

Prints of Peace



I am grateful...

It's November. In the secular calendar, we are halfway between the tricks and treats of Halloween and the jingle bells and reindeer of Christmas. In the church year, November signifies the end of the year, with All Saints Day and Christ the King both looking toward the final fulfillment of all things before starting a new year with Advent.

At this time of year, as the days start to get short and the chill sets in, our minds often turn toward *thanks* and *gratitude*. I thought I might share with you this month some of the things I feel grateful for right now.

I am grateful for my baptism, the waters that flowed over my head so long ago in a little church in Minersville, waters that promised and provided me with salvation and a calling.

I am grateful for my wife Heather, who has loved me and inspired me for over twenty years. I am grateful for my children Alex and Ben, who fill my life with joy and exasperation, hope and laughter and tears.

I am grateful for the people of Prince of Peace, who have shown deep compassion to me in times I've needed it, and who continue to show deep and abiding compassion to those in need in our community and around the world (especially those who are hungry).

I am grateful for the leadership of Prince of Peace, who have spent so much time this year diligently and thoughtfully working together to plan for a hopeful future.

I am grateful for the members of the Reopening Task Force, who have helped us to weather the storm of the COVID pandemic gracefully and wisely; and I am grateful for a congregation who has trusted their intent and their plans, even when we have not always agreed on the details.

I am grateful for the members of the Anniversary Committee, who have led us in a year-long celebration that has joyfully celebrated the past, present, and future of Prince of Peace.

I am grateful for the members of the Property Committee, who continue to keep our church building, our property, and my family's home in good repair.

I am grateful for all the people who work together to provide faith educational opportunities for our children, our youth, and our adults.

I am grateful for all the people who work together to provide weekly worship that is meaningful, joyful, and Spirit-led.

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FROM THE PASTOR

I am grateful for the staff of Prince of Peace, Martin, Annette, Brittnee, Joyce, Mary and Justine, who do their appointed tasks with grace and devotion, and who help to keep our ministry working well and growing.

I am grateful for those who cook meals for people who are suffering, and those who deliver those meals. I am grateful for those who visit and share communion, for those who send cards and make phone calls, who help share God's love with those who are sick or lonely.

I am grateful for the money given generously to the work of Prince of Peace, which enable us to do the ministry we do in the community and beyond. I am grateful for those who keep track of the money, and make wise decisions about how to invest, how to share, and how to spend.

I am grateful for those in the past whose vision and generosity laid the foundation for our ministry, and for those now who are laying a foundation for the future.

I am grateful for the technology that enables us to communicate in such strange and new ways and made it possible to continue to be the church even through a lockdown. I am grateful for those who have helped make that technology work for us at Prince of Peace.

I am grateful for small children who shout loudly during worship. I am grateful for teenagers who roll their eyes at me yet ask questions that make me rethink things. I am grateful for parents who fulfill the promises they made at their children's baptism. I am grateful for those who have been around a very long time who remind me what is timeless.

I am grateful for the food I eat, the clothes I wear, the air I breathe. I am grateful for the shelter that keeps me warm in the winter and cool in the summer. I am grateful for the medication and the therapy that help to keep my depression managed.

I am grateful for the grace of God that provides all these things, and so much, much more. I could go on and on and on. I am humbled and delighted and grateful. Thank you, O Lord, for your love and your grace.

In Christ,



Rev. Michael J. Scholtes



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, November 20 immediately following worship (about 11:00 am)**. At this meeting, we will: consider ratification of amendments to our constitution; consider amendments to our by-laws; approve a budget for 2023; decide on "subfunds" for the Endowment Fund for 2023; and elect council members. Other business may be conducted as well. All members are asked to attend.



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

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

COME LET US WORSHIP

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

Funerals: Robert Reimer (non-member), September 17
Candice Rissmiller, September 28 (officiated by Rev. Dave Felker)

Confirmation: Quincy Miller, October 30

NEW (OLD) COMMUNION STYLE

We have moved to a style of sharing communion much like what we did prior to COVID. All those sharing communion now receive a wafer, and wine is poured into a cup for them. There are still some "to-go cups" (the ones we used throughout the pandemic) available as well, if you would prefer to use them for any reason. Any questions, please contact Pastor Scholtes.

Communion Assistants Need! Thank you to all those who have volunteered so far! The frequency you'll be scheduled depends on the number of people who are on the list. Pastor is very happy to train you if you haven't done it before and he can answer any questions you may have.





Fun & Fellowship News:

Rada Knives will be on sale in the Narthex after worship on November 13th and 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

Thanksgiving is coming... P.U.M.P. requests: stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving meals for their clients. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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.



OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- We are planning a "Twelfth Night" Celebration for our council, as well as the councils of Trinity Lutheran and Christ Lutheran.
- Quincy Miller has been approved for confirmed membership!
- Faith by Firelight will next be held on Saturday, November 12 at 5:30 pm. It will be a hot dog roast and s'mores! This event is BYOB.

Christmas Card Ministry:

It's that time again when we join together and bring cheer to our troops with our Christmas Cards. A box for finished cards is in the Narthex. See Holly Blakeslee for details. Due date is November 18th.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Get it on your calendar now: Christmas Eve worship will be held at 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm, with special music starting 30 minutes prior to each service. If you're interested in participating in the special music, please contact Minister of Music, Martin Yazdzik. We will have an adapted form of Sunday worship at 9:45 am on Sunday, December 25.



50th Anniversary News:

*Our celebration continues with a dinner on Sunday, November 6th after worship. We will have appetizers in the Narthex, followed by a celebratory dinner in the fellowship hall. Special guest: Bishop Christopher deForest, past Pastors have also been invited. You are cordially invited to attend to RSVP please write your name in the book provided in the Narthex, or you may call the church office.

*Following the celebration dinner, join us for a free concert 1:30--3pm with the band Chasing Daylight (Alternative/pop/R&B/hope). The concert is open to the public, invite your family and friends.

*In November this committee plans to place the following items in a time capsule: pictorial directory, 50th Anniversary brochure, current newsletter, copies of visiting pastor's sermons, future wish list, commemorative book, annual report, synod report, and a Lutheran magazine. We welcome your ideas for other items you would like placed in the capsule, there will be a basket on the counter in the Narthex for them.

*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

Thank you: Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and support in this trying time in my life. You're helping me strengthen my faith in Christ.
—Gratefully, *Larry Rissmiller*.

Thank you: To Pastor and everyone for the cards, visits and phone calls I received. It is comforting to know so many people care. —*Linda Kessler*.

Thank you: Dear Members, Thank you very much for the lovely flowers and your support for Tom and me. We are doing better but are working to see everyone soon, All Our Love, -*Tom and Joyce Chamberlin*

Thank you for the beautiful cards, calls, gifts, gift card, emails, and calls to wish me a happy birthday! Thank you for being so very thoughtful and kind. —*Annette Buss*





ALL SAINTS DAY (11/1)	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephes. 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
Wednesday, November 2	Psalm 50; Amos 5:12-24; Luke 19:11-27
Thursday, November 3	Psalm 17:1-9; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 22:22-23:11
Friday, November 4	Psalm 17:1-9; Genesis 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23
Saturday, November 5	Psalm 17:1-9; Exodus 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6	Job 19:23-27a; Ps. 17:1-9; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Lk. 20:27-38
Monday, November 7	Psalm 123; Job 20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Tuesday, November 8	Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1:1-13
Wednesday, November 9	Psalm 123; Job 25:1-26:14; John 5:19-29
Thursday, November 10	Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25
Friday, November 11	Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
Saturday, November 12	Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13	Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
Monday, November 14	Psalm 141; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Tuesday, November 15	Psalm 141; Ezekiel 39:21-40:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
Wednesday, November 16	Psalm 141; Ezekiel 43:1-12; Matthew 23:37-24:14
Thursday, November 17	Psalm 46; 2 Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28
Friday, November 18	Psalm 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9
Saturday, November 19	Psalm 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17
CHRIST THE KING (11/20)	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
Monday, November 21	Psalm 24; Jeremiah 46:18-28; Revelation 21:5-27
Tuesday, November 22	Psalm 24; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:8-21
Wednesday, November 23	Psalm 24; Isaiah 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4
Thursday, November 24	Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10
Friday, November 25	Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7
Saturday, November 26	Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (11/27)	Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
Monday, November 28	Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11
Tuesday, November 29	Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40
Wednesday, November 30	Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35

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!

Thank you everyone for being God's hands through your giving!



November is the month that we provide an envelope to make an additional contribution to Mission Support. Years ago, many of you may have known this as “benevolence”. As a congregation we tithe 10% of offering taken throughout the year. As stewards we use our time and skills to do many things for others who are close by. By giving to **Mission Support** you are using your financial resources to show your compassion for people who need your help you do not even know. Oh, we forgot to mention that you can also make a generous contribution using online giving. You can find it on our website at www.Popbangor.org

What happens when you use this envelope? 



Slater Family Network



Safe Harbor

This month we are thankful and filled with gratitude for our outreach ministry



Bloom



Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry (P.U.M.P.)



This Month We Are Thankful and Filled with Gratitude For:

- November 6th: Our outreach to P.U.M.P.
- November 13th: Our outreach to the Slater Family Network
- November 20th: Our outreach to Safe Harbor
- November 27th: Our outreach to Bloom



Prince of Peace Seekers (POPS)

Yes, we have a new name for the “Thursday Coffee Hour” group! We continue to meet on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available. We meet each week for a time of spiritual growth, discussion, and fellowship. Other activities are being planned to nurture our spiritual growth. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner, Janet Martocci, or Cathy Mullen.

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.

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



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
Nov. 6	Vivian Fahr, Connie Itterly	Isabel Baker	April Miller	John and Georgia Suranofsky, Sue Reinhart	Cathy Mullen	Landon Horn	Bob Gist, Jim Jennings
Nov. 13	Georgia and John Sufanofsky	Quincy Miller	Sarah Harrison	Sara Godshalk, Vivian Fahr	John Martocci	Alex Scholtes	Georgia Suranofsky, Jackie Horn
Nov. 20	Traci Rumsey, Brenda Hughes	April Miller	Kale Baker	Georgia and John Sufanofsky, Bob Gist	Jim Jennings	Sarah Harrison	Chip Harrison, Jim Jennings
Nov. 27	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Sara Godshalk	Tina Johns	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes, Traci Rumsey	Kim Jennings	Izzy Baker	Connie Itterly, Jackie Horn
Dec. 4	Sherk and June Jones	Sarah Harrison	Marlene Stana	Brenda Hughes, Sue Reinhart	Tina Johns	Landon Horn	Scott Schipps, Jim Jennings

Communion Assistants:

November 6: Laraine Brands, Connie Itterly

November 13: Brooks Baker, Jim Jennings

November 20: Tina Johns, Diane Hahn

November 27: April Miller, Brooks Baker

December 4: Linda Waszmer, Laraine Brands

Altar Guild for November: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart

Altar Guild for December: Kim Jennings, Sara Godshalk





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In Memory of
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Sara and Bill*

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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**
- **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Bookkeeper: Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
- **Parish Nurse: Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895,**  
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- **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**  
**Admin. Asst’s Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon Thursday: 1 to 4 pm  
Admin Asst’s email: poplcbangor@gmail.com

**Congregation Council Members:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Connie Itterly -President | 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   |                        |

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 2022  
Newsletter is:  
**November 14th at Noon**  
You may email your submissions to **poplcbangor@gmail.com**  
Or give a handwritten items to **Annette Buss**  
**\*\*Items received after the deadline will go into next month’s newsletter.\*\***

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



# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

## What's happening with Growing Young?

*Growing Young is an initiative lived out in the NEPSynod, congregations, and individuals' ministry. Growing Young was our synod assembly theme in 2021, but it is not a once-and-done theme. Growing Young is something we strive to accomplish together, continually.*

Congregations throughout our synod have been diving deep into the journey of Growing Young. Some are just beginning and exploring the concept whereas others are already incorporating it within their congregation and even helping beginners to gain the whole Growing Young experience. In case you are new to Growing Young, Growing Young is a movement in the NEPA Synod and throughout the greater ELCA and is based on a book of the same name. The book studied churches of all sizes, denominations, and locations throughout the country that are maintaining and engaging youth and young adults in their congregations. What does Growing Young really look like though?

Growing Young will look different for every congregation and the journey to get there will not be the same. Devoting time and commitment to the 6 core characteristics is the only way for your congregation to work towards a Growing Young outcome. These commitments orbit around a Jesus-centered community and help us truly become the church. Now is the time to pass down leadership and pastoral roles to those eager to assist and prioritize youth & young families everywhere. Now is the time to focus on warm relationships and empathize with today's youth. Now is the time to be the best neighbor and share Jesus' message seriously.

Is your congregation ready to Grow Young? Resources are available to help guide your community to the Growing Young mindset. For more information, visit [godslove.org/growingyoung](https://godslove.org/growingyoung) or by reaching out to the Growing Young coordinator, Stacey Burke at [stacey@nepssynod.org](mailto:stacey@nepssynod.org) or at 610-266-5101 ext. 10.

## Let's Grow Young together!



# COMING UP:

Nov. 5: WeLove

Nov. 12: Faith Formation Saturdays

Nov. 14-15: Bishop Conference

"GIVE THANKS TO  
THE LORD, FOR  
GOD IS GOOD;  
GOD'S LOVE  
ENDURES  
FOREVER."

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



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<http://www.Godslove.org/>



*Faith in Action*

## Hope's Table

A Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community in Reading, where the community comes together to eat, worship, and build relationships. A community fostered in the poorest neighborhood of the city. It all started as a small gathering but has grown into a comfortable place for people who wouldn't otherwise feel comfortable within the walls of a church.

Tuesdays 5:30PM  
601 N Front St  
Reading PA  
Pastor Mary Wolfe

JUNE  
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SYNOD  
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