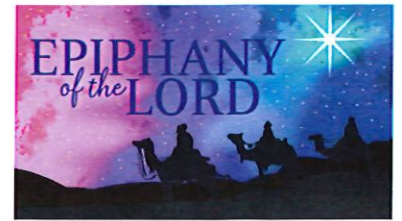




PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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217.469.7422



Serving at Prince of Peace

Ministers:

All Members

Pastor:

+ Andrew Jones

High School Ministry Leader:

+ Chase Gilliland

Church Office:

+ Erin Smith, Secretary

Service Times

+ Saturday, 5:00 PM

+ Sunday, 9:00 AM

Sunday School

+All ages 10:15-11:00

2024 Congregation

Officers:

+ David Cluver, President

+ Chase Gilliland, Vice President

+ Sue Grindley, Secretary

+ Janice Koss, Treasurer

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a family of believers, united to know Christ, and to make him known.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God has brought us to the start of yet another year. How are you doing? Is life going well? Or is your life a challenge? How is your family? Are they healthy? Are they home? Are they estranged, rejecting you and who you are? How are you doing?

For many people, the beginning of a new year is a time of hope, of looking forward to new things, new opportunities, new relationships. For many other people, this new year time is a challenging time, full of doubt and pain and the anticipation of difficult times. How is this time for you?

Many of us carry burdens into the new year. Yet when we walk with Jesus we can still live the year well. God gives us several truths about living well. As we enter into 2025, how can we live well? First, to live well, know what you are. You are a New Creation, a Child of God. Jesus was born to make you new, to free you from your past. This is a season of new beginnings.

Secondly, to live well, know how to live – with the wisdom found in Jesus. Wisdom is the ability to understand how the events, the decisions and the choices of our life interconnect. And then wisdom gives us the insight to know how to best make use of them. Jesus is the Lord of the past, the Lord of the present, and the Lord of the future. And He says, "I want this next year to be different for you, to be abundant, so make the best use of the time that I give you. Live wisely."

Thirdly, know who to trust. Trust Jesus. Maybe this one should be first?! Time and again in the New Testament Jesus said to His disciples, "do not be afraid." Fear comes from not knowing what the future will bring. We don't know how the year will play out, but Jesus knows. He has an eternal perspective. And in the face of fearful things, we can trust Jesus and overcome our fear.

I don't know what needs to be new in your life, what needs to be authentic, abundant. I don't know what events in your life need the light of wisdom. I don't know what brings fear into your life. I don't know, but Jesus knows, and Jesus cares. I know that only Jesus can go backward AND forward in time and make your tomorrow different than your yesterday. And I also know what choices we can make so that we can live well, even while things might be hard.

In this New Year, remember to know what you are. When you are in Jesus, you are a New Creation. Know how to live, with wisdom. Know who to trust. Jesus.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Andy



Confirmation CLASSES

Happy New Year! There are NO Confirmation classes on January 1. Classes resume January 8 at 6:30pm. January 29 is a review night at St. John in Royal. Parents are invited to attend.



The Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday January 26th** following worship. Please plan to attend!



Thank you all so much for your Christmas greetings, treats and cards. Your thoughtfulness in this season means so much. And thank you for the generous Christmas gift. We are both always so amazed at the generosity of Prince of Peace.

Have a wonderful New Year! – **Pastor Andy and Joy**

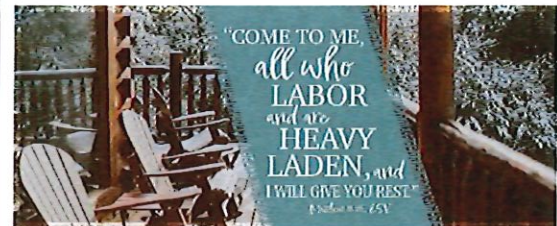


The church office will be closed on January 1.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS – We are looking for substitute Sunday School teachers. This is a great (and easy, low commitment) way to support this important ministry! Please consider volunteering to substitute when other teachers are sick or will be out of town! The lessons are preplanned and easy to follow. For questions, please contact Chase Gilliland at: **217-778-0892** or chase.gilliland1@gmail.com

FIRST SUNDAY FUNDAY – January 5th is Sunday FUNday! Join us during the Sunday School time at 10:15! If you would be willing to lead a FUNday craft, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Chase Gilliland.



Pastor Andy and Joy will be attending the annual NALC Clergy Retreat from January 25th through January 30th.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Christmas Program on

Sunday December 15! Everyone did a wonderful job!



Volunteers are needed to host Fellowship after worship on Sundays. If you would like to serve coffee and donuts on a Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex. For questions, contact

Stephanie Wingler at steph.wingler@gmail.com.



Volunteers are needed to deliver meals each Monday throughout

the year. If you would like to help out, please sign up in the Narthex. For questions, contact Erin at officeadmin@popstjoe.com or 217-469-7422.



Thank you to Nancy Crawford, Ann Freeman, Carol Mathis, Carmen Dwyer, Sue Grindley, Sherrill Mohr, Joy Jones, Nancy Bishop, and Stephanie Wingler for providing cookies for PoPCELC Christmas Program refreshments, and helping to make the time special for the ELC families. Thanks also to Roger and Janice Koss for opening doors,

turning on lights and heat to prepare for the program. Thank you, Janice, for also helping to serve refreshments. Merry Christmas!



POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will meet at Rich's in Ogden on January 16 at 9:00am. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Narthex.



85 jars of each peanut butter and jelly are needed. Donations are taken to the Methodist Church so the food boxes can be packed for distribution. The next distribution is January 2nd and January 30th. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
Nov 30/Dec 1	23	103
December 7/8	26	111
December 14/15	16	139



We thank everyone who donated towards our Christmas Poinsettias this year:

- John and Carmine Dwyer*
- Gary and Sandy Ferguson*
- Linda Flesner*
- Darren and Pam Franzen*
- Ann Freeman*
- Travis and Melissa Fruhling*
- Gordon and Linda Green*
- Tom and Sue Grindley*
- Joyce Hurliman*
- Scott and Joyce Kesler*
- Betty Medrow*
- Bryan and Cara Mills*
- Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield*
- Scott and Lori Stewart*
- Troy and Tammy Vallee and Family*
- Mike and Tami Voges*
- Larry and Mernice Wakefield*

Pray and Play Fellowship



WHO: POP MEMBERS

WHEN: The second Thursday of each month

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: West Fellowship Hall
This is a gathering for those who would like to play board games or card games. Come join in the fun!



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets every Saturday morning at 7:00am. All men are invited to join us for a time of study and fellowship.



ImpactLife is hosting a community blood drive on Monday, January 6 from 3pm until 7pm in the East Fellowship Hall. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate, please visit the website below, or scan the QR code.

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/127468



Alpha

A practical course about
The Christian Faith

Beginning
JANUARY 12

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a practical 11-week course about the Christian faith nestled in a conversational environment. Stories abound of how God has met and changed the lives of countless people through **Alpha**, both those new to the church and those who have been in the church for many years. Each weekly session includes an engaging video presentation, and follows with small-group conversations where you can ask any question.

Who should come to Alpha?

Anyone who desires to know Jesus more deeply should come to **Alpha**. Long-time believers find great value in **Alpha** – getting a regrounding in what it is we believe. Those who are new to meeting Jesus encounter Him in the talks and conversations as well.

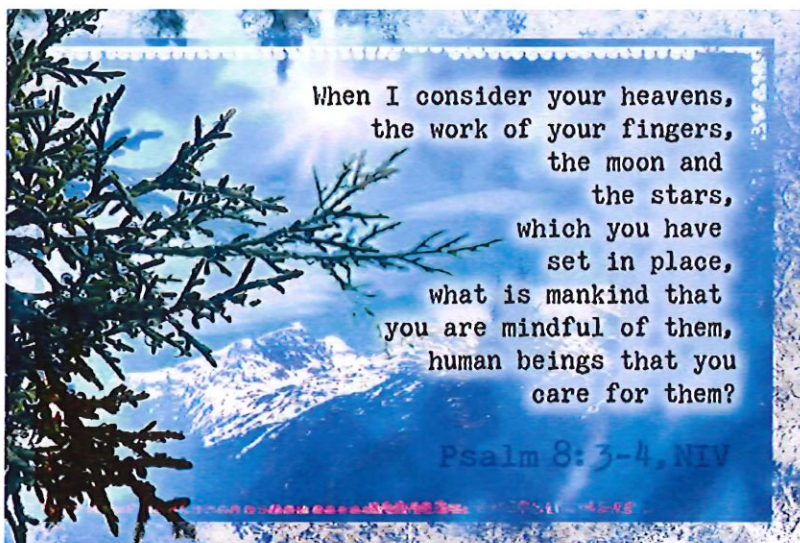
Anyone seeking membership at Prince of Peace should plan to attend.

When is Alpha?

The **Alpha** Course will be offered at Prince of Peace beginning JANUARY 12 on Sundays from **11:30** 'till **1:00**, including lunch!

How much does Alpha cost? What about childcare?

There is no charge to attend **Alpha**. Childcare is provided on an as needed basis. Just let us know your need when you register. Look for a pew card at church.





JANUARY NEWSLETTER

BIBLE VERSES OF THE MONTH:

MATTHEW 8:27 | MATTHEW 28:20 | PSALMS 56:3 | 1 JOHN 4:19

JANUARY 2025

WEEKLY THEMES

- W1 Teacher's Choice
- W2 Artic Animals
- W3 Winter
- W4 Dinosaurs
- W5 Space

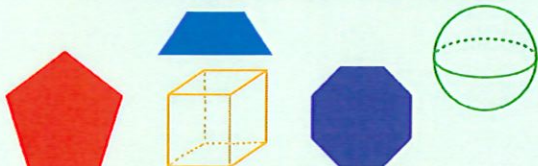
LETTERS OF THE MONTH

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COLORS & SHAPES OF THE MONTH



HOLIDAYS

- **New Year's Day** is a day many view as a fresh start. Here at PoP, we are excited about what this year will bring. We hope for a year of learning, fun, and connection. Let's count down to 2025 together! 3... 2... 1... Happy New Year!

NEWS

Making Connections

We are thrilled to share the incredible creativity and joy happening at our Early Learning Center with the entire church community! In the coming weeks, look for vibrant displays showcasing artwork and projects our little learners created in the church gathering area. These displays will also feature photos of the fun and enriching activities the children enjoy each day. We hope to build a stronger connection between the church and the center, celebrating the shared mission of fostering faith, learning, and community. Be sure to take a peek after service.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would love to forge a stronger connection with the Church! Scan the QR Code with your Smartphone Camera to get connected.



Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✦ path that leads to baby Jesus.

START

Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G

N C A K N R I E N F S E

R Y H M R

Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Molly Fenters

Pastor Amy Little

Stephanie Wingler

Henry Fruhling

Pastor Dennis Meyer

Mike Halbach

David Swinford

Abby Immke

Paul & Barbara Swinford

Anna Boulaharis; daughter of Wakefield's
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler
Valerie Wallace-Camp; daughter-in-law of Pat Camp
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Ella Frerichs; friend of community
Tylor Fulk; friend of community
Pam Furrer
Gordon Gilly; friend of community
Duke Goodwin; friend of Gerald & Darlene Sappenfield
Cami Gotts; friend of Pat Camp
Bobbi Grigsby; daughter of Terri Modd
Bob Grona; father of June Kopmann
Wendy Grunwald; mother of Ryan Munsterman
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Ann Ludwig; friend of Deb Melchior

Sandy Maury; friend of POP
George Moller; friend of Dwayne Gilliland
Hannah Nirider; niece of Jennifer Nirider
Michelle Orvis; friend of Terri Modd
Jim & Diane Parker; cousin of Butch Bivens
Linda Rasmussen; mother of Tracy Wilson
Vicki Ray; friend of Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland
Courtney Reynolds; sister of Katelynn Gilliland
Mildred Rincker; mother of Sharan Carmichael
Shirley Rothermel; mother of Susan Allen
Trinity Sabol; niece of the Wingler's
Wanda Shade; mother of Stephanie Wingler
Alec Sheilke; Vicky Hasting's niece's nephew
Ken Turner; friend of Katelynn Gilliland
Mike Trautman; friend of the Sappenfield's

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Buch	Nephew of Todd and Cindy Goetting
Matthew Collins	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Colorado Springs, CO
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in South Korea
Tyler Haake	Illinois Air National Guard
Jesus Olmedo	Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Marine, Las Vegas, Nevada
Mitchell Pittman	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy Jones – Air National Guard – Ohio
Michael Scott	Friend of Swinford family – Stationed at AFB in Minot, ND
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Clovis, NM
Shannon Vasquez	Friend of Butch Bivens – Army, Stationed in Syria
Forrest Volz	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy – Marines, Stationed in Hawaii



USHERS
OPEN

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS
OPEN

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)
5:00 Lois Hewerdine

9:00 Scott and Lori Stewart

Fellowship Servants
OPEN

January 4/5 2nd Sunday of Christmas

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Todd Goetting

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Lori Stewart

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

January 11/12 Baptism of Our Lord

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Mark Howard

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Pat Camp

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

January 18/19 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Dwayne Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jodi Gilliland

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

January 25/26 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Katelynn Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Carmine Dwyer

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)
OPEN



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 1st Sunday of Christmas 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship	30 9:00 Take down Decorations	31 	January 1, 2025 New Years Day Office Closed	2 Feed the Need Distribution	3	4 7:00 Men's Study
 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship	 6 9:00 Quilts of Valor 3:00 Blood Drive, East Hall	 7	8 No Confirmation Annual Reports Due in Office	 9 6:30 Choir Bills Due in Office	 10	11 5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:00 Men's Study
 12 Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship 11:30 Alpha	 13 5:30 Fellowship Mtg 6:30 Evangelism Mtg 2:00 Ladies Outreach, West Hall	14 6:30 Christian Education Mtg	15 6:30 YGG 6:30 7th Grade Fun Event 8:30 STO Student Council, East Hall	 16 6:30 Choir 9:00 Pop's Plus, Rich's in Ogden	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 5:00 Worship 7:00 Men's Study
19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship 11:30 Alpha	20  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 6:30 ELC Board	22 6:30 YGG 6:30 Confirmation	23 6:30 Choir	24 Bills Due in Office	25 5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:00 Men's Study Pastor Andy & Joy in Texas 1/25 - 1/30
26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship 11:30 Alpha ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP	27 	28 6:30 Council	29 6:30 YGG 6:30 Confirmation @ St. John, Royal	30 6:30 Choir	31 	February 1 5:00 Worship 7:00 Men's Study



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