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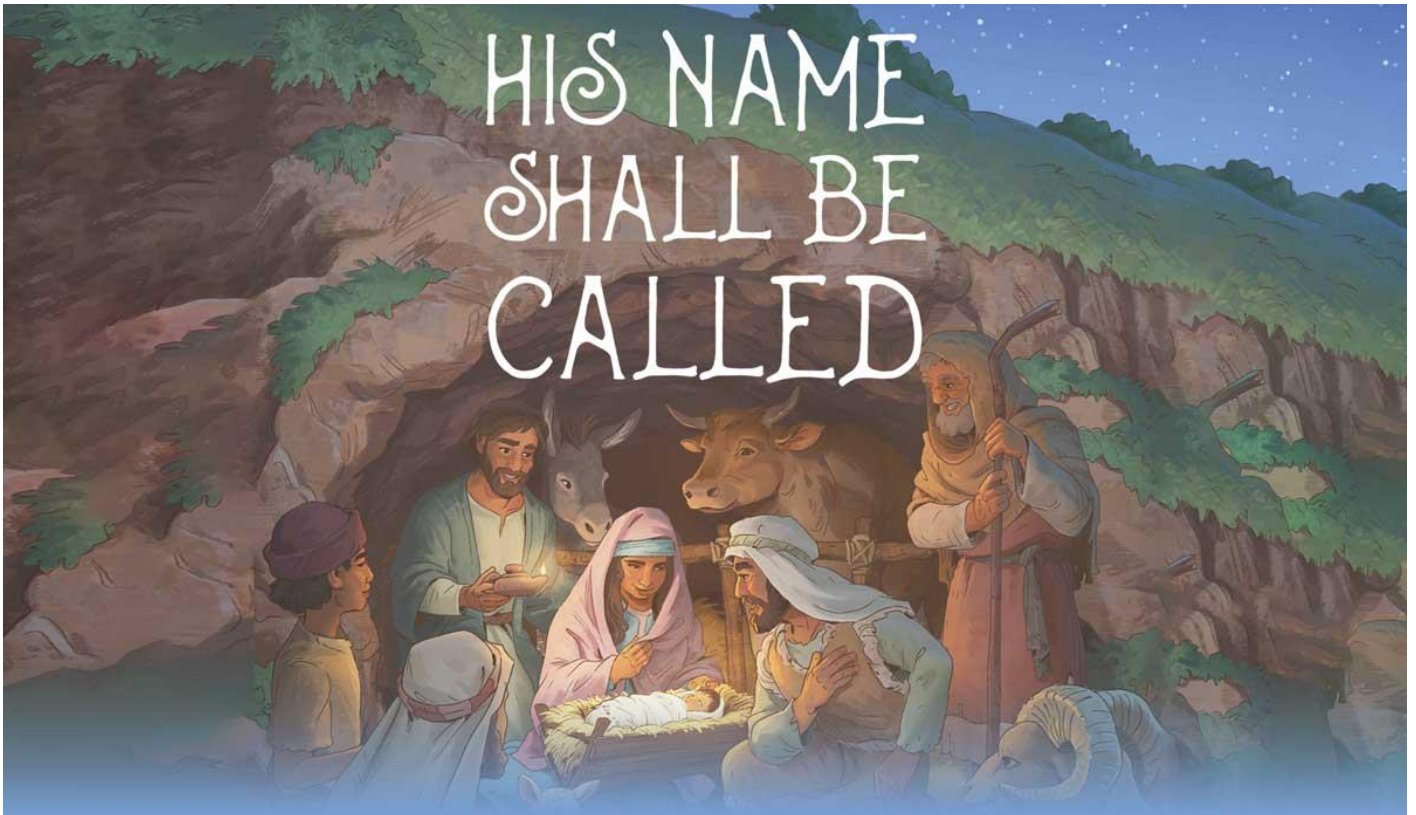
His Name Shall Be Called

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

During the season of Advent, we prepare for Christ's second coming and prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name Jesus – a Hebrew name that means "God saves." In addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles which describe something about His person or work. For our upcoming Advent midweek series, we are going to examine four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. Those titles are "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," and "Prince of Peace." Each Wednesday evening we will learn how each of these titles describes something about who Jesus is and what He did for our salvation.

Come and join your fellow saints as we prepare for the coming of Christ on Wednesday, Dec. 4 (Wonderful Counselor), Wednesday, Dec. 11 (Mighty God), Wednesday, Dec. 18 (Everlasting Father) and conclude the series on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24 (Prince of Peace). Come, Lord Jesus!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Adelsen



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Advent & Christmas Schedule

Day	Date
First Sunday in Advent <i>Divine Service</i>	<i>Sunday, Dec. 1 (9 a.m.)</i> <i>Monday, Dec. 2 (7 p.m.)</i>
Advent Evening Prayer <i>Vespers</i>	<i>Wednesday, Dec. 4 (7 p.m.)</i> <i>**Meal at 6 p.m.</i>
Second Sunday in Advent <i>Divine Service</i>	<i>Sunday, Dec. 8 (9 a.m.)</i> <i>Monday, Dec. 9 (7 p.m.)</i>
Advent Evening Prayer <i>Vespers</i>	<i>Wednesday, Dec. 11 (7 p.m.)</i> <i>**Meal at 6 p.m.</i>
Third Sunday in Advent <i>Divine Service</i>	<i>Sunday, Dec. 15 (9 a.m.)</i> <i>Monday, Dec. 16 (7 p.m.)</i>
Advent Evening Prayer <i>Vespers</i>	<i>Wednesday, Dec. 18 (7 p.m.)</i> <i>**Meal at 6 p.m.</i>
Fourth Sunday in Advent <i>Divine Service & Children's Program</i>	<i>Sunday, Dec. 22 (9 a.m.)</i> <i>Monday, Dec. 23 (7 p.m.)</i>
The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve <i>Lessons and Carols</i>	<i>Tuesday, Dec. 24 (7 p.m.)</i>
The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day <i>Divine Service</i>	<i>Wednesday, Dec. 25 (9 a.m.)</i>
First Sunday after Christmas <i>Divine Service</i>	<i>Sunday, Dec. 29 (9 a.m.)</i> <i>Monday, Dec. 30 (7 p.m.)</i>
New Year's Day Circumcision and Name of Jesus <i>Divine Service</i>	<i>Wednesday, Jan. 1 (9 a.m.)</i> <i>** Brunch at Features, WS</i>
The Epiphany of Our Lord <i>Divine Service</i>	<i>Sunday, Jan. 5 (9 a.m.)</i> <i>Monday, Jan. 6 (7 p.m.)</i>



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Sunday Adult Bible Study: Will the Real Church Please Stand Up?

Upon the completion of our study on 1 Corinthians, we will begin a different sort of Bible study as we will read together *Will the Real Church Please Stand Up: 7 False Churches*.

Meet the Campbells: Ben, Jessica, and their two children have recently moved to Midway. They are looking for a church family to call their own.

Follow along as the Campbells experience the sights, sounds, blessings, and struggles of seven different churches that leave them longing for something more. Will the real church please stand up?

On the journey, you will discover the purpose and unity of each false church before finally encountering the real church and learning what exactly makes a church real or false.

The real church is standing, ready to welcome you with the true gifts of Christ. When we finish this study, you will know a real church when you see it.



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Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 2 Peter & Jude

Christians around the world often contend for their faith. In some parts of the world, Christians must strive against armed threats. Other believers must fight against false teachings both within and without the Church. Striving for the Gospel truth both in faith and life is a common theme in 2 Peter and Jude.

Jude specifically writes that Christians are “to contend for the faith” (Jude 3). Peter urges his readers to “be all the more diligent in making their calling and election sure” (2 Peter 1:10).

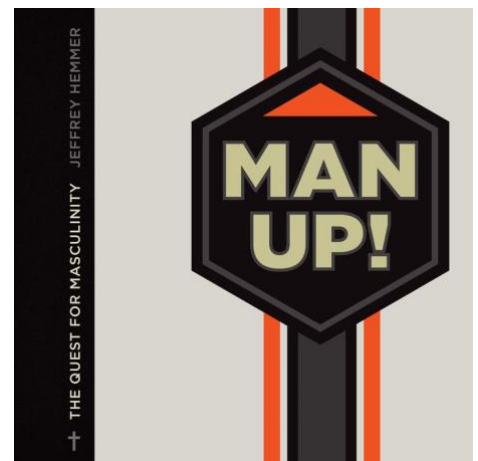
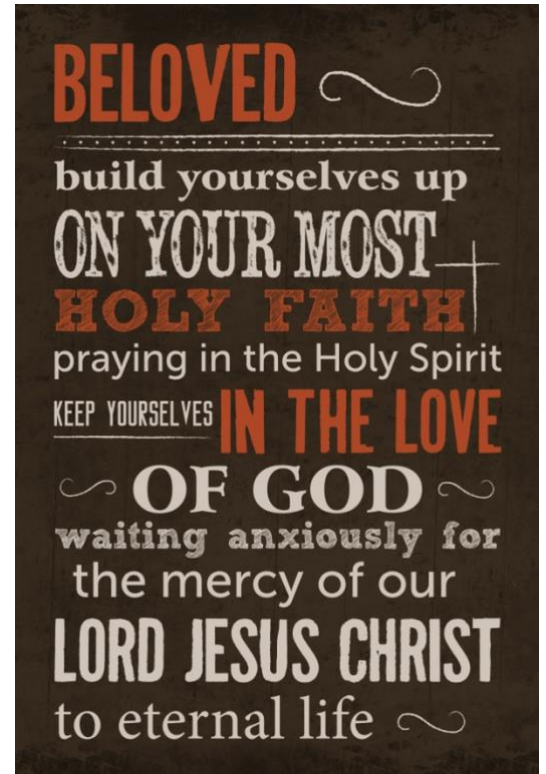
The message of God’s grace and forgiveness through Christ Jesus binds together the Christian Church. Satan seeks to destroy that holy communion. After the apostles and evangelists established congregations, Satan delighted in sending false teachers into those congregations to untie what Christ had bound together through faith. Satan does the same today.

Peter and Jude wrote their letters to strengthen and encourage God’s people to remain faithful to Christ’s calling.

Come and join us **each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.** as we continue our study on 2 Peter and soon begin our study on Jude!

Men’s Bible Study: The Quest for Masculinity

What does it mean to be a man? How are men featured in the culture? What is the role of a man? We discuss these issues through the lens of God’s Word! Men, join your fellow brothers in Christ on **Tuesday, December 3 at 5 p.m.** at Prince of Peace as we read chapters 2-3! Also, we meet again on **Tuesday, December 17 at 5 p.m.** at Features in West Salem.



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Congregational President's Comments December, 2024

The Christmas Season is upon us. A new church year begins with Advent. How great is our God to send His Son in the form of the Christ child. Let's keep the real holiday, the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, foremost in our worship, thoughts, and prayers, even as we enjoy the lights and festivities of the Christmas season.

Midweek Advent worship begins Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. I am hopeful that everyone takes advantage of the wonderful midweek opportunities for worship in anticipation of Christmas and celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Church Council will entertain a recommendation for 2025 budget approval at its next meeting for presentation at the congregational voter meeting on December 15 following fellowship time. There is still time to provide comments and suggestions regarding our budget. Your input is always welcome.

The congregational meeting will also receive nominations for the office of church vice president and treasurer. Randy and DeAnne Otto have graciously and dutifully served our congregation in those offices and have asked to retire from those positions. Thank you to the both of them. Nominations for those positions will be called for from the chair. Please prayerfully consider serving our Lord and the congregation in those positions.

I am also reminded that the church is looking for a volunteer to serve as an additional Elder. Our long-term Elders continue to happily serve the call, but could make use of additional assistance to share the duties of this church office. Again, please prayerfully consider this office.

Finally, there are a number of opportunities for committee appointments including Altar Guild, Education (Sunday School, etc.), Evangelism, and Trustees. Give that some thought. Many hands make quick work!

Financial uncertainty remains as a concern here at Prince of Peace. Weekly contributions to the general fund continue at a rate 30% below budget needs. I remain convinced that God will inspire our stewardship and provide for the mission here at Prince of Peace. Please keep our church financial condition in your prayers as we finalize the 2025 budget.

Please keep our congregation and God's work in your prayers.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST. ALLELUIA!

Kurt Childs, Congregational President

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Baby Hats for Newborns, Preemies and Stillbirths

Baby hats knitted and crocheted needed! We will be having a dedication for the hats on Life Sunday January 19, 2025. So please have your finished projects in by January 19! Our hats will be donated to a local hospital. Thank you so much!



First Friday Fellowship at POP

Mark your 2025 calendar for First Fridays at Prince of Peace! Beginning on Friday, January 3, all are welcome to POP each first Friday of the month. Each first Friday will begin with prayer and devotions and then move on to activities such as movie night and game night.



LWML

Everyone is invited to the Advent Tea & Cookie Exchange on December 7, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Join us for good food, singing, a devotion, craft and cookie exchange (the cookie exchange is optional). This year's theme is "Wrapped in God's Love".

Our next regular meeting will be January 4, 2025. We'll be at the church at 9 a.m.

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Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

LIFE NEWS—NOVEMBER 2024



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Life Newsbytes

Pharmacists Are Now Providing Abortion Pill Reversals to Save Babies – The second chance for women to choose life through Abortion Pill Reversal continues to see success in large part thanks to the many medical professionals who are aware of its impact and are willing to implement it. In a recent development, pharmacists are now included in the roster of healthcare professionals on board to work with the Abortion Pill Rescue® Network (APRN). This addition of pharmacists to the APRN creates another layer of expertise supporting the lifesaving opportunity provided by Abortion Pill Reversal (APR). Two drugs are used to perform a chemical abortion, also known as the abortion pill, mifepristone and misoprostol. Mifepristone acts as a progesterone blocker. Progesterone is a necessary natural hormone for retaining pregnancy. Misoprostol is taken 24 hours later and causes the uterus to contract and expel the pregnancy ... APR entails progesterone prescribed to the woman after she has taken mifepristone but before she would take the misoprostol. Countering the mifepristone with bioidentical progesterone may save the pregnancy. A 2018 peer-reviewed study found that 64%-68% of the pregnancies were saved through APR. (*Read more: www.lifenews.com/2024/10/23/pharmacists-are-now-providing-abortion-pill-reversals-to-save-babies*)

Speaking up For Life

"Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

"What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, 'Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.'" *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan*

"Being For Life is right in line with God's plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life*

lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes

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Repenting of “Yours” and “Mine”

Retailers have had their Christmas displays up since before Reformation Sunday. The kids have made their list and checked it twice, or three times or more. It won't be long before the tree will start shedding its needles, the stockings emptied, the gifts unwrapped, toys broken, and the too small or out of style clothes returned. Before we know it, the annual celebration of Christmas will be over.



But for the children of God, we know that the gift of Christmas doesn't ever end. Week in and week out, the Lord continues to shower His gifts on us. Every time the Lord gathers us to His house, and we are led to kneel at His table, the gift of forgiveness is repeatedly granted to us. It is nothing we deserve. It comes to us freely!

The fourth stanza of the stewardship hymn, “Forgive Us Lord for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) highlights both this gift and our response.

*Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost*

To learn thankfulness is necessary. The parents of young children are well-versed in the fact that they must teach their children thankfulness. It does not come naturally. The spiritual genetics inherited from our parents allow us to think that the world revolves around us. When we receive something, there is an inward desire to think that we in some way deserve it.

But there is no way that we deserve anything we get from our Lord. We need that ongoing lesson from God Himself. Thankfulness toward God is worked in us by the Holy Spirit. God's Word works this thanksgiving in us. We need this weekly reminder that Jesus didn't consider “equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself” for us, to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:6). He didn't bat an eye. He paid the price! Our life of stewardship is one of daily and weekly thanksgiving inspired by the Lord Himself.

*That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”
assured that only what's withheld is lost.*

Because Jesus gave us everything and more, there can be no ownership. The child at Christmas is quick to claim that the newly gifted toy is “mine!” But as Psalm 24:1 asserts, “The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” There isn't anything in creation that is ours. When we cling to and claim ownership of anything in creation, we are losing out on the continual gifts with which the Lord desires to shower upon us. Closed hands cannot receive anything new. We cling to the old and dead and miss the new thing that the Lord desires to do in and for us.

We are led to repent of the “yours” and “mine” and remove the lie that we have any ownership. In this we have the promise that God will continue to give to us. Not just at Christmas, but every Sunday at the altar in the Lord's house.

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Our December birthdays

James Jacobson	December 3
Josh Leyh	December 6
Jessica Reibel	December 13
Holly Ford	December 16
Cadence Kolander	December 21
Carolyn Dosland	December 23
Grace Ruffi	December 30

Our December anniversaries

Brian & Kim Shockey	December 3
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December Schedules

Ushers

December 1-Roger & Ginny Emmons
December 8-Randy & DeAnne Otto
December 15-Mike & Carolyn Dosland
December 22-Willie & Leatta Danielson
December 24-volunteers
December 25-volunteers
December 29-Dan & Kari Moen

Greeters

December 1-POP Family
December 8-POP Family
December 15-Chris Leis & Barb Hinds
December 22-POP Family
December 29-Mike & Carolyn Dosland

Money counters

December 1-Barb Hinds & Elaine Schmidt
December 8-Lori Peters & Ona Childs
December 15-Elaine Schmidt & Debbie Dunnum
December 22-Ona Childs & Chris Leis
December 29-Barb Alsobrooks & Barb Hinds

Song Leaders

December 1-Brooklynn Scholze
December 8-Holly Ford
December 15-Patty Horstmann & Nancy Horstmann
December 22-Sarah Kolander
December 29-Holly Ford

Altar Guild

Ona Childs
Jodi Soto

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30	2 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	3 Men's Bible Study: 5 p.m. at the church	4 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Soup Supper & Midweek Service: 6 p.m., Choir after	5	6 Pastor's day off	7 Advent Tea & Cookie Exchange 9:30 a.m.
8 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30	9 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	10	11 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Soup Supper & Midweek Service: 6 p.m., Choir after	12	13 Pastor's day off	14
15 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Voters' Meeting following the Divine Service	16 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	17 Men's Bible Study: 5 p.m. at Features, West Salem	18 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Soup Supper & Midweek Service: 6 p.m., Choir after	19	20 Pastor's day off	21
22 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Children's Program Bible study for all: 10:30	23 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	24 Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols: 7 p.m.	25 Christmas Day Divine Worship Service: 9 a.m.	26	27 Pastor's day off	28
29 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30	30 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	31 New Year's Eve				

EVENTS

Ladies!

Ladies, you are invited to this year's Advent Tea & Cookie Exchange on December 7. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Voters' Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend the Voters' Meeting on December 15 after our worship service.

Christmas services

We'll be celebrating the birth of our Savior on Christmas Eve with a candlelight service, and Christmas morning at 9 a.m.