What's Happening this Week: (December 8-14)
Sunday (December 8)
10:30am Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday (December 9)
9:30am Prayer Group
Tuesday (December 10)
8am-12pm Annunciation Math Group
Wednesday (December 11)
5:30pm Choir
7:00pm Altar Guild
Thursday (December 12)
8am-3:30pm Annunciation Homeschool
Friday (December 13)
Saturday (December 14)

Dec. Pew Stocker: Char Mohns **December 15** **AV:** Kara Wallace **Acolyte:** Josiah Hedman **Greeters:** Char Mohns & Debbie Tracy **Ushers:** Sherre Faulkner & Dorothy Bush **Reader:** Sue Peterson **Communion Assist:** Duke Ducett, Sue Ducett, & Debbie Tracy **Counters:** Bob Mohns & Tom Lenhart **Donut Delivery:** Bartz **Coffee Prep: Need Volunteer** **Coffee Hosts: Need Volunteers**	**December 22** **AV:** Cameron Schmidt **Acolyte: Need Volunteer** **Greeters:** Jim Freedlund & Pam Novotnak **Ushers:** Darran & Karen Landenberger **Reader:** Kathy Walker **Communion Assist:** Richard Mackenthun, Daphne McNames, & Kathy Walker **Counters:** David Baird & Sandy Buske **Donut Delivery:** Bartz **Coffee Prep: Need Volunteer** **Coffee Hosts: Need Volunteers** **December 24 – 4pm** **Need volunteers**

CHURCH RECORDS FOR 12/1:
Attendance: 68
Regular Collection: $3724
Debt Reduction: $110
Special Use: $0

Welcome to Prince of Peace
December 8, 2019

Matthew 1:18-2:12

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

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Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Volunteers – Prince of Peace will be hosting a service on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm. If you are able to help with the service, please sign up for a position on the clipboard in the narthex.

Poinsettias – The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services. If you are interested in purchasing a plant in honor or remembrance of someone, please complete an order form by Sunday, December 15. The cost of each poinsettia is $10.00. Please include your check with the order form made payable to “Prince of Peace Altar Guild”.

Giving Envelopes – Please find your 2020 Giving Envelopes in the narthex. If you did not receive a box and would like one, please contact the office.

FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Caroling – Prince of Peace and Rockton United Methodist will be spreading Christmas cheer at Highview in the Woodlands senior living facility in Rockton on Monday, December 23 at 10:30am. No practice needed. The group will be singing Christmas carols to the assisted living and Alzheimer’s care units. Please arrive at Highview by 10:15am.

SERVICE

Office Help – Kara Wallace will be on vacation the week of Dec. 30-Jan. 3. If you are able to answer phones, check messages, etc., on any of those days, please contact Kara in the office. Thank you.

Angel Tree - Prince of Peace is collecting gifts for local families in need this holiday season. Wimpy’s Helpers of the Rockton Lions Club will distribute the gifts along with food baskets to the families.
If you are interested in buying gifts:

1) Choose a tag from the Angel Tree
2) Purchase 2-3 gift items listed on the tag
3) Wrap and label gift(s) with the information from the tag
4) Return your gift to Prince of Peace by Tuesday, December 17

In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers these people with life struggles:
Healing, strength, and guidance for: Chad, Pam, Jennifer Peterson, Billy, Marcy, Sharon VanderKooi, Peggy Lowery, Mary E., Dave Y., Justin, Bill, Jerry, Marian, Linda Chartrau, Rhonda, Patricia, Bob, Kristan, Mary Mackenthun, Andrea Bates, Linda, Daphne, Judy Hines, Andrew, Lynn, Luann, Dick, Jeanne, Brian T., Phil M., Brandi Ostergard, Ryan Olson, Nancy, Julie, Judy, Jean, Sandra, Cliff, John Neuis, Andy, Melissa Peterson, Bob Wood, Mary Jo Olson, Laurie, Jayson VanderKooi, Ed Specht, Curt McNames, Dennis, Hilde Nilges, Becky, Pam Timmer, Tracy, Ethan Brown, LaVonne Brown, and Kate Maloney.

Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Carl Specht, Ella Pearson’s grandsons Rob & Samuel Walker, Sherre Faulkner’s nephew Rod Flom, Tom & Jean Lenhart’s grandson Cody Merrett, Penny Pfile’s nephew William Kerr II, Bob & Karen Lowery’s grandson Steve Broomfield, Dorothy Bush’s nephew Cody Bush, Quentin VanDewoestyne, fiancé of Abigail Baird, and Duke & Sue Ducett’s nephew Danny Wagner.

Please pray for those suffering loss: The family and friends of Vicki A., Barb Cawley, Merrill Hubble, Bob Lamont, and Herman Zick. Dawn Brueggaman and family upon the loss of her father. Mick Warren, family, and friends upon the loss of his father Mike.