

**In-person services have resumed.
Join us on Sunday, January 3rd at 8:00am & 10:15am
or on Wednesday, January 6th 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 worshipping 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: In today's Old Testament Reading, young Solomon demonstrates wisdom beyond his years when God asked, "What shall I give you?" "Give Your servant an understanding mind . . . that I may discern between good and evil," responded Solomon. Wise as he was, Solomon still faltered—later on he welcomed other gods into the holy city, gods that ended up being her destruction. In the Gospel, we encounter another youngster, Jesus, at age twelve. He, too, is wise beyond His years, sitting in the temple, listening to the teachers, and asking questions. Unlike Solomon, He never faltered. He "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). Later on, He redeemed us through His blood, shed on the cross, and forgave our trespasses according to the riches of His grace. Rather than welcome other gods, Jesus was and is true God, come to save us. We gather today at the beginning of a new year, and we are blessed. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing, including the blessing of the wisdom of knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. "Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King" (LSB 367).

Birthdays being celebrated this week: 1/8 Ken Abrahamsen, Luise Didato.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Elders Meeting Sunday Jan. 3, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Congregation Meeting Sun., Jan. 24, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Support Prince of Peace You can make an impact while you shop for Christmas. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103 and AmazonSmile will donate to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Next Sunday's Readings January 10, 2021, The Baptism of Our Lord. Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Romans 6:1-11 Through baptism, we are buried with Christ in His death in order to be raised from the dead. Mark 1:4-11 Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan.

Christmas Card Collection Wrap Up Judy Ricca wishes to thank those of you who contributed to this years holiday greeting card project, especially to those who signed all the cards they donated. Over 600 cards to 7 facilities were delivered on Monday, Dec. 21st. The folks receiving them truly appreciated our church's efforts. Please remember, right after the New Year, we will continue preparing "Thinking of You" cards and collecting magazines for Howell's "Meals o' Wheels" program recipients. Please call Judy at 732-364-6615 if you have any questions.

2021 church calendars are here! These beautiful Lutheran calendars are available for pick up in the church narthex. If there is a visitor that would like one, just let one of the ushers know or add your name to the list and we will have one available for pickup the next time you attend service.

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.

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 Second Sunday after Christmas, January 3, 2021 January 3 “God is not just our God or the God of just our people or just our nation or our congregation or our denomination or our demographic category or our tribe or our ethnicity or our language. There is no justice if it’s just about just us. No, God is the God of all time and all space and all people. In Christ, all things hang together. Step into your new year with this fresh recognition that the Holy Spirit wants to fill every nook and cranny of your life until you overflow with God’s everlasting love for everybody.” *Pastor John Nunes on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic Here is an updated list of the much needed items this week: coffee, peanut butter, salt and pepper, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, spam, rice & rice mixes, instant potatoes, canned beef stew, canned spaghetti & meatballs, shampoo & conditioner, bath soap, liquid detergent, dish soap, canned fruits and water (gallons and bottles.) Sugar-free items are frequently requested by our diabetic clients. *You can drop your donations outside near the back doors of the church.*

Generosity Thought for Sunday, January 3, 2021, The Second Sunday after Christmas 1 Kings 3:4 – “And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.” Now that’s a big sacrifice! But, of course, Solomon offered sacrifices in proportion to his wealth. The Lord had blessed him greatly, so his sacrifices were correspondingly large. Jesus also praised the widow’s mite, a small amount of money, but a great sacrifice in proportion to her means.

Our Adult Bible Study Class, taught by Deacon Tarek Abdul-Malak, will be on hiatus until early 2021. Keep checking back for the start-up date.

THOSE WHO SERVE

In-person worship services have resumed

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, January 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, January 3rd at 10:15 a.m.

Live stream: Madison Maresca

Organist:Melissa Marsicano

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Wednesday Evening Service, January 6th at 7:00 p.m.