

Providence Lutheran Church January 2025

We exist to help people know Jesus, not just about Him!

Our purpose is to make Christ known by developing prayerful disciples.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It is a new year – full of possibilities and opportunities! I always love the passage from Ecclesiastes 3:

- ¹ There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

With the new year we have change before us, but we do not fear or fret because we have the promise that God goes before us and will be with us at all times and in all places.

Last year the council took a fresh look at our identity as a congregation and why we exist and to what purpose we serve. We also had many suggestions in Bible study and sermons about how we live out our faith. This new year affords us a beautiful opportunity to re-examine how we live our lives. As you contemplate the year ahead, ponder these questions:

- † Am I bearing good fruit? Do others see the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) reflected in my life?
- † Am I a living a transformed life reflecting my relationship with Christ?
- † Am I living with the peace of Christ and with a thankful heart, filled with gratitude?

None of these things is impossible to accomplish. They are all choices we make every day. Let's start the new year off right with a prayer for a new beginning: Dear God, Thank You for new beginnings. This is an incredible day, with a fresh year's potential stretched out before me. I want to be faithful this year in every opportunity You bring to me. Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings. Amen.

Happy New Year! Love, Pastor Patti Sue

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EPIPHANY

We now enter the Season of Epiphany. Epiphany is January 6th and is the time we celebrate the arrival of the Magi arriving in Bethlehem to worship Jesus. This event reminds us that the glory of the Lord, revealed in Jesus, is for all nations and people.

In the seasonal time after Epiphany, we see Jesus revealed in his ministry from the time of his baptism to the Transfiguration. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus including the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ.

SAVE THE DATES:

- ✝ **Feb 8:** PLC Annual Yard Sale, 8 AM—1 PM
- ✝ **Mar 4:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 PM
- ✝ **Mar 5:** Ash Wednesday Worship, 7 PM
- ✝ **Mar 27-30:** Via de Cristo Co-Ed Weekend
- ✝ **Apr 5:** PLC Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM
- ✝ **Apr 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 PM
- ✝ **Apr 18:** Good Friday Worship, 7 PM
- ✝ **Apr 20:** Easter Sunday Worship, 6 AM & 10 AM


POINSETTIAS

If you have not picked up your poinsettia, please do so before they are discarded. Thank you.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special "thank you" to the congregation for the generous staff Christmas gifts! We so appreciate your love and support.

2025 Council Members

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PLC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December is a quick and busy one for the preschool! We have been busy preparing for our Christmas program. It was a success and really helped to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. We also spent all of December talking about the real reason for Christmas, Jesus! We Collected presents for our family we adopted from families helping families, boy did our sweet preschool and church come through for this family!! It warms our hearts to know that we were able to bless a family this year for Christmas and can't thank you all enough for helping us out with that!

Hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and we are looking forward to what the new year has in store for us! Thank you all for your support and love and for always helping us continue to be "the little preschool with a big heart!"

Blessings, Betsy and Amber

JANUARY SCHEDULE

Altar Flowers:

1/5 The Ronans
1/12 *Open Availability*
1/19 *Open Availability*
1/26 *Open Availability*
2/2 *Open Availability*

Lay Readers:

1/5 Kathy Hendrix
1/12 Trudy Scurry
1/19 Duane Hall
1/26 Tanya Thomas
2/2 John Scott

Greeter:

Teresa Elam

Worship Assistant:

1/5 Kathy Hendrix
1/12 Trudy Scurry
1/19 Deb Kopitskie
1/26 Kathy Hendrix
2/2 Trudy Scurry

Altar Guild:

1/5 Judi Harmon
1/12 Mona Nash
1/19 Glenda Oswald
1/26 Judi Harmon
2/2 Kathy Hendrix

Ushers:

Russell Pye &
Jimmy Scurry

Offering Counter:

Lee Thomas

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

1/4 Ely Huffman
1/10 Eva Jimenez
1/11 Steph Lawhorn
1/14 Pastor Patti Sue Pye
1/17 Rosemary Carmean, Hope Hiott
1/18 Ricky Jones
1/20 Erika Violette
1/29 Ellen Hall



Did we forget your birthday? Please contact Steph in the church office!

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755).

2024 ANNUAL YARD SALE

The annual yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, **February 8th from 8 am – 1 pm.** Please start bringing your gently used or new items to the Fellowship Hall in January. We've yet to decide where the proceeds will go, but will advise.

SUPER SATURDAY: JANUARY 26

We have begun a new program for children in our congregation and preschool -- Super Saturday. We meet on the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for a time of learning, fun and fellowship. Our theme this month is "God wants us to share."

If you can help, please call Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755). We need 3-5 helpers for each event. In January we will have 2 groups for the children so that it will be more manageable for age groups.

TIME & TALENT SHEETS

Included with this month's newsletter is a "time and talent" sheet. We ask that all members and regular visitors pray about how and where God may be calling you to serve in 2025. Please complete and return so that we can properly schedule serving saints each month. Thank you.

PROVIDENCE MEMBERS

Gail Caldwell, Rosemary Carmean, Noah Carvajal, Debbie & Jamie Edwards, Judi Harmon, Eva Jimenez, Kaleigh, Ryder and Rebecca Kameese, Steph Lawhorn, Mike Mancino, Christopher Marler, John & Jane Martin, Judy Meetze, David Monts, Rachel Moore, Peyton Nash, Glenda Oswald, Ken Peacock, Cass Ronan, Conner Violette and Shannon Waites

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lynn Ball and her son Jackson, Stephen Barrett, Scott Brazell, Donna Burton, Amanda Carnavale, Minerva Castro, Craig DeMunbrun, Kay Elliott, Rachel Ellis, Hellen Farrell, Grayson Florio, Tricity Florio, David Godwin, Kim Groh, Elizabeth Hebert, Luis Jimenez, Susie Kopitskie, Bobbi Labreque, Brice Minick, Kaitlyn Osteen, Jane Park, Brad Pounds, David & Susanne Richardson, Greg Ring, Luz Roman, Maryanne Seyfert, Evelyn Sheffield, Greg Smith, Suzie Starkey, Mario Trejo, and Clemence (friend of Denise Pikramenos)

Prayers & Praises

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