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Prince of Peace News

Come... Be A Part Of Peace! December 2020 & January 2021



Our Mission at Prince of Peace

To strengthen our faith in Jesus through Worship and Fellowship; to be the face of Christ for others.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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The end of the year newsletter is always is a combination of December and January so there is a little looking back as well as looking forward to what is yet to come.

As we look back over 2020, we can easily say that it has been the most unusual year that of us have experienced in our lifetime. It will be the year that today's youth will tell their children someday, "You think you have it tough. You should have lived through 2020 when a virus closed the world down; you have it easy today compared to then."

Every generation has times that are strange and out of the ordinary, but this year seems to top the list of strange and out of the ordinary for much of the population of the world or at least in my lifetime.

There have been difficult decisions that have had to be made on how as a congregation we stayed connected with each other. Hopefully, we were successful in what we have put into place. One point that I have tried to emphasize is how the Word of God speaks to us in times such as these so that the fears that have assailed us can be lessened by knowing that we are not alone. Our faith in Jesus makes us stronger when we are feeling weak.

That brings us to 2021 and the unknowns of what lies ahead. We do not know exactly what to expect but that is not unusual. We make plans, some work out as expected, some need to be tweaked and some must be canceled all together. So, as we enter 2021, be assured of this one thing we will continue to go forward in faith! We will make plans. We will work together to see those plans through to the best of our abilities. And we will ask God to help us in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior that the Holy Spirit will work among us to do the ministry we are called to do.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in the name of Christ,

Pastor Ida



Special equipment has been ordered so that wafers are not handled by anyone, but the recipient. We ask that you bring your own small cup for the



Become A Part of Prince of Peace's Worship Teams!

Interested in Greeting Members or being an Usher? Interested in serving on Lay Assistant & Altar Guild? Interested in helping as a Teller? Interested in Choir, Bell Choir & Casual Worship Music? Interested in being an Assistant Minister? Contact: Terry Smith @ 904-261-6306 Contact: Eileen Klein @ 904-261-5675 Contact: Barbara Ehrenberg @ 269-861-4104 Contact: Diane Demeranville <u>demeran@comcast.net</u> Contact: Mark Foutz @ 904-557-8086

WORSHIP SAFETY MEASURES UPDATE

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,



These are very unusual times that we are living in and it has become day-by-day that we go on. We are checking numbers on Covid-19 and its spread. Numbers go up, and numbers go down.

We published the different phases and the guidelines for each phase in the newsletter. Even though the governor has issued Stage 3 we will continue at Stage 2. With the age of most of our members...including your pastor being in the at-risk category, we continue to wear masks and evaluate safety measures as we worship together.

You can review the measures in the attached, and it is important to keep the following in mind for the everyone's safety:

•Masks are required to be worn at Worship

•Pew seating will be directed by ushers

•Post worship, ushers will oversee the exiting of members

•Social congregating is not acceptable in the narthex prior and post-worship

We recently introduced Holy Communion back into weekly worship using the safest

practices available. We are using an individual wafer dispenser, we ask you to bring your own small cup and wine is poured into it (we also have individual cups available) and we are using port wine only which has a higher alcohol content.

We are working hard to get through this time of uncertainty using the best methods

available. Many changes have had to take place over the past few months, and we are

doing our best to keep you safe and informed. With the help of the Holy Spirit we will get through this a stronger and healthier congregation serving our Lord and Savior and the community around us.

Working with you in Christ,

Paster Ida

What's Next?

We have not lived through a time like this in our lives.

We do not know when things will get "Back to Normal" and what the "New Normal" might be. Our world is changing, and the Covid-19 reality has changed, albeit for the time being, the way we worship. We are utilizing care and safety protocols in worship at Prince of Peace.



We expect to follow Florida state time guidelines as conditions improve as displayed here.

Changes will be advised as they occur.

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
	Return to Worship	Worship Changes	Worship
	May 31, 2020	Effective - Florida Phase 2	Effective - Florida Phase 3
Worship Times	Worship Service	Worship Services	Worship 9 am & 10:45 am
	10:00 am	9:00 am & 10:45 am	Sunday School 10:15 am
Masks	Mandatory at Worship	Optional at Worship	Optional at Worship
Social	Required	Required	Relaxed
Communion	Not Offered	Not Offered	Offered
Fellowship Activities	Suspended	Suspended	Full Activities
Hymn Praise	Suspended	Suspended	Full Activity
Pew Seating	Assigned Seating	Assigned Seating	Normal Seating
	Social Distancing	Social Distancing	Preferences
Sanitation	Intense Methods	Intense Methods	Normal Methods
	Utilized	Utilized	Utilized
Meetings	Remote	Remote	Resumed
	Participation	Participation	Onsite

Worship is not limited within a building. Streaming of our services and Worship In Home materials will continue during this time, allowing vulnerable people the opportunity to worship in the safety of their homes.

We are not going to miss terms like "self-quarantine," "social distancing" and "shelter at home" once this finally passes. As our world changes, we will advise members of changes in protocols as we are *Safely Reunited again* worshiping God at Prince of Peace.

Come... Be A Part of Peace!





DECEMBER

Glenn Beyer-2nd Edward Ebersole-6th Rachel Steele-9th Allan Johnson-10th Blake Carter-11th Jeanette Chaffee-11th Elizabeth Angil-12th Robert Taylor-14th Virginia Dunleavy-14th Bill Maule-17th Samantha Stommel-18th **Richard Figueroa-20th** Dot Schwager-21st Marsha Woleshin-21st Bill Mungo Sr.-23rd Rev. Pat Harris-24th Kyle Marotz-28th Ellie Boette-28th Glenn Wheeler-30th



JANUARY

Karen Blair-5th Terry Smith-9th Ryker Sargent-14th Edwin Marotz-18th Jan Rothrock-20th Finn Steele-20th Eileen Klein-24th Lill Ekwall-24th Ragnar Stommel-24th Alexandra Williams-29th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER

Peter & Julie Eichele-24th Bill & Alice Hansberry-27th Edward & Kathleen Ebersole-27th Gene & Victoria Kilcawley-28th

<u>JANUARY</u>

Rev. Pat & John Harris-6th Patrick & Banu Schram-20th

Handy Links— Need help or interested in information? Click on the links to assist you.

Barnabas Center

Services to help neighbors in crisis so they can become healthy, productive citizens. Services include Crisis Assistance (neighbors face unexpected illness, unemployment, fire, or a change in living status, with nowhere to turn), Food Pantry, and Health services. <u>https://barnabasnassau.org/</u>

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

The **ELCA** is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with about 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations across the 50 states, Caribbean and U.S. Virgin Islands <u>https://www.elca.org/</u>

Florida-Bahamas Synod

Is one of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is one of 65 synods of the ELCA carrying out Christ's mission in the world https://fbsynod.com/

Interfaith Dinner Network—IDN

IDN's mission is to feed the homeless, hungry, and lonely. Dinner Service at: Salvation Army's Hope House. 410 9th Street (9th & Date) Fernandina Beach http://www.idnweb.net/

Luther Springs

Luther Springs Camp and Conference Center offers programs year-round for children, youth, adults, and families. https://www.luthersprings.org/

Nassau County Council on Aging

The Nassau County Council on Aging serves as an advocate and resource for those age 60 and older seeking information, counseling, assistance and referral to available services <u>https://www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org/</u>



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2-ADVENT WED.	3	4	5
			Meditative Prayer — 12:00 PM		Bell Choir Practice	
			Advent Worship— 5:00 PM	Meditative Prayer — 6:00 PM	—10:00 AM	
6-ADVENT SUNDAY	7	8	9-ADVENT WED.	10	11	12
Worship 10:00 AM	IDN at		Meditative Prayer — 12:00 PM		Bell Choir Practice —10:00 AM	Confirmation –
	Hope House— 5:00PM		Advent Worship— 5:00 PM	Meditative Prayer — 6:00 PM		1:00-4:00 PM
13-ADVENT SUNDAY	14	15	16-ADVENT WED.	17	18	19
Worship 10:00 AM			Meditative Prayer — 12:00 PM		Bell Choir Practice	
			Advent Worship— 5:00 PM	Meditative Prayer — 6:00 PM	—10:00 AM	
20- ADVENT SUNDAY	21	22	23-ADVENT WED.	24-	25-	26
Worship 10:00 AM			Meditative Prayer — 12:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE—	CHRISTMAS DAY— CHURCH	
	Council Mtg.— 7:00PM		Advent Worship— 5:00 PM	Candle Light Services— 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM & 9:00 PM	OFFICES CLOSED	
27 Worship	28	29	30 Meditative Prayer —	31		
10:00 AM			12:00 PM	Meditative Prayer — 6:00 PM		

"AA Group" meets in Fellowship Hall-

Mondays, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

&

Saturdays 9:00AM—11:30 AM

DECEMBER-WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	December 6th—ADVENT SUNDAY								
Worship	Worship Assistant Gospel Ushers/Greeters								
Service	Minister	Reader		Altar	Tellers				
10:00	Diane	Pastor	Gene Kilcawley	Tanya	Susan Foutz				
AM	Elliott	lda	B.J. Taylor	Adin	&				
					Ted Wessel				

	December 13th—ADVENT SUNDAY								
Worship Assistant Gospel Ushers/Greeters									
Service	Minister	Reader		Altar	Tellers				
10:00	Ted	Pastor	Barbara Ehrenberg	Eileen	Eileen Klein				
AM	Wessel	lda	Garrett Price	Klein	&				
					Linda Pesante				

	December 20th—ADVENT SUNDAY								
Worship Assistant Gospel Ushers/Greeters									
Service	Minister	Reader		Altar	Tellers				
10:00	Susan	Pastor	Rich Ekwall	Karen	Open				
AM	Foutz	lda	Ted Richardson	Blair					

	December 24th—CHRISTMAS EVE										
Worship	Assistant	Gospel	Ushers/								
Service	Minister	Reader	Greeters	Altar	Tellers						
12:00 PM	Open	Pastor	Tim Miller	Edna	Open						
3:00 PM	Marci Larson	lda	Kent Larson	Swithers							
6:00 PM	Marci Larson		Ann Marie Cole	&							
9:00 PM	Bill Hansberry		Ed Marotz	Karen							
				Blair							

	December 27th—SUNDAY									
Worship Service	Assistant Minister	Gospel Reader	Ushers/Greeters	Altar	Tellers					
10:00 AM	Rosalie Wessel	Pastor Ida	George Pester Ed Marotz	Eileen Klein	Open					



Floral & Bulletin Sponsors

Celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one by signing-up on the flower chart located outside the Church office. **The cost is \$35** and can be given to the church office or placed in offertory plates at worship services.

Sponsors for December

December 6th — ADVENT—NO FLOWERS December 13th — ADVENT—NO FLOWERS December 20th – ADVENT—NO FLOWERS December 27th – Open



For You & Your Family

Join as for

<u>ADVENT WORSHIP</u> DECEMBER 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd – 5:00 PM (Outside under the portico. Bring a lawn chair)

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> <u>CANDLE LIGHT WORSHIP</u>

DECEMBER 24th (Outside)

at 12:00 noon, 3:00pm, 6:00pm & 9:00 pm—

(50 people per service due to Covid)

(Must call or sign-up to schedule which service you wish to attend.)

We also **NEED** Usher/Greeters & Worship Assistants. Please, if you are able and willing to help, let us know.

Sign-up sheet in Narthex or call church office.



MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Wednesday's at 12:00pm

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Thursday's at 6:00pm

Come and join Pastor Ida for prayer, silence, and Psalms.



CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, December 25th

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Merry Christmas!

JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1-NEW YEARS DAY— CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	2
Worship with Installation of Council 10:00 AM Taking Down The Greens—Following Worship	4 IDN at Hope House— 5:00PM	5	6 Meditative Prayer— 12:00 PM	7 Meditative Prayer— 6:00 PM	8 Bell Choir Practice — 10:00 AM	9 Confirmation – 1:00-4:00 PM
Worship 10:00 AM	11	12	13 Meditative Prayer— 12:00 PM	14 Meditative Prayer— 6:00 PM	15-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Bell Choir Practice — 10:00 AM	16
7 Worship 10:00 AM	18 Council Mtg.— 7:00PM	19	20 Meditative Prayer— 12:00 PM	21 Meditative Prayer— 6:00 PM	22 Bell Choir Practice — 10:00 AM	23
Worship 10:00 AM	25 Women's Bible Study. — 2:00PM	26	27 Meditative Prayer— 12:00 PM	28 Meditative Prayer— 6:00 PM	29 Bell Choir Practice — 10:00 AM	30
Worship 10:00 AM						

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Saturdays 9:00AM-11:30 AM

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE JANUARY

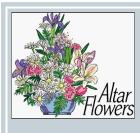
January 3th—SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS							
Worship Assistant Gospel Ushers/Greeters							
Service	Minister	Reader		Altar	Tellers		
10:00	TBD	Pastor	Gene Kilcawley	TBD	TBD		
AM		lda	B.J. Taylor				
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	January 10th—BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY							
Worship	Worship Assistant Gospel Ushers/Greeters							
Service	Minister	Reader		Altar	Tellers			
10:00 AM	TBD	Pastor Ida	Barbara Ehrenberg Garrett Price	TBD	TBD			

	January 17th—SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY							
Worship	Worship Assistant Gospel Ushers/Greeters							
Service	Minister	Reader		Altar	Tellers			
10:00	TBD	Pastor	Rich Ekwall	TBD	TBD			
AM		Ida	Ted Richardson					

	January 24th—SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY							
Worship Assistant Gospel Ushers/Greeters								
Service	Minister	Reader		Altar	Tellers			
ServiceMinisterReaderAltarTeller10:00TBDPastorGeorge PesterTBDTBDAMIdaEd Marotz								

January 31st—SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY						
Worship Service	Assistant Minister	Gospel Reader	Ushers/Greeters	Altar	Tellers	
10:00 AM	TBD	Pastor Ida	Les Boette John Mandrick	TBD	TBD	



Floral & Bulletin Sponsors

Sponsors for January

January 3rd– Open January 10th– Open January 24th– Open January 26th– Open January 31st– Open



TAKING DOWN THE GREENS— (Christmas Decorations)

Sunday, January 3rd Following Worship

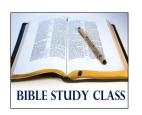
Your help would be greatly appreciated!



NEW YEARS DAY Friday, January 1st

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Happy New Year and be safe!



WOMENS BIBLE STUDY "Last Monday Of Month" starting January 25th at 2:00pm

We will begin a Bible Study class for women on the "Women of the Bible".

A sign-up sheet will be available in the church Narthex.



Newsletter Articles are due January 15th (for February newsletter)

Please send to **poplc.office@gmail.com**

Call our Church Office When ...



You become Hospitalized, Sick or Shut in.

Have a spiritual question or need prayer.

Moving, getting married or other life change. Need information about events.

Call the Church Office at 904-261-6306

See Us On Instagram!

Instagram

Prince of Peace is now on Instagram.

It is all about social media today and this is another way to let people in Fernandina, and the world, know that we are here and what our church is all about.

Spread the word and go to our Instagram page and like us by clicking on the heart icon.



FACEBOOK

Please *"Like"* & *"Share"* Prince of Peace Lutheran Church's Facebook page.

This way it will popup on your personal Facebook news feed so you will be informed of what is happening here at the church.

Then share it so others will know.

What Talents Can You Share?

Committees & Teams provide a great place to meet people and provide vital service to our mission for God and our community.

Our Evangelism Team, Tellers, Readers & Ushers, Property, Worship Committee and other Committees need your help and are looking for people to share their time and talent to do God's work.

> Join the fun by serving! Interested???

Call the church office at 904-261-6306 and discover how you can -"Come and Be a Part of Peace!"

Taking[†] Faith Home



Each week there will be a take home insert *"Taking†Faith Home"* with daily bible readings, scripture verse for the week, prayers, blessing and more. Take yours home each week.



2020 Congregational Financial Report

Dear Member,

This first quarter financial report for Prince of Peace shows your continued faithful financial support for the mission of our congregation. Because of that financial support, we have been able to keep our super staff working, stay current with our mortgage, and continue to support the various charities important to the Prince of Peace family. We all look forward to *"Safely....Reuniting Again"* in the very near future and sharing God's love. In the meantime, remember there are several ways to continue your financial support:

- 1. Mail your contribution envelope directly to the church, or
- 2. Drop your contribution by the church and place in the mail slot next to the front doors, or
- 3. Set Prince of Peace up as one of your vendors on your automatic checking account, or
- 4. Go to the website (www.poplcweb.com) and click on the "GIVE" tab. Follow the instructions to set up an automatic contribution from your checking, savings, or any credit card.

May you and all of your loved ones remain safe and healthy until we can worship together again.

Rich Ekwall, Church Treasurer richekwall@msn.com 970-587-2188

2020 Congregational Fin	ancial Report	
ACTUAL INCOME VERSES A	CTUAL EXPENSE	2
October Total Income vs. To	otal Expenses	
October Total Income		
Pledged Contribution	\$13,492	
Misc Contribution	\$252	
Other Income-All Sources	\$ 0	\$13,744
October Total Expenses		\$16,942
Difference (Oct Income vs. Oct. Expenses)		\$(3,198)
YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCOME VS. 7	TOTAL ACTUAL EX	XPENXES
Year To Date Income		
Pledged Contributions	\$182,558	
Other Income	\$2,383	
Bear Fund	\$14,560	
TE Grant-Synod	\$2,000	
		\$201,501
Year To Date Total Expenses	\$210,708	
Difference Year To Date Income Versus Expenses	\$(9,207)	



2021 Church Council Members

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Thank You for Your Willing Service!



The Church Council meets once a month to oversee and provide for the administration of church business. Council has general oversight of our worship life, activities, and priorities and to lead the congregation in our mission. Meeting Minutes are compiled and available for your viewing in the Narthex. Contact any Council member with ideas or concerns regarding issues impacting our mission and goals.





Interfaith Dinner Network-IDN

People Are In Need Now More Than Ever Before!

You Can make A Difference!

The IDN mission is to feed the homeless, hungry and lonely.

A dinner is served providing a complete hot meal on Monday—Tuesday—Thursday and Friday evenings to area people in need. Prince of Peace has joined with 15 other local churches and organizations to serve God's children. Once <u>every other</u> <u>month</u> we prepare a meal and assist with cleanup.

Please help at our NEXT scheduled meal because <u>WE WILL NEED EXTRA HELP</u> on:

Monday, December 7th from 3:30pm—6:30pm

at -Salvation Army's Hope House-

410 9th Street (9th & Date Streets) - Fernandina Beach

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of your time can change a life. To be a part of this great work contact:

Gene Kilcawley at 864-590-0107 or gkilcawley@gmail.com

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Please consider helping the people whose lives have been

DISASTER disrupted by recent disasters in Iowa, California, Mississippi and RFI IFF Texas to help bring God's hope, healing and renewal.

You can donate by going to the Lutheran Disaster Relief website at: https:// www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/



MISSION BOX-

"ADVENT GIVING TREE"

For December we will be doing our Advent Giving Tree and this year we will be collecting GIFT



CARDS for use at Micah's Place for parents to be GIVING TREE able to get gifts for their children. The Outreach Director said cards from Wal-Mart, Target, Publix or Winn-Dixie in amounts of \$5.00 to \$25.00 would be the most useful. These can be dropped off at the church on Sunday's or during the mid-week Advent Services and no later than **December 16th**.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Osprey Village Katherine Holmberg Rm. #101

Lloyd & Jane Cotner Rm. #3106

<u>Savannah Grand</u> Jo Kruer - Room 332 Mary Jordan- Memory Care Unit

At Home

Emmy Lou Sorum / Billy Foster / Gertie Schreffler / Michele Pester / Clay Chaffee / Dorothy Schwager/ Ted Wessel / Lloyd Cotner/ Orv Lind / Donna Lind / Jo Kruer / Lucy Creel / Judy Harris / Ann Marie Cole / Donna Cormier /



<u>Military</u>

Lt. Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Valdez, AK (son of Glen & Norma Beyer)

Lt. J.G. Eric Strommel, Kings Bay, Subbase, GA

Lt. Col. Laura Laskowski, Air Force Intelligence, stationed in Maryland at Ft. Meade (daughter of Sue Whitman)

ACTS—Components of an Effective Prayer

ADORATION	Worship of God, First for who he is, Second for all his benefits
CONFESSION	If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from unrighteousness
THANKSGIVING	Gratitude to GOD for his blessings
SUPPLICATION	Expressing our petitions to GOD for individual and specific needs and desires
	ADORATION CONFESSION THANKSGIVING SUPPLICATION

Keeping Our Prayer List Up-to-Date ...

Thank you for advising the church to add friends and family to our prayer list. We often can all use as many prayers as we can get.

Please remember to advise the church office people who no longer need to be on the list. Life gets busy and it's easy to forget. We want to be able to offer room to those that truly need to be in our prayers.