

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wait for the LORD.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage.

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(Psalm 27:14)

I love getting presents. I especially love getting presents at Christmas time because most of them sit for several days under the tree and it adds to the sense of anticipation. However, getting presents would be no fun at all if we weren't permitted to finally open them. But, Christmas has come and gone and we have opened our presents! The presents have been given and received. What did you get?

The Lord also gives gifts—not just the Son of God at Christmas, but he gives us gifts all year long. What did you get from him? You got a box full of forgiveness and mercy. You got the gift of the Holy Spirit. You received a special relationship with the Father and were adopted into his family. And, a side bonus to that gift, was that you received a whole new family of brothers and sisters who love

you and show you mercy. As a believer in Christ, you also got a box of spiritual gifts and abilities.

Paul says in Ephesians 4:7-8, "But to each of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says, 'When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.'" Paul is saying, through his death and resurrection and exaltation to the Father's side, our Lord now gives us various graces or gifts. And what did you get from the Lord? Verse 11 continues: "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up...". Now if you interpret these gifts as the ability to function within the priesthood of all believers, then we are all gifted by the Lord to accomplish a part of his will to grow his kingdom. Spiritual gifts are like presents to us from God that need to be opened and unpacked in order to fully appreciate what we've been given.

STAFF:

Pastor: Gib Botten

Music Director: Rob Gillespie

Director of Children's Ministries:
Lauryn Smith

Organist: Carole Hansen

Office Administrator:
Lauryn Smith
Julie Reymore

Preschool Director:
Michelle Nilsen

Preschool Secretary:
Melanie Zamora

Custodian: Pam Vien

Worship Schedule

Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am

Communion on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the month

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday:
8:30am—3:00pm

Friday: 8:30am—12:30pm

Special Dates

Jan. 1st Begins 2018

Jan. 6th Epiphany

Jan. 7th Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 15th ML King Jr. Birthday

Jan. 28th Annual Meeting

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next business meeting is January 17 at 9:30 AM, and a Women's Retreat is planned for February 24 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



MUSIC AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Handbells rehearse at 6pm on Tuesdays.

Choir rehearses at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

As always, there's room for more people to join. No music experience needed. For more information, contact:

Rob Gillespie

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CUB SCOUT PACK 34

Cub Scout Pack 34 is thankful for your support as their Charter Organization. This is a brand new Cub Scout pack consisting of 10 boys from 1st -5th grade. These boys attend either Olivia Park or Discovery Elementary Schools. So far the boys and their families have participated in a rocket launch, trunk-or-treat, popcorn sales and a flag ceremony at school for Veteran's day. This month most of the boys will receive their first rank of Bobcat at our first awards ceremony. They're also looking forward to visiting a fire station in January and participating in Scout Sunday at Prince of Peace in February as well as hiking and camping in the spring and summer.

Thank you for helping to bring this opportunity to these kids and their families.



**BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All items to be included in the announcement insert of the Sunday bulletin must be submitted to the office by noon on the Wednesday preceding the worship service.

PRAYERS

Please call the church office to request prayers or to be added to the prayer chain. You may also email: charkaiser@comcast.net.

**PRAYER CHAIN
GUIDELINES**

Names in the bulletin remain for one month unless renewed by either calling the church or Char Kaiser at 425-338-2874.

COUNCIL CORNER

ANNUAL MEETING – January 28 at 12:15

A potluck lunch beginning at 11:30 will precede the meeting.

COUNCIL RETREAT – February 10

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The Missional Concerns Committee will be selecting an ad hoc team to prepare the disaster plan for the Church.

STAFF CHANGES – OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS

8:30 - 12:30, Monday-Friday: Lauryn Smith

12:30-3:00, Monday-Thursday: Julie Reymore

FUNCTIONAL SERVICE TEAM LEADERS

8:30 Greeters - Bill Randall

8:30 Hospitality - Tom Bannister

8:30 Lectors - Dave Squires

10:30 Greeters - Jamey Szalda

10:30 Hospitality - Eric Smith

10:30 Lectors - Patrick Davis

Signups are in progress for the Jan-Mar quarter.

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There are many ways a person can discover their spiritual gifts and abilities. One way is through desire. Often the Lord gives us the desire to serve in a particular way and then gives us the ability to do it in a way that leaves an impact. Another way we can identify the gift we've been given is through practice. We learn what we are gifted for as we throw ourselves into a variety of service roles and then watch what the Lord does through our ministry.

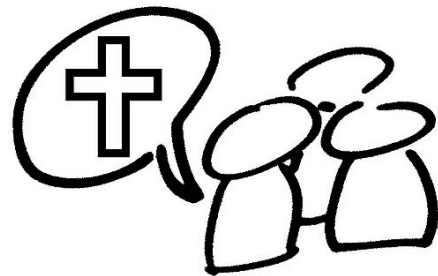
Whatever our gifts may be, it's important to take them out of the box and use them. What good is having a spiritual ability and not being able to use it? That might mean plugging into a ministry in the church for which you think you might desire or might be gifted for. It might mean launching out in a whole new area of ministry in our church or elsewhere. My prayer for this coming year, 2018, is that we as a church family will open the many boxes filled with gifts from the Lord to his children. And when we open the one marked "Spiritual Gifts," we will open it and immediately start trying it out—like we all do with gifts at Christmas time.

The Peace of the Lord,
Pastor Gib Botten



Men's Fellowship The men's group meets the third Saturday of every month from 8:00—9:30am. Please join us for fun and fellowship on: January 20th Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, doughnuts, and a devotion time. This will be followed by a mission-oriented business meeting, a Bible study, and a discussion. We will close in prayer at approximately 9:30 AM.

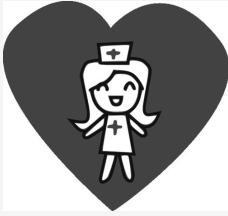
Dan Chadrow, President
Tom Bannister, Recorder



PRINCE OF PEACE WEBSITE

If you missed a Sunday service, or would like to listen again to the most recent message, visit our website at www.pplc.org. On the home page click 'Listen to last week's message.'

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PARISH NURSING NOTES

by Linda Whitesell, RN/NP

“The ‘Weather’ in Your Brain ”

What am I talking about? It is your emotions which can be quite volatile this time of year. Stress from the holidays takes its toll on your body---and mind.

With the new year comes a fresh start. We can choose to be calm and focused. Yes, it takes some doing but it well worth the effort. You can choose to be happy. It will help you be resilient which is the immune system of the human spirit. It also helps you stay physically healthy because germs are so prevalent this time of year.

Focus on the positive things about your life. Change what you can and accept those you can't. There is an old adage, “Your attitude affects your altitude.”

“A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier.” Tom Stoppard, British playwright.

A final thought...a gift you can give yourself are regular health screenings to prevent or get early treatment for diseases. Ask your doctor which are best for you to have and then get them done. Please make this your New Year's resolution. Preventative health screenings can save your life!

Have a happy---and healthy---New Year!

THANK YOU!

The collection of calendars for the residents at Bethany was very successful. You donated 200! They will love them. Bless you, Linda Whitesell

Prime Timers

“The over 50 group”

Meets Thursday, January 11th for
noon potluck

We will have good food, fun and
fellowship for everyone over 50

Let's have a book exchange.

Winter is a great time to catch up
on your reading. Bring a book---
share a book. Left over books
will be donated to the women's
shelter.