

The Vine

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Join us Sundays this Advent...

There is so much to get ready for this time of year: the decorations, the relatives, the presents, the cards, the cookies, and on, and on. All of these things can be wonderful of course, for they can be the source of so much joy in our lives. Some Christmas traditions are painstakingly repeated while new ones then added to the agenda for years to come.

All of this effort points to something important and worth honoring. All the glitter and the sparkle and the dazzling lights are sure to heighten expectations for something truly marvelous. But how could our preparations take on a different shape if we were reminded that, like the grass and the flowers, the tinsel and the poinsettias will wither and fade, but “the Word of the LORD will stand forever?” (Is 40:8)

This is the story that we celebrate as the days grow darker. As if, the very tilt of the earth is dimming the lights and building the anticipation of a spectacle. God’s very self is coming into the world and with a light so spectacular, it will shine for all the world will see. What if all our preparations for Christmas this year, also included opening up our imaginations and creating space for God to do something new and wonderful? Now, that would truly be amazing.



-Pastor Peter

Advent Worship -

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 at 8:30 and 10:45

Intergenerational Service Event -

Dec. 1 at 9:40

Christmas Play -

Dec. 15 at 10:45

A Service of Lessons & Carols -

Dec. 22 at 8:30 and 10:45

Christmas Cafe & Baby Shower for Jesus -

Dec. 22 at 9:40

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship -

Dec. 24 at 3:00, 4:30 and 9:00

December 29 - one worship service at 10am



Pastor Ruth: Welcome to Advent!

In November, we had the delight of hosting Rollie Martinson for our “Elders Rising” event. He talked about pioneering a new epoch in aging, how to use your spiritual gifts as you age, and how much the world needs elders who share their stories, their faith, and their gifts of encouragement. He told a story that has been working on my heart as we enter the season of Advent and this year’s theme of “Prepare to be amazed.”

Rollie’s story was about a group of elders whose gifts are in the realm of financial planning and stewardship. He said that this group has gotten together to encourage giving to their church

and the ministry it is currently doing. But they are also using their energy to encourage others to leave gifts to the church in their wills so that they can make an impact on the church's ministry, in whatever form that takes, after they have passed away. Amazing! This money is meant to be spent on a church that might look radically different than the church these elders have known. This money might fund ministry that was never even dreamed of while these elders were church members. This money might fund ways of unfolding the Gospel to people that we never thought possible. All this with no strings attached. Amazing! I can just about guarantee that if these givers could see into the future and how their gifts will be used they would be absolutely amazed. What I found inspiring was the trust in God and the leaders of the future that God will raise up so completely so that they could say YES to giving to the future church.



We don't know what the church will look like in 50 years. We don't know what it will look like in 10! But we do know that God keeps calling the body of Christ to be good news in a world where people are hungry for welcome, justice, mercy, love, and relationships. We do know that God shows up in surprising ways to get to us with love, like being born in a barn to a poor, teenage girl. We do know that God works through the unexpected to keep our hearts and minds open and nimble enough to see the outrageous possibilities that exist when God's Holy Spirit is loose in the world. Amazing!

Maybe this should be our Advent call. Be open to saying YES to what God calls us to even when we aren't exactly sure what it's going to look like. What can you say YES to this season? Maybe it is around issues of giving, or inviting a friend to worship, or getting to know someone else at church. Maybe God is calling you to explore the scriptures more deeply, or start a spiritual practice, or pray for that person who drives you nuts. Maybe God is calling you to say yes to entering into the work of advocating for someone who doesn't look like you, worship like you, or talk like you. Maybe God is calling you to trust that God takes all of who we are, our whole lives, and uses us to heal and enliven our world. You just never know.



Welcome to Advent. Prepare to be amazed.

Baby Shower for Jesus Sunday, December 22 - 9:40-10:40am

As part of the Christmas Café on Dec. 22, you are invited to bring items for our 2nd Annual Baby Shower for Jesus for Lutheran Social Services.



We are collecting: Diapers, all sizes, Baby wipes, Infant formula, Bottles and sippy cups, Baby wash, Baby lotion.

Where will the items go?

To the LSS Metro Homeless Youth Program. Thousands of Minnesota youth do not have a safe place to sleep on any given night. LSS offers a wide range of services designed to help young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness regain stability while developing new skills to become self-sufficient. In the Twin Cities, LSS offers several transitional living options for youth ages 16 to 24 who are ready to establish and maintain an independent household. Many of them have young children. Items may be brought to church through December 29.



A Season of Generosity

As we move from the Thanksgiving season into Advent and Christmas we feel gratitude for all the joys and rewards we experience in life. We are grateful for the season’s opportunities to get together with friends and family and be happy, enjoying the good company.

Our church community provides us with several opportunities each year for us to share these gifts of community and fellowship with people outside our own walls. This year, the Social Concerns committee is lifting two organizations to our attention for support through our Thanksgiving and Christmas special worship services offerings and with our Christmas Gift Tree: Arrive Ministries and Lyngblomsten Care Center and Residences.



Arrive Ministries is a social services agency that works with faith communities in

“Carrying out God’s command to welcome and bring lifelong transformation to refugees and immigrants in Minnesota “. Through Arrive Ministries over 500 volunteers have helped resettle 11,000 newly arriving people to our state.



Lyngblomsten Care Center and Residences is very familiar to our congregation through decades of support and shared activities. Our

close supportive relationship expresses our commitment to respect and enhance the lives of the elders of our community and their families.

Because individual members of refugee families and each of our seniors at Lyngblomsten have widely different needs we ask that instead of the more traditional “mittens” you attach gift cards in your choice of amount to the tree which will be in our narthex throughout the season.



Listen. Learn. Love: Serving our Neighbors

Listen. Learn. Love. Is our theme for this year. One way to do this is by serving our neighbors out in the community. This year we are trying to have at least one service project each month for people of all ages. Times and locations vary to try to appeal to a broad audience.

Where We Have Served

- Bundles of Love in September. The projects included sorting baby clothes and cutting out baby sleepers.
- Feed My Starving Children in October. Packing meals to feed children around the world.
- Sheridan’s Story Food Packing in November. The warehouse where bags of food are packaged is in Roseville. These are then boxed up and sent to 700 schools in the metro area. One of them is Central Park Elementary that we partner with.



Want to Get Involved?

- Plymouth Christian Youth Center holds a gift sale on Sat., Dec. 14 in which children can shop for gifts for their families. Volunteer spots are available to set up for the sale or to help a child shop during the sale. If you wish to volunteer, contact Anne Haugan.
- Second Harvest January 20 - On Martin Luther King Day, Second Harvest in Brooklyn Park hosts service opportunities for children and adults. Watch for sign ups coming soon!

Available During the Day?

If you are available on Friday mornings, we'd love to have you participate with distributing food to student backpacks at Central Park Elementary. This food goes home with low income students on the weekend, so they don't have a "food gap." Sign up at our website. Prince of Peace also started a food shelf at Roseville Area Middle School. Jennifer Duncan stocks this food shelf. Last year volunteers served at RAMS on Friday afternoons. This year the school has changed the process and it is administered by school staff.



From Betsy: Record Level of Homelessness in MN

In a recent sermon I shared that there are now 350 students in the Roseville Area School District who are homeless or unstably housed. This is up from 175 at the same time last year. That number is astonishing! The district has several very passionate people working with these families, but the problem is growing. Roseville does not have a homeless shelter and there is not enough low-income housing. Recently Keystone Community Food Shelf lost its location in Roseville, so there is no longer a food shelf in the community.

Anne Haugan and I participate in a group that meets monthly called CAN (Community Action Network) with others from the community to address issues of homelessness. The group was initially called Homework Starts with Home, named for a grant from the state of Minnesota to provide stable housing for students and their families in four suburban Ramsey County School Districts including Roseville. About 15 families have found permanent housing so far through this grant.

According to the Wilder Foundation, homelessness in Minnesota is at an all-time record high. Over 10,000 Minnesotans are homeless (Star Tribune: "*Minneapolis nonprofit lands \$5 million from Amazon's Jeff Bezos to help homeless families*" Nov. 22).

Churches Can Make an Impact

Edina Community Lutheran Church saw a growing number of homeless youths in their community and decided to do something to make a difference. The congregation partnered with Beacon Interfaith Housing Cooperative to build a 39-unit building with studio apartments for previously homeless youth. Pastor Ruth and I recently met Deacon Lauren Morse-Wendt from Edina Community Lutheran who coordinated the project. She shared that the congregation contributed \$80,000 and then got a grant from the state for \$10 to build the project.

What Might We Do?

- Pray.
- Advocate for funding. Governor Tim Walz recently announced new funding to build affordable housing. Rep. Ilhan Omar introduced a bill to spend \$1 trillion for affordable housing over the next ten years with the goal of creating 12 million new housing units.
- Use our resources: Prince of Peace has people, passion, potential partnerships, land and monetary resources. How might we use these resources to make a difference?





December Women's Ministry

Each bible study circle will be celebrating the message of Christmas in a different way:

Rebecca Circle

- Meets Monday, Dec. 9, in the home at 6 p.m.
- Hostess: Contact Linda Olson, call 651-482-8543 for what to bring.
- Bible Study Leader: Carol Swanson

Women of the Well Circle

- Attending Augsburg University
- Vespers together on Friday, Dec. 6.

Lydia Circle

- Meets this month at the Heritage Senior Living on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 9:15am.
- Valerie Hansen will be the hostess.
- Pastor Ruth will lead the bible study.

Ruth Circle

- Meeting at church on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 12:30pm for a potluck Christmas Luncheon.
- Diane Syverson is coordinating arrangements.
- Jean Knaak will lead a Christmas bible study program.

Older Kids Senior Group

Thursday, Dec. 12, 11:30am-1:45pm

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Oks and Christmas Caroling with our former organist Cheri Sykes.



One Drink, One Question, One Hour

meets on the first Thursday of the month 7:30pm @ Ol' Mexico (Larpenter & Lexington)

Next Gathering: Thursday, Dec. 6

This month's question:

Stuff - how much is too much?

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December Youth Update

Intergenerational Event on December 1 between worship services.

Come join us on four service projects! We will be making treats, tying blankets, making cards, and packing cared packages!

Confirmation: Sunday, December 8, 4-8pm

Youth Cookie Baking! December 14, 9am-12pm OR 1-4pm

We will be baking cookies to sell the next day at the bake sale for youth ministry. There will be a sign-up for any youth who want to participate. (There are two time slots so we don't have 20 people in the kitchen.)

Christmas Program and Bake Sale on December 15

At the second service, Sunday School will put on their program! Between and after service youth will be selling cookies and treats!

Lightshine sings December 22 at both services.

We will be singing at both services for Lessons and Carols. Youth will be singing early in the service, so they can leave after they sing in the second service. Rehearsals

are Dec. 1st and 8th.

Please arrive at 8:00am on Sunday the 22nd.

ONGOING MINISTRIES:

PoP Rocks - High School -

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Foundations - 7-12th grade

- Sundays at 9:40am



Caroling at Area Care Centers

Join carolers from Prince of Peace and other Roseville churches as we bring some light into the world through song. Dec. 3, 11, 17, 20, & 23. See calendar, Peter Haugan for more info.



December 1

Advent begins! Come participate in an inter-generational event during the education hour.

December 8

Jen Winterfeldt, Director of Community Engagement at Keystone Services, will be with us to talk about the group's work in housing and food support for Roseville and the St. Paul Area. Her message, both troubling and hopeful, parallels the promise of hope delivered by the prophet Isaiah to the people living in exile in Babylon. A day is coming when their time of sojourn in Babylon will end, and they will return home.

December 15

ELCA pastor Phil Blom will be with us to speak of his work in rebuilding churches and homes destroyed by natural disasters. Phil is known in many circles of the church as the "Disaster Pastor," and for good reason. He has stepped in many times to help communities of faith rebuild. Pastor Phil will also preach at the early service on this Sunday. It's appropriate that the narrative lectionary text for the day is the rebuilding of the destroyed temple in Jerusalem after the time of the exile.

December 22

Come to the Christmas Café for a time of celebration and fellowship.

December 29 - No Forum

Note, there is only one worship service at 10am this Sunday.

Greetings from the Generosity Committee

This committee has been busy since our last update in April so it's time to share some news. This update includes a refresher on the committee's charge, a description of our work since April and concludes with our plans for next steps and a prayer request.

Refresher

The Generosity Committee was created by the Congregation Council in December 2018 to shepherd Prince of Peace as our congregation discerns how to best use the bequest of longtime Prince of Peace member Rose Diestler, who joined the church triumphant in April 2018. Rose bequeathed to the congregation her home, all of its contents, her automobile and approximately \$500,000 in investments. The committee members are Pastor Peter, Barry Brahier (chair), Andrea Clepper, Kent Olson, Diane Syverson and Linda Wagner.

The committee was charged by the Council with three tasks: Secure Rose's home, car and possessions until a plan was in place for them, recommend what that plan would be, and provide a plan for how the funds in Rose's bequest be best used. In March the Council accepted the committee's plan for the sale/distribution/disposal of all of Rose's possessions, the sale of the home, and the sale of the car. The Council also charged the committee with carrying out the plan.



Work Since April

The committee carried out the plan over the summer. Those who have handled similar tasks for a loved one know this is a big job. Special

acknowledgement is due to Andrea Clepper and Tammy Jackson. They were the engine behind the estate sale which took place in early June. With Andrea's and Tammy's drive and hard work, assisted by hours of labor provided by our youth and their parents, members of Ruth Circle, and a long list of others, over \$5,000 was generated for youth activities at Prince of Peace. You know you're running a terrific estate sale when random people stop by, shop, and then ask for the name of the professional firm who put the sale together!



Following the estate sale, a silent auction of paintings by Rose was held at the church and remaining items were donated to various causes. This included a day when

Prince of Peace members could stop by, pick up anything in the home and distribute it themselves. Our goal was to keep as many of Rose's possessions in use as possible and, thanks to all of you who participated, that goal was accomplished.

Final clean-out of the home and preparation for its sale followed. With the help of the members of the Ruth Circle, this task was completed with the care and respect Rose deserved. After a vote by the congregation authorizing the sale of the home, it was professionally cleaned, placed on the market and the sale closed in late August. We are all thankful for the assistance of congregation member Kim Wetteland, a real estate professional with Edina Realty. Kim did not take her commission on the sale so more of the value came to the church. Kim, along with Congregation Treasurer Chris Thornton, carried out the real estate transaction.

Surprisingly, the car has proved to be a bit more complicated to sell. The committee's original plan was to have this completed by early June, but the title and lien release were never found among Rose's papers. Pastor Peter took on having new documents issued by the

state DMV listing the church as the owner. That task is completed and the car has been sold.

Next Steps

With all other parts of the committee's charge complete, we are turning our attention to the opportunity ahead: How should our congregation make best use of Rose's bequest which now totals approximately \$750,000?

The committee is now engaged in a God-centered discernment process. We are meeting every other week through the end of 2019. At our last meeting in mid-October, it was the sense of the committee that while the path ahead is not yet clear, God has equipped all of us at Prince of Peace to take full advantage of this rare and awesome responsibility. In the coming weeks the committee will be communicating about ways you can contribute to the discernment of the path ahead as we develop the proposal we trust will emerge.

Prayer Request

While the committee will provide a proposal and the Council will exercise due diligence regarding that proposal, the decision on how best to use the single largest gift our congregation has ever received from one of its members will be by a vote of our congregation. All of us on the Generosity Committee request all members of Prince of Peace pray for discernment and guidance for yourself so that you may be prepared for the choices ahead.

-Barry Brahier, Chair, Generosity Committee



Sheridan Story Food Distribution

We continue to distribute weekend food at both Central Park Elementary and Roseville Area Middle School. We need to fill up our volunteer slots for the rest of this school year.

Central Park Distribution: Prince of Peace will be placing food in backpacks about once a month. We will fill backpacks on the last school day of the week. Typically, this will be on a Friday. Volunteers will need to arrive at 9:30. Plan to spend about an hour and a half at the school. Sign up on our website.

Roseville Area Middle School Distribution: The staff at RAMS is coordinating the Friday food distribution and we continue to provide financial support. In addition, we also keep the shelves of a food and supply pantry well stocked. Teachers and staff have access and distribute snacks and supplies to students that are in need. Our coordinators resupply as needed. Contact Jennifer Duncan with any questions you may have.



December Worship Schedule:

- Dec. 1** - Traditional with communion
Chancel Choir at both services
- Dec. 8** - Traditional
Chancel Choir at both services
- Dec. 15** - Band Led with communion
8:30am Worship Team, 10:45am Sunday School Christmas Play
- Dec. 22** - Service of Lessons and Carols
Chancel Choir, Bells and Lightshine at both services
- Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve
3:00pm - Family-focused Candlelight Service with communion, Sunday School Choir
4:30 PM Candlelight Service with communion
Ericksen Family String Ensemble
9:00pm (New Time!) - Candlelight Service with communion, Chancel Choir
- Dec. 29** - One service at 10:00am with communion
- Jan. 5** - Traditional with communion
Chancel Choir at both services

Worship Musings from Milt

I always look forward to Advent/Christmas Season and I usually start listening to Christmas music around Halloween. There are things that I don't look forward to during the Advent/Christmas season too: large crowds at stores, people going so fast they don't take time to enjoy anything, the importance of how much one gives and gets, etc. But even these things can be turned to an "adventure" instead of a "chore" with the proper attitude.

I think my biggest frustration with Christmas is that by the time Christmas comes on the church calendar most people are over Christmas, which makes Advent a hard season to plan for. How does one wait on the coming of Jesus when Christmas abounds everywhere? How do I use the glorious Advent hymns and not give people a glimpse of Christmas? This year, the first Sunday of Advent is on Thanksgiving weekend. So many people will be celebrating Thanksgiving all weekend with their families; will anyone really be tuned in to Advent? Hopefully the church decorations will help usher in the new season, but with lights, wreaths, nativities and all the rest, it still may seem more like Christmas.

The third Sunday in Advent features the Sunday School Christmas program, so there will be a glimpse of Advent, but a lot of Christmas. The same can be said for the fourth Sunday in Advent, which is a Service of Lessons and Carols, a bit of Advent, but also lot of Christmas. So with everything going on the second Sunday in Advent is the one Sunday that Advent can have everybody's attention, but I'm guessing that most people will want to hear something "Christmassy."

I believe it is important to take time to anticipate the birth of Jesus, in order to have Christmas be the celebration it should be. Each Sunday in Advent, I try to make sure the Advent text is enhanced by the hymns, but still give people something that reminds them of Christmas. After all, if we attend worship, we should know the Christmas story. How do you explain the Christmas story to someone that is a

different religion, hasn't been brought up in the church, or just wants Christmas to be about Santa Claus? Can this be done without telling someone about Gabriel coming to Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary? Wouldn't it help to tell someone about Isaiah saying there will be a voice in the wilderness preparing the way for Jesus, for them to understand the meaning of Christmas.

In "A Charlie Brown Christmas," Linus reads from the Gospel of Luke as the meaning of Christmas. My prayer is that we all take time to make ourselves ready for Linus to read from Luke. My additional prayer is that we show the Love of God all year thru. Maybe if we could all Live Christmas, the world would be more willing to see Christmas from the voice of Linus reading Luke and not just a time of year to give presents. I'm sure I've used the words from my song "Living Christmas Card", but living your life showing God's love is, for me, what being a Christian is all about.



Living Christmas Card

(Refrain) Isn't it nice to get Christmas cards and letters in the mail? Isn't it nice that this season we all take the time to care? It'd be so nice if the Christmas spirit lasted all year long, so take the time and live your life like you're a living Christmas card.

- 1) How hard can it be to let God's light shine? How hard can it be to love? For God sent his son, our freedom's been won, oh why is it then so hard to love? *(Refrain)*
- 2) How hard can it be to help those in need? How hard can it be to give? For God sent his son, our freedom's been won, oh why is it then so hard to give? *(Refrain)*
- 3) How hard can it be to live as a friend? How hard can it be to care? For God sent his son, our freedom's been won, oh why is it then so hard to care? *(Refrain)*
- 4) How hard can it be to follow Christ's lead? How hard can it be to serve? For God sent his

son, our freedom's been won, oh why is it then so hard to serve? *(Refrain)*

May you all have a wonderful Advent and Christmas season.
-Milty



Christmas Play Coming Soon

Join us Sunday, December 15 at 10:45 for the Christmas Play presented by 25 children ages 3 to 6th grade. This year's play is entitled "Prepare to be Amazed," to match our Advent theme.



The story is about a grandparent talking with 4 kids about a nativity scene. The kids wonder about how the characters in the story felt and how they responded to news of this new baby who is the Savior of the World. The idea for the play came from niece Claire who is an 8th grader who has a passion for theater.



The play is written and directed by Pastor Betsy. Musical direction is provided by Melissa Burke - Children's Music Director, Milt Warkentien - Music Coordinator, and Liz Ericksen and Laurel Cederberg who lead Preschool/Kindergarten Music. Jean Olson is assisting, and Lucy Rawitzer is in charge of costumes.

Confirmation Reimagined



PoP's 7th and 8th grade confirmation students spent a recent Friday serving at Second Harvest and preparing for PoP's Tanzania Dinner. It was a Confirmation mini retreat on a no school day in Roseville. The kids are studying the Lord's Prayer, focusing on "give us today our daily bread."

This is the second year of a new confirmation model where students meet once a month - either on a Sunday from 4-8 pm or on a day off from school. These longer sessions allow us to go into greater depth and include service-learning activities to help students understand what we are studying and how it applies to daily life.



This year we are studying the Catechism. September and October focused on the Ten Commandments. The students had a project of coming up with creative ways to teach the Ten Commandments to kids because when you teach something, you actually learn a lot. They presented a puppet show and a game show on the Ten Commandments at worship on the Fall Retreat at Camp Wapo.



At Second Harvest in November, the project was sorting 2,000-pound bags of potatoes, discarding the rotting ones and placing the good potatoes into 40lb bags. Second Harvest is the food supplier for food shelves and soup kitchens in 57 counties in MN and WI. It was hard work and the students got dirty, but it was rewarding to see the results. Students from Prince of Peace were also winners in the funniest shaped potato contest with potatoes shaped like a mustache, two hearts becoming one, and a submarine.



Debriefing the experience afterward, Youth Director Cori Forcey asked the students about other organizations they are aware of that help to feed people in the community. We also read the story about Elijah and the Widow of Zaraphath. When asked why we are reading this, one student responded, "It's about food insecurity." At the end of the day, another student said, "I'm glad we did this - otherwise I would have stayed home and done nothing today."



Confirmation meets next on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 4-8. The focus will be on "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun Dec 1st

8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Intergenerational Event
10:45am Worship Service

Mon Dec 2nd

9:00am Monday Morning Crew
7:00pm Basketball with Milt
7:00pm Generosity Committee

Tue Dec 3rd

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play
9:30am OG's Text Study at Caribou
2:30pm Yogadevotion
4:00pm Caroling @ Lyngblomsten

Wed Dec 4th

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play
1:00pm Staff Meeting
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm PoP Rocks!
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu Dec 5th

6:00pm TZ Dinner and Auction Recap
7:30pm Theology on Tap

Fri Dec 6th

9:30am Food Distribution at C.P.E.
2:30pm Cookie Baking

Sat Dec 7th

6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sun Dec 8th

8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Faith Formation
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm Confirmation

Mon Dec 9th

9:00am Monday Morning Crew
9:30am Women of the Well Circle
7:00pm NO Basketball with Milt
7:00pm Rebecca Circle

Tue Dec 10th

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play
9:15am Lydia Circle Bible Study
9:30am OG's Text Study at Caribou
2:30pm Yogadevotion
7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting

Wed Dec 11th

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play
12:30pm Ruth Circle Luncheon
5:30pm Caroling @ Cherrywood Point
6:15pm Caroling @ Cherrywood Point
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm PoP Rocks!
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu Dec 12th

11:30am OK's Luncheon

Fri Dec 13th

2:30pm Cookie Baking
5:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal
5:30pm Community Night Potluck, Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal & Movie

Sat Dec 14th

9:00am Youth Cookie Baking

Sun Dec 15th

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Youth Bake Sale!
9:40am Faith Formation
10:45am Worship Service—
Children's Christmas Play
6:00pm Staff & Leaders Christmas Party

Mon Dec 16th

9:00am Monday Morning Crew
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop meeting
7:00pm Basketball with Milt
7:00pm Generosity Committee

Tue Dec 17th

9:30am OG's Text Study at Caribou
2:30pm Yogadevotion
5:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
5:30pm Caroling @ New Perspectives

Wed Dec 18th

1:00pm Staff Meeting
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm PoP Rocks!
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Dec 20th

1:00pm Christmas Café decorating team
2:00pm Caroling @ Villa Park
2:30pm Cookie Baking

Sat Dec 21st

6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sun Dec 22nd

8:30am Worship with Lessons & Carols

9:40am Christmas Cafe

10:45am Worship with Lessons & Carols

7:30pm Christmas Preparation Team

Mon Dec 23rd

9:00am Monday Morning Crew

3:00pm Caroling @ Rose of Sharon

7:00pm Basketball with Milt

Tue Dec 24th - Christmas Eve

Office Closed at 12pm

3:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

4:30pm Christmas Eve Worship

9:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

Wed Dec 25th - Christmas Day

Office Closed

Sun Dec 29th

10:00am Worship Service

Mon Dec 30th

9:00am Monday Morning Crew

7:00pm Basketball with Milt

Wed Jan 1st - New Year's Day

Office Closed



A group from PoP having lunch at *Soup for You*, a soup kitchen in the Seward Neighborhood of Minneapolis this week. Janet Brahier received a PoP micro grant for a “Winter of Warmth,” supplying socks, hand and foot warmers and mylar blankets to guests of *Soup for You* where Janet regularly volunteers.

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Contact our Ride Coordinator

My name is Nikki (Nicole) Smith and I'm a member of Prince of Peace. I'm interested in helping people connect, so I thought the ride coordinator role would

be a good opportunity to help people connect to rides. I work in the nonprofit field and I'm bilingual in English and Spanish. If you are looking for a ride, or you want to volunteer to drive others, please contact me at 320-296-9559 (call or text) or email me at rides@poproserve.org.

I look forward to connecting with you.