



# *Peace Signs*

Events & Opportunities at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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## **Our Mission**

Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and welcoming all to grow with us in God's love through: worship, learning, service and fellowship.

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## ***This Week's Highlights***

### **Ash Wednesday Begins Our Journey**

Ash Wednesday is a day of examination, confession and reflection that sets the tone for our Lenten journey. This year we will have two services on this day of ashes. Both Services will include confession, imposition of ashes, and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Join us as we begin our journey to the cross.

### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

February 22  
12:00 Noon  
&  
7:00p

### **Wednesdays in Lent at Prince of Peace**

February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

6:30p

Soup, Salad & Bread Supper

7:00p

Confirmation Class

7:45p

Adult Class

Video & Discussion: "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible"

7:45p

Evening Prayer Around the Cross

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a simple supper, a class, and a Lenten service of prayer, hymns, scripture readings and a time of individual candle lighting. Make these meaningful evenings a part of your Lenten journey.

Help us provide soup or salad by signing up at the display table in the Fellowship Hall.

*Music at Seven Concert Series  
at Prince of Peace  
presents*



## **J is for Jazz**

featuring

**Dublin Coffman High School  
Jazz Ensemble  
&  
A Cappella Choir**

the smooth sounds of  
cool vocals and hot jazz  
performed by young musicians  
from our community



**Sunday, February 26**

**7:00p**



## **Save Your Old Electronics!**

Did you get new TVs, kitchen appliances, computers, VCR/DVD players, cell phones, or any other electronic device for Christmas? Are you not sure what to do with your old ones?

We don't throw them out! Save our landfills from these materials that never biodegrade and recycle them! Recycling is a great way to care for God's beautiful creation in stewardship.



In partnership with electronic recyclers Accurate IT Services, Prince of Peace will be holding an electronic recycling drive here at the church. Bring any of your old electronics to the church between February 12 and 26, and they will be safely taken away and kept out of the trash.

Any money that is made from the recycling process will go to support this year's project Fill the Well, providing clean drinking water for people in developing countries who don't have access to good water sources.

## ***Pastor's Peace***

### ***For the Sake of the World***

With barely a suggestion of winter, it seems odd to be on the cusp of Lent. The word 'Lent' is derived from an old English word meaning "spring". In the Northern Hemisphere, Lent usually only comes after the cold death of winter. And yet, at least at this writing, winter has barely touched us.

But I hope that the season of Lent won't miss us in the same way.

Lent is a period of 40 days in the church to focus us once again on the truth of our lives and the miracle of God's love. It begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22) with the dark, gritty, dirty truth rubbed into our foreheads in the shape of a cross. It will end only after we have crucified our Lord once again on Good Friday.

In some ways, it would be easy to overlook this season of the church and just skip right to Easter. But like Advent, it's good to have this time to prepare for the wonders of God's love. It's good to take stock of who we are in the light of God's mercy, blessing, and sacrifice.

Near where I've stayed in Jerusalem, there is a place called the Praetorium – a Latin word for prison. Not more than a couple hundred feet from where I've spent many nights sleeping in a bed is a holding cell where it is believed they kept Jesus. In those days in order to hold prisoners, they would bore two holes in a solid rock bench and then chain together the legs of the captive under the bench so that there would be no chance for escape. I'm pretty sure our Lord was not interested in escaping. But I wonder what went through his mind as he sat in the cold darkness of that prison cell awaiting death. I wonder what kind of love allowed him to stay locked in that misery for the sake of the world.

Each year, with Lent, we pause to remember our Lord's death and suffering and to remember how we are wrapped up in it. His death brings us life. His suffering brings our forgiveness. His pain sets us free. I think that's worth at least 40 days every year.

*In Christ,  
Pastor John D. Morris*

## ***Christian Education***

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

#### **“The Book of Luke”**

**An on-going study of the scriptures –  
for everyone;  
held year-round; join anytime;**

**Led by one of the Pastors**

**Thursdays  
11:00a  
in the Conference Room**

## Join Us for Adult Education Classes

Along with worship, prayer, service and giving, education is a part of a Christian's life of discipleship. Through Sunday School and Bible Studies, we seek to understand God's will for our lives. A healthy habit of regular attendance in Christian Education classes keeps us focused on the ways of God.

### Scheduled Topics:

#### February 5, 12, 19, 26

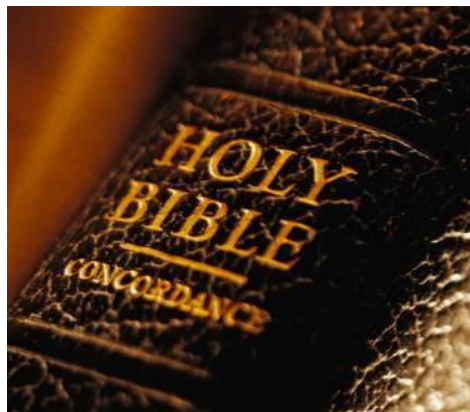
An Adult Look at the Small Catechism

Led by Pastor Craig Swanson & our Seminarians

## Read the Entire Bible in 2012

Each week during 2012, the day-by-day scripture lessons will be published in *Peace Signs* so that you can finish reading the Bible by the end of the year. Passages, chapters and books to read are assigned, including "catch-up days" for the busy times of the year. Make this the year that you finally read the entire book that our faith is founded upon – The Holy Bible.

February 19	Numbers Chapters 14-15
February 20	Numbers Chapters 16-18
February 21	Numbers Chapters 19-20
February 22	Numbers Chapter 21-22
February 23	Numbers Chapters 23-25
February 24	Numbers Chapters 26-27
February 25	Numbers Chapters 28-29



## Book of Faith

Our "Book of Faith" group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30p in the Chapel. (Evening Prayer begins at 7:00p and all "Book of Faith" participants are invited to join us for these prayer services.) Our next class is **Tuesday, February 21**. We will be looking at Second Corinthians this week and St. Paul's other letters in future weeks. We hope that you will join us. Our sessions usually last about an hour. Pastor Craig Swanson sends out email reminders a few days before each session. Send him an email if you would like to receive these reminders. [[pastorcraigs@aol.com](mailto:pastorcraigs@aol.com)]

The “Book of Faith” initiative is a program developed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and is designed to help members of the ELCA become more familiar with the Bible. This program encourages regular reading of scripture. The Prince of Peace group is a great way to develop your faith through regular study of the Bible.

### *Little Shepherds PreSchool*

## **Many Thanks to Our Community Guests**

Prince of Peace owns a Christian-based preschool that is licensed by the State of Ohio Child Care Bureau and is accredited through February 2015 by the National Association of the Education of Young Children. In addition to our faith based curriculum, we follow the State of Ohio Early Learning Content Preschool standards. Our program is a play-based developmental experience for children ages 2-6 years old.



We are happy to announce that this fall we renewed our 2 Star rating through next year! The State of Ohio Child Care Licensing Step Up to Quality voluntary star rating criteria is based on teacher credentials, teacher child ratios, curriculum standards and child assessment. We are thankful for our very talented teachers who are dedicated each year to obtaining professional development training hours, meeting preschool state standards in curriculum and child assessment procedures.

Preschool year 2012-2013 registration continues. Many classes are now full to capacity and we have begun wait lists. Registration information can be found at the preschool website [[lshpherdschool@aol.com](mailto:lshpherdschool@aol.com)] and includes a current list of classroom availability. Share the news with your friends and neighbors!

We love to play outside and the winter weather has been so good to us this year! The toddlers have enjoyed their new outdoor playground many days this winter. We play outside as long as it is 45° and dry.

The preschool regularly invites community guests to visit with our preschoolers. Loccer Soccer came and did soccer drills with each class in the Fellowship Hall. We enjoyed a puppet show given by a Japanese group called the Dream Shop. The children heard stories, learned a few Japanese words and sang songs. Papa Murphy's Pizza came for a pizza building demonstration; each child also made

an individual pizza to take home. We hosted Father's Night which included classroom activities, eating pizza and visiting with Peter Rushton "the reptile man" and his many reptile friends.

In March we look forward to Hurt Photography taking class pictures and individual pictures of our students. We will have a visit from a Columbus Metro Park naturalist who reads stories and has props to teach the children about animals found in the wild. The preschool will be closed for spring break the week of March 19-23.

If you have any questions about the preschool program, please contact Sue Miller, Director. [[lshepherdschool@aol.com](mailto:lshepherdschool@aol.com)]

### Sunday School News

## Teachers Prepare for the Spring Session

Sunday School teachers met at the end of January to touch base at their annual meeting and luncheon. Curriculum was reviewed for the spring session. We look forward to beginning with Lenten stories. Emergency evacuation procedures were reviewed and each class now has a posting of steps to take for fire, tornado or lock-down situations. Recently every classroom was equipped with walkie-talkies. Each Sunday the Children's Ministry director carries a walkie-talkie so that every class can receive emergency information and we can assist in classrooms as needed.

The Sunday school offerings collected to date are approximately \$525.00. Thank you, families, for taking this opportunity to teach your child about giving through the church to help with missions. This year the offerings go to Lutheran World Relief to the "fill the well" project. The project goals are to build wells with safe drinking water closer to communities.

## It's Time for TGIGF

The Thank God It's Good Friday (TGIGF) program is a tradition at Prince of Peace. On *Good Friday, Friday, April 6, from 9:30 to 11:30a* we offer a course to 4 year olds through 4th grade children to come and learn about the events of Holy Week. **Volunteers are needed.** Please sign up at the display in the Fellowship Hall to help. We invite 5th grade through 8th grade young people to volunteer as assistants in the classrooms, science area, snack area, and game area. Children who are attending should register by the end of March.

Registration forms can be found at the display in the Fellowship Hall, at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area at church, and on the church website. [[www.princeofpeacedublin.org](http://www.princeofpeacedublin.org)] For more information contact Sue Miller. [[smiller@princeofpeacedublin.org](mailto:smiller@princeofpeacedublin.org)]

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2012**

## **SKY - Everything is Possible with God**

Mark your calendars for something NEW happening with VBS at Prince of Peace! VBS will take place the week of June 18- 21, Monday through Thursday, 1:00-4:00p.

MANY volunteers are needed to lead children in the areas of Up & Away Sing & Play, Skydive Diner, Imagination Science Station, Bible Adventures, All Star Games, Classroom Flight Crew leaders, and decorating and advertising. Come and meet Orville, Rockette, Scout, Pat and Apollo! Look for ways to be involved soon. Plan to attend the Children's Ministry Group Meeting on **Monday, March 6 at 7:00p**. It's time to get planning! More information? Contact Sue Miller, VBS Director. [[smiller@princeofpeacedublin.org](mailto:smiller@princeofpeacedublin.org)]



## **Winter Confirmation Program**

All confirmation students in grades 6-8 are asked to sign up for our next session of fall classes at the Confirmation display table in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Wednesday Classes**

6:30p Dinner  
7:00p Classes

### **Sunday Classes**

9:30-10:30a  
In the Chapel



### **Wednesday, February 22**

7:00p Ash Wednesday Service  
No Class

## Congregational Care

*Please remember in your prayers...*

*the following members:*

Larry Anderson  
Don Dwyer  
Wayne Harrison  
Gene Langholz  
Nancye Maxwell  
Glen Schade  
Patrick Ziegler

Dick Branum  
O.K. Eppley  
George Hill  
Bob Luken  
John Neal  
Helen Shaffer

Dennis Day  
Susan Gruber King  
Bud Jackson  
Marion Meyer  
Sally Nesdore  
Kay Wilhelm

*the following family members and friends:*

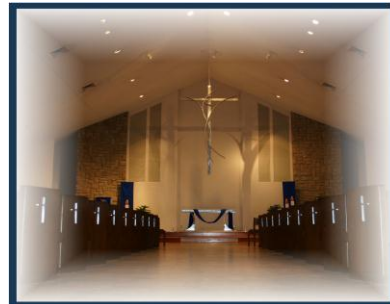
Jeffrey Charles  
Sean Judge  
Samantha Kinney  
Joan Knothe  
Dot Nieter  
Rev. Ed & Arline Reeves

Susan Cirner  
Dorothy Kinney  
Stephanie Kinney  
Christopher Michael  
Paul Nieter

Barbara Galli  
Randy Kinney  
Delores Kirgis  
Marvin Nett  
Rick Stewart  
All military personnel

*the following Prince of Peace families:*

Mike & Jody Bendick Family  
Kayleen Berger Family  
Greg & Kristany Berger Family  
Michael & Dana Berger Family



## Can We Pray For Your Loved One?

If you have a prayer need, you are welcome to either email or call the church office [614-766-6377; [cgalli@princeofpeacedublin.org](mailto:cgalli@princeofpeacedublin.org)] or submit the prayer concern to the prayer concern box located at the Welcome Center. We keep the person's name on the prayer list until the end of the month at which time you are welcome to resubmit the name on a monthly basis for as long as is necessary. Please call the church office if you need additional information.

## *Fellowship*

### **Save the Date for Our Annual Women's Retreat**

Each year the women of Prince of Peace leave their daily routines behind in Dublin and go away together for a spring retreat. Why don't you join us this time? We'll be going to Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio on *Friday and Saturday, April 20-21*.

You can arrive at camp any time after 12 noon on Friday. Planned activities will start at 6:30p with a potluck supper. We'll enjoy a Bible Study, a craft project, home-cooked meals, devotions and lots of fellowship and relaxation – and then return home after dinner on Saturday.



Registration begins Sunday, March 11 in the Fellowship Hall. Space is limited – so make sure you sign up early. More details will be announced soon.

#### *Annual Women's Retreat*

### **Be a Part of the Organizing Committee!**

Bible Study, Fellowship, Fun, Service Project: perhaps you have some great ideas for our 2012 Women's Retreat. Perhaps you would just like to help out with one of the many tasks that need to be done. If so, we would LOVE to have your help on our organizing committee. Our first meeting will be *Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30p in the Conference Room* near the offices. Please contact Barb Hoyt to let her know of your interest. [[barbhoyt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbhoyt@sbcglobal.net); 614-766-6377] Thanks!

### **February Young Adults Gathering**

The young adults will have their February gathering at Matt the Miller's Tavern (in Dublin) on *Saturday, February 18 at 6:00p*. We will have the opportunity to order from the menu, each being responsible for his/her own tab. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Linnea or Brock Hensel. [[linnea.k.hensel@gmail.com](mailto:linnea.k.hensel@gmail.com); 614-406-8950] We hope you can join us for some fun and fellowship!

# Men's Breakfast Group

Next Meeting:

February 24 at 7:00a

Topic:

“Obtaining a Pure Heart”

from the book The Godly Man by Rev. Paul J. Bucknell



The Prince of Peace Men's Group meets for breakfast on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in the Fellowship Hall. But wait! Why drag yourself out of bed and into church at that hour of the morning? For the following reasons:



- \*Christ-centered discussions about life and faith in the 21st century
- \*Great fellowship
- \*And a very good breakfast

Please join us.

## Book Group News

## Do You Enjoy Reading?

The Prince of Peace book group is filled with wonderful members of your church family who meet monthly for a book discussion. We read a variety of fiction and nonfiction books (one per month), chosen by the members. The meetings take place every third Monday of each month at 7:00p along with fantastic refreshments and fellowship. Our next meeting is at 7:00p on *February 20, at the home of John and Sharon Morris.*

Upcoming books:

February: American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House  
by Jon Meacham

March: (2nd Monday of the month due to spring break conflicts)  
The All of It  
by Jeanette Haien

April: East of Eden  
by John Steinbeck

# Outreach

## Military Personnel and Family Support Ministry

### Welcome Home!



We are pleased to report that Army Sergeant Mike Jones has returned safely to his family in Baumholder, Germany from his year-long deployment in Afghanistan. Pictured here are Mike and his happy family at the “Welcome Home” ceremony.

## Layettes for Little Ones

### Thank You! Thank You!

On February 5, we “stuffed the truck” with 25 layettes dedicated to Lutheran Social Services to distribute from the Food Pantry Truck as well as from their central Ohio offices. This will be done in the next several months.

Since this is our first delivery to them, the need has not yet been established; however, the expectations are great and they will contact us in the near future with the needs of the people that they serve. In addition, we continue to serve the people of First English Lutheran in Columbus. AND we continue to need your support. Thank you for your past service; please continue your work as this ministry is on-going.



**We are especially in need of prefold cotton diapers and rubber pants (size 0-3 months & 3-6 months).** Just place them at the display in the Fellowship Hall. OR we always thankfully accept donations made to this project – simply write “Layettes” in the memo line of your check made payable to ‘Prince of Peace Lutheran Church’ and place in the offering plate.

Questions? Contact Cathi Galli. [[cgalli@princeofpeacedublin.org](mailto:cgalli@princeofpeacedublin.org);614-766-6377]

# Environmental Stewardship at Prince of Peace

We need to “restart” our Environmental Stewardship Group. Many of our members participated on a team with Vicar Leslie Scanlon a year ago, and I know that some of you are interested in taking care of all the gifts God has given us, i.e., recycling, reducing, re-using, re-creating.



Please join us for a one hour meeting on *Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30p* at the church. Let me know if you can attend! And bring a friend!

Pastor John Morris [[jmorris@princeofpeacedublin.org](mailto:jmorris@princeofpeacedublin.org)]

## *Worship & Music*

*Music Opportunities for All Ages at Prince of Peace*

### **Join Us to Sing or Ring!**

#### **Vocal Choirs**

##### **Children’s Choir Sunday School Class**

Grades 2-5

Rehearsals: Sunday Mornings

9:30-10:30a in Rooms 7 & 8

##### **Adult Choir**

High School Youth & Adults

Rehearsals: Thursday nights

7:15-9:00p in the Music Room

##### **Prince of Peace Symphonic Band**

Youth & Adults

Next date to play: April 15

##### **String Ensemble**

Middle School /High School Youth & Adults

Next date to play: February 19

#### **Bell Choirs**

##### **Handbell Choir**

High School Youth & Adults

Rehearsals: Monday nights

7:00-8:30p in the Sanctuary





**Altar flowers have been given  
this weekend** by Mark & Lynnae  
MaGinn in celebration of Courtney's  
16<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## **Tuesday Prayer Services**

**Morning Prayer**

**9:30a**

**Evening Prayer**

**7:00p**

**Each service lasts**

**20-25 minutes.**

**All are welcome.**

## **Readings for This Weekend: Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

**Psalm 50:1-6**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

**Mark 9:2-9**

## ***Youth & Family***

### **Become a Part of Our Youth Group Ministry**

#### **To Parents of All Youth Groups:**

**Parents** of 3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students: Pastor Craig Swanson is sending out email reminders. If you would like to be included in these mailings, email him at [pastorcraigs@aol.com](mailto:pastorcraigs@aol.com) and give him your email address.

#### **High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)**

High School **students**: Pastor Craig is sending out **text message** reminders. Send him your cell phone number AND your carrier (Verizon, Sprint, etc) if you would like to be included.

*Sunday, February 19*

6:00p – Meet at church

*Sunday, February 26*

6:00p – Meet at church

#### **Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)**

Now is a great time to get involved with youth group to have fun and meet new church friends! We have awesome events planned for the upcoming school year!

#### **Junior Youth Group (Grades 3-5)**

*Friday, February 17*

6:00-9:00p - Three Hour “Camp Out” at the church complete with tents, campfire, meal, songs, S’more making, and much more. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall on the “Youth Board”. Contact Pastor Craig Swanson [[pastorcraigs@aol.com](mailto:pastorcraigs@aol.com)] or Karen Snyder [[ryan-karen@att.net](mailto:ryan-karen@att.net)] or call the church office if you have questions. [614-766-6277] We are looking for tents. Please contact us if you have a tent (in any condition).

# Parish Information

## Thanks for Your Support

In 2011, almost \$10,000 was collected to support various charities through our loose offerings. “Loose offerings” are monies that are placed by members or visitors into our offering plates with no “official” designation. Here are the totals for last year:

\$5469.97 was given to the Welcome Warehouse here in Dublin.

\$ 726.00 was given to the Ohio State University Lutheran Chapel called “Jacob’s Porch”.

\$3679.54 was given to the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, Missouri to support the re-building of their church after a tornado.

Thank you for your generous donations! Every dollar counts!

## Parish Updates

### Baptism Schedule

February 18-19      Pastor Craig

April 7  
Easter Vigil      Pastor John

May 5-6      Pastor Gail

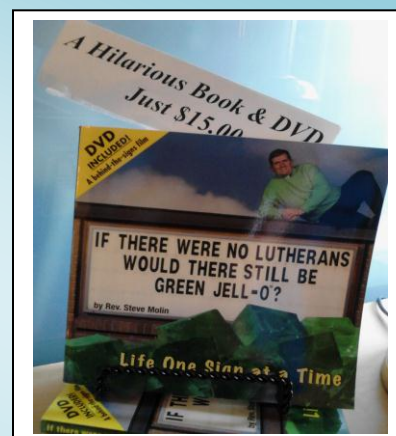
### Parish Directory



## DID YOU KNOW?

Our church bookstore, located in our Gathering Area, has books and other articles that you can purchase as gifts for that special Valentine.

Please stop by the library to purchase this book and other wonderful books, candy, jewelry or home items that can be found there.



# Calendar of Events

## February 16-19, 2012

### Thursday, February 16

11:00a  
4:00p  
7:15p

Adult Study  
First English Dinner  
Adult Choir

### Friday, February 17

6:00p

Junior Youth Group

### Saturday, February 18

9:30a  
10:30a  
11:00a  
5:30p  
6:00p

Music Planning Meeting  
Weight Watchers Group  
New Members Class  
Worship  
Young Adults Group

### Sunday, February 19

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00a  
11:00a  
9:00a  
9:30a  
6:00p  
6:30p

Worship  
New Members Received  
POPs Cafe-Pancake Sunday  
Sunday School  
High School Youth Group  
New Members Reception



*Thank you to everyone for "stuffing the truck" with food on Sunday, February 5 for Lutheran Social Services Food Truck Pantry.*

## February 20-26, 2012

### Monday, February 20

Office Closed

7:00p  
7:00p

**President's Day**  
Handbell Choir  
Book Discussion Group

### Tuesday, February 21

9:30a  
7:00p  
7:30p  
7:30p

Morning Prayer  
Evening Prayer  
Safety/Emergency Task Force  
Book of Faith

### Wednesday, February 22

12:00p  
7:00p

Ash Wednesday Worship  
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**Thursday, February 23**

11:00a

7:15p

Adult Study

Adult Choir

**Friday, February 24**

7:00a

Men's Breakfast Group

Council Retreat

**Saturday, February 25**

10:30a

5:30p

Weight Watchers Group

Worship

**Sunday, February 26**

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00a

9:00a

9:30a

6:00p

7:00p

Worship

POPs Cafe

Sunday School

High School Youth Group

Music at Seven Concert



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*PEACE SIGNS, the weekly newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, provides quick updates and reminders about events happening in our congregation. The deadline for each week's PEACE SIGNS is Tuesday at 5:00p. Submit items to the church secretary's mailbox or via email to cgalli@princeofpeacedublin.org. Items may be edited for accuracy or brevity by the pastor(s) prior to publication.*