



BLUEPRINTS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Christmas 2025



Sunday Worship in



We continue to worship together Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the building, in-person or on Zoom, Facebook Live, or webpage (princeofpeacebrookfield.org).

Please sign in upon arrival. A separate booklet will be produced for each service that you are welcome to take home with you.

The offering plate is passed during the anthem. Please help the ushers by passing the plate down your row.

Sunday's service is at 10:00 a.m. and it will also be on Zoom and streamed to our Facebook page.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR



Most Sundays during the year, we have a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the altar that was created by the members of Altar Guild. Those flowers are dedicated and paid for by members of the congregation.

The arrangements costs \$25.00. If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, to the glory of God, or in honor of a person or event, you can sign up for your chosen date on the Flower Chart between the bathrooms in the Narthex.

You also need to fill out a flower request form, which is located next to the Flower Chart, and put it in Rene Tuccillo's mailbox.

Your name and dedication will appear in the worship bulletins. If two people sign up for the same date, flowers can be placed in other locations in the Sanctuary, such as on the organ or piano or at the baptismal font. We do not have flowers at the altar during lent.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER

	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church			
	November 2025		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	24,160.39	32,242.58	314,313.00	354,668.38
Expense	24,583.58	32,908.52	330,907.53	350,977.20
Net	(423.19)	(665.94)	(16,594.53)	3,691.18

ATTENDANCE IN DECEMBER

	In Person Attendance	On-line Attendance	Total
12/7/25	66	7	73
12/14/25	65	21	86
12/21/25	59	6	65
12/24/25 Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.	83	1	84
12/24/25 Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m.	60	6	66
12/25/25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.	22	4	26
12/28/25	41	6	47

DATE CHANGES FOR HANDBELL AND SANCTUARY CHOIR

Starting in January, the Handbell choir and Sanctuary choir rehearsal night will be changing to Wednesdays. Same times, but different day.

Brian Muller

NEW ON-LINE GIVING SITE

If you give online (one-time or pledges) we need you to create an account with our new system. Go to our website to link your credit card or bank account.

See instructions below.

Forget your pledge amount? Reach out to Heidi Adam at rmmom101@gmail.com and she can tell you!

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLEDGE GIVING ONLINE

1. Go to our website - <https://princeofpeacebrookfield.org>

2. Click on Giving Tab or the Button on the page

3. Click

Pledge Payment Link

This will take you to a new screen.

The screenshot shows the online giving interface for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. It includes a header with the church name, a 'Sign Up' button circled in red, and a 'Log In' button. Below the header, there's a display for the current pledge amount (\$ 0.00) and a section for 'Your Pledge 2020' with buttons for 'One Time', 'Weekly', 'Bi-weekly', '1st & 15th', and 'Monthly'. The 'One Time' button is selected. Below this is a 'Contact Details' section with fields for First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone, Street Address, City, State/Province, County, and Zip/Postal. A 'Payment Information' section follows, with a button to 'Add a New Payment Method'. At the bottom, there's a 'Cover the fees' section with 'No' and 'Yes' buttons, and a 'Give \$0.00' button at the very bottom. Red arrows point from numbered instructions to these specific elements.

4. **Create an account.**
Make sure to use the same email you have in the church directory so they link in the system.
You can log back in at any time to see your giving and recurring pledge charges.

5. Enter for **year** pledge amount

6. Select your pledge payment frequency

7. Enter your information

8. Add a payment method – credit card or bank account.

9. Choose to cover fees
this only applies to credit cards

10. You must click this button to finalize the payment.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER

Monthly Consent:

- Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, November Financials and November Minutes was made by Karen and seconded by Monica. Council unanimously agreed to approve.

For Information/Discussion

- Pastor's Report:
 - ◇ Pastor informed the council of the sudden death of Rev. Sollom, Pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rhode Island.
 - ◇ Staff reviews have been completed.
 - ◇ In January Adult Forum will center on scripture, more details to follow.

Discussion & Votes:

- A motion to approve our new logo required for the new Prince of Peace App was made by Meg and a second by Chris. Council unanimously agreed to approve.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

We have a new database that will make communicating and connecting with you and other members easier. Please follow this link to update your information and provide new photos.

**Please submit before Jan. 1 so we can start the new year -
and the new giving tracking system - in 2026!**



<https://wkf.ms/43qLurE>



January Evening Prayer (Vespers) at Prince of Peace

5:45pm Tuesday, January 6 (Epiphany)

5:45pm Wednesday, January 21

*Lord, I call to you; hear my
voice when I cry to you.
(Ps. 141:1)*

A time of prayer to rest
in God's presence and
commend the world to
God's great mercy in Christ.



BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Sunday mornings following worship. 11:30AM

Beginning January 18

Good Tidings!...from Pastor Michael Anderson

Today the magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die...

Chrysologus, Peter. "Fifth Century Office of Readings Roman Rite." *Christmas*, edited by Mary Ann Simcoe, Liturgy Training Publications, p. 108.

According to the calendar, the distance between Christmas and Epiphany is very brief - a whole 12 days! But in our hearts, moving from Christmas to Epiphany might last an entire lifetime. The star the Wise Men observe and follow corresponds to the rising twinkle of faith in our hearts. Heeding its invitation to Jesus Christ is not an act of will, but of letting go, of declining the urge to ignore the tug that won't leave us alone.

But let's not be mistaken in believing that there is an end to our curiosity, to our following the ping of divine invitation. To follow the star, to respond to the call is to live a life encountering the presence of God in the world and in us. The route of our pilgrimage (our meager gifts in tow) is always on an obscure path so that our arrival at the manger reveals something new about God's work in Christ and the kingdom of God and about their emergence in us and the world.

Following the star leading to Christ always leads to the heart of the matter, which is the mystery of God's presence among us. That presence is a promise to human beings - and all creation - that God's passion is bringing new life out of what seem to be impossible situations. In Christ, God is more comfortable in the confusion of human life than we are.

When do you notice the twinkling star of faith rise in your heart? When do you detect the ping of divine invitation? In those moments, pay attention. What are you doing? Who are you with? What sort of environment are you in? What in the twinkle, what in the ping is pulling you? Can you name it? The Spirit is working in you. Where is it leading you? Do you have a sense of what seems invitational? What note is the Spirit sounding in you? Graciously, mercifully, God is calling you to a life of free-flowing love studded with forgiveness, healing, justice, and peace.

At Prince of Peace, you are surrounded by fellow pilgrims also following the star leading to Christ. Travelling together may we learn to see and serve the Christ-hunger in one another and in neighbors near and far.

Peace,
Rev. Michael Anderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00-9:45am

Elementary

Pre-K - 5th Grade

Meets downstairs



Middle & High

6th - 12th Grade

Meets in the Green Room

Dig into Jesus' teachings
and questions designed
for teenagers!

Each weeks stand alone. Attend as your
schedule allows.

Parents - enjoy coffee and fellowship
while your kids are in class!

POP into Ladies Night

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

Join the ladies of POP on
Monday January 5th at
Michael's Tap Room in
Bethel @ 7pm

No RSVP required
Text/Call Lorraine
with questions
845-416-0900





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Eva Anne Reich
- 5 Rachel Adam, Robert Stuhrecke
- 7 Maimo Passarella
- 8 Karin Schroeder
- 9 Bianca Giubileo, Kristin Staub
- 19 Kathy Hubric, Pam Nemetz,
Michael Walsh
- 21 Penelope Erhartic
- 23 Pastor Ned McMillen
- 26 Jaclyn Larkin
- 28 Ron Kutz
- 29 Pat Staub
- 31 Kristen Lacey, Krag Lehmann

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Barbara & Saverio Bruno

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in Blueprints and you would like it to be please contact René at the Church office.

NOTE OF THANKS

Monies raised from this year's Craft Fair were shared through the ELCA Good Gifts program which included:

- 1) The Family Farm (a cow, a couple goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training)
- 2) A herd of goats
- 3) An irrigation system
- 4) A Latrine
- 5) Sent two women to farmers field school
- 6) Donations to Brookfield and Danbury food banks

Daily Bread Food Pantry Update

Please consider a tax-deductible donation today and periodically. Your contribution will help us serve the many hungry people in our community into the future and ensure that nobody gets turned away without food. As we've said before, food is available through state food banks at reduced prices and this can greatly increase the availability of food. To donate scan the code with your mobile device or visit dailybreadfoodpantry.com/donate-1 or mail a check payable to Daily Bread Food Pantry at P.O. Box 2, Danbury, CT 06813-0002.

The items that are listed below for the pantry tend to be the most nutritious and are easy to distribute.

Avoid glass jars and fragile packaging.

Toiletries:
Shampoo
Deodorant
Toothpaste

- Canned tuna, salmon or chicken
- Beans (canned or dry)
- Peanut butter
- Meal-in-a-can (beef stew, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.)
- Soup (especially chicken noodle)
- Rice (1, 2 or 3 pound bags)
- Pasta
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned corn
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Breakfast cereal (hot or cold)
- Marinara sauce and canned tomato products

Thank you for your donations and prayers.

Nan Carlson and Mary Weisensee

2025-2026 CHURCH COUNCIL



***Back row (L-R):** Pastor Michael Anderson, Lorraine Lavery (Vice President), Tim Brumbaugh, Meg McLoone, Heather Pontonio (President), Christine Buzzell, Deb Nobes (Secretary); **Front row (L-R):** Paul Adam, Kim Gerardi, Karen Frank, Monica Walsh (Vice President), Johnny Halas, Jim Sharp*

If you have a question about finances please contact Priscilla Rivas at 203-830-9016 or guanacaste@snet.net.

Church Contact Information:

By email – rene@princeofpeacebrookfield.org

By phone – (203) 775-9070

Facebook Message – <https://www.facebook.com/popbrookfield>



The church office is open most weeks Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please call first.

Worship Services

Go to our website to experience our virtual worship and giving opportunities.

Sunday's January 4, 11, 18, 25

10:00 a.m. in person inside worship

10:00 a.m. Zoom service and streamed to Facebook

All services will also be a Zoom service and streamed to Facebook.

Contact Us

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Our vision...

Centering ourselves in God's word, we are open to the Holy Spirit's call to inspire faith in our changing world. As children of God we strive to share and spread God's love in the world.

Mission: A welcoming community gathering together in God's Word to serve others.

Core values:

- building & sustaining relationships
- being accepted
- Engaging with others in Christ
- contributing to a greater purpose through social ministry
- being grounded in the teachings of Jesus

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