# In-person services have resumed. Join us on Sunday, January 24th at 8:00am & 10:15am or on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00pm Anyone entering the building must wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.

In addition, we will continue to live stream the 10:15am service on Sundays for those individuals who have reservations about worshiping in person. You can view the 10:15am service through our Facebook GROUP page, which can be found on our Facebook PAGE

### We continue to take COVID-19 Precautions at Prince of Peace

# Please keep checking back for further details or call the office if you have any questions. We will continue to follow all guidelines set down by the government.

As We Gather: Today, we recall how Jesus found and called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be His disciples. "Fishers of men," He said. He called them to follow Him as He was passing by them on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. We also remember how Jesus found a man named Saul, an infamous enemy of Christ and His Christians. His call wasn't as "peaceful" as with the others but with a blinding flash from heaven. We also hear of God's call to Jonah in the Old Testament and how, after trying to run away, he was given a second chance. Before he became a "fisher of men," he literally became fish bait! God calls us both to salvation for ourselves and to be fellow anglers speaking God's grace to others.

*Birthdays* being celebrated this week: 1/24 Crystal Renouf; 1/25 Kyle Ebersole; 1/26 Mary Greninger, Dylan Terry; 1/30 Jesse Black, Anna Campbell, Mark Grayce.

*Flowers on the altar* are given to the glory of God by Diane Jankowski in loving memory of her mom, Lynn Flynn. Last Sunday, the flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God by Diane Jankowski in loving memory of her husband, Jerry, 11 years with our Lord.

*Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:* Confirmation Class Schedule: Jan. 10 & 31, Feb. 7 & 28, March 14, April 11 & 25, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. Congregation Meeting Sun., Jan. 24, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Lutherans for Life Sunday Jan. 24, 2021 Adult Bible Study begins Sunday Jan. 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Elders Mtg. Sun. Feb. 7, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Annual Congregation Meeting We would like to invite you to our annual congregation meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:30am. We will be meeting in the church sanctuary, to allow for social distancing and mask are required. If you would like to join us virtually, please check your email - a link will be sent to join us via Zoom. If you attend in person, the Board will be providing a take-away lunch. All questions can be directed to our Congregation President, Annette Maresca, at annettehope@optonline.net.

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*Next Sunday's Readings* January 31, 2021, The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. Deuteronomy 18:15-20 God will raise up a prophet. 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 For us there is one God. Mark 1:21-28 Jesus heals the man possessed by and evil spirit.

*Thinking of You Cards* We have resumed our "Thinking of You" card and magazine collection for Howell's "Meals on Wheels" program recipients. Taking the time to sign, seal and send a card communicates that you've been thinking about them - you don't need to write much to show someone you truly care. Drop off all completed cards in the Ricca mailbox. Please call Judy at 732-364-6615 if you have any questions.

*Giving Tree Wrap-up* Thank you to those of you who donated to our Giving Tree and the Hat & Glove collection. You helped put a smile on many children's faces and brighten their Christmas. Thank you from all of us at Prince of Peace Church.

*The church office manager* is following the government's "stay at home" order and will be working from home until further notice. She will continue to monitor calls, emails, and post office mail on a daily basis. Pastor Fosse will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; please use Pastor's cell number (908) 670-3540 to contact him on these two days.

*Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic* We would like to say thank you to all that have been so generous with their donations during the holiday season. Much appreciated and very helpful to our pantry clients. Our current needs would include soups or stews with meat, coffee and tea (often requested) and shampoo. For now, we have a good supply of breakfast cereals, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce and canned vegetables.

*Our Adult Bible Study Class,* taught by Deacon Tarek Abdul-Malak, is set to start up again on Sunday Jan. 31st. All are invited to join in the discussion of Mark's gospel at 9:00am on Sundays.

*Give Plus* Please note that there is another way to donate to Prince of Peace. Most of you know that you can sign up to have VANCO take money automatically from your checking account. You can decide if you want to make your donation monthly, weekly or any way that is convenient for you. In addition, VANCO also has an app called *"Give Plus"*. You download the app, create a password and then create a pin to make logging on easier. Then you search for a nearby church and Prince of Peace will be listed. Just choose the one that has our 434 Aldrich Road, Howell address. It will also ask for your bank information, for the transfer of funds. You then choose if it is a one-time payment or if you want recurring payments. Again, they give you the same choices such as weekly, monthly, biweekly, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Prince of Peace!

*VANCO Simply Giving* Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Thrivent Federal Credit Union endorses Simply Giving®. Your offerings are transferred electronically to the church's account through VANCO Financial Services. During this time of quarantine, this service is particularly helpful. If you would like an authorization form, please call the church office and we will mail one to you.

*Life Quotes for The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 24, 2021* "Today we don't confess that we are against abortion. We are, of course. But that's not quite it. Today we don't confess that we are pro-life. We are, of course. But that's not quite it, either. Today we confess that God gives life to all things. God makes, and we are made. He makes life, and we leave alive." *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* 

*Generosity Thought for Sunday, January 24, 2021,* The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Mark 1:14-15 – "… Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.' " To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

#### In-person worship services have resumed

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, January 24th at 8:00 a.m. Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, January 24th at 10:15 a.m. Live stream: Madison Maresca Organist: Melissa Marsicano

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Wednesday Evening Service, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.