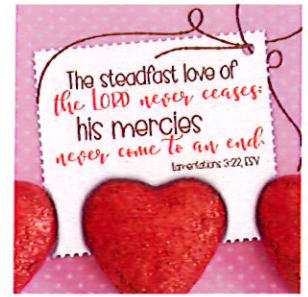




## PRINTS OF PEACE

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

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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, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:chase.gilliland1@gmail.com)



**3rd Annual  
CHILI COOK-  
OFF**

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
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



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



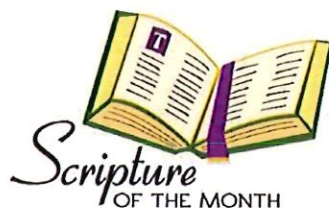




## Church COUNCIL

Council did not meet in January.

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



February 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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

February 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

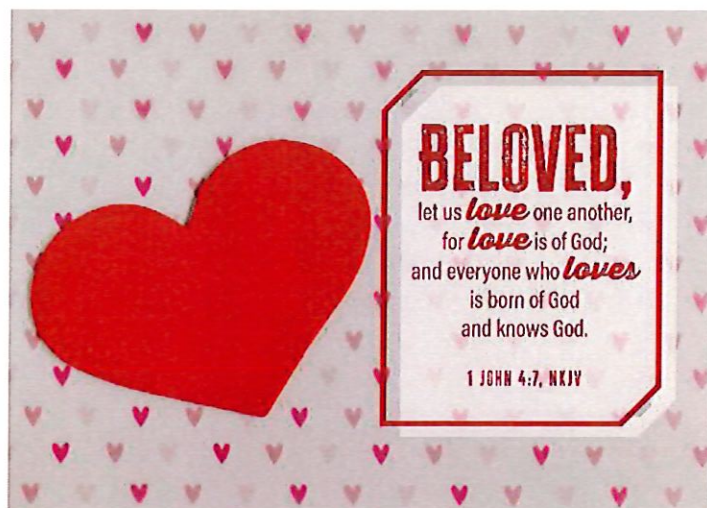
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

February 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

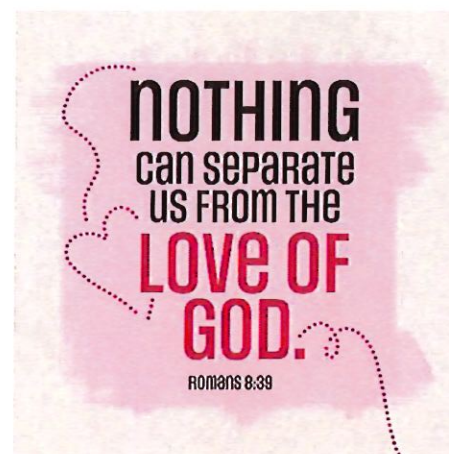
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**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



**CW Greer**

Pastor and Talk Show Host



**Kevin Martlage**

President of Nextier Advisors



Visit Our Website

<https://popstjoe.regfox.com/faith-in-the-workplace-a-mens-conference>

Call Us  
**217-377-8009**







# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

BIBLE VERSES OF THE MONTH:

GENESIS 16:13, 1 JOHN 4:19, 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

2026

## FEBRUARY 2026

### WEEKLY THEMES

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



### LETTERS, NUMBERS, COLORS & SHAPES OF THE MONTH



### 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!

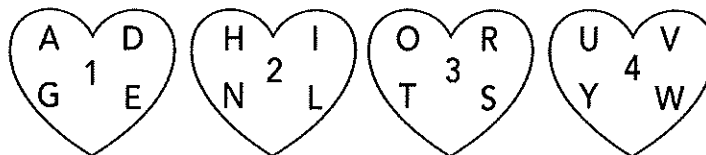


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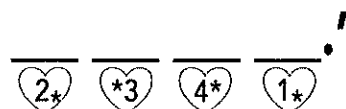
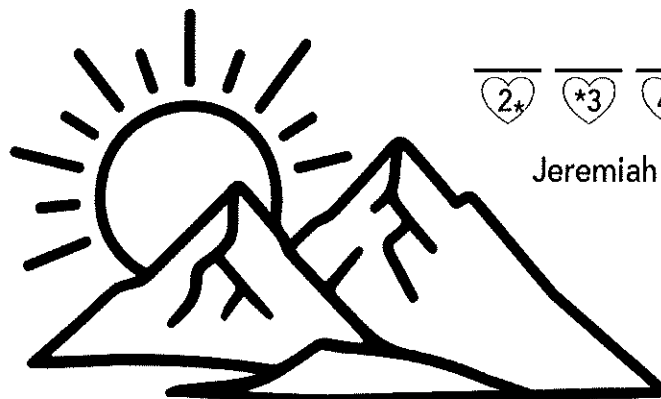
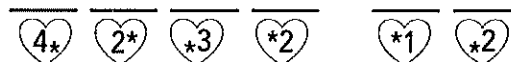
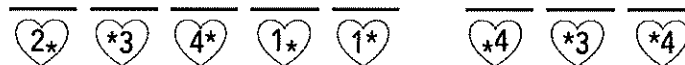
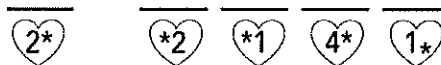
We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

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

CODE:



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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**

**Dale Kopmann**

**Paul Swinford**

**Lyn DeWeese**

**Brad Mohr**

**Stephanie Wingler**

**Molly Fenters**

**Jeff Mohr**

**Carol Wubker**

**Mike Halbach**

**David Swinford**

**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      4<sup>th</sup> 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      5<sup>th</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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      1<sup>st</sup> 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      2<sup>nd</sup> 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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	<b>2</b> 9:00am Quilts of Valor  5:30pm Fellowship 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Christian Education	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Y66	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Study
<b>6:30-8:00pm Confirmation</b> <b>8 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo	<b>9</b> <b>BILLS DUE IN OFFICE</b> 2:00pm Ladies Outreach	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Christian Education	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Y66	<b>12</b> 1:30pm Pray & Play, West Hall	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Worship 7:00am Men's Study
<b>No Confirmation - Super Bowl Sunday</b>  <b>15 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:00pm ELC Board	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Y66	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:00am-12:00pm Men's Conference, East Hall
<b>6:30-8:00pm Confirmation</b> <b>Review at St. John, Royal</b>  JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b> 6:00pm, Chilli Cook-Off, West Hall 6:30pm Council	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship, No Sunday School Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo	<b>23</b> <b>BILLS DUE IN OFFICE</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00pm Worship 7:00am Men's Study
<b>No Confirmation until April 12</b>	6:00pm Women's Bible Study	6:30pm Parents' Support Group 7:00pm Stewardship	6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent Worship	5:00pm Feed the Need @ St. Joe UMC		5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion





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