



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

January/February 2025 Newsletter

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Prince of Peace Livestream

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As a Christ centered community,  
we commit ourselves to all people  
through love, worship & service.

## Pastor's Ponderings

Did you know that people did not start celebrating a new year until 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII developed the Gregorian Calendar? Prior to that, the new year didn't begin until March. Now you know!

So, here we are...again. Another new year is upon us. Another year of starting something new. Another opportunity to stay true to your resolutions. Another chance to begin again. Hmm...sounds familiar.

What are we going to do to make this year better than the last? How can we improve on all that has happened in our lives over the past twelve months? Why would we even want to? After all, it's just gonna fall right back into the place that it always does. Right?

In Jeremiah 29:11 it states, "For surely I know that plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

This passage may sound familiar to you because it is used quite often. Usually at graduations, or confirmations. When someone is going through some hardships in life, it can be used to uplift them. Some pastors will use it to profess their calling and their vision. This passage may sound simple enough, but there is actually a lot going on.

This passage is actually talking about to the whole community of Israelites. The ones that had been wandering in exile for many years. Offering words of promise that there is a plan in mind for them. God is a God of redemption. God wants to put people on a path of wholeness, just as God wanted the Israelites to be redeemed and whole again. God listened to their prayers when they sought God with all their heart, and in God's own time, God brought them out of exile. Not just as individuals, but as a whole community. The same can be said for us in this new year.

Remember, that we are all in this together. The image painted within this passage is one of individuals in community, like the Body of Christ. It is a bunch of people, worshipping God together, hoping for a future redemption.

Many of us want to desperately know what God has in store for each of us as individuals, but let the prophet Jeremiah remind us that it's not all about us, and it may not look like what we think. But, if we work together, even if there are differing opinions and strategies, there can and will be a future with hope.

My prayer for you this new year...

God of new beginnings, thank you for the year past – the joyful moments and the growing moments, the celebrations and defeats. Give to all the strength to entrust this new year to you, knowing that with you, there is a future filled with hope. Amen.

In Christ – Pastor Myron



Cross Generational Sunday School takes place in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. We will be learning about how God's word is for everyone through games, conversation and food.

This open to all ages and abilities! Come and have fun!

To make this successful, we need folks to help each month. If want more info, please contact Pastor Myron.

Sun. Jan. 5 after worship  
Sun. Feb. 2 after worship  
Sun. March 2 after worship

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## Your invited to a Bowling Party!



Fun for all ages!

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun! All are welcome!

What: Afternoon Bowling

When: Sun. Feb. 23 at 11am

Location: South Shore Bowl  
3620 E Carpenter Ave, Cudahy

Sign-up in the narthex!

## Coffee with Clergy

Come on out for Coffee with Clergy the third Tuesday of each month from 8-10am at Hawthorne Coffee Roasters, which is just north of Prince of Peace. Upcoming dates: Tuesday, January 21 and Tuesday, February 18.

This is a time have conversation, learn about what is going on, share some stories and have a beverage and a snack.

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## Prince of Peace Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2025 following the 9am worship service.

### Reminder to council and staff:

**Please send your reports to Jenny at the church office by January 21, 2025 at [churchofpop@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpop@gmail.com).**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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## Lent Begins March 5

**Please join us for Supper and Worship each Wednesday starting Ash Wednesday, March 5 thru Lent.**

Ash Wednesday, March 5 – Location TBD

Lenten Wednesday at Prince of Peace – Holden Evening Prayer with meal

March 12– Potluck

March 19 – Daycare

March 26 – Council

April 2 – Congregational Care

April 9 – Potluck

Palm Sunday – April 13 – Prince of Peace

Maundy Thursday – April 17

Good Friday – April 18 – Unity Lutheran 1025 E Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Easter Sunday – April 20 – Prince of Peace

## January Birthdays

Jan. 1 Dale Davis  
7 Steve Walker  
9 Christine Anderson, Jill Johnson  
10 Lillian Puglielli  
12 Dan Cvikel  
14 Michele Spieker  
17 Sylvester Jolley  
20 Debra Schlusser  
23 Margaret Pisarek  
26 Jim Schneider, Ben Walker  
28 Sarah Braatz, Doug DeLange, Jenna Melendez  
31 Robert Scheunemann

## February Birthdays

Feb. 6 Bjorn Melendez, Liam Urban,  
Leon Vanderhoff  
10 William Anderson, Francesca Pisarek  
13 Joanne Scheunemann, Dennis Singer  
21 Bryce Hoppe  
28 Barb Hanson

### Need to reach Pastor Myron?

If it's important, or in case of an illness, a difficult diagnosis, a hospitalization, a prayer concern, or you just would like for him to pay a visit, first, try calling church.

If he is not there you can do the following: Leave a message at church. Text his cell phone – 651.253.5379. Email him at [pastorofpop@gmail.com](mailto:pastorofpop@gmail.com)

Also, if someone would like to be added to the prayer list at Prince of Peace, please contact the church office at [churchofpop@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpop@gmail.com) or call 414-483-3828 and leave a message.

## Divine Intervention

### Ministry to Those Experiencing Homelessness

Open overnight from December 4 – March 26

Guests and volunteers gather nightly for a family style meal in a warm, supportive space to create community and work toward finding a home.

This incredible ministry at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church at 125 W Saveland Ave in Milwaukee is looking for volunteers for the season.

- Overnight hosts serve from 5:30pm – 8:30am
- Meal preparation and served by individuals or groups
- Sunday laundry ministry – transport to/from laundry facility
- Monetary donations are also welcome

If interested or getting more info about how you can help, contact (414) 481-4680 or email [divineinterventiontohomeless@gmail.com](mailto:divineinterventiontohomeless@gmail.com).

## Outreach Ministry

### The Gathering

The Gathering is an organization that provides free meals each week, cooked on-site in four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry. Prince of Peace gets to help out with preparing, packaging and distributing meals for approximately 150 people at Ascension Lutheran on S. Layton

If you are interested in signing up, please register online at <https://bit.ly/PoPGathering>.

### Covered in Love Blanket Ministry

A BIG Thank you to everyone who helped put tie blankets together for those in our community that need to be covered in love.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
4419 S. Howell Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

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