



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God:

05/17 in memory of Michael Bussey

Office Hours

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

PoP's Stained Glass Window #5:

Dear Church,

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25) is the title of the fifth stained glass window in our church. This window features two images that remind us of the wonderful power and mercy of God. At the bottom of the window there is an image of Jonah leaving the mouth of the great fish after spending three days in its belly. Jesus uses the three-day stay of Jonah in the belly of the fish as a sign of his own stay in the grave. As Jonah emerged alive, so Jesus stepped forth from the grave.

The story of Jonah, the reluctant prophet, emphasizes God's concern for the lost people of this world who do not know Him. Jonah was sent to Nineveh, a great and powerful city, which was also the enemy of his people. Jonah was told to proclaim the destruction of the city unless they repented of their sin. Jonah wanted these people to suffer God's anger and punishment, so rather than travel by land to get to Nineveh, he ran away traveling by sea. God's concern for his wayward prophet and for the people of Nineveh would not allow Jonah to escape. A storm threatens the boat he is on.



I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE JOHN 11:25

The sailors determine Jonah is the cause and ask him what he has done. Jonah confesses that he is running away from God. The sailors try to save Jonah's life and their own by rowing to shore, but it is no use. In the end they do what Jonah says they must--throw him overboard. Before they do, they ask God's forgiveness for taking Jonah's life. When Jonah has sunk from sight, the waves calm and the sailors sacrifice and make vows to God.

Jonah's running away was used as God's tool to lead them to Himself! Having sunk in the sea, Jonah is swallowed by a great fish prepared by God. In its belly Jonah appeals to God for mercy and life. He declares he will do what he has promised God. He goes to Nineveh and preaches there. God's mercy is displayed for both his people who fail him and for those who do not know him. He reclaims Jonah and restores him to his former position as a prophet of God.

So, it is with us too. God uses us to bring knowledge of Him, repentance and forgiveness to others. Sometimes we run away from what God has prepared for us to do, but He still finds ways to accomplish His goals and help us be about His work in the world. Like Jonah, God will continue to reclaim us, forgive us, lead us to repentance, and in the end, grant us eternal life with Him.

In Christ, Pastor

Board of Elders (BoE) May 2026 Update:

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

Dear Church,

We hope and pray you are all well.

Please reach out to your Elder if we can assist you in anyway. You'll find their contact information on the Bulletin Board in the Hallway between Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Worship and Pastoral Care:

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

- 3-MAY is Pastor (Chaplain) Bomberger
- 9-AUG is Pastor Nieting while Pastor Prince will be at PoP Family Retreat
- 16-AUG is Pastor Nieting while Pastor Prince takes his daughter to college.

Our Vacancy Pastor has been with us for 14 months.

BOE is reviewing **Call Committee candidates** to replace two upcoming vacancies.

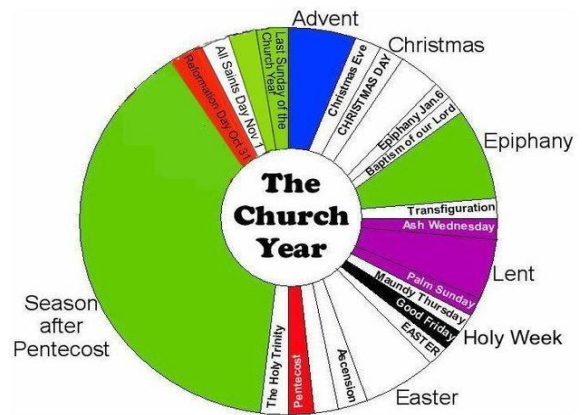
Save the Date upcoming **Family Retreat** is August 7th thru 9th, 2026 at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Your prayers for the Calling of New Pastor & PoP leadership along with your support are greatly appreciated. We always look forward to seeing you in church!

In Christ, Board of Elders



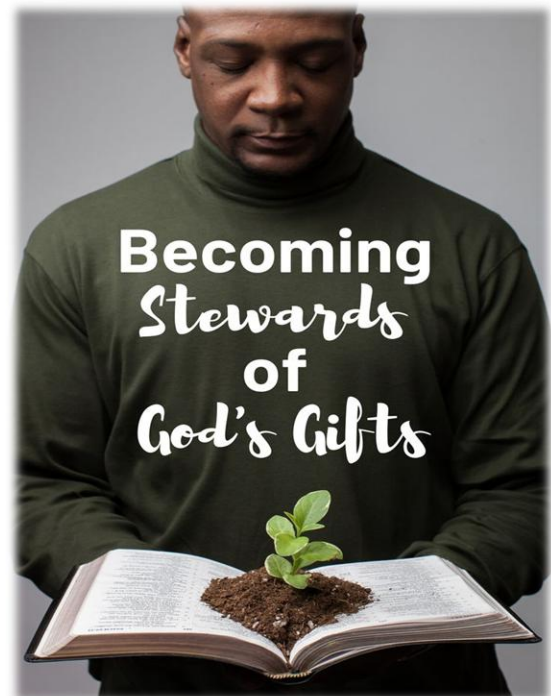
Call Committee Update:

The Call Committee has been working hard for the past several months to complete our congregational Profile and Self Evaluation document. This is currently a 63-page document all about Prince of Peace and the area. We plan on submitting this package to SED this month. When completed, we will make it available. As we have more information on this Call process, we will let you know.



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

This is the third and final part of our stewardship emphasis, **Everyday Stewards**, and it is also commitment Sunday. The theme for this week is "Stewards Living with Purpose." God's purpose for us is to be in mission. He wants us to partner with Him in His work "*to seek and to save the lost*" (Luke 19:10). God "*desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (1 Timothy 2:4). We are blessed with the privilege to be God's instruments through whom He works to share His life-saving Gospel with people we meet. We can be focused on God's purpose because we are confident in His love, care, and faithfulness.





PoPP May News:

Spring has sprung and the preschool has filled the playground planters with new flowers, seeds and vegetable plants. We are eagerly awaiting the sprouting of seeds and documenting the growth of all the vegetation. A special "Thank you" to the Otters class for their help in picking up litter from the church grounds including the outdoor chapel in the woods. After we returned from our Easter holiday and spring vacation, the preschool halls were prepared for our annual interactive Family Art Night and Gallery. This year it was held on Thursday, 23 April from 5:00-6:30 pm. The evening was a combination of gallery viewing of the children's imitation of various artists' art through the year as well as engaging the family in making art together.

We have three Summer Camps available this year. Two in June~Art Camp and Nature Camp and one in July~Waterworks. Please contact the preschool office for more information or to register your child.

There are only a few more spots in our T/Th Owls class and one spot in our MWF Rabbits class (18 months to 2.5 years) for next school year if you know anyone looking for a preschool. Our Turtles and Otters classes have a waitlist.

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



Service of Graduation and Future Plans:

Dear Friends in Christ,
As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I thought I would share a couple of words about the upcoming events in Adam's seminary career.



On April 29, there is a very special service at the seminary, attended by the leadership of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. In that service, all the graduates who are finishing their four-year course of study will receive divine Calls. Some of these will be to congregations as pastor; some will be as assistant pastor, some may be as missionaries in different mission fields, and some may be to special mission projects. Well, many of these calls will be totally unexpected, some of them are dedicated calls. That means that the congregation that is calling has specified a particular graduate that they would wish to call for their congregation. That is what we expect for Adam, as he has been working with the congregation known as Suburban Bethlehem for his entire stay in Fort Wayne, including his year of vicarage.

Once these fourth-year men receive their Calls, they still must finish their academic career at the seminary successfully. A Service of Graduation will be held in the chapel on May 15. Having received their diplomas and their Calls, each seminary will then write a letter of response to their Calling congregation and make arrangements for moving, housing, and making plans for their service of Ordination and Installation. Some of the men were played in their own nations and their own congregation while many of them will have their ordination at their new congregation.

Although Adam has already been accepted into the program leading to a PhD, which he will need to teach at the seminary level, he has dedicated himself to being a congregational pastor for the near future. Meanwhile his wife Emily is finishing a pre-law program at Purdue University's local campus.

Our entire family cannot thank the Saints of Prince of Peace for your prayers, your notes of encouragement and, of course, your financial support. Without you, this would have been a much more difficult task! You are such dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

He is Risen Indeed!! - Mark and Pam Nieting

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 May 20 at 11:30am. Location: AJ Gators on Holland Road; 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!

VBS 2026 – Tropical Trek:

Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek & Save Vacation Bible School (VBS) planning meeting is Saturday, 16 May 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the church office. 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.



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, 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/mailling 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.

June 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:

Bruce Waltemath
Zack Baker (Buck Haney)
Susan Salmons (Buck Haney)
Frankie Marcum (Buck Haney)
Scott Johnson (Kathryn Lambert)

Continuing Health & Life Struggles:

Ken Murphy

Comfort & Sympathy:

Family of Connie Hoff

Confirmands:

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

Home Bound:

Thelma Sinnen
Maurita Keplar
Janice Stenglein
Miriam Larkin
Gloria Arnold

Merle & Barbara Endsley
Jeff Kocab
Helga Koehn
John Mazuch
Montie Prince

Active Military/Deployed:

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

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 MAY

BIRTHDAYS

05/08 Kathleen Leveille
05/10 James Doyle
05/11 Vianne Campbell
05/14 Ruth Cooper
05/16 Caroline Vennard

05/22 Antar Wilson
05/22 Helga Koehn
05/25 Sandra Janssen
05/29 Lorelei Kemper
05/31 Carol Sinibaldi

ANNIVERSARIES

05/01 Del & Gay Lynn Hasselbacher
05/05 Dale & Joan Harris
05/10 Ruth & Dickie Cooper
05/29 Fairbanks, Mike & Lois

MAY 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 and 11am: **Ryan Light**, Elder "C"

Third Sunday - 8:30am and 11am: **Antar Wilson**, Elder "F"

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

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am: **Bill Leveille**, Elder "B"

READERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

05/03 (E) Kathryn Lambert (L) **Rich Perkins**

05/10 (E) Jack Spencer (L) **Sharon Sides**

05/17 (E) Shawna Gugel-Foley (L) **Carol Sinibaldi**

05/24 (E) Joan Harris (L) **Michele Wilson**

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

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

05/03 (E) Connor MacMaster (L) *

05/10 (E) Matthew Light (L) *

05/17 (E) Alden Campbell (L) **Josiah Wilson**

05/24 (E) Daniel Hess (L) **Julia Wilson**

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

USHERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

05/03 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris

Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken (L) *

05/10 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) *

05/17 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris

Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken (L) **Bob Sinibaldi**

05/24 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) *

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am **Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken**

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

First Sunday Service at 11am – Elder on Duty

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*)

05/03 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Brian Houck

(L) **Vina Gerber**

05/10 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury

(L) **Rich Perkins**

05/17 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan

(L) **Bob & Carol Sinibaldi**

05/24 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Kathryn Lambert

(L) **Antar and Michele Wilson**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am **Lynn Scarcelli / Gail Laughrey**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Leader: (Leader: *Michele Wilson*)

(Supt./Scheduler: *Clairette Campbell*)

05/03 *

05/10 C. Campbell / M. Bumbaco

05/17 C. Campbell / *

05/24 * / C. Campbell

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – *No SS*

COUNTERS

(Scheduler: *Mike Bumbaco*)

05/03 Mike Bumbaco &

Lee Heup

05/10 Scott & Robin Phelps

05/17 Bob & Carol Sinibaldi

05/24 Antar & Michelle Wilson

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am

Mike Bumbaco & Kathy Moss

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*)

05/03 (E) Gene Lambert (L) **Mike Bumbaco**

05/10 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **Scott & Robin Phelps**

05/17 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **Mike Bumbaco**

05/24 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **Mike Bumbaco**

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

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.

Feel free to step in & help anytime.

Know that your presence & service are truly appreciated.

No experience necessary. Training provided.

Serve one another
humbly in
love.
Galatians 5:13b

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PoP Calendar – May 2026

events/times subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
8:30 AM C-Traditional ↻ 9:45 AM Adult Bible S ↻ 11 AM Blended Praise ↻	4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract ↻	12 PM Large Print ↻		8:30 AM Lawn Care ↻		10 AM Praise Team Pr ↻
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30 AM C-Traditional ↻ 9:45 AM Adult Bible S ↻ 11 AM Blended Praise ↻	4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract ↻	PoPP Teacher Workday ↻ 12 PM Large Print ↻	10 AM Commonwealth ↻ 7 PM Call Committee ↻	8:30 AM Lawn Care ↻		10 AM Praise Team Pr ↻
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