



## 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

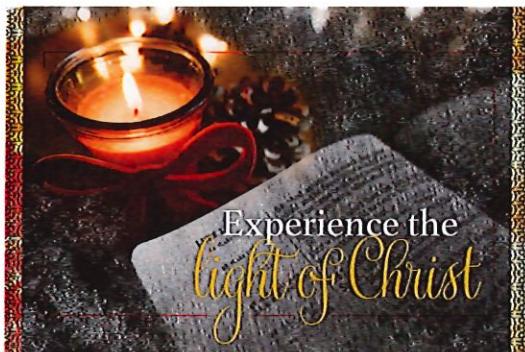
#### Sunday School

+ 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.

**Join us in celebrating the  
birth of Christ our King!**

#### **Season of Advent**

November 30 – December 21

5:00pm Saturday Worship

9:00am Sunday Worship

#### **Christmas Program**

December 14 during the  
9:00am worship service

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight**

Worship

4:00pm

6:00pm

#### **Christmas Day Worship**

9:00am with Holy  
Communion

**December 27-28**

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 27 5:00pm

December 28 9:00am





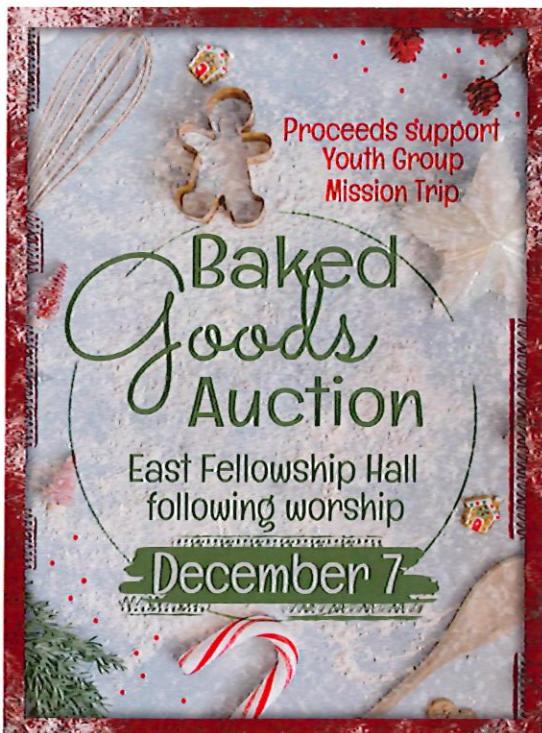
Join us at 10:15am each Sunday for Adult and Children's Sunday School classes! Children's classes are PreK-K, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

Children's Sunday School will not meet on December 21 and 28. We will resume classes on January 4. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A special Sunday Funday is on December 14! If you would like to volunteer to lead a Funday craft, contact Chase Gilliland at chase.gilliland1@gmail.com or 217-778-0892



Come and enjoy the annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 14 during 9:00am Worship. Rehearsals will be during Sunday School on November 30 and December 7.



"**Birthday Party for Jesus** – We are bringing back this beloved event for 2025! Please join us in the East Fellowship Hall after the Christmas program on December 14<sup>th</sup> for a party, including birthday cake, crafts and a cookie walk for the kids. All are welcome from age 0 to 100! We hope to see you there!"



The church office will be **closed** on **Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26** for Christmas. The office will reopen on Monday, December 29. Have a safe and wonderful holiday!



The next Review night is December 14 at St. John, Royal. Parents are encouraged to attend. Christmas Break is December 21 and 28. We will have worship on December 24 at 4:00pm and 6:00pm, and Christmas morning at 9:00am. Regular class time resumes on January 4.



Pastor Andy and Joy will be taking vacation time December 26 through January 1.



It is that time of year again that we will be taking donations for poinsettias and wreaths to beautify the church for the Christmas season. If you would like to take part in doing so, please place your donation in a pew envelope and be sure to mark it "Christmas" to be specifically set aside for this and place it in the offering plate, or give it to Erin, our church secretary. Your donations are very much appreciated!! Thank you!

-The Worship Committee





## Church COUNCIL

### November Council Notes Highlights:

- New south lawn sign designed by Kenny Buhr approved.

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



Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Feed the Need with your donations of peanut butter and jelly! Please bring your donations by Sunday, December 14. The next distribution will be Thursday, December 18 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.



### December 6/7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isa 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom 15:4-13; Matt 3:1-12

### December 13/14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isa 35:1-10; Ps 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

### December 20/21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isa 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-25

### December 24 – Christmas Eve

Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

### December 25 – Christmas Day

Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14

### December 27/28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Isa 63:7-9; Ps 148; Heb 2:10-18; Matt 2:13-23



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
November 1/2	21	108
November 8/9	28	108
November 15/16	22	108
November 22/23	36	81

## POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will not meet in December. We will meet again in January. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### 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.

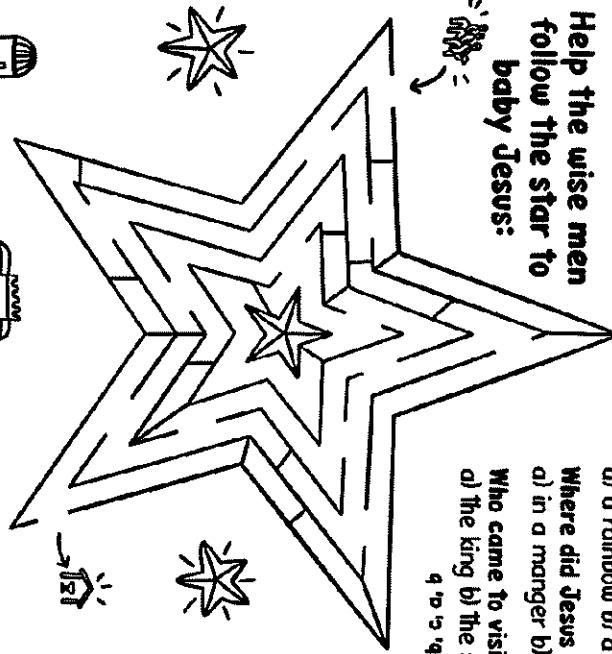


How many small stars can you find?



21 January

Help the wise men follow the star to baby Jesus:



# JOY TO THE WORLD

## BIBLE QUIZ!

What city was Jesus born in?

a) Jerusalem b) Bethlehem c) Nazareth

What did the wise men follow to find Jesus?

a) a rainbow b) a dove c) a star

Where did Jesus sleep when he was born?

a) in a manger b) in a basket c) in a cradle

Who came to visit baby Jesus first?

a) the king b) the shepherds c) the wise men

Ques: answers: b, c, a

Are you as wise as the wise men that visited Jesus? Unscramble the words!

GLANE \_\_\_\_\_

RNAGEM \_\_\_\_\_

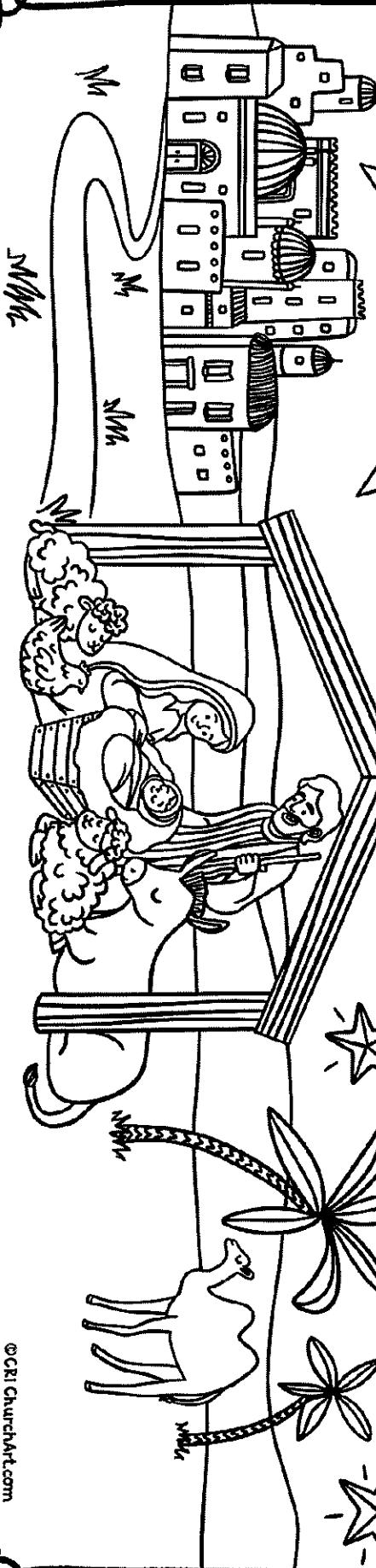
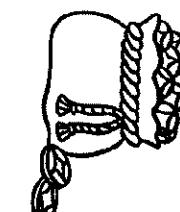
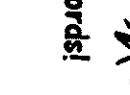
TASR \_\_\_\_\_

ECEAP \_\_\_\_\_

LROVG \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: a) angel manger star, present

Fill in the blanks! What gifts did the wise men bring Jesus?



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gayle Bartell  
Dale Kopmann  
Stephanie Wingler

Lyn DeWeese  
Jeff Mohr  
Carol Wubker

Molly Fenters  
David Swinford

Mike Halbach  
Paul Swinford

Karen Bailey; sister of Roger Koss  
Kathy Bibby; mother of Erin Smith  
Kim Brooks-Allen; friend of POP  
Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's  
Tim Brooks; friend of POP  
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler  
Jerry Clink; cousin of Debbie Huff  
Tammy Croe; cook at POP Early Learning Center  
Patrick Donovan; son of friend of Carmine Dwyer  
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 Wakefields  
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  
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  
Barb Williams; friend of POP  
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



### December 6/7

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Mark Howard

**GREETERS:** 9:00 Sandy Ferguson

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Darren Franzen

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Rick and Annette Ackerman

### December 13/14

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 Dwayne Gilliland

**GREETERS:** 9:00 Ann Freeman

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 N/A

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Mike and Tami Voges

### December 20/21

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

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

**GREETERS:** 9:00 Rick and Annette Ackerman

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Mike Voges

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** OPEN

### December 24

### Christmas Eve

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 4:00 Katelynn Gilliland  
6:00 Todd Goetting

**GREETERS:** OPEN

**LAY READERS:** 4:00 Jamey Gilliland  
6:00 Carmine Dwyer

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Poinsettias

### December 25

### Christmas Day

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** Dwayne Gilliland

**GREETERS:** OPEN

**LAY READERS:** Jodi Gilliland

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** OPEN

### December 27/28

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 Aaron Hager

**GREETERS:** 9:00 OPEN

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 Pat Camp & Lori Stewart

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** OPEN

### USHERS

Cluver family

### CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Dwayne Gilliland

Larry Wakefield

### SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00: Lois Hewerdine

9:00: Sandy Ferguson

**Christmas Day:** Dwayne & Jodi Gilliland

### Fellowship Servants

**December 7:** Rob & Mary Benoit

**December 14:** Aaron & Amy Hager

**December 21:** Darren & Pam Franzen

**December 28:** Dwayne & Jodi Gilliland

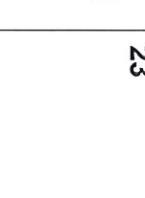
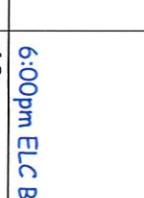
### **MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)**

**Ann Hoops**





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Sunday						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p><b>1</b> 9:00am Quilts of Valor 3:00pm Home Extension Decorate for Lunch, West Hall</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00am Home Extension Lunch, West Hall</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:00am Mens Study</p>	
<p><b>7</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School &amp; Fellowship 10:15am Baked Goods Auction, East Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:30-8:00pm Confirmation</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>BILLS DUE IN OFFICE</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  BAKED Goods AUCTION</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:00am Men's Study National Cocoa Day</p>
<p><b>14</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Christmas Program 10:15am Sunday School &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</b> National Ugly Sweater &amp; Cupcake Day</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:00pm ELC Board</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:00pm ELC Christmas Program 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 1:30pm Pray &amp; Play, West Hall Bring PB&amp;J to church 5:00pm Worship</p>
<p><b>21</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Fellowship, No Sunday School</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>BILLS DUE IN OFFICE</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  Christmas EVE</p>	<p><b>25</b>  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>26</b>  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion Pastor Andy &amp; Joy Vacation 12/26 - 1/1</p>
<p><b>28</b> First Day of Winter No Confirmation - Christmas Break</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>January 1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 5:00pm Worship, Lessons &amp; Carols</p>
<p><b>9:00am Worship, Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 10:15am Fellowship, No Sunday School</p>	<p><b>MERRY &amp; BLESSED</b></p>		<p><b>6:30pm Choir</b></p>	<p><b>6:30pm YGG</b></p>		<p><b>5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion</b></p>
<p>No Confirmation - Christmas Break</p>						



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