



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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July 2025



ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God:

07/06 – in honor of Matthew Light’s baptism anniversary & Ryan Light’s birthday

07/13 – in honor of Ed Meise’s 94th birthday by Brenda Lewis

07/20 – in honor of the Doyle’s 72nd wedding anniversary

07/27 – by Kathryn Peterson Lambert

Office Hours

Tues -Thurs 9am – 1pm

Friday, by appointment only

CONCORDIA:

Concordia. That word is familiar to most Lutherans, especially Missouri Synod Lutherans. Both of Synod’s seminaries bear the name Concordia in their official designations. Most of the colleges do likewise. The Book of Concord, which contains the Lutheran Confessions and to which every congregation and pastor in the Synod bind themselves, is titled simply “Concordia” in Latin. Why is this name important and what does it mean?

In the introduction to the Readers’ Edition of the Book of Concord, published by Concordia Publishing House in 2005, the word Concordia is explained. Concordia comes from two Latin words meaning ‘with’ and ‘heart.’ It describes a commitment to the truth so strong and so deep; it is as if those who share it have a single heartbeat.”

In common usage among Lutherans, based on this commitment to truth, the word means “harmony, agreement, and peace.” Every congregation of the Synod must include a reference to the documents contained in the Book of Concord as the standard of all doctrine and practice. Likewise, every pastor of the Synod, at both his ordination and installation, is asked whether he agrees that the Lutheran Confessions are in agreement with the Scriptures and the one true faith of the Christian Church. Each responds: Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.

He is then asked further, “Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions? Their response is simple and without equivocation: Yes, I promise, with the help of God.

This commitment, by both pastors and congregations, to the doctrine and practices of the Lutheran Confessions, is the basis for the peace and unity which the Apostle Paul urges in I Corinthians 1:10, “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.” We continue to pray for the future pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

In Christ, Pastor



PoP Messaging System:

On July 6th the Board of Trustees launched our new text message solution for emergency notifications. To subscribe to PoPVB Text Messaging: Text SUBSCRIBE to 877-408-0320. When you receive the confirmation message, reply with your full name. Questions? Contact Scott Phelps or any Board of Trustees member.



2025 PoP Member Directory:

Please sign up in Narthex whether you would like the new directory in hard copy or via email. Our goal is to have the directory to you by mid-July.



Call Committee Update:

The Elders have selected a call committee of 7 people. They also selected 2 alternates if for some reason any of the 7 cannot finish. Call Committee: Scott Phelps, Brian Houck, Clairette Campbell, Mary Jo Haney, Danielle Kemper, Richard Perkins, Kenny Zaken. Alternates: Shawna Foley, Sal Ferrara.

Board of Elders Update, 07/09/2025:

Here are some items of interest for our congregation. The Transfer of exiting elders to new elders occurred on 07/06/25 with the installment of new elders, and other officers. The newly elected elders include: Elected Elder-1 - William "Bill" Leveille will remain with Elder-B assigned list of members and serve as elder on the **3rd Sunday service**. Elected Elder-2 – [shared office] includes Lee Heup as Elder-D & Brian Hess taking over Elder-E list of members - Lee and Brian Hess are assigned Elders on the **4th and 5th Sunday services**. Elected Elder 3 - Ryan Light is responsible for Elder-C list of members and the **1st Sunday service**. Elected Elder 4 - Brian Houck has Elder-A list of members and is the assigned Elder on the **2nd Sunday service**. Elected Elder 5 position is unassigned. On July 08, the BoE elected Elder-B, William "Bill" Leveille, to serve as Head Elder.

Each elder will be getting familiar with their assignments and expected to contact members shortly. Thanks for your patience in this season of change.

The BoE will be working with the new elected President, Scott Phelps and Council to bring to the fore the pastor recommendations of April 2025 and update the Constitution and Bylaws into alignment with the Holy Scriptures and LCMS teachings.

Regarding Pastoral leadership: The Vacancy Pastor Prince will be off Sundays: July 20 and July 27 with Chaplain Bomberger filling-in; and August 10 with Rev. Mark Nieting leading service at PoP church while Pastor Prince is at family camp.

As always, if you have any questions, kindly follow up with your assigned Elder. Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders, leaders and congregation, for unity in Christ with Godly understanding and wisdom from above (Ephesians 4:17-32; Galatians 5:16-26; James 3: 13-18) with the God of 2nd chances (and 3rd through xxx – Jonah 2). Thanks for your service and support in the Lord.

In Christ,
Board of Elders



What is 'Effective Outreach'?

By Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, *LCMS Office of National Mission*

Someone asked me that question recently. It's a good question. Some people might answer that question by pointing to results. If more people are attending worship, participating in Bible studies, or joining the congregation, what you're doing for outreach must be effective, right? Maybe. But numbers don't tell the story. In fact, in some cases the numbers look really good even when outreach is not very effective at all.

A congregation located in a high growth area might be really bad at outreach but still experiencing increases in worship attendance and membership. Sometimes the pastor and a handful of lay people are having a positive impact even though the congregation as a whole is doing a poor job of outreach.

On the other hand, a congregation may be doing outreach very well with little to show for it in terms of numbers because the population of its community is decreasing. (Imagine doing outreach in a town that has shuttered the plant of its major employer.)

Numbers are not the measure of effective outreach. If not the numbers, then what is? Effective outreach begins with a good understanding of what outreach is. I find that people often confuse *outreach* and *witness*. That's understandable because they are closely related and share the same goal. But confusing them can undermine effective outreach. So, what's the difference between *witness* and *outreach*?

Witness is what we do as individual believers to share the Good News of Jesus with people in our everyday lives. Think of it as the work of the "Church scattered."

Outreach, on the other hand, is what we do as a congregation to engage the non-churched people in our community. It is the collective effort of the congregation as an organization to make disciples. Outreach is the work of the "Church gathered."

Practically speaking, outreach is focused on planting and watering through various activities, ministries, events, human care, etc. Outreach understands that when it comes to the growth (i.e., the numbers) "neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything." The growth is the Holy Spirit's concern.

Through outreach, we plant, we water, we prayerfully anticipate the growth. Meaning that "effective outreach" is outreach through which we are actively and intentionally planting and watering.

Effective outreach is the "planting and watering" (cf. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9) through which a congregation intentionally engages non-churched people in ways that:

- provide the congregation with means of continuing contact with the non-churched people,
- foster relationship-building between non-churched people and the congregation's members, and
- offer appropriate and appealing entry points (other than worship services and traditional Bible studies) that encourage non-churched people to participate in the Word and Sacrament ministry of the congregation.



Newsletter:

Beginning for the month of August, PoP's monthly *newsletter and calendar* will be printed and emailed **once a month** (not weekly) by the last Thursday of each month for the following month. Updates will be sent via email, as needed.



VBS Art Project:

You can all help VBS! Please bring in your brown packing paper from Amazon boxes. Our wonderful volunteers will repurpose it into some amazing decorations! Question? Contact Michele Wilson, 757-822-6025.



VBS Volunteers 2025:

Volunteers needed at Vacation Bible School! Jesus will guide us on an Australian adventure. Kids will learn how Jesus calls, leads, teaches, saves, & sends us. August 04-08, 9:00a-2:00p. Contact VBS Director, Michele Wilson, 757-822-6025, with questions.

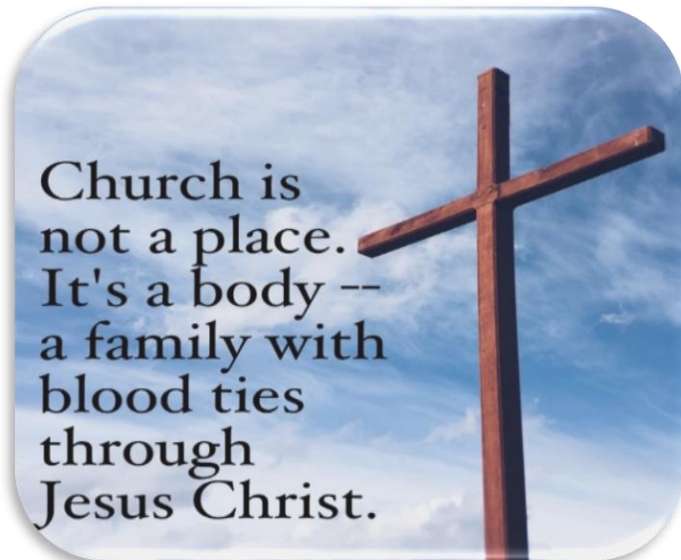


PoP Preschool is Hiring:

PoPP is adding substitute teachers for the 2025-26 school year. We are also hiring 3 loving & energetic teacher assistants. Could this be you? If you enjoy investigating, creating, and exploring with young learners (aged 18 months to 5 years) in a play-based, Christian environment, apply today! You must be over 18 years old & undergo a background check. To learn more & apply, contact Alicia Mangels or AnneMarie Thome, 757-340-3033.

Summer Camps at PoP Preschool:

PoPP will host another week of summer camp July 21-24 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. The theme is Ocean Camp. Enrollment at PoPP is not necessary. All children aged 3 – 6 years old are welcome. The cost is \$200 per week. Questions? Contact Alicia Mangels or AnneMarie Thome, 757-340-3033.



Prime Timers:

Join us for lunch at Rib City, 4688 Princess Anne Rd, VB 23462 on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 11:30am.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS:

We continue our study of the Book of Revelation in our adult Bible class. Pastor is using the Bible and the CPH Concordia commentary on Revelation written by Dr. Brighton as our guide.



Summer Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities:

Please see all available opportunities to learn and grow in your Christian faith with the PoP family on the attached paper calendar, Narthex screens, and at princeofpeacevb.org.

Protocol for Verbal Announcements on Sundays:

Pastor Prince makes announcements every Sunday before each worship service begins. Please email your announcement to office@princeofpeacevb.org, by Thursday at 12:00pm.



HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. **During distribution, the Individual Cup will be offered first followed by the Common Cup**. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**. Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER....

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Karl Tauscher Kim McCormick (<i>Buck Haney</i>) Helen Leveille John Stahl Ellen Westbrook Valerie Hill (<i>Buck Haney</i>)	
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**Continuing Health Issues
& Life Struggles:**

Rosemary Saunders (Sal Fererra) Andrew Mazuch (John Mazuch) Bruce Waltemath Jason Haberman (Lynn Scarcelli)
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Confirmands:

Connor MacMaster

Home Bound:

Patricia Thieman Thelma Sinnen Maurita Keplar Janice Stenglein

Merle & Barbara Endsley Jeff Kocab Helga Koehn John Mazuch Larry & Miriam Larkin
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Active Military/Deployed:

Justin Vennard Kenneth Zaken Matthew Campbell Trey Shawver Alex Helbig Ben Clarke Alan M Ferrera, Jr. Jesse Kemper

Missionaries:

Rev. Steven & Martha Mahlburg in Sri Lanka Rev. John & Aimee Cima in Cambodia Rev. George & Lorna Meeker in Kenya

Prayer Requests: Please contact your Elder or the Church Office to be placed on the prayer list, if you are hospitalized, ailing, or would like a visit at home or hospital.

CELEBRATING IN JULY

BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Josiah Wilson	07/18 Devin Jones
07/04 Ryan Light	07/19 Patricia Thieman
07/05 DeLacey Ferrera	07/21 Craig Spencer
07/08 Alex Helbig	07/22 Christal Mount
07/10 Constance Hoff	07/23 William Wadey
07/14 Elaine Robey	07/23 John Robey
07/15 Donna Miller	07/24 Tina Hess
07/15 Vanessa Vennard	07/24 Edith Houck
07/16 Joan Rosenvinge	07/25 Jean Burnett
07/17 Delmar Hasselbacher	07/27 Vicki Webster

ANNIVERSARIES

07/07 Karl & Darla Tauscher 07/09 Antar & Michele Wilson 07/18 James & Marilyn Doyle
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JULY 2025

(E) : Early | (L) : Late

SERVING AT PRINCE OF PEACE-LCMS

* : To Be Verified

ELDERS

07/06 Ryan Light
07/13 Brian Houck
07/20 Bill Leveille
07/27 (E) Brian Hess / (L) Lee Heup

READERS

07/06 (E) Joan Harris (L) Rich Perkins*
07/13 (E) Joan Harris (L) Carol Sinibaldi
07/20 (E) Darla Tauscher (L) Sharon Sides
07/27 (E) Shawna Foley (L) Carol, Michele, Sharon, Rich*

USHERS

07/06 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson / Vina Gerber
07/13 (E) Hunter Gruebel / Katy Sullivan
Sal Ferrera / Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi / Sharon Sides
07/20 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson / Mike Bumbaco
07/27 (E) Hunter Gruebel / Katy Sullivan
Sal Ferrera / Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi / Vina Gerber

GREETERS

07/06 (E) Bruce Waltemath / Gail Laughrey / Lynn Scarcelli
(L) Antar Wilson / Vina Gerber
07/13 (E) Bruce Waltemath / Gail Laughrey / Lynn Scarcelli
(L) Vina Gerber
07/20 (E) Bruce Waltemath / Gail Laughrey / Lynn Scarcelli
(L) Sharon Sides / Vina Gerber
07/27 (E) Bruce Waltemath / Gail Laughrey / Lynn Scarcelli
(L) Vina Gerber

ACOLYTES

07/06 (E) Matthew Light (L) Josiah Wilson
07/13 (E) Connor MacMaster (L) Rachel Wilson
07/20 (E) Rachel Wilson (L) *
07/27 (E) Daniel Hess (L) Julia Wilson

COMMUNION SERVERS

07/06 (L) Antar Wilson
07/13 (E) Jarett MacMaster
07/20 (L) Antar Wilson
07/27 (E) Jarett MacMaster

SUNDAY SCHOOL

07/06 Kathryn Lambert
07/13 Kathryn Lambert
07/20 Kathryn Lambert
07/27 Kathryn Lambert

COUNTERS

07/06 Eugene & Kathryn Lambert
07/13 Mike Bumbaco / Scott Phelps
07/20 Mike Bumbaco / Lee Heup
07/27 Antar & Michele Wilson

PRODUCTION BOOTH

07/06 (E) Alex Helbig (L) Gene Lambert
07/13 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) Scott & Robin Phelps
07/20 (E) Alex Helbig (L) Mike Bumbaco
07/27 (E) Gene Lambert (L) Mike Bumbaco

INTERESTED IN SERVING AT PoP?

Volunteers needed to serve as acolytes, ushers, and communion servers. No experience necessary. Training provided. Contact your Elder or Bill Leveille to volunteer.

