



Prince of Peace
Faith, Family, Community
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The Promoter

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Rockton, Illinois
DECEMBER 2017**

Pastor's Letter

Christmas.

At one time, Christmas Day began a twelve-day celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. During those days, as God gave His Son, so revelers would give gifts to friends and loved ones. The season was marked by feasting and fun. Neighbors would gather to play games, enjoy treats, sing, and delight in the season.

Somehow, Christmas has been high-jacked. We celebrate before the season begins. By the time Christmas Day rolls in, we have tired of the songs, are stressed out by the busy schedule of parties and events, are sick from the sweets, and ready to put away the decorations.

Maybe my view of the good ole' days doesn't reflect reality. Perhaps the celebration of the twelve days ended with the same fatigue as our current approach.

However, we could change things a bit and celebrate a second Christmas season, one marked by enjoying people around us, giving freely of our smiles, singing the sweet songs that focus on God's gift, His Son, and taking delight in pondering the great things God has done for us.

Pastor Hank

DECEMBER

Worship

Messages

December 3 - "Watch! Jesus is Coming!"

December 10 - "Repent! Jesus is Coming!"

December 17 - "Rejoice, Pray, and Give Thanks! Jesus is Coming!"

December 24, 9:00am - "Gabriel announces, Jesus is Coming!"

December 24, 4 & 11pm - "The Angels Sing, the Savior Has Been Born!"

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, December 3, between 10:15-11:00am.

Weekly Children's Bulletins – Each Sunday we will have children's bulletins available for youth ages 3-6 and 7-12 during the worship service. The bulletins include activities related to the gospel for that day. Please ask the ushers for a copy for your youth.

Prayer Huddle - The group meets every Monday at 9:30am at the church. All are welcome to join us in praying for the requests that are listed on the Connection Cards from Sunday's worship service.

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.



Advent Decorating – Help us prepare for the Advent season by decorating the church on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00am. Wendy Goldsworthy will be providing a yummy breakfast for the workers!

Christmas Poinsettias – The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas services. If you are interested in purchasing a plant, please complete an order form by Sunday, December 10th. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00. Please include your check with the order form made payable to "Prince of Peace Altar Guild".

Christmas Eve Services - Sunday, December 24

9:00am - Worship Service
4:00pm - Worship Service
11:00pm - Candlelight Service



Christmas Eve Sign-Up – 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).

Service

THANK YOU to all who made a “shoebox” gift for Operation Christmas Child. We collected 36 boxes!



Coming Soon - Angel Tree - Prince of Peace will be collecting gifts for local families this holiday season. If you are interested in buying a gift/s, select a name from the Angel Tree in the narthex beginning Dec. 3. All gifts will be due Wednesday, December 13. Contact Cheri Saarinen or Pam Novotnak for more information.

Community

Fun One’z Finale – The singles group will have their final get together on December 3, 2017, at the church between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (no potluck as previously scheduled). If you'd like to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped \$5 gift, and bring your favorite Christmas treat to share. Hope to see you then.

Fellowship

December Movie Night – Join us for the movie “Radio City Christmas Spectacular” on Saturday, December 9th at 6:00pm in Nicholas Hall. A film that is good for all ages.



Save the Date!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 10th at 10:30am. Prince of Peace members will be receiving a copy of the annual report in December.

Discipleship

There will be NO Sunday School on December 24 and 31 due to Christmas break.

AWANA is a children’s ministry for K - 6th grade students that includes really fun games, a great time with friends, and learning about Jesus. The club meets every Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm at the church.

Advent Devotionals

Devotionals are now available for pick up in the entryway.

- Adults – “Moving Toward the Manger”
“Move toward the manger of Christ this Advent with Frederick Buechner, one of the best-known Christian theologians of our time. Each day of Advent, thought-provoking quotes from Buechner’s beloved works are paired with insightful reflections by preeminent religious commentator and biblical scholar Martin E. Marty, accompanied by Bible readings and prayers. Let this depth of wisdom prepare your hearts to cradle Christ.”
- Children – “Angels We Have Heard on High”
“The angels are God’s special messengers. And this season we prepare to receive, celebrate and share their most exciting message of all: the good news and great joy that comes to us through Jesus’ birth. Hear the angels’ heavenly announcement of the promised Savior from the Old and New Testament as, throughout the season, the skies over Bethlehem fill with a multitude of heavenly host. Each day in Advent an angel sticker is added to the Bethlehem skyline. When Christmas arrives, we join in singing the angels’ first Noel!”



Gingerbread Lane Cookie Walk and Craft Sale at Prince of Peace

Saturday, December 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Church Council

The Prince of Peace council members meet monthly, except July. If you have questions or ideas, please contact one of the council deacons or attend a monthly meeting.

Tom Lenhart President, 815-389-4203
Wayne Schmidt.....Vice President, 815-298-0750
Daphne McNames..... Secretary, 815-629-2056
Dan King..... Treasurer, 815-494-3919
Wendy Goldsworthy..... Worship, 815-389-3796
John Saarinen Fellowship, 815-623-6460
Sue Ducett..... Discipleship, 815-713-3208
Lora Conrad.....Service, 815-289-7171
Kathy Walker..... Witness, 608-447-1199
Richard Mackenthun..... Facilities, 815-389-2480

Prayer Concerns

HEALING & STRENGTH

Theresa VanderKooi, Julie, Chad, Pam, Becky, Maureen, Ashley, Brent, Millie, Jim, Beth, Chuck VanderKooi, Bob Mohns, Judy, Denise Hoaglund, Jerry Smith, Jan H., Cindy Lee, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Jalen Heath, Jerry Peterson, Joan, Michael Hade, Jackie, Ted Kahley, Beatrice White, Pat Taylor, Jay Wells, Brett, Loretta Pfile, Karen, Sandy, Trevor Diemel, Elinor, Diane, Josh, Ryan, Bonnie, Brent Timmer, Karen Landenberger, Anne Hedman, Tom, Caleb, Danielle, Arlen Lehrke, Mary, Dona, Kyle S., Joan K., Toni, Margaret, Liz A., Gary A., Mary, Lori Peterson, Kole, Andrew, Stephanie, Darren, and Ariel.

GRIEF

The family of Dona Boss. The Patel, Rude, and Lehn families. Nancy Laursen and family upon the loss of husband John. The Vermeth family upon the loss of their daughter. Klaus Hoffman and family upon loss of his father. Janis Appleman and family upon loss of her brother.

LEADERSHIP

- ◆ Our Council Members: Tom Lenhart, Wayne Schmidt, Daphne McNames Dan King, Wendy Goldsworthy, John Saarinen, Sue Ducett, Kathy Walker, Lora Conrad and Richard Mackenthun
- ◆ Our Staff: Pastor Hank Corcoran, Administrative Assistant Kara Wallace, Music Director Sara Lemen, Custodian Phil Martin

FAITH & COURAGE

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, Gavan Dick, James Dick, 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 nephews Christian and Cody Bush.

December Serving Schedule Reminder...

If you are not able to make your allotted time slot, please find a substitute and notify the church office.

December 3

AV: Kara Wallace
Acolyte: Ashton Rowlett
Greeters: David & Vicki Rowlett
Ushers: Greg & Luann Bartz
Reader: John Saarinen
Communion Assist: Lora Conrad, John Saarinen, & Steve Shrider
Counters: Penny Pfile & Steve Shrider

December 10

AV: Derek Hoaglund
Acolyte: Josiah Hedman
Greeters: Jerry & Carol Yarolimek
Ushers: Denise Hoaglund & Kathy Walker
Reader: Irene Lang
Counters: Denise Hoaglund & Cheryl Hill

December 17

AV: Cameron Schmidt
Acolyte: Sidney Schmidt
Greeters: Sherre Faulkner & Debbie Sillanpaa
Ushers: John & Cheri Saarinen
Reader: Nancy Mohns
Communion Assist: Sherre Faulkner, Wendy Goldsworthy, & Tom Lenhart
Counters: Dorothy Bush & Wayne Schmidt

December 24th - 9am, 4pm, and 11pm - Need Volunteers

December 31

AV: Garrett Schmidt
Acolyte: Seth Hedman
Greeters: Steve & Denise Shrider
Ushers: Norm & Sharon Larson
Reader: Steve Shrider
Counters: Greg Bartz & Brad Mueller

December 2017 Coffee Prep & Host Schedule

We need volunteers for **Donut Pick-Up, Coffee Prep & Hosts**. The sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Thank you.



Stock Pew Racks for November: Cyndy King



December Anniversaries

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| 6 | Brad and Christine Mueller |
| 13 | John and Cheri Saarinen |
| 14 | Pastor Hank and Beth Corcoran |
| 16 | Robert and Karen Lowery |
| 27 | Al and Phyllis Wendorf |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<p>1 Ava Lynch 4 Denise Hoaglund 5 Ellen Goldsworthy 6 Al Wendorf 7 John Walker 8 Ella Pearson 9 Tobias McLaurin Karen Phelps 10 Wayne Schmidt Sidney Schmidt</p>	<p>11 Sue Peterson 13 Jesse Bartz 19 Athena McLaurin 20 Connor Diemel Art Goldsworthy 24 Cheryl Hill Mary Jo Olson Arianna Corcoran Rachel Denham</p>
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December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Annunciation Homeschool Co-op 8:00am-2:30pm	2 Men's Group 7am Cookie Walk & Craft Show 9am-2pm
3 Cares and Concerns Eucharist Team Fun Onez 4-H Club Party 4-H Robotics	4 Prayer Group 9:30 am Church Council 7pm	5	6 Awana Club 6:30-8pm	7 Choir 7pm	8 Annunciation Homeschool Co-op 8:00am-2:30pm	9 Movie Night 6:00pm
10 Annual Congrega- tional Meeting 10:30am 4-H Robotics 2-5pm	11 Prayer Group 9:30 am	12	13 Awana Club 6:30-8pm Altar Guild 7pm	14 Choir 7pm	15 Annunciation Homeschool Co-op 8:00am-2:30pm	16 Men's Group 7am
17 4-H Robotics 2-5pm	18 Prayer Group 9:30 am 12pm Promoter Deadline	19 Rockton Quilt Group 6-9pm	20 Rockton Women's Club 10:30-3:00pm Awana Club 6:30-8pm	21 Choir 7pm	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Services 9am, 4pm, & 11pm	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27 Pastor Hank- vacation begins	28	29	30
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