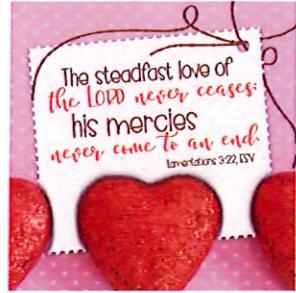




PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
802 East Douglas Street
St. Joseph, IL 61873
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

2025 Congregation Officers:
+ David Cluver, President
+ Chase Gilliland, Vice President
+ Katelynn Gilliland, Secretary
+ Janice Koss, Treasurer

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

Faithful people of Prince of Peace,

The Season of Lent is fast upon us. This year during our Wednesday Lenten services we will be exploring what makes Lutheran Christians distinct from other Christians. These 'Lutheran Distinctives' shape and guide our lives of faith, our worship, and our understanding of who we are as the people of God. The weekly schedule at this time is as follows:

February 25 – The Nature of God
March 4 – The 'Word'
March 11 – The Heart of The Gospel
March 18 – The Sacraments
March 25 – Lutheran Worship

Once again, this year we will have the opportunity to gather for a light soup meal before worship on those Wednesdays, with Soup at 6:00 and Worship at 7:00. Please be sure to thank our Fellowship committee for pulling this together again this year. I encourage you to make our Wednesday gatherings part of your Lenten Devotion as we move toward the celebration of the Resurrection at Easter.

Also beginning in February...

Being a parent is hard. Being a parent is important. Being a parent never ends. Being a parent of adult children who are no longer living the walk of faith in which they were raised can break the heart of many parents. Many of us have sons or daughters, brothers or sisters who live in lifestyles that depart from the life that God hopes for us or have beliefs that are different than our Christian faith.

Anyone who grieves for a loved one who has stepped in a direction away from faith is invited to a time of conversation, support, and prayer on Tuesday, February 24. We'll gather at 6:30pm in a quiet place at Prince of Peace. If there is enough interest, this group will meet monthly for prayer and support. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Pastor Andy



Join us at 10:15am each Sunday for Adult and Children's Sunday School classes! Children's classes are PreK-K, 1st-3rd, and 4th-8th.

First Sunday Funday is on February 1! We'll be learning about Valentine's Day and making a fun Valentine's Day craft!

If you would like to volunteer to lead a

Sunday Funday craft, contact Chase Gilliland at 217-778-0892 or chase.gilliland1@gmail.com



Tuesday, February 17th
at 6 p.m.

in the West FS Hall
Bring your best pot of
chili to win this year's
trophy!



Lenten Soup Suppers

6 p.m. Wednesdays
during Lent
before worship
February 25
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

Soup sign-up in the Narthex



There are no Confirmation classes on February 8. The next review night is February 15 at St. John, Royal at 6:30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday worship on February 18 at 7:00pm.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
January 3/4	21	94
January 10/11	31	103
January 17/18	24	91
January 24/25	13	Canceled

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 18 at 7:00pm
Lent Mid-Week Worship
Wednesdays Feb 25 – March 25
Soup Suppers at 6:00pm
Worship at 7:00pm

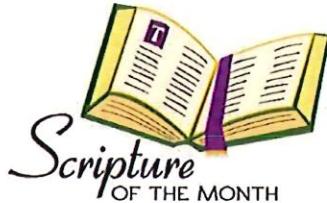




Church COUNCIL

Council did not meet in January.

Full Council minutes are available every month to read in the Narthex.



February 1 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12

February 8 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa 58:1-9a[9b-12]; Ps 112:1-9[10]; 1 Cor 2:1-12[13-16]; Matt 5:13-20

February 15 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exod 24:12-18; Ps 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9

February 18 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

February 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Gen 2:15-17,3:1-17; Ps 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11



Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Feed the Need with your donations of peanut butter and jelly! The next distribution will be on Thursday, February 26 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.



POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will meet at Roch's in St. Joseph on Thursday, February 19 at 11:30am. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Linda Green at 217-417-7360.

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.



2026 MENS CONFERENCE



802 E Douglas St
St. Joseph, IL 61873



February 21, 2026

Start From 7:00AM - 12:00PM
Lunch Provided

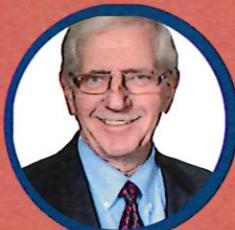
FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE

As Christian men, we are called to follow the Great commandment, "love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul.." and the Great Commission, "Go and make disciples." But it doesn't always feel like those things fit very well into our jobs. It can be very difficult at times to not succumb to this world and to instead Glorify our Father in Heaven. Join us to discuss more about how we can live our life of faith in our workplace.

**Register
Today**



Our Speakers



Gale Cunningham
Agriculture Broadcaster



Greg Smith
Servant Leader,
Problem Solver,
Raconteur



Pastor and Talk Show Host



President of Nextier Advisors



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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

BIBLE VERSES OF THE MONTH:
GENESIS 16:13, 1 JOHN 4:19, 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

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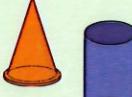
WEEKLY THEMES

- W1: Shapes
- W2: Valentine's Day
- W3: If you give a mouse...
- W4: Dental Health



LETTERS, NUMBERS, COLORS
& SHAPES OF THE MONTH

M O 11 13
N P 12



IMPORTANT DATES

- February 13: Valentine's parties
- February 18: Ash Wednesday



STAFF TREATS

Monthly Staff Treats
We need your help! The Parent Involvement Organization (POPCELC PIO) is bringing back monthly staff treats! If you'd like to participate, please sign up for one month in 2026 to bring treats for 25 staff members.

Let's show the POPCELC staff our appreciation!

Thank you
very much!



LENTEN SEASON

As we enter the season of Lent, our classrooms will focus on kindness, love, and patience-learning what it means to care for others through our words and actions. Children will be encouraged to practice sharing, helping, and using gentle words as they interact with friends throughout the day.



Lent is a season of reflection and preparation, and even young children can participate in meaningful ways. As a family, consider focusing on one simple practice together, such as offering a short prayer at bedtime, helping someone each day, or naming something you are thankful for. These small, intentional moments help children connect faith, kindness, and daily life in lasting ways.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 18 at 7 PM

Soup Suppers & Services

Beginning Wednesday, February 25, the church will host soup suppers at 6 PM and church services at 7 PM through the Lenten season.



Follow POPCELC and
join the PIO page
on Facebook!

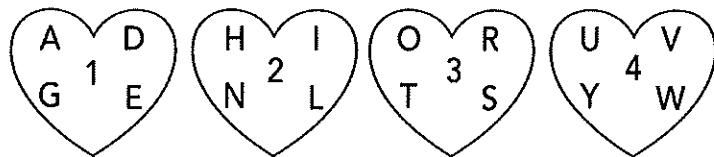


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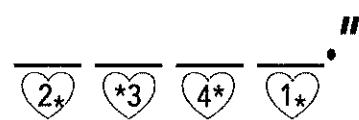
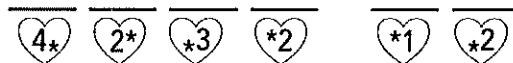
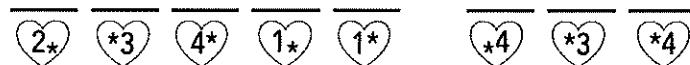
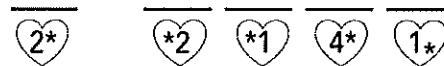
We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

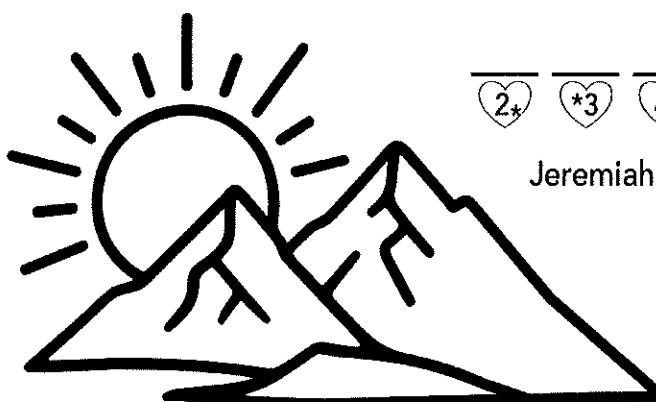
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Jeremiah 31:3



Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gayle Bartell	Lyn DeWeese	Molly Fenters	Mike Halbach
Dale Kopmann	Brad Mohr	Jeff Mohr	David Swinford
Paul Swinford	Stephanie Wingler	Carol Wubker	

Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's
Kim Brooks-Allen; friend of POP
Tim Brooks; friend of POP
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler
Dustin Buford; friend of Greg & Becky Mills
Jerry Clink; cousin of Debbie Huff
Tammy Croe; cook at POP Early Learning Center
Patrick Donovan; son of friend of Carmine Dwyer
Susan Fiscus; friend of community
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Pam Furrer; friend of community
Beth Givan; cousin of Vicky Hastings
Duke Goodwin; friend of Gerald & Darlene Sappenfield
Bobbi Grigsby; daughter of Terri Modd
Wendy Grunwald; mother of Ryan Munsterman
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Seth Hatchel; cousin of the Winglers
JJ Kasprzak; son of Lauren Fenters-Kasprzak
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Jesus & Elena Lucio; parents of Miguel Lucio
Ann Ludwig; friend of POP

Sandy Maury; friend of POP
Mike Mennenga; nephew of Mernice Wakefield
Morris Mennenga; brother of Mernice Wakefield
Chris Miezio; friend of POP
Sharon Mowry; friend of POP
Michelle Orvis; friend of Terri Modd
Amy Parry; niece of Terri Modd
Sue Phillips; friend of POP
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
Mike Romine; friend of Lowell & Micki Suits
Shirley Rothermel; mother of Susan Allen
Kayla Sabin; daughter of Stephanie Wingler
Mitch & Marla Schoolcraft; friend of Grindleys
Larry Sparks; friend of the community
Becky Sweeny; friend of Wakefields
Chad Walker; family friend of Goldensteins
Harold Young; cousin of Micki Suits
Joe Young; son of cousin of Micki Suits

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Buch	Nephew of Todd and Cindy Goetting
Matthew Collins	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Middle East
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in Decatur, IL
Tyler Haake	Illinois Air National Guard
Jesus Olmedo	Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Marine, Las Vegas, NV
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Eielson, AK
Forrest Volz	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy – Marines, Stationed in Colorado



January 31/February 1 4th Sunday after Epiphany

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Aaron Hager

GREETERS: OPEN

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

February 7/8 5th Sunday after Epiphany

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Roger Koss

GREETERS: 9:00 Sandy Ferguson

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Janice Koss

ALTAR FLOWERS: Tom and Sue Grindley in
celebration of their grandson, Wyatt McKinney, 16th
birthday

February 14/15 Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

February 18 Ash Wednesday

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 7:00 Todd Goetting

GREETERS: OPEN

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

February 21/22 1st Sunday in Lent

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

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Mike Voges

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

February 28/March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jason Emmert

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Carmine Dwyer

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

USHERS

The Hager Family

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Dwayne Gilliland
Sandy Ferguson

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00: Lois Hewerdine
9:00 & Ash Wednesday: Scott & Lori Stewart

Fellowship Servants

February 1: Rob & Mary Benoit
February 8: Dwayne & Jodi Gilliland
February 15: Rob & Mary Benoit
February 22: Larry & Mernice Wakefield

MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)
Ann Hoops

*Thank
You!*





FEBRUARY

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	2 9:00am Quilts of Valor	3	4	5	6	7 7:00am Men's Study
6:30-8:00pm Confirmation	8 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo	9 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE 5:30pm Fellowship 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	10 5:30pm Christian Education	11 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm YGG	12 1:30pm Pray & Play, West Hall	13 5:00pm Worship
No Confirmation - Super Bowl Sunday	15 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	16 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	17 6:00pm ELC Board	18 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm YGG	19 11:30am PoP's Plus, Rock's, St. Joseph	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
6:30-8:00pm Confirmation Review at St. John, Royal	22 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship, No Sunday School Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo	23 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE	24 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	25 6:00pm, Chilli Cook-Off, West Hall 6:30pm Council	26 7:00pm Worship	27 5:00pm Worship
No Confirmation until April 12					28 7:00am Men's Study	
						5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion



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