

PRINTS *of* PEACE

POT LUCK LUCHEON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:15 A.M. SERVICE

Congregational Meeting & Pot Luck Luccheon

A pot luck luncheon will be held after the meeting in the Parish Hall. At this meeting, open Board of Directors positions are voted on and filled.

Please come and exercise your voting privilege as a congregation member. The positions available are Chairperson, Financial Secretary, Directors of the committees of finance, Incorporators, evangelism & Stewardship, The board members will provide the main dishes. We ask if you can and would like to bring sides and desserts

We hope to see you there!

Happy New Year to All

**You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.**

Psalm 65:11

HOLIDAY THANKS

GIVING TREES & COAT DRIVE

Thank you for your generous response to our Holiday Giving Trees. And coat drive. Through your generosity, many children enjoyed a brighter Christmas.

POINSETTIAS

Thank you all who purchased the beautiful poinsettia plants that adorned the sanctuary. Each year, these plants and their star shaped blossoms remind us of the Star of Bethlehem that shined so brightly on that first holy Christmas night.

CHURCH DECORATIONS, CHRISTMAS CARDS DONATIONS & FOOD PANTRY

Thank you all helped to decorate the church for our Christmas worship. The "hanging of the greens" adds deeper meaning to our services. Thank to all who donated Christmas Cards and thank for all who volunteer for the food pantry & help our community members in need. Thank you for all the food donations throughout the year.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Thank you to our handbell Choir members who put in hours of practice during a busy holiday season. We would not have such beautiful Christmas music without the talents

Thank you to all who helped set up these events and for all
Our volunteers all year round. You are truly valued & appreciated.

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

A NEW YEARS DAY PRAYER

Another year is dawning
With the chance to start anew
May you be kinder, wiser
In all you say and do
Not so caught up in selfish gain
That you would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee
The warm kind word that you can
give
The outstretched hand to help
The prayers you pray for those in
need
More precious these than wealth
You know not what may be ahead
Of laughter or of tears
You only need to know each day



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"When we say grace, do we look
up at Heaven, or down
at the food?"





FOOD PANTRY ALERT!

Our Food Pantry client list is growing.

Toiletry items, cleaning supplies and paper goods are in very short supply!

Shampoo, conditioner, soap/body wash, deodorant , toothpaste toothbrushes mouthwash paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags napkin, tissues, sponges, paper plates ,plastic cutler, fabric softener, laundry detergent dish soap

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Thank you to all who donated to our Thanksgiving food drive in November. Each year, because of your generosity, we are able to collect more and more turkeys and side dishes than the year before.



Look for these exciting, upcoming events at our church in the near future!

Pampered chef fundraiser for Dani Romano will go on until Jan 25th

Martin Luther King Jr

Board Meeting Jan 18th

Congregational Meeting Jan 22nd.. Board will provide main dishes . Please consider donating a side or dessert.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – January 2023

Your Past Does Not Define Your Future New Year's is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in hope and anticipation, and perhaps with some worry, for what it holds. The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be, what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost. New Year's is our own version of Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:6–15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord will both supply and increase what we need to give to the church for its work in the world. He tells us that this work God does in us will enrich and bless us in every way, and through this, will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving in years past and change what needs to be adjusted, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness and feast on the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you — all of you (Matt. 22:20–22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1–16).

Third, consider what the church is and what the church does. The church is a place of mercy. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward neighbors. You are a member of the church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the church in the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev. 27:1–34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, or ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

The Pampered Chef Fundraiser for Dani Romano will be going on until January 25th, so if you would like place an order please do so by then. Shop for yourself & family and help Dani and her family.
www.pamperedchef.com/party/traceyknoblock1104.

Are you looking for a reasonably priced venue to hold your next party? Think Prince of Peace Parish Hall in Howell, the next time you need a hall for a shower, birthday, anniversary, wedding reception or meeting.

Our hall is available for rental by both parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

Tables and chairs are available, as well as a fully equipped kitchen.

Call our church office at 732-363-0732 to check availability of dates and rental fees.

Go to our website www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org and click on the Parish Hall tab to view pictures of the hall.

The Giving Tree Wrap Up. Thank you to those of you who donated to our Giving Tree & Coat, Hat and Gloves Drive. You truly helped put a smile upon the faces of many children and their families, and helped brighten their Christmas

Our 2023 gift auction date is October 14th. As a reminder, we collect year round for gift auction donations so feel free to bring any unused or new items that are gift auction worthy to the church. You can leave it in the meeting room and label it “gift auction.” Thank you!

Thank you from all of us at Prince of Peace Church“

Dear members of Prince of Peace

In Psalm 90:12 we read “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” In the wisdom and mercy of God our time leads us back to Christ. Edith Stein wrote: “the Christian mysteries are an invisible whole. If we become immersed in one, we are led to all the others. Thus the way from Bethlehem leads to Golgotha, from the crib to the cross. When the blessed virgin brought the child to the temple, Simeon prophesied that her soul would be pierced by a sword, that this child was set for the fall and the resurrection of many.... His prophecy announced the passion, the fight between light and darkness that already showed itself before the crib.”

We’ve completed the celebration of the incarnation of our Lord with the conclusion of the twelfth day of Christmas. So now with the exception of Lent and Easter seasons we will be decorating the church with green paraments. For many in the church this “green season” is called “ordinary time.”

Ordinary in this usage is not opposed to spiritual time as in Buddhism but derives its name from ordinal numbers. In some traditions (mostly the Roman Catholic) all the green Sundays are numbered sequentially. For the Lutheran Church we number the Sundays from Epiphany until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and from Trinity Sunday until the Sunday before Advent (Christ the King).

All Sundays and indeed all time is part of God’s creation and as such is a gift from God. It gives us the opportunity to use this gift to worship the giver and to put the time to God’s purpose.

Speaking of which we are in need of your time. We need people to volunteer for the Food Pantry, to teach Sunday School, and to join the Altar Guild. None of these requires an immense amount of time but do require a commitment to faithfully fulfill the duties incumbent on these positions (showing up on time is an important part of these positions).

Of course, if God is leading you to another ministry we want to help enable you in that endeavor. Please pray God for direction. The book of Hebrews begins with the statement that “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.” His Spirit is still speaking to us and calling us to take up our cross and follow him, to Calvary and through death to an eternal life with him.

Yours truly

Pastor Kenneth Fosse

PROPERS PREVIEWS

A look at the readings to help you prepare for
Worship

January 1, 2023 *The Circumcision &
Name of Jesus*

January 8, 2023 *The Baptism of Our
Lord . First Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 15, 2023 *The Second Sunday
after the Epiphany*

January 22, 2023 *The Third Sunday
after the Epiphany*

January 29, 2023 *The Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany*

THOSE WHO SERVE

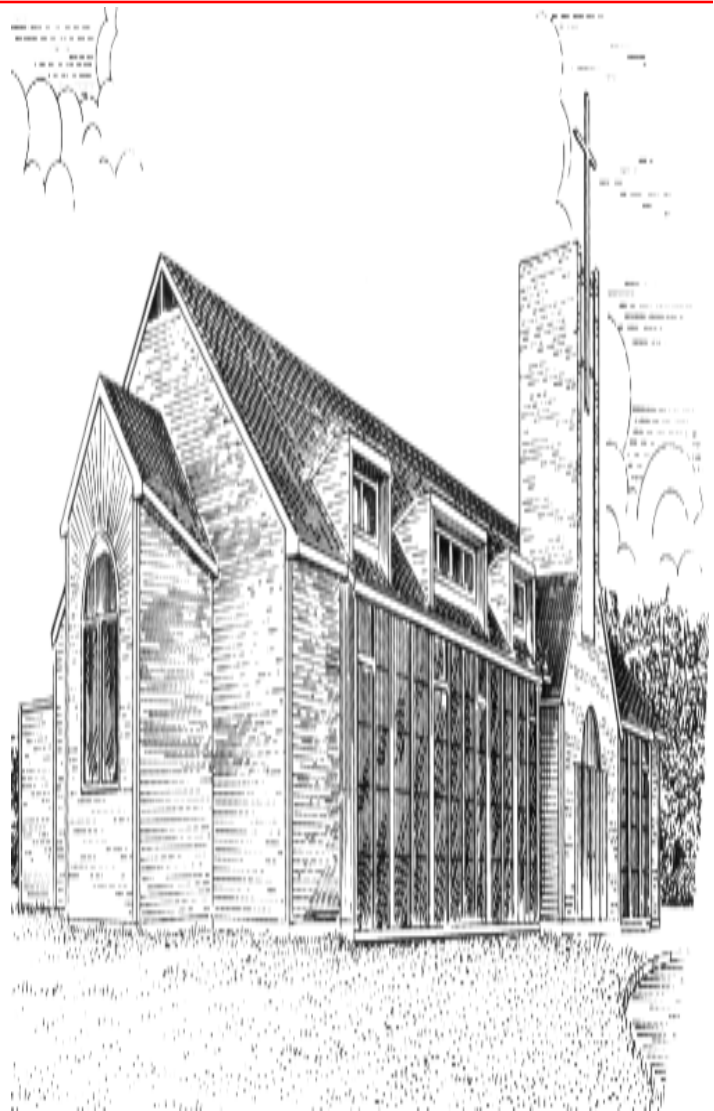
Brandon Chornobroff will be the Elder
at the 8:00 a.m. services
(unless otherwise noted)

Denise Abdul-Malak, Head Elder,
732-406-1531,

ALTAR GUILD

Lisa Tess, Elba Hillis and Anne
McDonnell

Lisa Tess, 732-905-0687,
is Directress of the Altar Guild.
Members serve for one month on a
rotating basis.



January Deadline

If you have an article that you would like
placed
in the February 2023 newsletter, please
email it
or drop it off in the church office.
The church email address is
popchurch@optonline.net.

The deadline is January 26, 2022