



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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April 2026



ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God:

04/12 In memory of Michael Bussey

Office Hours

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

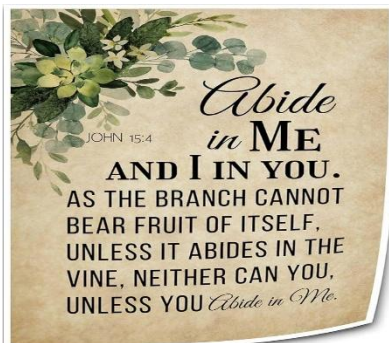
PoP's Stained Glass Window #4:

Dear Church,

In our sanctuary the fourth window from the left depicts Jesus saying: "I AM the True Vine" (John 15:1). In this eucharistic window, the vine grows from the "Water of Life," our Lord. On the vine are grapes, symbolic of the blood Christ shed for our redemption. He said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Through the Eucharist, with its chalice intertwined in the vine, we are reminded of our inextricable, organic relationship with the True Vine.

Each one of us has many identities in life. Many of them are defined by our relationship to others: teacher, student; employer, employee; husband, wife; parent, child. But first and foremost is your identity formed by your relationship to Christ. You are a Christian. In Holy Baptism you were united to Christ. You have been joined to Jesus. Now your life is linked to his. Jesus gives you your identity. And here's what he says it is: "You are the branches." In a vineyard, branches are defined by their connection to the vine. Jesus is the vine, and so your identity is defined by your connection to Christ. And it is in that relationship—but only in that relationship of branches connected to the vine—that you will bear fruit in your life. That is what naturally happens when branches abide in the vine.

They bear fruit.
Fruitful branches.
That is who we are now in Christ.
But that's not who we were before, apart from Christ. Apart from him, we were fruitless, faithless, and lifeless. But it was for us, dead ones like us, that Christ came. For us he himself died, and then rose again.



By his death he destroyed death and cleanses us from our sins. By his Easter victory, he assures us of new life, eternal life. Jesus is the true vine, the living vine, who gives life to the branches. He sustains our life and causes us to be fruitful. We are fruitful as we remain connected and continue to draw our life from him. Christ gets the credit for any good fruit we bear in our lives.

And so now, in Christ, connected to him and drawing your life from him, you will bear fruit. Much fruit, good fruit. What is this "fruit" that we're speaking of? The fruit of faith consists in all the good works that we Christians do, according to the Ten Commandments, for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. Love and good works—that's the fruit that you will bear.

Now make no mistake: good works won't save you, any more than bearing fruit causes a branch to become attached to a vine. It's the other way around. It's not that the branch bears fruit independently and thereby earns its way onto the vine. No, the branch is attached to the vine, and that is why and how it bears fruit. It's like what St. Paul says in Ephesians 2: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

In Christ, Pastor

Board of Elders (BoE) April 2026 Update:

Led by the Holy Spirit we will lead Christ's church faithfully.

Dear Church,

We hope and pray you are all well.

The Worship Planner for upcoming months has details for dates and times. You'll find it on the Credenza in the Narthex.

Worship and Pastoral Care:

Pastoral Coverage changes are planned as follows while Vacancy Pastor Prince is out:

- 5/3 Pastor (Chaplain) Bomberger
- 8/9 Retired Pastor Nieting while Pastor Prince will be at PoP Family Retreat.

The **Lists of members** per each Elder (A, B, C, D, E & F) 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, attempt to connect with visitors and extend invitations for others to join us at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – LCMS. Elders are here to assist the Pastors in serving you, so if we can be of help, please feel free to call upon us. We're working with the President and all Committee leadership to Assimilate New Members and get them connected to Christ's church.

Contact your Elder or the church Secretary for help with scheduling **Homebound visits**.

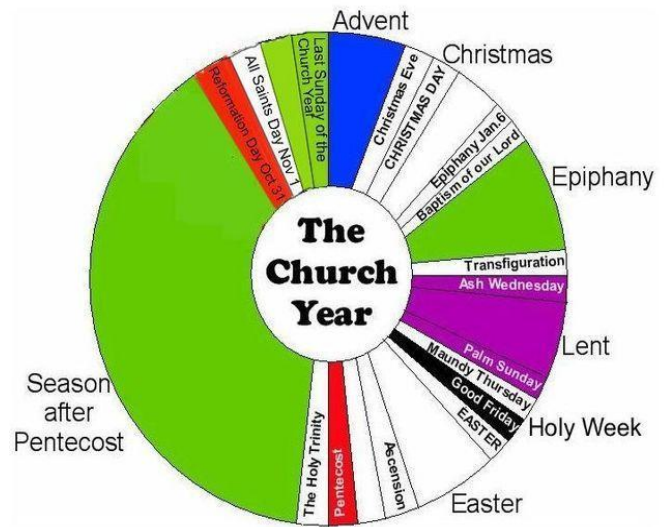
Please review the **Volunteer's schedule** in the Monthly Newsletter with weekly updates posted in the Narthex. Advise the Leader or Secretary by writing changes on the Volunteer sheet on the Credenza that is updated every week.

Pastor and Elders hosted the Men's and Children's Breakfast on March 14th. About 30 attended. It was a good time of fellowship with an informative devotional on mentorship by Pastor Prince, and great food was served. We hope to carry on this new tradition, potentially on a quarterly basis.

The BoE has been informed that PoP's president will send required information to the SED for a consultant and pastoral call by mid-April.

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. We always look forward to seeing you in church!

In Christ, Board of Elders



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

This is the second part of our stewardship emphasis, **Everyday Stewards**. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed into new people who become God's stewards.

As the Apostle Paul stated, *"...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). The theme for this month is



"Stewardship as a Way of Life." Christian stewardship involves more than what we do just on Sunday. Stewardship is faith in action, and it refers to all the activities that we do in Christ's name. We are God's stewards in our homes, workplaces, schools, and in our neighborhoods. We are stewards each and every day. Our stewardship is a way of life. Where God places us, we are called to be His faithful stewards.



PoP Preschool April News & Events:

It was an “egg”citing month for PoPP! After 21 days of incubation with “candling” observations, 13 of our 14 eggs hatched. We enjoyed several days of observation and careful handling of the new chicks before they went back to the farm.



Thank you to all our musicians who shared their time, knowledge and talent with us for March Music month. PoP's own Clairette Campbell shared the cello with us and Lisa Sinibaldi held a series of demonstrations for us each Monday in March. We are so blessed by the members of PoP!

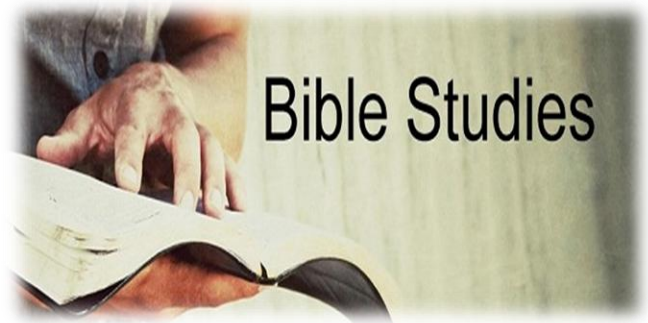


After we return from our Easter holiday and spring vacation, we will get the halls ready for our annual Family Art Night. This year it will be held on Thursday, 23 April from 5:00-6:30 pm. It is usually a combination of gallery viewing of the children's art through the year as well as engaging the family in making art together. We have a few more spots in our Owls and Rabbits (18 months to 2.5 years) classes for next school year if you know anyone looking for a preschool. Our Turtles and Otters classes have started a waitlist.



VBS 2026 – Tropical Trek:

Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save Vacation Bible School (VBS) planning meeting is Saturday, 21 Feb 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! If you want to Volunteer but are unable to attend this meeting send Michele Wilson an email at mtiefert@yahoo.com or call her at 757-822-6025.



Bible Studies & Faith in Motion:

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 Prime Timers lunch on April 15 at 11:30am. Location: Rib City, 4688 Princess Anne Rd., VB; volunteer opportunities; Family Fun Night & so much more! To unlock every detail for all of PoP's events & Bible Studies 24/7 visit princeofpeacevb.org often!



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



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.

May Newsletter:

Items for next month's newsletter are due by close of business on the penultimate to the last Thursday of the prior month. The next monthly newsletter will be published on or about the last Thursday of the month. Please email your newsletter submissions to: announcements@princeofpeaceVB.org.

If your request is not received in time, we will do our best to publish it in the weekly update sent by MailChimp email. Weekly newsletter updates are due to the above email address by the prior Thursday.

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.

<https://www.princeofpeacevb.org>



PoP's website is *the best source* for 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!

The "I AM" stained glass windows at
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia



Flame
of the
Spirit

Cross
Beacon
on the
Light
House



Good
Shepherd
holding a
lamb

Sheep

Sheep



One
Loaf

Sheaves
of
Wheat



Chalice

Vine

Grapes

Water
of Life



Phoenix

Fire

Whale



Jonah



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER....

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Continuing Health & Life Struggles:

Comfort & Sympathy:

Montie Prince (Pastor Prince)
 Sonia & Rich Moline (Sandy)
 Jean Moline (Sandy Sainsbury)
 Barbara McQuaid (Sandy Sainsbury)

Confirmands:

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

Home Bound:

Active Military/Deployed:

Missionaries:

Thelma Sinnen
 Maurita Keplar
 Janice Stenglein
 Miriam Larkin

Merle & Barbara Endsley
 Jeff Kocab
 Helga Koehn
 John Mazuch

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

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 APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

04/02 Jack Spencer
 04/07 Danielle Kemper
 04/17 Bruce Waltemath
 04/22 Kaitlyn Silver
 04/22 Matthew Light
 04/22 Merle Endsley

04/24 Ann Helwig
 04/25 David Reid
 04/26 Cherie Spencer

APRIL 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.

ELDER on Duty (Leader: *Pastor; Head Elder "B"*)

First Sunday Service -8:30am and 11am: **Brian Houck**, Elder "A"

Second Sunday*-8:30am: **Ryan Light**, Elder "C"

Third Sunday - 8:30am and 11am: **Bill Leveille**, Elder "B"

Fourth Sunday - 8:30am: **Brian Hess**, "E" & 11am: **Lee Heup**, "D"

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am: **Antar Wilson**, Elder "F"

READERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

04/05 (E) Robin Phelps (L) **Rich Perkins**

04/12 (E) Jack Spencer (L) **Carol Sinibaldi**

04/19 (E) Shawna Gugel-Foley (L) **Sharon Sides**

04/26 (E) Robin Phelps (L) **Michele Wilson**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am *

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

04/05 (E) Luke Prince (L) **Josiah Wilson**

04/12 (E) * (L) **Rachel Wilson**

04/19 (E) Alden Campbell (L) **Josiah Wilson**

04/26 (E) Daniel Hess (L) **Julia Wilson**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am *

USHERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

04/05 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken (L) **Antar Wilson**

04/12 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) **Bob Sinibaldi**

04/19 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken (L) **Antar Wilson**

04/26 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) **Bob Sinibaldi**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am *

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

First Sunday Service at 11am *- Elder A: Brian Houck

Second Sunday at 8:30 am *- Ryan Light

Third Sunday at 11am *- Elder B: Bill Leveille

Fourth Sunday at 8:30am - Elder E: Brian Hess

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies - 10am: * **Elder on duty**

GREETERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Gail Laughrey*)

04/05 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Brian Houck
(L) **Bob & Carol Sinibaldi**

04/12 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury
(L) **Rich Perkins**

04/19 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan
(L) **Vina Gerber**

04/26 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Gail Laughrey
(L) **Antar and Michele Wilson**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am *

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Leader: *Michele Wilson*)

(Superintendent/Scheduler:
Clairette Campbell)

Teachers:

Clairette Campbell

Kathleen Leveille

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COUNTERS

(Scheduler: *Mike Bumbaco*)

04/05 Mike Bumbaco and Lee Heup

04/12 Scott & Robin Phelps

04/19 Mike Bumbaco & Lee Heup

04/26 Antar & Michelle Wilson

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am *

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 *

Filling candles & changing seasonal banners: **Matthew Light**

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

04/05 (E) Gene Lambert (L) **Mike Bumbaco**

04/12 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **Scott & Robin Phelps**

04/19 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **S&R P, Mike Bumbaco**

04/26 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **S&R P, Mike Bumbaco**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am *

MARQUEE (Leader: *Pastor & Head Elder*)

Serving: **Bill Bussey**

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.

Feel free to step in & help anytime.

Know that your presence & service are truly appreciated.

No experience necessary. Training provided.



Serving at Prince of Peace

Holy Week 2026

April:

04/02 - Maundy Thursday

Elder: D, Lee Heup

Reader: * Usher: *

Acolyte: *

Communion Server: Elder on Duty

Greeter: * A/V Booth: Mike Bumbaco

Altar Guild: *

Counter: *

04/03 - Good Friday

Elder: E , Brian Hess Reader: *

Acolyte: * Usher: *

Greeter: * A/V Booth: Mike Bumbaco

Counter: *

04/05 - Easter Sunday

Elder: : A, Brian Houck

For others serving: see Typical Sunday

PoP Calendar – April 2026

(events/times subject to change)

Prince of Peace, Apr 2026							Magic Import	Month	Filter	Today
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
29 9:45 AM Adult Bible Stud 10 AM Combined Worship 11 AM Fellowship Brunch	30 4:15 PM Bell Choir Practice 12 PM Large Print	31 6 PM Lent Fellowship Mea 7 PM Lent Service	Apr 1 8:30 AM Lawn Care 7 PM Maundy Thursday	2 PoPP Closed - Easter Bre 7 PM Good Friday	3 10 AM Praise Team Practi 6 PM Youth Movie Night	4				
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