

As We Gather On the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, we are invited by Jesus to join Peter, James, and John ascending the mountain. There we behold the Lord revealed in the brightness of the glory of God with Moses (standing for the Law) and Elijah (standing for the Prophets). Here, as we turn toward the Lord Jesus, the veil of blindness is removed. By His presence and Gospel, “we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Happy Birthday 2/11 Denise Abdul-Malak; 2/13 Eliza Lindquist; 2/15 William Black, David Weynberg.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by The Black’s in celebration of Billy’s birthday. Please note, beginning in January 2018, the cost per flower bouquet has been increased to \$25.

Sunday February 11th For each month in 2018, the Elders will host a Family Fun Event - it may be a dinner, a movie, a game night or some other fun activity. On Sunday February 11th, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, we will have a Crepe Luncheon in the Parish Hall. The background for this is to be found in the history of Shrove Tuesday, which is the day before Lent begins. The traditional penance for Lent included fasting from entertainments and certain foods. Different countries have unique traditions for using up foods that would spoil before Lent ended. People enjoyed this preparation before the fast so much that the eating of these foods was begun days before Lent began. We are following in this tradition by moving the celebration up to the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th). So please join us for our Crepe Luncheon on Feb. 11th - we hope to see you there!

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)
You will find 2018 Pledge Cards in your family mailboxes. We would appreciate you taking the time to fill out the Pledge Card and return it (in its envelope) to the collection plate during any service before Feb. 15, 2018; this would help with our financial planning for the coming year. You can fill out the bottom portion of the letter accompanying the Pledge Card which will serve as a reminder of your commitment. Your pledge will be treated with total confidentiality, as only the Treasurer will see the cards. Please look into your hearts and count the blessings the Lord has given to you as you decide what to give back. Questions can be directed to Ken French, Director of Stewardship, at 732-616-2850.

Worship Note Our Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. We will continue through Lent with Wednesday evening services at 7:00 p.m.

Comedy Show 2018 - save the date for “A Night of Disco.” This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018. Tickets go on sale Wed. Feb. 28, 2018. Ticket prices are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door - this includes dinner and the comedy show; gift auction tickets are an additional charge. Our next planning meeting will be held on Thursday Feb. 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Generosity thought for Sunday, February 11th, The Transfiguration of Our Lord Mark 9:6 – “For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.” Soon enough, the disciples’ terror turned into joy for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

Crepe Luncheon Sunday Feb. 11th at 11:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service Wed. Feb. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Comedy Show Planning Meeting Thursday Feb. 15th

Board of Directors Mtg. Sunday Feb 18th at 11:30 a.m.

President’s Day Mon. Feb. 19th the church office will be closed

Next Sunday’s Readings February 18th The First Sunday in Lent Genesis 22:1-18/ Abraham prepares to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. James 1:12-18 “God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.” Mark 1:9-15 Jesus is tempted by Satan.

Used ink toners needed! When the church recycles old ink cartridges, we are able to get coupons for free office supplies and more importantly, when cartridges are disposed of properly, we are keeping these toxic products out of our environment. We accept all brands and sizes - there is a straw basket in the narthex for your used cartridges. Thanks for your help!

Tree of Faith This year, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has introduced a Tree of Faith as an ongoing fundraising campaign. This beautifully crafted mahogany tree trunk and 102 brass leaves will be mounted on the narthex wall. Donors may purchase leaves (\$250), doves (\$350), rocks (\$450) or a base (\$3,000) to acknowledge milestones, memorialize loved ones, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries or to mark those memorable occasions in life. Your donation will not only help to support the ministry at Prince of Peace, it will insure you will be a part of church history. If you are interested in making a donation, please sign up in the narthex with your choices. Questions may be directed to MaryAnn Campagna at 732-905-0052.

Bible Study of the Gospel according to Mark is underway. This class, taught by Elder Ken French, is held every Tuesday morning from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the church Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please call Ken at 732-616-2850 with any questions.

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In Sunday School today the children will explore the topic "Elijah and Elisha" (2 Kings 2:1-12.)

"Life Quotes" for The Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11th "If it is wrong to kill a human fetus, it is wrong because this interrupts the vocation of that fetus to praise God and enjoy Him forever, a vocation given it by God Himself in and with the gift of existence, a vocation we may not override for purposes of our own without offending against the rights of God." *Douglas Farrow, author of Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Food Pantry Thank you to all who donate... it is very helpful and much appreciated. We are in short supply of the following: jar spaghetti sauce, canned meats, coffee, tea, mayonnaise, gallons of water, juice, salt & pepper, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; your commitment would be for 2 hours, every other month. If you can help, please call Lucille Tanguay at 732-363-2527.

Road Trip! The next Sight & Sound trip is planned for Tuesday June 5, 2018. Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster, PA invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! "**Jesus**" is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$122.00 and children ages 4-10 \$85.00. The trip includes round trip bus transportation, lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant and a 3:00 p.m. show at the Millennium Theatre. Bus will begin loading in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and return to the parking lot at 8:30 p.m. Questions can be directed to Ken French at 732-616-2850. Please sign up in the narthex.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Midweek Service: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Spoken Service: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Don Grayce

Acolyte: TBD

Traditional Service: Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Acolyte: Claire Manna

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

Altar Guild: Lisa Tess, Anne McDonnell, Elba Hillis

February Ushers: Larry Landis, Trish McAllister, Carly Prendergast,

Mark Ossimina, Ayden Georgiano, Lia Nelson