

What's Happening this Week: (Dec. 17-23)

Sunday (December 17)

10:30am Education Hour

Monday (December 18)

9:30am Prayer Group

12:00pm Promoter Deadline

Tuesday (December 19)

6-9pm Rockton Quilt Group

Wednesday (December 20)

10:30am-3:00pm Rockton Women's Club

Thursday (December 21)

7:00pm Choir

Friday (December 22)

Saturday (December 23)



*Welcome to Prince of Peace
December 17, 2017*



John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<p>December 24 9:00am AV: Cameron Schmidt Acolyte: Need Volunteer Greeters: Beth Corcoran & Cyndy King Ushers: Ron & Ann Stewart Reader: Karen Phelps Communion Assist: Need Volunteers Counters: Need Volunteers</p>	<p>December 24 11:00pm AV: Kara Wallace Acolyte: Need Volunteer Greeters: Norm & Sharon Larson Ushers: Sherre Faulkner & Need Volunteer Reader: Need Volunteer Communion Assist: Need Volunteers Counters: Need Volunteers</p>
<p>December 24 4:00pm AV: Need Volunteer Acolyte: Need Volunteer Greeters: Greg & Luann Bartz Ushers: Irene Lang & Cheri Saarinen Reader: Kathy Walker Communion Assist: Need Volunteers Counters: Penny Pfile & Need Volunteer</p>	<p>December 31 AV: Garrett Schmidt Acolyte: Seth Hedman Greeters: Steve & Denise Shrider Ushers: Norm & Sharon Larson Reader: Steve Shrider Counters: Greg Bartz & Brad Mueller</p> <p>Donut Delivery: Mary Mackenthun Coffee Prep: Need Volunteer Coffee Hosts: Need Volunteers</p>

CHURCH RECORDS FOR 12/10

Attendance: 85

Regular Collection: \$2868

Debt Reduction: \$52

Special Use: \$10

Flowers this week are provided by Norm & Sharon Larson in honor of their grandson's college graduation from U.W. Platteville.

WORSHIP

Upcoming Sermon & Scripture

December 24, 9:00am service – “Gabriel Announces, Jesus is Coming!”
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Romans 16:25-27, Psalm 89:1-5, Luke 1:26-38
December 24, 4:00pm & 11:00pm services – “The Angels Sing, the Savior
Has Been Born!”
Isaiah 7:10-14, 1 John 4:7-16, Psalm 110:1-4, Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve Special Request- We plan to have a Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in the narthex at the 4:00 worship. Please use the entrance by Nicholas Hall at this service in order to keep them comfortable and warm. Thank you.

Christmas Eve Services – Prince of Peace will be holding services on Sunday, December 24th at 9:00am, 4:00pm, and 11:00pm. We need volunteers for all three services. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex (entryway).

Altar Flowers – Please notice the new calendar and sign up to order flowers for Sunday services in 2018. The calendar is posted outside of Nicholas Hall.

Out of office

-Pastor Hank will be on vacation from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.
-Kara Wallace will be on vacation from Jan. 1 to Jan. 5.

COMMUNITY

Picture Time! – We are working on the new church directory for 2018 and need your help. Jacqueline Eggers will be available after worship to take your picture. Please have your photo taken and complete the address/contact information portion of your Connection Card by December 31 for the directory. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP

January Book Club – Join the group and read “*The Immortal Nicholas*” by Glenn Beck. Meet for discussion and fellowship at 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 17th at Pam Novotnak’s house.

SERVICE

To my POP family

I want to thank you all for your prayers, cards and concerns during my recent knee surgery. It's a great comfort to know that you are being lifted up in prayer and that you are in God's hands. We have such a wonderful family here at POP. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2018. Thanks again, Karen Landenberger

Food Donation List – Old Stone Pantry needs your donations for the winter. You may pick up a list of items and drop off your donations in the shopping cart or the red basket outside of the church office.

Tuna	Tuna Helper	Beef Ravioli
Kraft Mac N Cheese	Ramen noodles	Pork and Beans
Canned Soup	Manwich	

DISCIPLESHIP

Confirmation Instruction. Please contact Pastor Hank (cell:704-281-2119) if you or your young person is interested in preparing for Confirmation.

In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers these people with life struggles:

Healing and strength for: Julie, Chad, Pam, Millie, Chuck VanderKooi, Bob Mohns, Jan H., Cindy Lee, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Joan, Loretta Pfile, Trevor Diemel, Elinor, Diane, Bonnie, Karen Landenberger, Anne Hedman, Tom, Danielle Wilson, Arlen Lehrke, Mary, Dona, Joan K., Toni, Margaret, Liz A., Gary A., Mary, Kole, Stephanie, Darren, Ariel, Nolan, Marian, Jackie A., Matthew, Florence, Bruce T., Tony, Kim, Kayla, Lori, Bill, Jesse, Kara, Brett, Aly, Theresa VanderKooi, Kenley, Gladys, Phil Screven, Sara Lemen, Brian Conrad, Becky, Joanne, and Glenda.

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 Merrette, Penny Pfile's nephew William Kerr II, Joan Sabin's grandson Jeremy Crandell, Pastor Hank & Beth Corcoran's son-in-law James McLaurin, Bob & Karen Lowery's grandson Steve Bloomfield, and Dorothy Bush's nephew Cody Bush.

Please pray for those suffering loss: The family of Gere McCarville. The Hayes family upon the loss of their father. The Eileen family.

Prayers for those seeking employment: Jason, Darla, Kaleb, Jeanette, Julie P., Tyler, and Amy.