, February 17
Linda Kessler, February 18
Bridget Reto, February 19
Donna Golden, February 19
Kathleen Ott, February 20
June Jones, February 22
Jill Hill, February 24
Doris Thomas, February 26
Michele Harrison, February 26
Traci Rumsey, February 28
Carmelo Blount, February 28
Lauren Harrison, February 28
Quincy Miller, February 29

Let us WORSHIP Together

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

Funeral: John T. Krauss, Sr., December 21

thank you! A Thank you letter has been received from the Portland-Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry, Inc. to all who so generously donated Thanksgiving Food, Christmas Food, Gifts for the children of P.U.M.P. and for the socks, scarves, hats and gloves for distribution. Thank you! again!

WITH
Gratitude 

Many thanks go out to the congregation for the support needed for the two major projects that were needed here at POP church. The Property and Technology / Communications committees worked hard to complete the tasks at hand, and to reach the targeted goals for the best outcome for our organization. Having the support from the congregation helped tremendously with the recognition that the work the committees put in were appreciated.

Thank You POP! —*Jackie Horn*

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY 11TH MEETING:

- Election of Officers-Congratulations **Connie Itterly** is President., **Traci Rumsey** is Vice-President, **Tina Johns** is Secretary. **Jackie Horn** is Treasurer. (Remember that we made a by-law change at the annual meeting in November 2021. Our paid treasurer now has the job title "Accountant," and the Treasurer is now a volunteer position. The chair of the Finance Committee is *ex officio* elected Treasurer.)
- We assigned new council liaisons to all standing committees. If you're interested in who your liaison is, contact Pastor Scholtes or Connie Itterly.
- A Task Force was created to look into some possible amendments to the constitution.

50 Years of POP to Celebrate!



Yes! We are having a golden year! 50 years of wonderful memories, celebrating our religious community, while celebrating the love of God.

There are many activities planned. Each month we will have a member of the congregation speak during worship about their involvement at POP, some reminiscing about the founding 3 churches, and others tell about their faith stories that helped them find and continue to worship at POP. We will have displays during different months, scrapbooks to share, a printed book to purchase, along with activities to be together. A worship service along with a musical afternoon held at Jacktown, where food trucks and possible wine tastings will be available. A big dinner in

November, in December a Christmas house tour where at the end of the day, treats and drinks, music and a living nativity will be open to the public. There will be guest speakers coming to POP to help us celebrate! Are you getting excited yet? Many events are ahead of us to enjoy! So, watch the calendar, read your newsletter, and check out the website to make sure that you miss nothing! January, February, and March highlight memorabilia from the Johnsonville, North Bangor, and East Bangor churches. Let us celebrate why we merged, why we worship our Lord and why our congregation is important to our community, and to one another. —**Jackie Horn**

LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN!



We would like to acknowledge Joyce Weinsaupt as a truly wonderful staff member here at POP church. Joyce has been with us many years and has been instrumental in helping design the recording process for our financial records. She has been a diligent and inspirational participant during our finance and council meetings, and is willing to Share great ideas that can be implemented into our financial recording processes. While many of you have not had the opportunity to meet her, Joyce has a religious spirit that understands the trials and tribulations a congregation experiences. A servant to God, she is a minister to a local church, she possesses this same level of insight when it comes to our community and it's needs. While you may never get a chance to meet or interact with Joyce, please know that she wishes well of our congregation and it's growth going forward. With all the many attributes she shares with us, we are grateful for her, and pray for many years to come having her at POP church.

Joyful Noise Update:

Thanks to your generous support of this collection, last year \$1,416.00 was donated. Social Ministry

decided to give \$700.00 to ELCA World Hunger; \$350.00 to PUMP, and \$350.00 to Mission of Love Food Bank in Bangor. There will not be a Joyful Noise collection the last Sunday of the month, you'll find several envelopes in your offering box for this collection. Please use these envelopes to make a donation to this fund. You may also make an online donation through VANCO. Social Ministry thanks you for your generous support of this collection. Questions: see Mary O'Meally



50 years from.....



to



our 2022 Stewardship Campaign

Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts.—1 Peter 4:10 CEB

We are thankful for your commitment through the years to actively seek and serve Christ through the ministry of Prince of Peace. After prayerful consideration about how you will keep God's mission going for another 50 years, please complete the intention form at the bottom, cut on the dotted line and bring it to worship and place it in the offering basket or mail it to the church by February 6th. Please begin giving at your new level.

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In support of the ministry of Prince of Peace:

I/We will give \$ _____ (total) per week/month/year (circle one) for the coming year.

Name _____

Address _____

*This commitment may be changed at any time by contacting financial secretary, Mary O'Meally.

50 YEARS: FROM CATERPILLAR TO BUTTERFLY

By Traci Rumsey

*Born was Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
through the metamorphosis of the people's needs.
It all began with a search,
as to how a house of worship succeeds.*

*Plant the foliage and they will come,
much like butterfly eggs are laid.
Transforming simple things can become,
the glory through which the wine He made.*

*A larva feasts on leaves to grow,
like the caterpillar and church that would be created.
And as the nourishment was just so,
layers of troubles soon had faded.*

*And soon we became enlightened,
to the words that became alive in us.
As the Chrysalis soon brightened,
we began to hear His promises that we would trust.*

*Some rejected the changes that were transpiring,
but the butterfly was now full grown.
It was life that Christ was bringing,
as we grew into our own.*

*Miraculously, Jesus had spoken,
to a growing crowd.
The fisherman thought their nets were broken,
shortly there were fish aplenty just as He had vowed.*

*The parishioners soon would gather,
as the butterfly would take to flight.
The love of this was a transformation rather,
that all of us would see His light.*

*A new church had brought hope and life,
this was truly an inspiration.
There would be positivity and no strife,
but a growing congregation.*

Faith
Hope
and the Greatest
Of these is
Love

***From the Slater Family
Network Foundation:***

*Love and kindness are never wasted.
They always make a difference. They
bless the one who receives them, and
they bless you, the giver.*

Dear Prince of Peace Members:

Thank you for adopting/supporting our Bangor Area School District children this holiday season.

Your group's donation allows a child whose day-to-day life may be difficult to experience the joy of Christmas and have hope that they are not forgotten.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated by the families of these children as well. We can clearly see their joy on their faces when they pick up the gifts being provided by your kindness.

Sincerely,
Patti Damour
Executive Director

**For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only Son, that whoever
believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life. -John 3:16**

DIGGING DEEPER

Hear God Speak To You From His Word

Tuesday, February 1	Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
2/2 (Presentation of Our Lord)	Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrew 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
Thursday, February 3	Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25
Friday, February 4	Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31
Saturday, February 5	Psalm 138; Judges 3:7-11; Luke 4:42-44
2/6 (5th Sun. after Epiphany)	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
Monday, February 7	Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Tuesday, February 8	Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9
Wednesday, February 9	Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32
Thursday, February 10	Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34
Friday, February 11	Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17-2:1
Saturday, February 12	Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28
2/13 (6th Sun. after Epiphany)	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinth. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
Monday, February 14	Psalm 120; 2 Kings 24:18-25:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
Tuesday, February 15	Psalm 120; Ezra 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 1:12-19
Wednesday, February 16	Psalm 120; Jeremiah 22:11-17; Luke 11:37-52
Thursday, February 17	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 43:16-34; Romans 8:1-11
Friday, February 18	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:1-17; 1 John 2:12-17
Saturday, February 19	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:18-34; Luke 12:57-59
2/20 (7th Sun. after Epiphany)	Gen. 45:3-11, 15; Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38
Monday, February 21	Psalm 38; Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Tuesday, February 22	Psalm 38; 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
Wednesday, February 23	Psalm 38; Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4
Thursday, February 24	Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16
Friday, February 25	Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8
Saturday, February 26	Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24
2/27 (Transfiguration of Our Lord)	Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 9:28-36
Monday, February 28	Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a

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!

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 and Camera	Offering Counter
February 6	Sherk and June Jones	April Miller	Kale Baker	Georgia and John Sursanofsky, Brooks Baker	Cathy Mullen	TBD
February 13	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Isabel Baker	Marlene Stana	Kale Baker, June and Sherk Jones	John Martocci	TDB
February 20	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Quincy Miller	Tina Johns	Brenda Hughes, Brooks Baker, Kale Baker	Jim Jennings	TBD
February 27	Brenda Hughes, Kale Baker	Sarah Harrison	April Miller	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly, Brooks Baker	Kim Jennings	TBD
March 6	Sherk and June Jones	Sara Godshalk	Laraine Brands	Kale Baker, Marlene and Butch Stana	Antonioli Family	TBD

Helping Women BLOOM

Most of us know of the Bloom Creative Studio in downtown Bangor. But did you know that they also have two homes in town where women who have lived through trafficking, abuse, and addiction can recover and begin new lives?

Yes, Bloom is a local non-profit organization under the direction of Carol Andersen. They believe that “Art Heals and everyone deserves a chance to start over.”

During the months of February and March (Feb, 6 – March 27) Social Ministry is asking if we all could help these women out by offering some items that these women need in their day to day life.

These women are all expected to keep their house neat and clean, while they attend counseling and hold down jobs. Wouldn't it be nice for us at Prince of Peace to make it a bit easier for them through giving some cleaning supplies. We ask that while you shop you; add a few extra things for these hard working women who are seeking to better themselves, working towards escaping the hardships and horrors they have experienced.



Here is a suggested list of items they need:

- ⇒ Laundry detergent
- ⇒ Dish detergent
- ⇒ Toilet bowl cleaner
- ⇒ Paper towels
- ⇒ Toilet tissue
- ⇒ Sponges

As always Social Ministry thanks you for your generosity and compassion. We all know that everyone at some time in their life needs some help and we know that no one should go through hard times alone. So “Do not forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.” (Hebrews 13:16)

It is not jealous
it does not seek its own interests

1 Corinthians 13

endures all things
It bears all things
is not pompous

Love is patient believes all things
it does not brood over injury

Love is kind but rejoices with the truth
hopes all things rejoice

it is not quick tempered
Love never fails
it is not inflated

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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,**  
[PastorMJS@gmail.com](mailto:PastorMJS@gmail.com)
  - **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
  - **Treasurer: Joyce Weishaupt**
  - **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
  - **Sexton: Brittnee Evans**
  - **Parish Nurse: Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895,**  
[cesarijustine1080@gmail.com](mailto:cesarijustine1080@gmail.com)
  - **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](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)

**Congregation Council Members:**

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

**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!**

**March 2022 Newsletter is:  
February 8th**

*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.\*\***

**Let love  
& faithfulness  
never leave you;**

*bind them  
around your neck,  
write them on the  
tablet of your heart.*

-Proverbs 3:3





# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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## Faith in Action

### Arndt's Lutheran Church in Easton



Hunger is a real problem in our country and our area of Pennsylvania is no different. Last year we started a reverse Advent food drive where congregants collected food items each day during Advent, culminating with delivery to our local food bank. It was such a success that we decided to expand it to the community. Volunteers will collect, sort, and deliver food items to the pantry right after Christmas when the need is the greatest. This year's food drive was very successful as we collected 983 lbs. of food valued at \$1671 for the ProJeCt Easton Food Pantry in Easton, PA. Approximately 43 families from Arndt's and people outside the community participated in the project. A local moving company donated a truck and manpower for the delivery. We hope to make this project an annual event of providing for those in need.

# FAITH FORMATION SATURDAYS



FAITH FORMATION SATURDAYS OCCUR THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING IN FEBRUARY, RUNNING FROM 10:00AM - 12:00PM

## STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

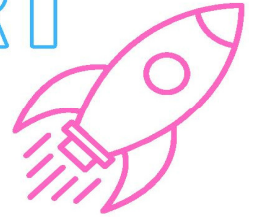
**JUNE 18, 2022**  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LANSDALE  
AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS (REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)

## PRAYING TOGETHER



Marty Everhart  
Doug LaFauci  
Roy Koehler  
Phyllis Pelletier  
Emma Weaver

# MISSION SUPPORT 2022



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

**boundless**  
god beyond measure

JULY 24-28, 2022  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
REGISTER NOW AT [ELCA.ORG](http://ELCA.ORG)

Save the date **SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2022**

June 10-11  
Reading