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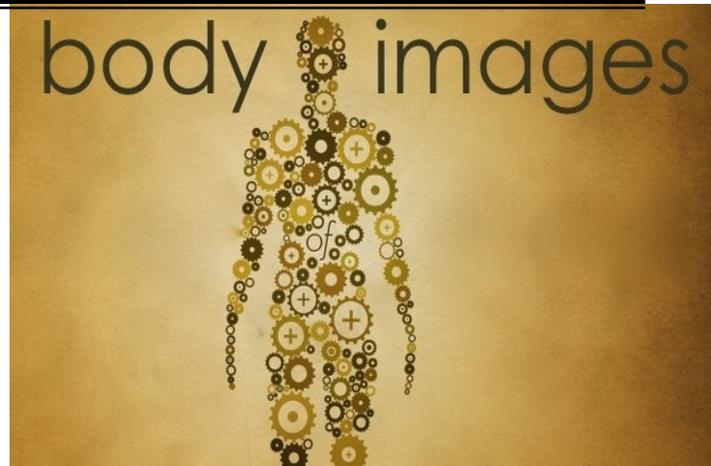
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16 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, Jan. 28, @ 12 p.m.
There will be church leadership elections. The Annual Report will be available.

The long awaited mystery has been revealed. God is with us and all the world is made new.



This was our Christmas proclamation and we can attempt to let it echo for as long as possible. But reality sets upon us once more. Yes, there are 12 days of Christmas but nobody, it seems, alerted our work places or schools. The tree has to be taken down, the nativity scenes are boxed up again and the air is let out of all the inflatable yard décor. The joy of Christmas is all too soon replaced by the longing to get past this next chunk of winter.

Perhaps you might consider letting the rhythm of the church calendar help to keep some perspective on these short winter days. Yes, God has come and the revelation of Epiphany is that God lived among us in a human body and continues to live among us now in a body of humans, the church. Thomas Merton writes,

“Every one of us forms an idea of Christ that is limited and incomplete. It is cut according to our own measure. We make him not only the incarnation of God, but also the incarnation of the things we and our society and our part of society happen to live for.”

Merton's encouragement for us is to consider how God's humanity has and can continue to shape our humanity. During these weeks after Christmas and before we leave on our Lenten journey, let's take up this exploration of the body. Our hope is that we slow down the retreat from the divine coming, pulling back the veil and looking a little more deeply into the mirror. What will you see?

January Worship Schedule

January 7th

Traditional with communion
Chancel Choir at both services

January 14th

Band Led
8:30 Worship Team
10:45 Lightshine

January 21st

Traditional with communion
Bells of Peace at both services

January 28th

Traditional
Women's Chorus at both services

February 4th

Traditional with communion
8:30 Chancel Choir
10:45 Joyful Noise



A volunteer is needed to deliver food on Monday mornings. If you've seen the Meals on Wheels TV commercial, you've seen what a food delivery does for the deliverer and the receiver. You deliver food and you receive the warm thanks of someone who needs your help. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Anne Haugan (ahaugan@usfamily.net/651-484-3856) or call Tara in the church office at 651-484-4144. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

FINAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Income through November = \$195,709.97
 Expenses through November = \$203,644.08
 Balance for November = (\$7,934.11)
 Budgeted Benevolences pd. = \$15,450.85
 Treasures in Heaven total received
 as of November 2018 = \$81,936.18

Every month, Prince of Peace gives benevolence donations to various organizations. Thank you for your support and partnership in these ministries!

January 2018—

ELCA Benevolence,
Meals on Wheels,
Holiday Tithe
(10% of Christmas offering)

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Announcements Deadline:

Every Tuesday at noon is the deadline for submitting your information to the office for publication the next Sunday. Please email the copy: tara.emerson@princeofpeacerosville.org or mail to the office.

Church Calendar Entries &

Building Reservations: Please call Tara at 651-484-4144 or email at tara.emerson@princeofpeacerosville.org to reserve times and places for your meeting or event.

Vine Deadline: (varies) The next Vine deadline will be January 19th for the February Vine. If you don't want your birthday included, please call or email Tara as soon as possible at 651-484-4144 or tara.emerson@princeofpeacerosville.org.

Prayer Chain Requests:

If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 651-484-4144 or email office@princeofpeacerosville.org. If you would also like to be a member of our prayer chain, call the church office with your email address, or email us at the address above.

Meals on Wheels: Third Monday.

To be a part, please contact the office at 651-484-4144 and Tara will get you connected to the right person.

Prayer Shawl Knitting: First Mondays.

Contact Donna Gramstad for more information at 651-407-2976.

Equal Exchange Coffee:

Fair Trade Coffee, tea, and chocolate sales table is located outside the office. These are at fair prices that enable small-scale farmers to support themselves and to build a better future for their families. See David Johnson if you have any questions.



From Pastor Peter Christ

It's that time of year when we take stock of the past 12 months. List writers dominate the headlines and cover any number of topics, some fun, some serious. I'd like to take stock of just a few of the highlights of my year, serving alongside all of you in ministry here at Prince of Peace:

- I was blessed to receive a call to be your next Lead Pastor in January, and I was ordained and installed in February.
- The Confirmation and High School Youth groups helped plan and lead a creative and engaging worship service in February that explored where and how God is present in our world.
- Lynn Erickson took over for Marilyn Breckenridge as our Interim Pastor for Congregational Care, and we welcomed Erika Coe as the new leader for our Youth Group. These additions helped us to accomplish so much this year, supercharging an already talented staff team.
- The Chancel Choir and a talented group of accompanying musicians performed the Nidaros Jazz Mass for our Masterworks Worship in April, and Cheri Sykes agreed to stay on permanently as our Organist and Accompanist.
- After two years of patient instruction from Christina Meline, six delightful young men and women affirmed their baptisms before the whole congregation in May.
- Three high school youth plus Erika Coe and I went backpacking at Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp in August, experiencing the beauty of God's creation from 10,000 feet.
- In September, I traveled along with seven others to visit our companion congregation in Bomalang'ombe, Tanzania, to experience this important relationship first hand and begin crafting a vision for the future of our 15-years-strong partnership.
- The community gathered to celebrate sixty years of ministry here in Roseville in October, hosting former members and a number of former clergy and then celebrated again in December with a commemoration of sixty years of worship and ministry in this beautiful facility.
- Though bittersweet, we said farewell to Tammy Wilkinson, as she transitions away from leading our Children's Ministry by deepening into her sense of calling into ordained Christian public leadership. The Church can use more leaders with hearts for ministry that are as big as Tammy's.
- After a number of months of conversation and exploration, our MSET has settled on a proposed staffing configuration to support the work of our emerging strategic vision.

There are many more things that deserve to be listed, as this was truly a wonderful year for me together with all of you. Confident that God is so very active in our midst, I couldn't be more excited about what this list will look like at the end of 2018. What a joy it will be to discover it together.



Adult Forums for January

Adult Forums are now at 9:40–10:40 a.m..
Please join us!

January 7– DO GOOD ROSEVILLE

Two women decided to provide a forum for community discussions. The result is *Do Good Roseville*, which has arranged many opportunities for faith groups and the larger community to discuss issues of interest. Prince of Peace helped them become a nonprofit with one of our grants. Come to hear how they have teamed with the library to organize the heavily attended “Ask a - _____” series. There will a discussion “Ask a Dreamer” Jan. 9th at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville. More info-pg. 11.

January 14 and 21– Religion and Disability

In 2010, the Evangelical Church in America made the following provocative statement in their publication, *A Message on People Living with Disabilities: Just as in Christ*: “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female” (Galatians 3:28), so also in Christ there are neither people with disabilities nor people without disabilities. All are one in Christ Jesus.”

How do we apply this statement of faith to ourselves? What are the experiences of people with disabilities in our faith community? How do churches minister to people living with disabilities? Explore these issues and more with others who will share their own experiences.

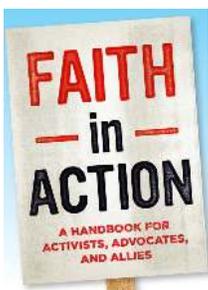
Part one (January 14) will cover ideas voiced in *A Message on People Living with Disabilities*, which aims to better articulate “this church’s teaching, calling and commitments regarding ministry and mission with those who live with physical, sensory, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.”

Part two (January 21) will focus more specifically on religion and mental health issues across the life span.

January 28 – February 4 & 11 Feminist Vision Series

Part one (January 28) - Sonja Hagander, Augsburg University Pastor & Director of Ministries,

Associate Director of Christensen Center for Vocation, and a daughter of PoP, will lead us in an interactive session on women and gender issues based on the new book “*Faith in Action*,” which will be available for purchase at the class. “*Faith in Action*” will deepen your perspective on important issues—from racial justice to environmental concerns, from LGBTQIA equality to Native people’s rights, from women’s equality to disability rights, from mass incarceration to immigration—so that when you step out into the world to be an activist, advocate, and ally, you’ll have the tools and confidence you need. Created by contributors with varied experiences in activism, faith, policy, and social change, “*Faith in Action*” is the book for you if you are ready to make a real difference.”



Part two (February 4) – Scott Tunseth & Carol Swanson will explore how to read the Bible through the unique lenses of feminist studies. What new insights can we gain from reading the Bible this way?



From Pastor Lynn Erickson

Happy New Year!

As you receive this newsletter, Christmas has come and gone. But as I sit down to write this message I've just returned from a quick trip to Milwaukee to visit my husband, Paul, who needed help preparing the house for a staff Christmas party. Because last year was a time of such transition in our family, we didn't bother with a tree or decorations. Though our transitions continue, we do now own a house in Milwaukee, and it was especially fun to open the plastic tubs marked "CHRISTMAS" and to deck the halls of our new home.

Over the years, we've accumulated a large collection of ornaments representing various chapters of our lives. I enjoy the anticipation of unwrapping each one and the commentary that follows. Every year I wonder which ornaments will be placed in the front at eye level and which will be relegated to the back of the tree. A Barney ornament is proof of David's lengthy love affair with the big purple dinosaur – it's quickly stashed out of sight in the back. Sarah's moustache phase? Something she'd now rather forget.

The branches sag under the weight of these fragile treasures—homemade and collected, broken and mended, remembered and forgotten.

To my great surprise, Sarah's giant blue-glittered pine cone, usually forced to occupy a sturdy, low-hanging branch near the wall, was hung front and center this year, enjoying a rare moment of glory. That ridiculous blue pine cone, which has been quietly shedding glitter and enduring ridicule for a more than dozen years, is an unexpected source of joy.



The season of Epiphany follows the surprising birth of Jesus. The Magi, traveling from the east, come bearing gifts to worship the newborn king. With the angels and shepherds, they spread the good news that the Messiah has come. The light of Christ pierces the darkness of our world – every corner, every nation, every heart – bringing hope and joy for all people. For the shepherds. For the Magi. For you. As promised.

This makes Epiphany a wonderful season for another kind of sorting. Are there things in your life that need to be left behind in order to make room for something new? Perhaps you've outgrown a relationship or you've nurtured a habit that needs to be given far less time and attention. Could your priorities be rearranged to allow for less fear and more joy? Could we have a blue-glitter, pine cone kind of year—one that offers a surprising dose of hope and joy?

“Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you. Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you; God's glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning radiance.” —Isaiah 60:1-3

Let us arise and shine together, for our Light has come.

Peace to you in this season of light. Pastor Lynn

From the Gutzmann family—

Our daughter Diane has been given good news. Her pet scan was negative and she is cancer-free at this time. We want to thank you all for the prayers and well wishes given for her. Our prayers have been answered. We are truly blessed.
Sincerely, Ardie & Gordy Gutzmann



From the family of Carol Thompson—

We want to thank you all for the prayers and well wishes given to our family during our loss.
Sincerely, Paul Thompson

Thank you for your Christmas Kindnesses

Twenty-three poinsettia plants and the Congregation Christmas Greeting Hearts you signed were delivered to our home-bound members by the Befrienders. Thank you for signing the Christmas Greeting Hearts.



Many, many gifts were delivered to Plymouth Christian Youth Center in North Minneapolis for the Children's Christmas Gift Sale. Prince of Peace folks were very generous with special gifts and toys and monetary gifts totaling \$175.



Our Lyngblomsten Spirit of Giving collection of gift cards and monetary gifts totaled \$390 and helped to assure that every resident of Lyngblomsten received a Christmas gift.

For ALL Women
Good food,
good fellowship and
an opportunity to learn

Saturday, Feb. 3
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.,
St. Paul Area
Synodical Women
Soup Luncheon

at Our Savior's
Lutheran Church,
1616 Olive St. W.,
Stillwater.



Program
presenter
J. Drake
Hamilton,

a science policy director
at Fresh Energy, and an
expert in climate and
energy policy at both state
and national levels,
will speak about renewable
energy.

Contact Anne Haugan
at 651-484-3856
if you wish to attend.

Women's Ministry Bible Study Groups

We begin a New Year 2018 and a new study series named **Multiple Meanings: Learning from Other Interpretations**, written by Mark Allan Powell.

January scripture lesson taken from Mark 7:1- 8 is

“Washing hands with distant hearts.”

We have variety in our lives; God has given us beautiful variety in creation and the Bible has a great variety of stories. The new lessons will be about different people with different backgrounds, interests, challenges, opinions, experiences; and we are reminded that “all hearts are open, all desires known, and no secrets hid.”

If you are not participating in a Bible study group, you are encouraged to give it a try.

Call one of the hostesses for information and directions.

Rebecca Bible Study meets in the homes on

second Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m

Hostess: Linda Olson, 651-482-8543

Bible Study Leader: Carol Swanson

Lydia Bible Study meets at the church

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Katherine Anderson 651-330-9775

Bible Study Leader: Sharon Rachner

Women of the Well Bible Study meets in the homes

second Tues., Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Helen Danielson, 651-765-1940

Bible Study Leader: Surprise Bible Study

Ruth Bible Study meets in the church library

second Wed., Jan. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Anne Haugan, 651-484-3856

Bible Study Leader: Carol Swanson

OLD GUYS

9:30 a.m. every Tuesday
at Perkins Lexington & 694
3855 No. Lexington Ave.

Join the guys for a cup of coffee
and a look at this week's lectionary
or sermon texts.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

January 4th,
7:30-8:30 p.m.,
at Ol' Mexico,
1754 Lexington Ave. N.

The format is one beverage,
one question, one hour.
We'll meet to dig deeper into
questions that affect our faith
in the world.



Tanzania partnership update

At our Tanzanian dinner in November we were honored to have Bishop Gaville (the new Bishop of the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania) and his wife Pamela as our guests. Bishop Gaville shared his thanks for the support given by Prince of Peace and other St Paul Area Synod congregations to help change lives in Tanzania. He placed special emphasis on the importance of the gifts of scholarships that give young people hope for a better future.

The generosity of the members of Prince of Peace in support of our partnership with Bomalang'ombe is truly inspiring. We were able to send \$15,000 over to Tanzania that will be used in the following ways:

- Secondary school (high school) scholarships for Bomalang'ombe students in need
- Additional secondary school scholarships for students in congregations who do not have a St Paul Area Synod partner
- Support for Bomalang'ombe's microfinance and agricultural cooperative through Iringa Hope
- Christmas gifts for the parish leadership and congregation
- Funds to help support Bomalang'ombe capital projects including converting the former pastor's house into a guest house/restaurant and the purchase of a vehicle for parish use
- Support for the Bega kwa Bega ministry to help offset the expense of keeping everything running smoothly

In addition, we raised over \$2,500 prior to our visit to Bomalang'ombe in September which was used for:

- Soccer balls for secondary schools, Hruma Center orphanage and Bomalang'ombe preaching points
- School supplies for our sponsored students
- Rice for Hruma Center orphanage
- Extra donation to Hruma Center orphanage for operating expenses
- Support for 2 new Bomalang'ombe initiatives—a Widows' Goat project, and the Women's Batik group for economic development



We had the joy of seeing first hand how God is working through our partnership when we visited our brothers and sisters in Bomalang'ombe last September – and we were inspired by and learned from their strong and vibrant faith in God's amazing love.

Please continue to keep our partnership in your prayers!

Left: Sandi & Lee Poppe plant an avocado tree outside the building that will be the new house for the pastor



Greetings from Milt Warkentien

We just traveled through Advent and Christmas celebrating sixty years of worshipping in the sanctuary. We used the words *dream, design, build, adorn* and *dwell* for our Advent Wreath and Christmas Candle lighting.

We looked back on those that brought Prince of Peace to life and pondered about whether or not we were being good stewards of Prince of Peace and what our future might look like. It seems as if we're constantly looking at who we are, with all the staff changes we've gone through the past few years. With all this I feel the most important word we've used is *DWELL*. How are we letting God dwell in God's House? How are we dwelling inside, and outside, of Prince of Peace?

As those who first worshipped in this space dreamt, planned, welcomed, adorned and dwelt of how to be God's servants, are we, too, still dreaming, planning, welcoming, adorning and dwelling? If we are not active in God's service, what is the point of being a church? How can each of us use our gifts in God's service, both, at church and in our everyday world?

This is not a question someone else can answer for each of us. This is a question we must all pray about, for it is each of our callings that we are thinking about. It is a calling that is causing our latest staff change as Tammy is now in Seminary and has decided to leave her position at Prince of Peace. I feel that WE (Prince of Peace) helped her in her journey. I know it's been a long process for her and wish her all the best. I also KNOW that there will always be a bit of Prince of Peace lighting her way and in her preaching. Thanks for everything, Tammy, it's been a pleasure being on staff with you.

Just a quick reminder, all our musical groups are always looking for more participants. If you are interested in any musical opportunity just flag down one of our directors. We always prefer year-long involvement, but know this isn't possible for everyone, so we try to be accommodating and flexible to everyone's needs. We can ALWAYS use more help at the sound board, too. John Hoops has stepped down after many years of faithful service and Eric Wetteland has come on board. Please take time to thank John Hoops for his service.

Tammy has always been a huge supporter of my music and so I leave us with my song "O Come and Walk with Me." This song is written as Jesus calling to us from the tomb.

O Come and Walk with Me

1. I am always there for you my friends. My love for you never ends.
When life beats you down, I'll carry you. I'm with you in all that you do.

(Refrain) I give my life, so you can be free.
My friends; believe in me.
Oh come and walk with me.

2. I'm the Light for all who long to see. I'm the Way that sets people free.
I'm the Strength for all who are in need. I'm the Voice that you should all heed.

(Refrain)

3. I'm the Peace the world so longs to know. I'm the Love that you should all sow.
I'm the Hope that God has sent to you. I'm the Life that makes all things new.

(Refrain)

Erika Coe, Interim Youth Director



Hello friends,

December Break did not come soon enough! The youth have been busy all fall, closing out the year with a successful bake sale and Parent's Night Out, where they babysit 15 kids from the congregation on a Saturday evening making crafts and playing games. Our last event focused on family holiday traditions and we relaxed with some presents and pizza!

One notable discussion we had this last month was on racism. We unfolded a short history of race relations in the U.S. and shared about how racism exists in society today. It's difficult to be vulnerable and admit when we don't know all of the statistics and ways to be allies, but having this conversation as a group led to some positive tension and learning.

Looking ahead, January represents new beginnings, and we will focus on self-growth and identity. It is also a perfect time to study women of the Bible with Sonia Hagander's visit coming up on January 28th. *Who is Priscilla anyway? What is the significant of the Samaritan woman? How did Esther save her people?*

Sound like some good discussions to have over hot chocolate as we try to stay warm this winter!



Upcoming events:

Youth lock-in: Friday, January 12th

Youth-led service: Sunday, February 11th

Blessings, Erika Coe

“ASK A DREAMER” (A “dreamer” is a term for a person brought to the U.S. as a child.)

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ramsey County Library - Roseville, Seating is limited

Presented in partnership with Ramsey County Libraries & Do Good Roseville, the bi-monthly “Ask” Series gives voice to the underrepresented in our community using personal stories from a diversity of life experiences. This panel of Dreamers come from across our community. They will reveal what it's like to be a Dreamer in today's world and will share their thoughts & experiences including some of today's most controversial topics. Discussion moderated by Nyia Harris, Director of Community Relations for Do Good Roseville,



The OK's Senior Group presents

Radio Era Entertainment by Dean Johnson

Thursday, January 11th

Dean Johnson presents a program of Story and Song, live piano and vocal music from the 20's, 30's, & 40's in the style of the “Crooners.”

Cost is \$10.00. Social time starts at 11:30, lunch at 12, with the performance following the lunch.

Please make your reservations Sunday mornings in the narthex on Dec. 31st & Jan. 7th. The deadline is Monday, Jan. 8th, at noon. Or you can call Vera Ista at 651-484-4443, or Helen Danielson at 651-765-1940.

From the Children's Committee:

Times They Are A-Changin'

Back in September when the Children's Committee met to begin the kick off of our new season of planning, we were energized around embracing change, new programming initiatives and alternative activities to meet the needs of our growing families for the 2017-2018 year ahead. As part of that change, we re-focused energy into programs that were thriving but also had to make the difficult decision to pull back from others that were no longer meeting the needs of our community. As we discussed and weighed all of our options and restraints, one of the members casually joked in a sing-song reference to Bob Dylan's famous hit, "Times They Are A-Changing". Little did we know back in September just how much Children and Family Ministries really would be changing.

On December 31st, we said goodbye to Tammy Wilkinson, our Children's and Family Ministry Director, who has been the backbone of our program as Coordinator for 10 years. She and her family have contributed so much heart and energy to Children and Family programming and they will all be dearly missed. "Times They Are A-Changin'," and sometimes that change is hard. It has been hard to say goodbye to Tammy, Russ, DJ, and Odin. They were an integral part of our church family. But, as a committee and as a community of faith, we also embrace this change and are eagerly anticipating the energy that new leadership will bring to our programming. We are excited about what is to come!!

Like always, behind the scenes, Children's Ministry is adapting, changing, and working to meet the needs of our families and like always, at the forefront, it is business as usual. During this interim period, our Sunday School programming will remain unchanged, and we will continue to try to bring together other monthly events and activities as volunteers are able. Our Children's Committee, Sunday School Teachers, and Volunteers are devoted and dedicated to our programs, and we are so blessed to have such a wonderful crew —THANK YOU!— but we really do need more hands. There are many ways to lend a hand —substitute teachers, committee members, event planners, preparing food, storytelling, leading art projects. If you have any questions about how to get involved, please contact me erikagustum@hotmail.com.

God Bless, Erika Wold Marge Beauvais



Thank you to all the families that support their kids by bringing them to church Sunday mornings. Seeing so many smiling faces is a great way to start my week. I look forward to singing and learning along with Joyful Noise in 2018. We will continue to practice at the beginning of the education hour (9:40-10 a.m.).

Our performances will be at the following dates:

10:45 a.m. services:

February 4th, February 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 6th

A special time of 12 noon on Good Friday, March 30th,

and both 8:30 and 10:45 services on May 20th

I hope you all had a Happy New Year!

Melissa Burke

Children's Christmas Play 2017 "Come to the Manger"



January Birthdays

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays in January! If you would prefer not to have your birthday included, please let us know prior to the month of your birthday (for example if your birthday is in February, we need to know by January 20th.). You can call Tara at (651) 484-4144, or email: office@princeofpeacerosville.org.

Jan. 1	Sharon Councilman Timothy Lauterbach	Jan. 12	Emily Ackman Heidi Kwapick Sarah Lehman	Jan. 25	Collin Nordman
Jan. 2	Therese Everson Anne Olson	Jan. 13	Matt Hogen Natasha Sandanayake	Jan. 26	Chris Thornton Cathy Yoon
Jan. 4	Marge Beauvais Della Christ	Jan. 14	Amy Skare-Kleckner	Jan. 27	Barry Brahier Cary Cunningham Grace Sasena
Jan. 5	Bjorn Anderson	Jan. 15	Muriel Keil Serene Thornton	Jan. 29	Gabriel Cederberg
Jan. 6	Lenore Bleifuss	Jan. 16	Bill Knaak Paul Sponheim	Jan. 30	Marcus Holmberg David Jackson Janet Schreiner
Jan. 8	Natalie Kors Sonja Weiler	Jan. 23	Diane Syverson	Jan. 31	Helen Danielson

The Social Concerns Committee hosts a gathering Jan. 17th (the 3rd Wednesday of each month) at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and discussion.

We have several events to talk about, and we are continuing ongoing discussion of what we can participate in as a congregation to further understanding on issues of race and equal justice in our community. Dinner will consist of Soup, Hot Dish, Salad and Peanut butter and jelly sandwich fixings. Everyone is invited to come, eat, and talk. Discussion will focus on:

- 1) selecting a book title for a book study with a focus on racism and/or the criminal justice system,
- 2) selecting which groups or organizations will get offerings in the Lenten season,

- 3) collecting over the counter medical items for the homeless in February,
- 4) The Blood Drive in April,
- 5) Possible showing of the film 13th,
- 6) Marching as a congregation in the Gay Pride Parade in June.
- 7) We will consider any ideas presented for things we can do together to advance issues of race, equality and justice.

**Join us for good discussion
and an exploration of the
Great Minnesota Hot Dish.**

January 2018

Monday, January 1

Building is closed.
7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, January 2

8:30am No ECFE Drop in
9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins

Wednesday, January 3

8:30am No ECFE Drop in
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Lightshine Choir
6:30pm No Confirmation Class
6:30pm No Youth Group
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 4

7:30pm Theology on Tap

Friday, January 5

2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, January 6

6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, January 7

8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Adult Forum
9:40am Sunday Faith Formation
10:45am Worship Service

Monday, January 8

9:30am Monday Morning Crew
6:00pm Girl Scouts
7:00pm Rebecca Circle
7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys at Perkins
2:30pm YogaDevotion begins
7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
11:00am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Lightshine Choir
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 11

no events

Friday, January 12

2:30pm Cookie Baking
6:00pm Youth Lock-in

Saturday, January 13

1:30pm Confirmation

Sunday, January 14

8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Adult Forum
9:40am Sunday Faith Formation
9:45pm Confirmation
10:45am Worship Service

Monday, January 15

9:30am Monday Morning Crew
7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, January 16

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins
2:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, January 17

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
5:30pm Social Concerns
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Lightshine Choir
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 18

no events

Friday, January 19

2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, January 20

6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, January 21

8:30am Worship Service
8:30am Girl Scouts soup sale
9:40am Adult Forum
9:40am Sunday Faith Formation
10:45am Worship Service

Monday, January 22

9:30am Monday Morning Crew
7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, January 23

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys at Perkins
2:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, January 24

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
11:00am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Lightshine Choir
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 25

7:00pm Personnel Committee

Friday, January 26

2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, January 27 no events

Sunday, January 28

8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Adult Forum
9:40am Sunday Faith Formation
10:45am Worship Service
**12:00pm Semi-Annual
Congregational Meeting
Please make plans to attend!**

Monday, January 29

9:30am Monday Morning Crew
7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, January 30

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys at Perkins
2:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, January 31

8:30am ECFE Drop in & Play
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Lightshine Choir
7:30pm Chancel Choir

At the Christmas Coffee:
Photo Opportunities
with Baby Jesus

Baby Jesus was personified
by the Moore's daughter Juno.



Far left: Juno with Charlie Burkhardt, Ashwini Sandanayake, Kaelyn Wold.
Left: Juno with Paul and Phyllis Bernards
Below: Juno with her brother Elie Moore



**Prince of Peace Church
Semi-Annual
Congregation Meeting**
Sunday, Jan. 29th @ 12 noon

Please make plans to attend.

Order of business includes church leadership elections, reports from Pastors, Cong. President Deb Cordes, Treasurer, Auditor and Committee Chairs.

