

**What's Happening this Week:** (December 23-29)

**Sunday (December 23)**

11:00am Nicholas Hall – reserved

**Monday (December 24)**

4:00 & 11:00pm Christmas Eve Services

**Tuesday (December 25)**

Christmas Day – Office closed

**Wednesday (December 26)**

**Thursday (December 27)**

**Friday (December 28)**

**Saturday (December 29)**

2-6pm 4-H Robotics

5:30pm Evening Worship



# Welcome to Prince of Peace December 23, 2018



## Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

<p><b>December 30</b>  <b>AV:</b> Cameron Schmidt  <b>Acolyte:</b> Josiah Hedman  <b>Greeters:</b> Duke &amp; Sue Ducett  <b>Ushers:</b> Richard &amp; Mary Mackenthun  <b>Reader:</b> Pam Novotnak  <b>Communion Assist:</b> Stacy Diemel, Nancy Freedlund, &amp; Tom Lenhart  <b>Counters:</b> Denise Hoagund &amp; Steve Shrider</p> <p><b>Donut Delivery:</b> Saarinen  <b>Coffee Prep: Need Volunteer</b>  <b>Coffee Hosts: Need Volunteers</b></p>	<p><b>January Pew Stocker:</b> Nancy Mohns</p> <p><b>January 6</b>  <b>AV:</b> Garrett Schmidt  <b>Acolyte: Volunteer</b>  <b>Greeters:</b> Steve &amp; Denise Shrider  <b>Ushers:</b> Norm &amp; Sharon Larson  <b>Children's Message:</b> Wendy Goldsworthy  <b>Reader:</b> Lora Conrad  <b>Communion Assist:</b> Lora Conrad, David Corcoran, &amp; Daphne McNames  <b>Counters:</b> David Baird &amp; Bob Mohns</p> <p><b>Donut Delivery:</b> Lynch  <b>Coffee Prep: Need Volunteer</b>  <b>Coffee Hosts: Need Volunteers</b></p>
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### CHURCH RECORDS FOR 12/16

Attendance: 90

Regular Collection: \$3038

Debt Reduction: \$65

Special Use: \$450

*The flowers on the altar* are provided by Irene Lang.

## WORSHIP

**Saturday Evening Worship** – We have a full-fledged worship opportunity on Saturday evenings at 5:30pm. The music is contemporary Christian, the style is informal, the liturgy includes Invocation, Confession-Absolution, Eucharist and prayers, and the Word is preached.

**Christmas Eve Services**  
December 24 – 4:00pm & 11:00pm



**Altar Flowers** – Please notice the new calendar and sign up to order flowers for Sunday services in 2019. The calendar is posted outside of Nicholas Hall. Cost of altar flowers is \$30 with checks payable to “Altar Guild”.

**Removal of the Greens** – We need a few helpers to take down our Christmas decorations on January 6 following the church service. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Goldsworthy.

**The Eucharistic Team** will be visiting those that are home bound, providing communion and fellowship. If you know of anyone that would like to receive such services please call the office (815-624-2115). Their next scheduled visit will be Sunday, January 6, between 10:15-11:00am.

**Prayers for PoP** – New Life Lutheran Church (LCMC) from New Londen, North Carolina just wrote to tell us they are praying for Prince of Peace during December! Praise God for faithful praying fellow believers!

FYI - Kara Wallace will be out of the office from Dec. 31-Jan 4.

## SERVICE

To the Prince of Peace Congregation – Once again, **thank you** for baking buying, praying, or supporting in any way the Cookie Walk/Craft Show. Our hearts are full. Naomi Circle

## FELLOWSHIP

**January Book Club** – Join the book club and read “The Hidden Side” by Heidi Chiavaroli. The group will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00pm at Pam Novotnak’s house.

## DISCIPLESHIP

**January Study** – Please join us for “The Power of Praying Scripture” on January 13 and 20 from 10:45-11:30am. The Power of Praying Scripture is a two session discussion, study, and practice in praying scripture. It will be led by Nancy Freedlund. There is a small 50 page booklet that accompanies the class. If you plan to attend, please indicate your interest on a Connection Card.

## *In Our Prayers*

**Please remember in your prayers these people with life struggles:**

**Healing, strength, and guidance for:** Chad, Pam, Sharon VanderKooi, Kim, Billy, Andy, Bob, Kristan, Trisha, Pete, Judy, Sonja, Hardy, Irene Lang, Justin, Tom Milne, Sandie S., Bonny, Bob, Delores Mattis, Bob McKinney, Kathy Walker, Hezekiah, Ada, Kay, Cheryl, Jacob, Joseph, Jimmy, Dave, Colton, Patty, Jay, Peggy Lowery, Kevin, Mike, Tim, Norb, Cathie Goldsworthy, Louise, Bill, Nancy, Jack, Luann, Pat, Linda, Marc, Becky, Michele, Nola, Brittney, Charlotte, Ozzie, and Peter.

**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, Joan Sabin’s grandson Jeremy Crandell, Pastor Hank & Beth Corcoran’s son-in-law James McLaurin, Bob & Karen Lowery’s grandson Steve Broomfield, Dorothy Bush’s nephew Cody Bush, and Duke & Sue Ducett’s nephew Danny Wagner.

**Please pray for those suffering loss:** The family of Tom Anderson. Jerry Lenard upon loss of mother Kathie. Paul Aasen upon loss of wife Eileen. Joe and Anne Chamberlain upon loss of son Andrew.