

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



January 2024

New Year, New You

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

We always have great expectations for the New Year. But often times the New Year turns out like the previous year or worse. The answer isn't a New Years resolution, because by February we're no longer resolved in making the changes that we want. Instead take the advice of St. Paul by being transform by a renewal of your mind. The only way that you

can be transformed is not by seeking the things of the world first. Jesus said, **"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."** (Mt 6:33)

Seeking the kingdom of God is what transforms and renews your mind. Daily devotionals are a great way to start seeking the kingdom of God, but they are only an appetizer before the main course. The main course being the Word of God – The Bible.

Through the Word of God, the Holy Spirit begins to renew your mind transforming you into thinking and being more Christ like. It's through the Word of God that we understand more fully the Will of God. You will deal with adversity in the New Year, but understanding the Will of God helps you to view situations in a totally different light – The light of Christ. As the Holy Spirit guides you and strengthens you, you can react to adverse situations by knowing **"what is good and acceptable and perfect,"** and all three of these things are adverbs describing Jesus Christ. Contrary to Satan's lies, God will give you more than you can handle in order for you to lean on Him, have faith in Him, and trust Him to take care of things that will always turn out for the good of those who love Him.

Paul says not to be conformed to this world, because the world is full of sin and death. Jesus said, **"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."** (Jn 16:33)

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In seeking Christ through God's Word we will have peace, because no matter what, Jesus has already overcome sin, death, and Satan's power, and we are free to live a peaceful life in Christ. The world can't give you peace, only Christ can. And in Christ's peace there is tremendous joy. Happiness is based on your situation, but joy is solely based on Christ and His redemptive work in which He has overcome this sinful, fallen world.

Another way of renewing your mind and transforming you into being more Christ like happens right here at Prince of Peace, Lutheran Church. Through Sunday school, Bible studies, and the worship service we study & hear the Word of God read and preached, as well as receiving the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of your faith through the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, which is transforming. God is good and He wants the very best for you.

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10:15AM

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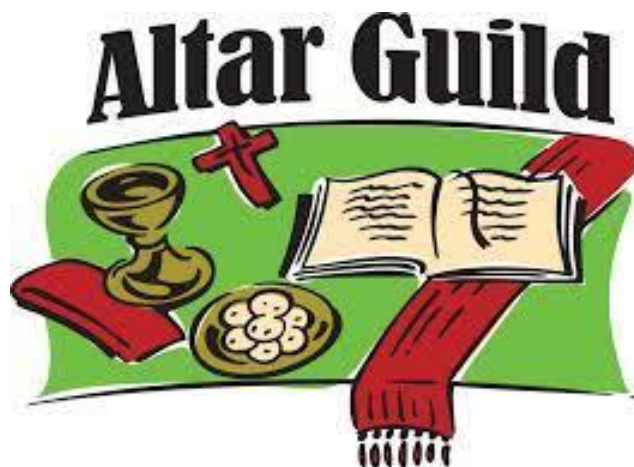
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Conforming to the world is to live in the darkness of sin.

James tells us, ***“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*** (Jam 4:4) But through Christ Jesus we become children of God and heirs to His heavenly kingdom. It's so much better to live in the light of Christ instead of the darkness of sin and death. A life lived in Christ is peaceful and the beginnings of eternal life in a kingdom without end.

Pastor Sean



A signup sheet is hung up in the narthex area for help with Altar Guild for 2024. If you are able to sign up for a month or two worth of Sundays please do so!

We are happy to work with you. It just takes a little time each week to set up and clean up.

Please contact Linda Weimer at 724-584-7327 if you can help us.



There are dates available for 2024 to put flowers on the altar.

Please consider placing flowers on the altar in memory of loved ones or to the glory of God.

**The sign-up sheets are in the preschool hallway.
The cost is \$25.**

Money can be put in the altar guild mailbox. The flowers are yours after the service.

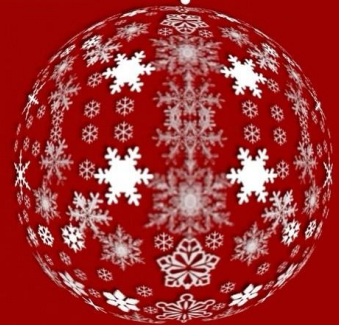


✝ Betty Wunnenberg and family,
loss of Don
✝ Bob Licht and family,
loss of Pam
✝ Joyce Hewlett and family,
loss of Bill
✝ Steigerwald family,
loss of Sarah's mother
✝ Allen's cousin, Ima Gene
✝ John H.
✝ Kristy Elkin
✝ Patrick
✝ Joan
✝ Larry

✝ Louise Gulmantovicz,
Bill's sister
✝ Genevieve
✝ Hoby's Father
✝ Hoby's Father-in-Law,
Bob
✝ Bonnie
✝ Paul Palmer, recovering
from stroke
✝ Edward Woods, addiction
✝ Joan Gee & sister

Snowflake Mingle Holiday Luncheon

Sunday January 14th after Church



Sign up sheet up in the Narthex

January Servants in Ministry

ACOLYTES

01/07 James Shibata, Jr
 01/14 Noah Schweikert
 01/21 Grace Shibata
 01/28 Brooke Lehman

ALTAR GUILD

Emma Genser

READERS

01/07 Bob Licht
 01/14 OPEN
 01/21 Karl Borgman
 01/28 Matt Claus



Elizabeth Russler 01
 Amy Wilson 02
 Ethel Clayton 06
 Emma Genser 08
 Brooke Lehman 10
 Sandra Morgan 10
 George Mesing 15
 Hoby Schweikert 15
 Mary Nuerge 21
 Katherine Volland 24
 Joan Bowen 25
 Judy McCready 25
 Brianna Dulski 26
 Robert Steigerwald 31

Robert & Deborah Steigerwald
 (52 years)

Beau DeThomas, Sr
 Skylar DeThomas 8
 Ed Morgan



<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WWCH	Clarion, PA	1300	AM	Sun	7:30 AM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	103.9	FM	Sun	3:30 PM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	103.9	FM	Tue	12:30 PM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	1080	AM	Sat	3:30 PM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	1080	AM	Tue	12:30 PM

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January 7

"As We Forgive"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)
(Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

January 14

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

January 21

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

January 28

"Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
(Psalm 103:11-12)

Mrs. Smith's classes Preschool News

Glory to God in the Highest, Peace and Goodwill toward Men.

The month of December was spent worshiping God and preparing for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. During letter Jj week we taught the children that Jesus is the reason for the season! Having one full classroom has been fun to organize and prepare the students for the Christmas programs this year.

The Christmas programs this year for both preschool classes took hours of preparation and practice from the children. December 21st was a special day as we held the 4 year old show during preschool hours, entitled "Christmas Story", we welcomed many friends, and families.

The three-year old's invited their families to preschool on Tuesday December 19th to show them the songs they had been practicing. The program was adorable!!

Instruction time was limited this month due to the short three weeks leading up to Christmas break. We did have time to fit in some holiday decorations in addition to lots of arts and crafts as we presented parents with gifts that their preschoolers made for them.

We also made time to refresh our memories with colors, shapes, and coloring. The preschoolers enjoyed reading a story in class which was about the state of Pennsylvania. There was actually a great deal of geography in the book, *Santa's coming to Pennsylvania*.

The children laughed when they recognized some of the historical landmarks through Pennsylvania that Santa would make a stop at on Christmas Eve. The four-year old's even had a Grinch Day where everyone could wear their favorite Grinch shirt or color. To wrap up the days before break the classes had a parent run Christmas party where our generous volunteer parents came in and hosted a variety of fun for the children. It takes a special person to volunteer their time and entertain children. We thank them kindly!!

December is a very special month for multiple reasons. We hope this year left you with precious memories with your loved ones young and old; and this coming New Year will be filled with continued blessings of health and happiness for your friends and family. On behalf of Mrs. Smith, Ms. Twila, and Ms. Kayla we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We would also like to thank the church for the Christmas bonus this year! Your generosity is much appreciated!

We look forward to welcoming 2024!!!

Blessings to you and yours,
Preschool Staff
Kelly, Twila & Kayla

This month the students celebrated the birth of our Lord by performing programs for their parents!

The 3 year old program was short but definitely sweet and ever so cute!!
They loved singing and dancing.



The 4 year old class does a more in depth program. They did a wonderful job and everyone loved it! The parents and children were also thankful for the gift of Bibles from the congregation! The Bibles were gifted in memory of Pam Licht.



We would like to thank Linda Weimer and Charlene Stroehlen for handling the cookies and refreshments!
We would also like to thank Pastor Sean for making sure everything ran smoothly.

**Blessings,
Ms. Twila**



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	4	5	6  5:30 – 7:00
7 Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service REVERSE DECORATING AND POTLUCK LUNCH Elder's Meeting	8 6:00 Council Meeting	9	10 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	11  7PM	12	13
14 Epiphany 2 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service SNOWFLAKE MINGLE LUNCHEON	15	16	17 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	18  7PM	19	20
21 Epiphany 3 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	22	23	24 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	25  7PM	26	27
28 Epiphany 4 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	29	30	31 11:00 Midweek Bible Study			