



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

December 2024 Newsletter

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As a Christ centered community, we commit ourselves to all people through love, worship & service.

## Pastor's Ponderings

Can you feel it? The anticipation...the excitement...the nervousness...the anxiety... the awkwardness... The time is nigh. Advent is upon us. The birth of Christ is near. Yet...we wait.

Waiting is something that I have not always been good at. I used to be very impatient. I still can be at times, depending on the situation. But as I've aged, I've realized that there is nothing that I can do to effectively make time move quicker than what it is supposed to. And so...I wait.

I've found that one of the best things for me to do as I wait is to be silent. Which can be difficult for me. I usually have music on for some background noise. It doesn't matter if it is while I am doing chores around the house, driving, or even writing a sermon, there is usually some noise that I feel that can comfort my own anxieties.

There are other times though, that I need to just listen. I don't know what I am listening to or for, but I have found it best for me to just sit, be still and listen. Even as I am waiting.

I've seen how busy my life can be. Not with just appointments, work, family or whatever. But I am always pushing to do something else. Looking forward to what else needs to get done. Making the decision on what I am going to procrastinate about next. For some, this silence amongst waiting can be awful because our inner voices begin shouting about anything and everything.

Our world is so busy. Even in the past few years, while our world was on a slow down to heal itself, the anxiousness of many has slung it back into overdrive. Causing some to lose control and break. This is why we are called to wait.

Throughout Advent, which is the time of year that we look forward to the birth of the one who we will know as Jesus, we are invited to wait. To be calm. To breathe in and out. To center ourselves. To focus on the Son of Man who will be here soon. Never fully understanding all that is in front of him. Not able to fully comprehend how he will change the world. We can only place our trust in him. Hoping that the prophecies are true. The stories that have been told in the Hebrew Testament about this savior, this Christ, will be able to comfort us and defend us. To walk with us and to listen to us. To pour out mercy and grace upon us as we continue to fall short.

As we wait, I invite you to sit in silence. To be still and know that God is God. To realize that the one to come, that whom shall be named Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords and Host of all, is God in human form to experience life as we do. To learn of our joys and celebrations, as well as our heartaches and worries. To show that they want to be in relationship with us. To remind us that we are created for a purpose. That we are loved. Not only in this season, but for eternity. Amen.

In Christ's Peace – Pastor Myron Crawford



**Prince of Peace presents  
“A Brown Bag Pageant:  
A Different Kind  
of Christmas Story”**

This year, everyone has a chance to be involved in the Christmas Program which will be on **Sunday, December 15 at 9am.**

You are invited to stay after the program for a special potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish or dessert item to share with others.

**Join us at Prince of Peace for  
Christmas Eve Service**

330pm – Music for the Season  
Come and enjoy music performed by the PoP community before worship.

4pm - Candle light service.



Cross Generational Sunday School will resume on Sun. Jan. 5, 2025!

## Coffee with Clergy

Come on out for Coffee with Clergy the third Tuesday of each month from 8-10am at Hawthorne Coffee Roasters, which is just north of Prince of Peace. The next date is Tuesday, December 17.

This is a time have conversation, learn about what is going on, share some stories and have a beverage and a snack.

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## Do You Play a Musical instrument?

Would you like to participate in a special prelude to the PoP Christmas Eve Service or during worship on a Sunday? We'd love to hear from you!

Contact the church office at [churchofpop@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpop@gmail.com) or contact Pastor Myron [pastorofpop@gmail.com](mailto:pastorofpop@gmail.com).



Come with others to go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 1 right after worship.

The crew will leave Prince of Peace after Sunday morning worship. There will be songbooks, maps and more for all that want to come with.

Please sign up in the narthex or contact Pr Myron.

## December Birthdays

Dec. 2 Danielle Seymour  
3 Lynsey Dilauro  
6 Keith Heyer, Jill Kamm  
8 Bertha Jersild  
10 Chloe Grandy, Becki Stein  
12 Jennifer Paprocki  
20 Noah Chapman  
21 Sara Perry  
24 Sonia Senger, Erich Zeimantz  
25 Brianna Heyer  
28 Christine Roscoe  
29 Emily Gomez  
30 Ed Heinritz, Lori Shenkenberg, Lauren Vey  
31 Hanna Perry

## Need to reach Pastor Myron?

He would love to hear from you!

If it's important, or in case of an illness, a difficult diagnosis, a hospitalization, a prayer concern, or you just would like for him to pay a visit, first, try calling church.

If he is not there you can do the following:

- Leave a message at church.
- Text his cell phone – 651.253.5379
- Email him at [pastorofpop@gmail.com](mailto:pastorofpop@gmail.com)

Also, if someone would like to be added to the prayer list at Prince of Peace, please contact the church office at [churchofpop@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpop@gmail.com) or call 414-483-3828 and leave a message.

## Come and Serve at The Gathering

The Gathering is an organization that provides free meals each week, cooked on-site in four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry.

Prince of Peace gets to help out with preparing, packaging and distributing meals for approximately 150 people at Ascension Lutheran on S. Layton on Saturday, December 21 from 10am – 1 pm.

If you are able to help us fight hunger, please register online at <https://bit.ly/PoPGathering>.

## Divine Intervention

### Ministry to Those Experiencing Homelessness

Open overnight from December 4 – March 26

Guests and volunteers gather nightly for a family style meal in a warm, supportive space to create community and work toward finding a home.

This incredible ministry at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church at 125 W Saveland Ave in Milwaukee is looking for volunteers for the season.

- Overnight hosts serve from 5:30pm – 8:30am
- Meal preparation and served by individuals or groups
- Sunday laundry ministry – transport to/from laundry facility
- Monetary donations are also welcome

If interested or getting more info about how you can help, contact (414) 481-4680 or email [divineinterventiontohomeless@gmail.com](mailto:divineinterventiontohomeless@gmail.com).

## Covered in Love Blanket Ministry

If you have ever made a tie blanket, you know that they can be simple and inexpensive to make. Plus, anyone of any age can help make them!

Throughout November we are collecting the following:

- Sharp fabric scissors
- Fleece of any design in two sizes:
  - 1 yard pieces for baby blankets and
  - 2 yards for adult blankets
- Each blanket needs two pieces of fabric
- Yard sticks or tape measures or rulers
- Cutting mats

There will be a crafting day on Saturday, December 7 from 9am – 12pm to help put these blankets together.

Look for the sign up in the narthex!

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

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