

Prince of Peace Lutheran

January 2022 Newsletter

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Pastor Molly Doreza 262-374-8263 Email: mdoreza@twc.com As a Christ Centered Community, We Commit Ourselves To All People Through Love, Worship & Service.

Ponderings by Pastor Molly

"But even the hairs of your head are all counted." (Luke 12:7)

Dear Beloved of God,

Seventeen years ago, I bought a wig. Awaiting chemotherapy, I knew that I would soon lose *all* my hair. The wig was beautiful, but I never got to wear it; my oncologist reversed directions, telling me that the type of cancer I had didn't warrant chemo. That wig still sits in my closet, a reminder of what could have happened – and frankly, what may still happen – if my breast cancer recurs.

Did you know that the average human loses 50-100 hairs a day? That sounds like a lot! I'd have guessed five or ten. But when you consider that the average human (depending on baldness) has over 100,000 hairs on their head, the loss is not so much. Jesus uses the metaphor of hair (and its loss) to comfort us- reminding us that God knows even the tiny details of our lives, even the ones we miss as they fall to the floor.

I think it is a great metaphor for the new year, especially as we head into the unknown on all sorts of levels. Pandemic still isn't under control. (As I write this, over 1,000 homes in the Boulder Colorado suburbs have gone up in flames, in an instant!)

We can, and will, worry about the "hairs" in life, whether it be a single hair or a whole scalp – our own lives, or the life of the planet. Either way, Jesus wants us to know that God *sees* all of it. Everything is under the watchful (and loving eye) of the God who created it all!

This is comforting news to us, who believe. While we can't escape loss, we know that God is there, with us!

There will be much change in 2022. We've seen how life as we know it can change because of tiny, microscopic virus we can't even see with the naked eye – and yet which has taken the lives of millions. We don't really know what lies ahead. But we can rest assured that God's love is in the smallest of details of our life and world.

Happy New Year to you and your family! May you find comfort in the awareness of God's presence in the year to come!

Pastor Molly

"Have you ever wondered why people and denominations look at the Bible in different, and sometimes conflicting ways? Did you know that ELCA Lutherans have a particular and unique way of interpreting the Bible

and applying its principles to life?



We will be addressing these questions in three weekly (Wednesday) meetings - January26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9, 6:30-8pm. The meetings will be virtual, by Zoom, and we will be using the book "Opening the Book of Faith" (see below) as a guide.

Please let Pastor Molly know by email (<u>mdoreza@twc.com</u>) that you plan to attend, and also if you'd like to order your own book for the study."

https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9780806680569/Opening-the-Book-of-Faith-Lutheran-Insights-for-Bible-Study

ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN!

We are so excited to announce we will participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN! All students enrolled in 8-12th grade in the 2021-2022 school year are invited to join. Please consider participating in this amazing opportunity to connect with youth from all over the country, while growing in our faith.ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis from July 24-28, 2022.

Regular registration ends January 21, 2022.

If you are interested in participating or finding out more information, please contact me at maureennewborn@gmail.com or 414-915-0670, or the church office. You can also find more information at https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering

Prince of Peace Day Care

The Day Care is Hiring! POP Day Care is looking to hire 1 fulltime teacher and 1 part time afternoon teacher. There are a few openings for March: 1 in our toddler room and 1 opening for a child over 2 1/2

> Please contact: Angie Grill, Day Care Director popdaycare@yahoo.com 414-481-6679



The Prince of Peace Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, February 13, 2022** following the church service. It is scheduled to begin at 10:15 and can be attended either in person or via zoom. Following is a link to join the zoom meeting. Topic: Prince of Peace's Annual Meeting Time: Feb 13, 2022 10:15 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82497383903?pwd=bXZzQjNsVXp2dEgyUkFCSUpPQTJldz09

Meeting ID: 824 9738 3903 Passcode: 746355

If you need help accessing Zoom, please reach out to any Council member prior to the meeting.

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January Birthdays!

Jan. 1: Dale Davis

- 2: Erick Anderson
- **3:** Al Richards
- 4: Ava Kihslinger and Arlo Widmann
- 5: Don Jensen
- 7: Steve Walker
- 9: Christine Anderson and Jil Johnson
- 10: Lillian Puglielli and Josh Walker
- 12: Danny Cvikel and Bianca Perez
- 14: Kyler Goldamer and Michele Spieker
- **17:** Sylvester Jolley
- 20: Debra Schlusser
- 21: Gordon Anderson
- 22: Brittany Zuege
- 23: Margaret Pisarek
- 25: Sean Heinritz
- 26: Jim Schneider and Ben Walker
- 27: Ella Beth and James Nyren

- 28: Sarah Braatz, Doug DeLange, John McDonald and Jenna Melendez
- 31: Griffin Lang and Robert Scheunemann

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