

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



January 2025

Trust God Only

“Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.”

Psalm 146:3

It's a new year and we have a new president in the White House. There is so much joy, hope, and optimism, along with great expectations for the future of our country unlike anything I've seen in my lifetime. It seems like so many people are hopeful for a lower cost of living, peace in our country and in the world, and the government working together to get things done that will benefit all Americans. Unfortunately, the reality is that not everyone will be happy

with the changes that will take place. And many will be very disappointed in the decision, action, and direction that we are heading. The problem isn't with the president or any elected official. The problem is that we're all sinful human beings, imperfect. God tells us not to put our trust in man, because man will always let us down & man can't save us.

To often our focus is on the economy, making or having more money, so that we can spend more on ourselves, enjoy ourselves, and fulfill our desires. As sinful humans we try to fill up on the world, which only leaves us feeling empty and disillusioned. God made us with addictive traits so that we will be addicted to Him and not the world. Our trust should always be in God, who never lets us down and who is always faithful. Only God can fill the void that is inside us. And only God can give us peace, love and joy. Throughout the Bible God has shown us over and over that He fulfills His promises & He always does what He says He will do. God always has our best interest at heart. He always cares for us. And He promised that He would send a Messiah to save His people, and He has, Jesus willingly paid for the sins of the world with His precious blood on the cross. Only in Christ do we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. I'm very hopeful for the future of our country, but I don't put my trust in mankind who is sinful. The only one I trust to make things great again is God – Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. We know from God's Word that this world will pass away, and a new and better

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world is to come when Christ returns on the last day. Everything in this world; all the money, goods, possessions and power will be destroyed, burnt up like gasoline on a fire. All the worldly things we put our hope, love and trust in will be gone, and the only thing that will be left will be God, His Word, and all those who are in Christ Jesus. God is holy and eternal and only He can make us holy and eternal. Only Jesus gives us true, lasting life and only He can save us. And He does it without our help or participation.

Humans are not trustworthy, but God is. Because He is holy, He can't lie or be dishonest in any way. He doesn't wait for us to get our act together or be perfect before He loves and saves us. God comes to us even while we're sinners, imperfect, and unholy. Through the waters of holy Baptism, we're joined with Christ who makes us saints, holy and perfect in every way, while we're still sinners.

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God can always be trusted, and we need that trust and faith to get us through the tough things in this world as we make our pilgrimage through this valley of sin and death. God is with us and only He can be trusted. Put your trust in God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your trust will never be misplaced, and He will never let you down. Amen.

Pastor Sean



A signup sheet is hung up in the narthex area for help with Altar Guild for 2025. 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 2025 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 \$30

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



Allen’s cousin, Ima Gene - Hoby’s Father-in-Law, Bob, - Jack Hogue, parkinson’s disease - Kristy, kidney failure – Elizabeth
Jean Taylor’s brother Don, kidney cancer - Dee Phillips
Colleen McCormick Lambert, terminal cancer - Edward Cramer, Stage 4 stomach cancer - Willis Volland - Skylar DeThomas - Terry DeThomas - Angela Walters
Karol – Dan - Holden, fighting leukemia, Sue Szabo, recovering from knee replacement – Lou, Leukemia



*January 19th
following service*

*You must sign up
to attend as it is
being catered

*Sign up sheet is hung in
the Narthex area*

January Servants in Ministry

ACOLYTES

- 1/05 Joy Shibata
- 1/12 Jesse Dietrich
- 1/19 Lily Rachuba
- 1/26 James Shibata, Jr

ALTAR GUILD

Emma Genser

READERS

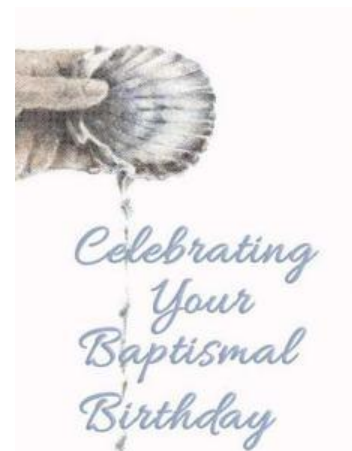
- 1/05 Matt Claus
- 1/12 Karl Borgman
- 1/19 open
- 1/26 Bob Licht



- 1/01 Erich Borgman
- 1/02 Amy Wilson
- 1/06 Ethel Clayton
- 1/06 Sam Osten
- 1/08 Emma Genser
- 1/10 Brooke Lehman
- 1/10 Sandi Morgan
- 1/15 George Mesing
- 1/15 Hoby Schweikert IV
- 1/17 Karen Meinert
- 1/21 Mary Nuerge
- 1/21 Natalie Osten
- 1/25 Joan Bowan
- 1/25 Just McCready
- 1/26 Brianna Dulski
- 1/31 Bob Steigerwald



- 1/11 Matt & Jeanette Claus
- 1/29 Bob & Debbie Steigerwald



- 1/01 Joseph Meinert
- 1/01 Bonnie Nies
- 1/01 Angela Walters
- 1/01 Rev. Sean Walters
- 1/02 Beau DeThomas, Sr,
- 1/08 Skylar DeThomas



<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 5

"In the Beginning Was Dialogue"

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

Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. (John 1:1)

January 12

"What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"

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

When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. (John 1:14)

January 19

"He Made Me a Believer"

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

God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work. (John 2:11)

January 26

"An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez](#)

Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36)

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 20th 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 Monday December 23rd to show them the songs they had been practicing. The program was adorable!! The preschool staff would like to thank Mrs. Linda Weimer and all her church member friends for always offering to help display the cookies and juice for the preschool families after our shows! Everyone's willingness to help is greatly appreciated!

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 hair style. 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, Miss Twila, and Miss Michelle, we would like to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming 2025!!! Preschool classes will resume Monday January 6th.

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



Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you to the many members and friends of Prince of Peace who have supported the Shoebox Ministry in the past. In 2024, we were blessed to deliver 124 boxes to the collection center--boxes full of school supplies, hygiene items and *FUN* items, like stuffed animals, musical instruments, dolls, cars and trucks.

For the second year in a row our boxes have traveled all the way to Botswana, a [landlocked country](#) in the center of [Southern Africa](#). The territory is roughly triangular—approximately 600 miles (965 km) from north to south and 600 miles from east to west. Within the confines of Botswana’s borders is a rich variety of wildlife, including many species of [mammals](#), [birds](#), [reptiles](#), [amphibians](#), and [fish](#).

A country of slightly over 2.3 million people, Botswana is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world.



Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of the children who received the boxes and participate in the Greatest Journey discipleship course.

While our goal for 2025 is to pack 120 boxes, we are working out the details for a partnership with St. John’s Lutheran (Ambridge) in hopes that we can pack more.

Collection efforts for 2025 are already underway. Here’s how you can help:





Participate in monthly Shoebox Shepherd meetings on the first Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall.

- Donate funds to pay for shipping and purchase shoebox items. It’s easier than ever to give—your “Special Designation Gift” envelopes now have a spot for Operation Christmas Child. If you choose to not to use the envelope, please write “Operation Christmas Child” in the subject line of your check made payable to Prince of Peace.
- Purchase items such as washcloths, Hot Wheels cars, and toothbrushes, to name a few.

Christmastime at Preschool!



JANUARY

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 No Midweek Bible Study	2  7PM	3	4
5 Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service REVERSE DECORATING & POTLUCK	6	7 	8 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	9  7PM	10 	11 MEN'S & WOMEN'S GROUP 5:30-7:30
12 The Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	13 6:30 Council Meeting	14	15 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	16  7PM	17	18 
19 Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service HOLIDAY DINNER	20	21 	22 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	23  7PM	24 	25
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	27 	28	29 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	30  7PM	31	