



# BLUEPRINTS

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran:

October 31<sup>st</sup> is Reformation Day in the life of the Church. In the year 1517, a young Roman Catholic monk/priest/scholar from Wittenberg, Germany chose to challenge some of the actions and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. That daring young upstart was Martin Luther. The word of his challenges spread like wildfire across Europe and became the starting point of the Lutheran Reformation.

What happened next? “Reformation” means “change, renewal, or reorganization”. Within a few short years all of those things happened within the Christian Church in Europe. The Lutheran Reformation spurred other groups to protest against the Roman church, and this whole movement of change and renewal became known as Protestantism. All Protestants today can point to October 31, 1517, as the starting point for the ministry of their Protestant denomination.

But Reformation is not just one moment in time. In so many ways, the Church is called to be continually reforming itself and renewing its ministry in the world. Here are some of the challenges that currently challenge us to think in a “reformation mindset”:

- Covid. Covid has changed the church more than anything I have seen in my lifetime. We are challenged to find new ways to reach people, and to deal with the new habit of leaving the church because of these health concerns.
- Busy-ness. People are so much busier in their personal lives: work, family, sports for children, travel. Worship often seems like the least important item on the weekly calendar.
- Deeper questions. We don’t live in the Middle Ages anymore. We now understand more clearly the science of the world we live in. For instance, it no longer makes sense to blame or credit God for the weather. So where is God in all of this? We need to wrestle with the deeper question of how God is still active in our world and in our lives.

So how does the Church respond to all these changes and challenges? I think we keep moving forward with a “Reformation” mindset:

We keep telling the same amazing story of God’s love and grace in the face of all that is happening in the world.

- We are “fearless” in our generosity of time, and talents and treasures for the sake of others.
- We commit ourselves to making a difference in THIS place. How can Prince of Peace make a difference in the world?
- When asked how the Reformation happened, Martin Luther said something like this: “I preached, I taught the Word of God, I drank some good Wittenberg beer, and God did the rest.”

That is what is at the core of our future: God is still here. God has not and will not leave us. We will do our best, and God will be with us. We will make changes, adjustments, and reorganizations, but God will never change. That’s the heart of Reformation. And it’s still happening today!

Christ’s Peace be with you,  
Pastor Mark A Grorud, Interim Pastor

## 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](http://princeofpeacebrookfield.org)).

Please sign in upon arrival.

We have a seasonal bulletin to be used each week and most weeks a colored insert for each Sunday. Please return the seasonal bulletin to the tall table to be used again.

The offering will be gathered when worshipers arrive and brought forward during the service.

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

### ATTENDANCE IN OCTOBER



	In Person Attendance	On-line Attendance	Total
10/1/23	49	7	56
10/8/23	45	6	51
10/15/23	58	11	69
10/22/23	71	3	74
10/29/23	60	8	68



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have lost loved ones **during the past year**, please print their names on the signup sheet in the narthex, so they can be included in the prayers and listed in the bulletin on All Saints' Sunday.

## Financial Summary for September

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church				
September			Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	34,758.86	21,279.48	304,917.62	179,511.56
Expense	21,286.34	21,900.63	193,947.49	200,102.10
Net	13,472.52	(621.15)	110,970.13	(20,590.54)

## 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 cost \$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.



# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## from October 17, 2023

**Present:** Pastor Mark Grorud, Paul Adam, Nan Carlson, Liz Davies, Laura Duffy, Lorraine Lavery, Meg McLoone, Heather Pontonio, Jim Sharp, Donna Vitetta and Monica Walsh.

Excused: Meegan Lepler.

**Devotions:** Loraine led devotions. Pastor: Pray for Hope.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Monica and second by Donna. All are in favor.

**Approval of August, 2023 Minutes:** Motion to approve the September minutes was made by Monica second by Heather. All are in favor.

### Members in need:

Renate Nally is doing well. Allen Nemetz is home.

Everyone is please and blessed and appreciates Pastor's visit with communion.

Jim's daughter, Lori, is home from the hospital today.

There are cards at the desk you can use to send notes to people.

### Committee Reports:

#### Properties:

**Mitchel oil** came today. We now have heat.

**Water** is in the basement after a heavy rain. It comes through the ceiling in the youth room. We need to dig around the walls and waterproof. It is not possible to get machinery in the courtyard. It needs to be dug by hand.

**A/C and Dehumidifier:** needs a discharge for water. A/C should not be disconnected and reconnected.

### Faith Formation:

-They had 10 kids this past week in Sunday school.

-Christmas Pageant is December 10 with focus on the Shepard.

- Adult bible study generally has a full table for "When your way isn't working". The next study will be on the book "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado.

### Youth Group:

-Youth group will have a movie night in two weeks.

-They will be baking cookies for a fundraiser.

### Worship and Music:

The committee recommends:

Christmas Eve Eve Eve Eve on Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 o'clock for people who are travelling for the holiday

Christmas Eve on Sunday at 3:00 o'clock during the daylight so people feel comfortable driving

Christmas Day on Monday will be a you tube online service. No one will be in the building.

**MOTION:** to approve the following services: **Christmas Eve Eve Eve Eve** on Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 o'clock , **Christmas Eve** on Sunday at 3:00 o'clock, **Christmas Day** on Monday will be a you tube online service, was made by Adam and second by Monica. All are in favor.

-There will be a 10:00 o'clock service on Sunday for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent.

-Contemporary service: is scheduled for November 19.

### Caring Committee:

-There will be a bulletin board for current health information i.e. COVID and breast cancer.

-Harvest table will be a more targeted donation for specific items for the Food Pantry. Brookfield has 30 families each week. *(continued next page)*

# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

## **Parish Life and Fellowship:**

**Breakfast with Santa:** Is on December 16 from 8:00 am to 10:15 AM, three different time slots for the breakfast. It is \$10 per person and children under 5 free, payable by cash or Venmo. The 8:00 time slot is for sensory seating.

**MOTION:** to charge money at the door for "Breakfast with Santa" was made by Heather and second by Monica. All are in favor.

## **Finance Committee:**

-Church fuel and church cleaning are over budget.

## **Communication Committee:**

-the sign should be lit from Midnight to 6 a.m. There is quite a bit of traffic during that time.

-Signage changes every 2 weeks.

-Brookfield Living Magazine: Sent "Breakfast with Santa".

-Brookfield Living's deadline is 6 weeks prior to the issue - ie mid-October for December's issue.

-Advent calendar: looking to add take-aways for Advent both at the church and preschool entrances.

## **Preschool:**

-Heidi would like 4 cameras around the property.

-Do we need a camera for the front door?

## **Snow Plan:**

Pastor will be here every Sunday. If there is too much snow, cancel church and do it remotely. Consider black ice. We will play it by ear. We will have a Phone tree. We would know the night before whether or not to cancel church.

## **Veterans Day:**

-Flags in cemetery and Prayers during the service.

-We will have a free will offering for non-funded VA hospital or other non-profit veterans' organization.

**MOTION:** to have a free will offering for a non-profit veterans' organization was made by Jim and second by Liz. All are in favor.

## **Stewardship**

**Stewardship Sunday:** is November 12. We will have a breakfast before the service. Pastor will work on an article for Blueprints. Pledge cards.

The challenge is to keep up and move forward in their giving.

## **Pastor's Minute**

Pastor's email address was hacked. Do not respond to any requests. If it is a legitimate request Pastor will call you back if you do not respond.

-Pastor agreed to be Santa.

**Motion** was made to adjourn the meeting made by Donna and Monica second. All are in favor.

**Next Executive committee meeting** November 6 at 6:00 p.m. on ZOOM **Next council meeting** November 7 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer





***WE NEED YOUR  
HELP & DONATIONS!***

# **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

**Crafts, Books,  
Christmas Decor  
Bake Sale & Lunch**

**Sat. Nov 4, 2023  
10am - 3pm**

**Sign-up  
to help or  
donate:**





## PoP Craft Fair

### Saturday, November 4, 2023

The annual Craft Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** at our church. As you may or may not know, everything for the Fair is donated. You are being contacted to request your help. Please let us know what you can offer this year **ASAP**. We need baked goods for the bake sale, pies and cheesecakes for lunch, soups and chili for lunch, used books for the book sale and, of course, your handmade crafts. **We will set up on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and need people to work for a short time on the day of the Fair.**

There will be a "sign-up genius" account created for this event. This website is set up like a gift registry. You can see how many food items or time slots are still available and which have been spoken for. The site will automatically send out a reminder a few days before the event. A link to this can be found in the latest weekly update.

If you can volunteer your time, but your availability doesn't coincide with one of the slots, pick the one closest to it and leave a comment stating when you can help. We will happily make the adjustments.

If you have some able-bodied family members (youth or adults) who can come at 2:30 p.m. to help knock down tables and pack things away they would be **MOST APPRECIATED!**

If you have pledged a food that can be dropped off a few days early, please leave it in the church kitchen (or fridge) and label it "Craft Fair". Pulled pork has been popular in the past.

Any other food or craft item should be dropped off by 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the fair. You may leave books on the labeled bench in the Narthex beginning Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

There is a growing concern for food allergies. Please add a list of ingredients of your hot foods and baked goods to an index card which we will post near your homemade items. This will help to avoid possible untoward allergic reactions in our participants.

A very successful feature of our Craft Fair is a sale of gently used holiday items and costume jewelry. Please bring the jewelry early as it must be sorted and displayed.

Last year was very successful because we tried a few new things and so many people stepped up to help. We are still grateful for last year's donations and volunteers but hope to continue this success into this year and years to come!

Thank you for your help! The Craft Fair would not be possible without your donations of time, food and items!

## A NOTE FROM BRIAN MULLER

Every Sunday, we gather together for worship. You typically will see me at the organ or piano, you'll see the choir and/or other musicians leading music. You'll see greeters at the door handing out papers; ushers assisting people.

Then there's the stuff you may not see. You don't see all the people serving behind the scenes. If you give financially to the ministry of Prince of Peace, there's a good chance you do so behind the scenes, unseen. But, Stewardship is ... much ... much more. Joe Reynolds in his book "Christian Stewardship" has this to say.

*"Stewardship is about more than money—it is about balance. It is living life in response to God's love. This not only includes our money, but our health, our talents, our service, our love, and our worship."*

Stewardship is the sharing of all our gifts, including our time and our talents, especially as we gather together as a worshiping community of faith. The hymns, the liturgy, the organ, the altar, the building ... The whole worship experience is, in fact, an opportunity to share our gifts of thanks and praise to God.

I'm reminded of Mary Magdalene and her response to God's Love. So great was Christ's love and compassion toward her that she became a faithful, and sacrificial follower. So grateful for her deliverance, Mary practiced her faith by following Jesus, serving him and his disciples out of her financial means and taking care of their physical needs.

At times, members ask, "Can I join the choir or handbells just for Christmas? Easter? as I am not able to commit long term." The answer is a resounding YES! Now is that time, especially for the Advent/Christmas Season. I encourage you to be faithful and give of your time and talents like Mary. Be a good steward. Come for the fun, come for the fellowship, come live your life in response to God's love.

The Handbell Choir and Sanctuary Choir both meet on Thursday Evenings. Handbells @ 6:30 in the Music Room, followed by Choir in the Sanctuary @ 7:30. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Playing or Singing not to your liking, then sign up to be a greeter, reader, usher or member of the altar guild. Sign ups are available in the Narthex.

I want you to know that I, and collectively, we, are so grateful for everyone who gives in response to God's love. You make all of this, our worship, ... the seen and the unseen, possible.

So, THANK YOU for helping people far from Christ, experience new life, in being that welcoming community that gathers and worships together here in this place, hearing God's Word and in serving others. This is Stewardship.

Peace,  
Brian



THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
INVITES OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO

# Fellowship Breakfast Celebrating our Stewardship at Prince of Peace

November 12th at 9am

**Stewardship is...**



**gathering together to serve**

**PLEASE RSVP BY NOV. 5TH  
(VIA EVENTBRITE OR ON THE NARTHEX SHEET)  
SO WE CAN PREPARE YOUR SERVED MEAL!**





# THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

*HELPING ALL OUR NEIGHBORS CELEBRATE  
THANKSGIVING WITH THEIR FAMILIES*

## DAILY BREAD

- Cranberry sauce
- Starch side item (rice, stuffing, mac & cheese, etc)
- Italian or Ranch Salad Dressing
- Toiletries - toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Small inexpensive toys for children (safe toys)



## BROOKFIELD FOOD PANTRY

- Coffee (grounds, regular and decaf)
- Dish soap
- Tissues

*bring your donations to church by Nov. 12th  
to be distributed in time for Thanksgiving.*

# TEMPLE TALK

## **"Feed the Hungry, Empower the Weak, Nourish the Soul"**

**That is the mantra or tag line for the Loaves & Fishes food pantry of New Milford, CT.**

In the quaint town of New Milford, Connecticut, there exists a beacon of hope and compassion known as the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. Nestled in the heart of this close-knit community, the pantry stands as a testament to the power of grassroots initiatives and the unwavering dedication of volunteers and supporters. It serves as a lifeline for individuals and families facing food insecurity, and its impact extends far beyond the distribution of sustenance.

In 1984 - 3 New Milford women – Ms. Sherrie McAuliffe and Ms. Alma Roberson from United Methodist Church, and Ms. Biddy Rogers from St. John's Episcopal Church saw a need to feed local hungry people in their town. The 3 women met with other local churches and service organizations to solicit funds and volunteers for a soup kitchen. On June 4, 1984 Loaves & Fishes of New Milford served its 1<sup>st</sup> meal at St. John's Episcopal Church. In 1990, the town of New Milford offered Loaves & Fishes space in the Richmond Citizen Center, and the program has been located there ever since. Loaves & Fishes is preparing to move to a brand new building facility that will feature a brand new up to date modern kitchen and appliances that will also be located in New Milford.

Loaves & Fishes is a non-profit organization staffed by CT volunteers from local Churches and other citizens wanting to help feed the hungry. There are no paid staff. The program relies completely on donated funds, food, and volunteer staff to prepare and serve a 4:30 PM daily hot meal 7 days a week. Volunteers from Prince of Peace Church prepare and serve this meal every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

My faith journey and participation in the Loaves & Fishes program started about 16 years ago when Ed Wainwright approached me to get involved. After a few years as Ed became older and unable to continue as a Supervisor, I became a Supervisor and then the lead POP contact for Loaves & Fishes.

Over the last 20+ years Ed Wainwright, Casey Johansen, and Donna Wright, and myself have served as supervisors who plan, prepare, and serve meals together with other volunteers from our Church. Ed, Caseys', and Donnas' service and leadership is to be applauded. Ed had to step down due to his age and health, Casey moved to NC, and Donna passed away unfortunately.

I am speaking to you today to tell the Loaves & Fishes story, and to ask Prince of Peace members to consider becoming a Supervisor. I need assistance to keep POP's involvement in this outreach program strong. Supervising is not difficult and is very rewarding. The volunteer sign-up sheet is always on the table in the narthex.

Volunteering at Loaves & Fishes enriches all those who participate. It is an expression of our faith and service as we are all called to do by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Volunteers engage in friendly chatter with patrons. The patrons are indeed grateful for the company and nourishing hot meals, and they eagerly assist with clean up at the end of the meal time. My wife Liz and both of my children have prepared food and volunteered many times at Loaves & Fishes over the years. It has been a joy for me to see both of my children recognize what it means to serve in faith and know they have truly helped someone in need. Thank you to anyone who has volunteered in the Loaves & Fishes outreach program. Please reach out to me to learn more.

**"Feed the Hungry, Empower the Weak, Nourish the Soul" You'll be glad you did! Thank you.....**

Steve Davies  
914-907-4509  
[sdavies1400@gmail.com](mailto:sdavies1400@gmail.com)

# **TEMPLE TALK**

## **Parish Life Committee**

Stewardship is the gift of time and energy that is shared with one another in a wide variety of fellowship and service.

My name is Lorraine Lavery and I am the chairperson of the Parish Life Committee. My family has been members of POP since 2017 when we moved here from New York.

I grew up in a big Italian Catholic family. I still have very vivid memories of walking into a house full of family at my grandparent's big Victorian house in NJ. The smell of my grandmother's cooking permeated throughout the house. There was a large dining room table that always miraculously fit everyone. And before every meal we prayed together. There was always lots of good food, laughter, and fellowship. This fellowship helped create a supportive family ready to take on life's storms.

When I stepped up to be the chairperson of the Parish life committee, I knew how important fellowship is in a family. I felt my experiences growing up has given me the talents and passion I needed to be able to serve on this committee.

Fellowship makes us stronger. When we gather together at events like coffee hour or at Friday Night Live, being around other believers gives us the chance to learn and grow in our faith. Fellowship provides encouragement. Providing luncheons after funeral services encourages and supports members that are going through difficult times. Fellowship reminds us we are not alone. Sharing in events throughout the church season: Oktoberfest, Shrove Tuesday, congregational picnics creates a home at POP. God wants us to come together so that we know we are not alone.

Fellowship helps us grow. A church with a strong sense of fellowship within, will be a church prepared to grow. Together we will be equipped on how to share, demonstrate, and evangelize our faith commitment to others during our community events.

Life gets busy. And sometimes it seems like we cannot fit one more thing into our schedules. But during these times is when God is calling us the most to turn our focus on HIM. Peter reminds us that "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" Did you ever get a nudging feeling or asked to serve when it seems like the most impossible time. This is the Holy Spirit calling you. As we enter this season of stewardship, I challenge you to react to that nudge. If you react to the call of the Holy Spirit, I am positive you will be able to find and give fellowship in whatever service you may choose.



## TEMPLE TALK

### Faith Formation

Stewardship is an ongoing commitment to grow our faith. As we learn more about who we are - as the people of God - we are being good stewards of the gift of faith that comes to us through the Spirit of God.

I know many of you, but my name is Heather Pontonio and my son, Alex - back at the Zoom computer - and I have been members since 2012.

Over the past few years PoP has moved from using the words Christian Education to Faith Formation. It embraces how our education as Christians doesn't end when thinking on *Education* ends - whether that be 12th grade or college. It's lifelong.

My faith journey took a deep and immensely fulfilling turn when I started to teach Sunday School. You think you know the story of Noah - try teaching it to a 2nd grader. You think as an adult that you're alone in the struggle of life? Come to our adult bible study (after church today!) and hear from a dozen other adults feeling similar challenges.

Faith Formation is not about knowing - it's about forming, it's about learning and it's about connecting. Imagine a virtual hug - you can get that here each week.

We all need hugs. It's something that makes us human. We were created in God's image. Which means God needs hugs too. Being part of Faith Formation - for others or yourself - is a hug to God.

My path in Faith Formation was not a sudden jump into the deep end. It took time. It started with simple words from my father - "your talents were given to you by God. They are not just for you. How are you using your God-given skills to help others?" And I'd ask you the same.

As we are in the stewardship season, I encourage you to think about the path you are on and ask how Prince of Peace can help you build your faith... and invite you to use your skills and talents to help this church, this community, and your neighbors.



# FAITH FORMATION

Prince of Peace, Brookfield, CT

PO Box 5184, 119 Junction Road, Brookfield, CT 06804

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**10:00-10:45am during the service**

*kids start in class and join parents in church by Communion.*

**No advanced registration required!**

**Have sports conflicts? Attend class when you can.**

**This year focuses on bible stories and key characters.**



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Nov 12th - Dec 10th (no class Nov 26)**

**11:15-12:15pm in the Green Room**

**Parents - send your kids to Youth Music Ministry while you are in Bible Study!**

### BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM

**Love is Born, Hope is Here**

**By Max Lucado**



**Because of Bethlehem,** God knows what it's like to be human.

**Because of Bethlehem,** when we talk to him about tough times, he understands. He's been there. He's been here.

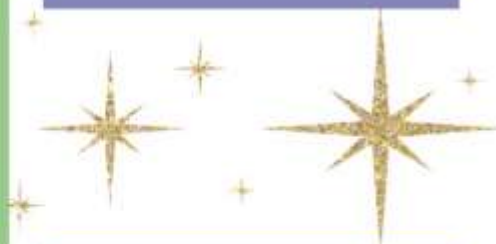
**Because of Bethlehem,** we no longer have marks on our record...just grace.

In the midst of your hectic Christmas season, this 4-session Bible study with Max will:

- **Revive your wonder** that the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing for us.
- **Rekindle your connection** to the Christ of Christmas who offers lasting hope.
- **Help you lay down your endless Christmas to-do list** and receive what Jesus has already done.
- **Heal your heartache** by embracing the God who is always near you, always for you, and always in you.

taking  
faith  
home

Included on our website each week, these flyers are a simple, yet effective, tool to help your family extend your faith formation practices in your home.



FAITH 5



When modeled every week at church and practiced every night at home, FAITH5 carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, and promote mental, and spiritual health. Learn more at <https://faithink.com/about-faith5>



Prince of Peace

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



Friday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Susi Lehmann

*Location: 45 Aunt Hack Road Danbury, CT*

A little about Friday Night Live...

FNL is an evening consisting of adult couples and individuals, with good food and fellowship. We usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening of the month. We usually meet at a host home, or the host can decide to have it at church.

If you would like to attend, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at the church or you can e-mail the host. Couples bring an entrée to serve eight and either an appetizer, a side dish or a dessert.

Individuals bring one item.

*Please sign-up at the church or e-mail Susi at **lleh45@sbcglobal.net** if you would like to attend and what you will bring. Please join us for an enjoyable evening!*

# VETERANS DAY



**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 12**

**FREE WILL  
OFFERING  
COLLECTION**

Danbury Region  
Veterans in Need  
Fund at the  
Danbury Vet Center



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

**SHARE YOUR  
FAMILY PHOTOS**

Bring photos  
of your Veteran  
family members  
for our display table.



## PRINCE OF PEACE PRE-SCHOOL

The preschool year has started well, and teachers are working with their classes to develop classroom communities. We are also working with the community to provide local opportunities for families to get together and socialize. Our events have included an afternoon at Kids Kingdom in Brookfield, a One book One Community 'Stripes of all Types' reading event at the Danbury Library and *new this year* a Halloween costume parade. The costume parade has been very well received with more than half of the families (and counting) electing to participate. Next month we are investigating a trip to Danbury Railway Museum for our families. Parent /Teacher conferences will be conducted this month and a Thanksgiving 'feast' for students will be soon to come. We are currently running a fundraiser for pies and cookie dough. If you are interested in having your thanksgiving pies made for you, please check out our fundraiser at [www.my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZPTF](http://www.my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZPTF) as all pies will be delivered before the Thanksgiving holiday. Lastly, the preschool is very *thankful* for the support of the church!

Best,

Heidi Riddle  
Pre-School Director







# Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 10, 2023 during the service

**WE NEED SHEPHERDS!**  
All ages are invited to participate!

Contact Heather for details  
203-947-9744 or [heather.pontonio@gmail.com](mailto:heather.pontonio@gmail.com)



# **Save the Date**

## **DECEMBER 16TH**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**SIGN UP BELOW USING THE QR CODE**





# DECEMBER SAVE THE DATES

**Dec. 10 - Pageant during service**

**Dec 13 - Tree Decorating and Carols (*tentative*)**

**Dec 16 - Breakfast with Santa event (8-10am)**

**Dec 21 - Early Christmas Eve service (7pm)**

*same Christmas Eve service, just early for those traveling or unable to attend on the 24th*

**Dec 24 - Christmas Eve service (3pm)**

**Dec 25 - Christmas at home - recorded service**

*no in-person service*





**CREATED TO BE**

**2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**  
**New Orleans** **JULY 16-20, 2024**

#elcayg2024

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**MYLE**  
 Multicultural Youth  
 Leadership Event of the ELCA  
**JULY 13-16, 2024**

**the tAble**  
 An ELCA Gathering of  
 Youth with Disabilities  
**JULY 13-16, 2024**

**Young Adult  
 Gathering**  
 A new ELCA Gathering  
 for Young Adults  
**JULY 16-20, 2024**

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Please contact Monica Walsh with any questions at [mwalsh21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwalsh21@sbcglobal.net).

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Will Wagner
- 8 Jennifer Davies
- 10 Phil Giubileo
- 13 Natalie Susco
- 15 Jimmy Davies
- 27 Matthew Roginski
- 29 Stephen Hallock

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 27 Nancy & Juri Tolmoff

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

## WEDDING

Congratulations to Kristin Staub and Pedro Granda who were married on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. Pastor Mark Grorud officiated the wedding. Kristin is the granddaughter of longtime PoP member, Pat Staub.

## SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

This year Prince of Peace will again participate in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program where we provide gifts for children of needy families. The children that are part of this program are 12 and under. I have been told that the tags will be available the first week in November. As soon as I receive them I will make them available in the Narthex. Directions for the gifts will be posted as well.

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 2, 2023  
7:30 pm

**Norwalk Community Chorale's 63rd Annual Christmas Concert**

Norwalk Concert Hall

**FREE ADMISSION**

Brian Muller - Conductor

Will Duchon - Piano

# Daily Bread Food Pantry Update

**Donations have been down, and Daily Bread is in need of everything.**

With the cost of food, the pantry is giving out approximately 200 bags of groceries every three days that they distribute food.

***They need everything especially mac and cheese, peanut butter and pasta.***

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

Avoid glass jars and fragile packaging.

- 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

Toiletries:

Shampoo

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Please drop off your food items or checks (payable to DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY) to the church's front door anytime.

Monetary donations are a good choice and easy to do on-line by going to their website.

<https://www.dailybreadfoodpantry.com>

Thank you for your donations and prayers.

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

Please call first.

If there is a pastoral emergency after church office hours, please contact any of the below council members and they will connect you with an on-call pastor.

Lorraine Lavery (845)-416-0900

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## Worship Services

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

### **Sunday's November 5, 12, 19 & 26**

10:00 a.m. in person inside worship

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

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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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