



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God:

Office Hours

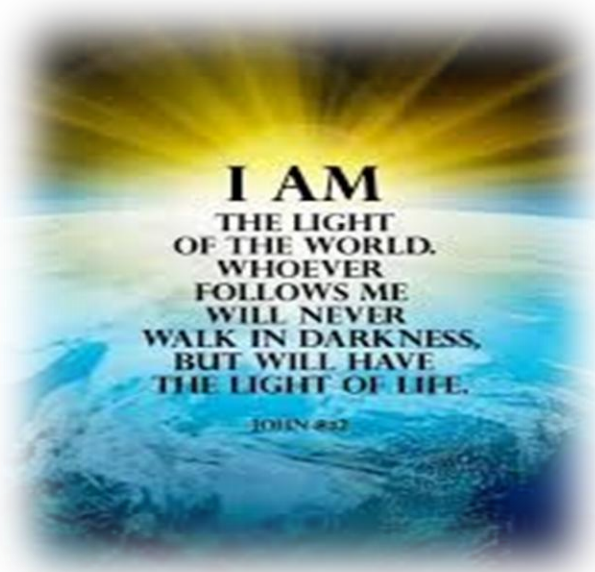
Tues -Thurs 9am – 1pm
Friday, by appointment only

PoP's Stained Glass Window #1:

Dear Church,

Pastor Rosenvinge wrote the following article for PoP's June 2004 Newsletter. It describes the "first" stained glass window. I share again below:

Members and visitors alike have asked me about the meaning of the stained glass windows surrounding the altar in the sanctuary. Over the next year I will from time to time share with you the rich meanings displayed there. The six windows depict the "I AM" statements of Jesus as recorded in John's gospel. The first window from the left is illustrated on this page. It describes Jesus' saying: "I AM the light of the world." (John 8:12)



The window is divided into two parts. The lower part is an image of a lighthouse situated on rocks overlooking water. The main feature of this lighthouse is the brilliant yellow cross centered in the beacon. It symbolizes Christ's light reaching out and illuminating a dark world. The lighthouse is also a symbol of Virginia Beach, our community where we have been placed to shine with the light of the Gospel of Christ.

It is a visual reminder of our purpose as a congregation to *"be agents on a mission for God. . . to bring deliverance from sin and evil, healing, renewal, release from the prisons of life, wholeness and quality of life"* (from Prince of Peace's vision statement).

The upper part of the window is composed of an image of bright orange and red flames. The flames are a symbol of the Holy Spirit who appeared as tongues of flame above the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit enables and empowers our witness to the world and converts the hearts of people to Jesus Christ. The flames reach upward towards heaven, a reminder that all that we do in mission is an offering to God and a result of His bringing us to faith.

In the church, stained glass windows are not only a decoration but are designed to illuminate great biblical truths. They are there for you to use, in your meditation, during worship or prayer to draw you closer to Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor

12/17/25 - Board of Elders (BoE) Update for January 2026 Newsletter:

Happy New Year!!! May this be your best year ever. Led by the Holy Spirit we will lead Christ's church faithfully.

VISION: Make Known the Love of Christ

The **guidance and support** of the vacancy Pastor and interim Pastor(s) is continually helping our Elders, council and congregation in this period of transition until a new Pastor is called. *(continued)*



The **Call Committee** continues to meet. It has been confirmed the Call Committee Alternates will replace the two vacant positions due to resignations.

Voter's Assembly meeting is scheduled for **January 18, 2025 between Services (at 9:45am).**

Among other items expected to be voted on are the *Pastoral Recommendations to the Board of Elders APR 2025* that was *Approved by the Board of Elders in May 2025*. The BoE continues with implementing these recommendations since before the Voter's Assembly meeting in June 2025. The changes are to the **"Operations Manual: Board of Elders, dated March 19, 2024, Rev. April 18, 2025."**

Other agenda items from the Council include the Endowment Fund; proposed changes to President Operations Manual and Christian Education Committee (CEC) Operations Manual and IT Policies & Forms. These have not been reviewed nor approved by the BoE. The President reassured BoE the Council decisions do not go against Scripture or LCMS doctrine; therefore, they do NOT need Board of Elder approval.

All the documents for this meeting are to be made available to the Voters from Council, shortly.

Kindly, beware of the caution from SED consultant Pastor, Lannon Martin's 26-Sep-25 email on the Call Process. His notice was posted in the November Newsletter.

BoE is also working on:

Administrative and Organizational items including: continuing to seek new Elders; sending postcards to inactive members for updated contact information; developing a document detailing duties of greeters, ushers, acolytes, and other volunteer positions, and an organizational flowchart.

Worship & Music: BoE notified worship team of approval for the CCLI songbook under LCMS/Concordia rules.

The (June 2025) proposed *Ministry Safe*, or something similar, had been "tabled" by Council. An update is expected shortly as this was assigned to Christian Education.



Pastoral Care and Worship:

The **Lists of members** per each Elder (A-Vacant, B, C, D & E) is periodically updated and you can review details on the hallway bulletin board between the Fellowship and Narthex. If you haven't already connected, introduce yourself to your Elder. Kindly, extend invitations for others to join us at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – LCMS. Elders are here to assist the Pastor in serving you, so if we can be of help, please feel free to call upon us.

Contact your Elder or the Church Secretary for help with scheduling homebound visits.

Please review the **Volunteer's schedule** in the monthly newsletter. Advise the Leader or Secretary by writing changes on the volunteer sheet on the credenza that is updated every week.

Continue praying for our new Pastor, our current vacancy Pastor, all Church Leaders, Elders and the entire congregation.

By Grace alone, Faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone, Glory to God alone!

In Christ, Board of Elders

Giving Opportunities at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

You may wonder what General Fund, All to the Glory, Building Fund, Columbarium Care Fund, Endowment Fund, Fairchild-Pore Scholarship Fund, Large Print Fund, Next Gen Fund, Pastors Discretionary Fund, Trustees Fund, Memorial Fund, and Special Gifts are when you give to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with envelopes or on-line.

General Fund- This covers day-to-day operating expenses, including mission items, worship aids, salaries, programs, insurance, and utilities, as per the annually approved Spending Plan.

All to the Glory or Building Fund- This fund was created in the 1990's and is for all building and site capital and maintenance expenses \$3,000 or more. (continued)



This fund was used to replace the back A/C this past year, pave the parking lot in 2023, and replace the sanctuary windows in 2022.

Large Print (formerly Braille) Ministry- This supports our mission to create large print Bibles and other religious material for the sight impaired.

Columbarium Care Fund- This fund is dedicated to the care and maintenance of Prince of Peace's Columbarium.

Endowment Fund- Each February the Congregation votes on a charity to contribute to. Contributions may be made to the Endowment Fund principal or designated for this year's contribution.

Fairchild/Pore Scholarship Fund- The fund resulted from gifts to Prince of Peace in memory of John Fairchild and continues through donations to the fund. Bill Pore was an Usher and Trustee at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for several years. Bill Pore bequeathed a substantial amount to the fund upon his ascension to the Lord in 2018.

The purpose of the fund is to help communicant members of congregations in the Tidewater Circuit of the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) who request assistance in the payment of educational tuition and fees.

Financial assistance will be made available on an annual basis only to students preparing for church work (ministerial, teacher, deaconess, church musicians, etc.) on the undergraduate, graduate, or continuing educational levels at accredited Lutheran colleges, or to students enrolled at other colleges in courses pertaining to church work.

Contributions may be made to the Fairchild – Pore Fund principal or designated for this year's contribution.

Memorial Fund- This fund was set up to receive funds in memory of loved ones that have gone to our Lord. The Memorial Committee administers these funds and provides various items to support our worship and Church grounds. When you give to the Memorial Fund, you may designate who the contribution is in memory of.

This committee consists of three church members whose purpose is to give families a way to remember a loved one after their death. Our beautiful sanctuary is filled with memorial gifts. Every memorial is written in our memorial book where it remains as a part of our church history.

Our committee is the first stop for every memorial request. We have several choices available, but we are open to suggestions, including some around the church grounds and the Columbarium.

Final selections are approved by the elders and then dedicated to the glory of God.

Special Gifts- Special gifts are those not memorial. Gifts can be from members or committees within the church. They need to bring any request to the memorial committee. For a special gift, space is a consideration, however we are here to be of service to all of you and in that way to give honor and glory to God. Lynn Scarcelli, 757-580-3270.

The current Memorial or Special Gift need is the Organ Upgrade Fund. Our organ contractor estimates it would cost \$7,000 to finish converting the organ switches from pneumatic to digital. This is needed for the upper register pipes. The lower register pipe upgrade was completed in 2013.

Next Gen Fund- This fund was created in 2013 to support long term future facility improvements, such as building additions and renovations. This fund is intended to be the depository for major gifts more than \$10,000.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund- This fund is used by Pastor to help people in need. We assist people with food, gas, utility bills, and other expenses. We recently bought a food gift card for a military family that was displaced from their home due to mold. We also used the fund to provide the PoP pre-school teachers a Christmas bonus.

Trustees Fund- This fund was created in the 2000's to support emergency repairs costing less than \$3,000. The Trustees are authorized to use these funds without prior approval from the Congregation.

Vacation Bible School- This fund supports our annual VBS program, which is held each summer.

If you have any questions about these funds, please talk to Mike Bumbaco, PoP Treasurer.





Endowment Fund 2025 Interest:

During the Congregational Voters Meeting on 18 January 2026, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church members will decide where to give the 2025 Endowment Fund interest and related monetary gifts. The interest to date is \$525.28 (Estimate \$700 with December interest added).

Each year we like to donate to an organization that has not received donations from us in the past. Past donations include: LCMS World Relief, LCMS SED Disaster Relief, LCMS Mission Support, Issues Etc, Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, Hope Food Pantry, Large Print Ministry, Crisis Pregnancy Center, 4 Kenya's Kids, Friends of the Seamen's House, Operation Barnabas (Supports military-connected people), and Coalition Against Poverty.

Please write your suggestion for how this interest may be used to declare Christ's Glory here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on the attached form, email treasurer@princeofpeacevb.org, text 757.619.8580, or talk to Mike Bumbaco.



Please fold this suggestion sheet and place it in the offering plate or give it to the Office Secretary. Suggestions are due January 11, 2026.

Bible Studies & Lunch Meet Up:

Discover all the opportunities to learn & grow in your Christian faith with the PoP family on the paper calendar, Narthex screens, & at princeofpeacevb.org. Also available is a sign-up sheet for the Prime Timers lunch on Jan. 21 at 11:30am. Location: Lucky Oyster, 2165 General Booth Blvd, VB.

PoP Preschool News & Events:

Happy New Year! The annual Preschool Christmas Program followed by a Family Dinner for 200 people was held on December 8th. It was attended by all of our awesome PoPP families. The children gave a wonderful performance. We even had the excitement of snow falling during the event! We also greatly appreciated the help with children and in the kitchen again this year from church members, Michele Wilson and Caroline Light. Thank you!

The children enjoyed participating with Kathy Moss from Prince of Peace in the Stuff-a-Stocking campaign. Toys, books, articles of clothing, etc. were donated by our PoPP families. The children were so excited to see all the stockings stuffed with their contributions!

We still have three openings in our 4-year-old class if you know anyone looking or new to the area.

**Contact PoPP Director, Alicia Mangels,
for enrollment information, 757-340-3033.**



<https://www.princeofpeacevb.org>



PoP's website is *the best source* to find the most current & up to date information on *all* of PoP's news, events, & calendar items. And it's always available for you, 24/7. Visit often!

Please Notify the Church Office:

- If you wish to join the church or transfer your membership.
- If you are or will be admitted to the hospital and you would like Pastor to visit you. Hospitals do *not* notify churches when their members are admitted. The only way Pastor or elders will know is if someone calls or sends an email.
- If you are unable to worship at church, perhaps due to an illness, the Pastor will call on those who are unable to attend at their home, bringing them Holy Communion. *"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."* James 4:14-15
- If your email, phone number or home/ mailing address has changed, or you have changed any of your contact information.

You may contact the church office anytime via phone at 757-340-8420 or email, office@princeofpeacevb.org. Church office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm and Friday by appointment. Please leave a voicemail if calling after hours. If your request is urgent, please contact your elder. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.



February Newsletter:

PoP's monthly newsletter & calendar are published monthly, once a month. The February issue will be published on/about January 22. Volunteer schedules, news articles & calendar items for the February issue are due by January 15. Email updates are sent on Wednesdays, *if necessary*.



HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

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

Because those who eat & drink our Lord's body & blood unworthily do so to their great harm & 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 & the LCMS, & 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 & children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest & 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 & visitors please speak with the Pastor. their chest & 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 & visitors please speak with the Pastor.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER....

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Sally Phelps (Scott Phelps)
Rich Moline (Sandy Sainsbury)
Daniel Ladnier
Albert Bailey (Commonwealth Senior Ctr)
Ken Murphy

Continuing Health & Life Struggles:

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Comfort & Sympathy:

Family of Greg Geisert

Confirmands:

Connor MacMaster
Elinor MacMaster
Alden Campbell
Julia Wilson
Rachel Wilson
Luke Prince

Home Bound:

Thelma Sinnen
Maurita Keplar
Janice Stenglein
Miriam Larkin

Merle & Barbara Endsley
Jeff Kocab
Helga Koehn
John Mazuch

Active Military/Deployed:

Justin Vennard
Kenneth Zaken
Matthew Campbell
Ben Clarke
Jesse Kemper
Chris Keller
Beau Bartlett

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.

Prayer requests are active for *4 weeks*.

To *renew or revise* your request, please contact your elder or the church office.

CELEBRATING IN JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

01/06 Lois Fairbanks	01/19 Kathryn Lambert
01/07 Noor Murphy	01/24 Kelly Light
01/07 Cindy Clark	01/25 Bob Sinibaldi
01/09 Kenneth Murphy	01/25 Kathy Moss
01/09 Scott Phelps	01/27 Daniel Hess
01/10 Sarah Prince	01/27 Stephen Hess
01/16 Katherine Moss	01/28 Alan Ferrera
01/17 Thomas Moss	01/30 Sandy Sainsbury

ANNIVERSARIES

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JANUARY 2026

SERVING AT PRINCE OF PEACE-LCMS

Subject to Change; *= To Be Verified; (E)=Early Service (L)=Late Service; Kindly, work with another volunteer notifying Leader or Elder of day if change is required.

ELDERS (Leader: Pastor; Head Elder "B")

First Sunday Service -8:30am and 11am: **Ryan Light, Elder C**
Second Sunday - 8:30am and 11am: * **or Bill Leveille, Elder B**
Third Sunday - 8:30am and 11am: **Bill Leveille, Elder B**
Fourth Sunday - 8:30am: **Brian Hess** and -11am: **Lee Heup**
Fifth Sunday - 10am: **Lee Heup, Elder D**

READERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

01/04 (E) Jack Spencer	(L) Rich Perkins
01/11 (E) Joan Harris	(L) Carol Sinibaldi
01/18 (E) Shawna Gugel	(L) Sharon Sides
01/25 (E) Robin Phelps	(L) Michele Wilson

ACOLYTES (Leader: *Pastor & Elder of Day*; Training: *Ryan Light*)

01/04(E) Matthew Light	(L) Joshia Wilson
01/11 (E) Connor MacMaster	(L) *
01/18 (E) Luke Prince	(L) Connor MacMaster
01/25 (E) Daniel Hess	(L) Julia Wilson

USHERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

01/04 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson
01/11 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi
01/18 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson
01/25 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi

COMMUNION SERVERS* (Leader/ Scheduler: *Elder of Service*)

01/04 (L) Ryan Light
01/11 (E) Jarett MacMaster
01/18 (L) Bob Sinibaldi, Lee Heup or Mike Bumbaco
01/25 (E)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Leader: *Michele Wilson*)

01/04 Kathryn Lambert
01/11 Kathryn Lambert
01/18 Kathryn Lambert
01/25 Kathryn Lambert

COUNTERS

(Scheduler: *Mike Bumbaco*)

01/04 Gene & Kathryn Lambert
01/11 Scott & Robin Phelps
01/18 Mike Bumbaco & Lee Heup
01/25 Antar & Michelle Wilson

A/V BOOTH (Leader: Robin Phelps; Scheduler: *Gene Lambert*)

01/04 (E) Gene Lambert	(L) Mike Bumbaco
01/11 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps	(L) Scott & Robin Phelps
01/18 (E) Gene Lambert	(L) Mike Bumbaco
01/25 (E) Gene Lambert	(L) Mike Bumbaco

MARQUEE (Leader: *Pastor & Head Elder*)

Serving: **Bill Bussey**

GREETERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Gail Laughrey*)

01/04 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Brian Houck
(L) Bob & Carol Sinibaldi
01/11 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury
(L) Rich Perkins
01/18 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Kathryn Lambert
(L) Vina Gerber
01/25 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan
(L) Antar and Michele Wilson

ALTAR GUILD (Leader & Scheduler: *Gail Laughrey*)

First Sunday Service -11:00am **(L) Sharon Sides or Sinibaldi**
Second Sunday - 8:30am **(E) Gail Laughrey and/or ***
Third Sunday - 11am **(L) Bob and Carol Sinibaldi or Sides**
Fourth Sunday - 8:30am **(E) Gail Laughrey and/or ***
Fifth Sunday - 10am **(Only Service, as applies)**
 Filling candles & changing seasonal banners: **Matthew Light**

FEEL CALLED TO SERVE AT PoP?

Volunteers always welcome! Share your time & talents while deepening your faith, building fellowship, & sharing God's love. Contact Stewardship Committee Leader, Mary Jo Haney. Then, speak with the Leader or Scheduler of the service team you are interested in to learn more.

Feel free to step in & help as needed anytime.
 Know that you are welcome & appreciated.
No experience necessary. Training provided.



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January 2026

PoP Master Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3
Traditional Worship S ↻ Adult Bible Study & S ↻ Blended Praise Servic ↻	PoPP Closed - Christmas ↻ Bell Choir Practice ↻	PoPP Closed - Christmas ↻ Large Print ↻	PoPP Closed - Christmas ↻ Good New Club ↻	PoPP Closed - Christmas ↻ Lawn Care ↻	PoPP Closed - Christmas ↻	Praise Team Practice ↻
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Traditional Worship ↻ Adult Bible Study & S ↻ C-Blended Praise ↻	Woman's Bible Study ↻ Bell Choir Practice ↻ Board of Christian Ed ↻	Men's Bible Study ↻ Large Print ↻	Good New Club ↻	Lawn Care ↻	LWML Soup & Game Ni ↻	Trustee's Meeting & C ↻ Praise Team Practice ↻
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
C-Traditional Worship ↻ Adult Bible Study & S ↻ Blended Praise ↻	Bell Choir Practice ↻	Large Print ↻ Board of Elders Meeting ↻	Commonwealth Senic ↻ Good New Club ↻ Call Committee Mtg [↻	Lawn Care ↻	Fellowship Friday ↻	National Railroad Mo ↻ Praise Team Practice ↻
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Traditional Worship ↻ Congregational Voter's I ↻ C-Blended Praise ↻	PoPP Closed - MLK Jr. Day ↻ Woman's Bible Study ↻ Bell Choir Practice ↻	Men's Bible Study ↻ Large Print ↻ Church Council Meeti ↻	Prime Timers ↻ Good New Club ↻	Lawn Care ↻		Praise Team Practice ↻
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
C-Traditional Worship ↻ Adult Bible Study ↻ Blended Prais ↻	PoPP Closed - Teacher Woi ↻ Bell Choir Practice ↻	PoPP Closed - Conferences ↻ Large Print ↻	Commonwealth Senic ↻ Good New Club ↻ Call Committee Mtg ↻	Lawn Care ↻		Praise Team Practice ↻

SUGGESTION FOR PRINCE OF PEACE ENDOWMENT FUND 2025 INTEREST

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Submitted By: _____

Date: _____