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ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God:

10/19 – in honor of Caroline & Elly Light's baptism anniversary
and in memory of Carroll C. Bussey by Bill Bussey
10/26 – in honor of the Doyle's wedding anniversary

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

On Two-Kingdom Theology & Politics:

Dear Church,

The following article was written by Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, President of the Minnesota South District (and my fellow seminary classmate).

Lutherans have a robust two-kingdom theology. It's the understanding that God governs civil affairs in the left-hand kingdom through the law and governs the church (the gathering of believers) in the right-hand kingdom through the gospel. This understanding highlights the life of the Christian to God and to neighbor in both the temporal and eternal realms. It also affirms the importance of Christian citizens exercising civic duty regardless of the specific government. *Two-kingdom theology recognizes obedience to divinely appointed authority is obedience to God himself.*

The Church in a Constitutional Republic

In our case, we live within a constitutional republic that has three branches of government with checks and balances designed to facilitate a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Candidates who run for office ordinarily advocate the social and legislative platform advocated by their particular political party—currently the longstanding two-party system of our land. Sadly, these parties no longer debate the merits of their platform positions, but increasingly demonize, slander, and attempt to destroy each other. Partisan politics have all but destroyed civility, good will, and constructive discourse for the common good.

The church exists with this political world in the background. However, the message of the Holy Christian Church is, and will always be, about the shed blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Endorsement of political parties is not a means of grace nor a mark of the church.* **The marks of the church, rather, are the gospel preached and the sacraments administered.** Our ministry is to one and all, regardless of political affiliations or aspirations. **As the Psalmist says, our trust is not in princes, presidents, or politicians, but in the Lord of all Lords and the king of all Kings (Ps 146:3).**

At the same time, our two-kingdom theology recognizes the role government plays in the life of believers, as well as our unbelieving neighbors, to maintain order, ensure domestic tranquility, & provide for the common good. We emphasize the role Christians can play in government, either as civic minded citizens, or by seeking and serving in public office. *(continued)*

Our recent district convention passed a resolution encouraging our members to do exactly that.

Exercising Our Civic Duty

Likewise, our two-kingdom theology reminds us that in a constitutional republic with democratically elected leaders, we must remain informed and be diligent about exercising our civic duty by voting. *We do well to consider candidates and policies that will promote good order; protect the vulnerable; uphold virtue and morality; maintain religious liberty; and defend traditional marriage, the family, and human identity.* To that end, the MN South District puts out a "One Voice for Public Policy" newsletter and, recently, a voter guide that explores the issues.

Presently, some social ideologies and forces are openly at war with the virtues and morality of orthodox Christianity. Massive shifts in public policy favoring a secular and even pagan agenda are being evidenced at the local, state, and federal levels of government. **Blatant attempts to normalize and legalize behavior and ideologies historically regarded immoral and dangerous have long been fueling the moral revolution and spiritual decline occurring in our country.**

Such things are nothing new in the course of human history. The wickedness and depravity of humankind challenged the church in the apostolic era and the ensuing centuries of persecution and opposition. **Our hope remains in Christ the crucified.**

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Visit often!

The Church will always be a beacon of light in a dark world, even amid tyrannical or oppressive governments. The history of the Holy Christian Church testifies to this.

However, we are in a unique time and place. Our country's Constitution and Bill of Rights were designed by the founders to provide some of the most profound freedoms ever given to citizens of a country**. We, therefore, do well to exercise the freedoms and rights afforded by the government to press for the virtue and common good that accords with the teachings of Holy Scripture.** Christian citizens do well to exercise our civic duty and intentionally pursue all avenues of legal redress to fight unjust laws, oppressive policies, discriminatory behavior, and all manner of wickedness and corruption.

We have three branches of government, and if the COVID experience has taught us anything, the mandates of one branch of government or one public official can be appealed according to the laws of the land in good conscience and with biblical freedom. To be sure, *the fourth commandment calls us to recognize and obey God-given authorities. But that does not mean or require us to act with mere blind obedience.* We can, and should, take advantage of our given rights in our distinctly American three branch form of government with checks and balances, especially where conscience is violated, and morality oppressed.

Biblically Political for the Sake of Our Neighbor

Humans are by nature political beings. We do not live in isolation. We can, and must, interact with other humans in a God-pleasing way. **Jesus Himself was one of the most political personalities in history, yet clearly declared His Kingdom was not of this world.** He loved God the Father above all else and His neighbor as Himself. He taught His disciples to render to God what belonged to God and to render to Caesar what belonged to Caesar (Mark 12:7). *The LCMS does not endorse political parties*, but that does not mean we cannot and should not be politically informed, vote our consciences, and express our views on political matters. In short, *we are called to be political for the sake of our neighbor.*

Without question, Scripture is our clear guide on the truth, principles, and virtues for which we ought to fight as citizens. And should those principles and truths overlap with one party or another in our two-party system, that does not, thereby, mean we have somehow become a political action committee for that party. It simply means the truths and virtues Scripture upholds have a common and broad appeal. *We, therefore, advocate for those truths and virtues, even as we critique political partisanship and vitriol.*

Likewise, there are those **Christian legal organizations and advocacy groups** that have long engaged in the civic duty to fight for laws and policies that ensure:

1. Life is Safeguarded
2. Religious Freedom Prevails
3. All can Speak Freely
4. Marriage & Family are Protected
5. Parental Rights are Guaranteed

It is fitting for Christians to unite with mobilized and legally equipped groups to push back against the efforts to create policies and laws that are hostile to Christian morality and belief. (continued)

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) is one such organization. They are the world's largest legal organization committed to 1) protecting religious freedom, 2) free speech, 3) marriage and family, 4) parental rights, and 5) the sanctity of life. They defend these cherished liberties in Congress, state legislatures, and courtrooms across the country—all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. ADF has won 14 victories at the Supreme Court since 2011, and they win nearly 80 percent of all cases. One of their most significant victories came when they assisted the State of Mississippi in arguing before the Supreme Court in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* case that overturned *Roe. v. Wade*.

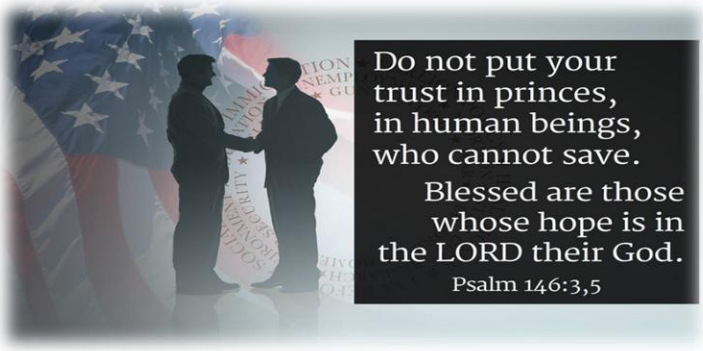
The MN South District is in a Ministry Alliance partnership with ADF. This entitles your congregation, school, or daycare to a discounted membership rate that for most of you amounts to an annual fee of only $500. They serve as your religious liberty advocate regardless of becoming a member. But as a member, they personally audit your legal documents, provide legal advice and, if necessary, represent you in court on matters of religious liberty. I needn't remind you that in our litigious world, it could well be that you or your church might be sued in court for discrimination simply because you uphold biblical principles on marriage, sexuality, and human identity.

I highly encourage you to engage with them and become a member. I would be happy to talk more with you personally if you have questions.

The Promise of Jesus

In the end, we know our Lord Jesus Christ remains the Lord of the Church and the Lord over all. Until He returns, we do our best to be faithful as we live in both kingdoms, leaning on Him for wisdom. We trust His promise to be with us always to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20) no matter the government or the politics and partisanship of a country. **The politics of Jesus call us to take up our cross and follow Him as we love our neighbor.**

In Christ, Pastor



Board of Elders (BoE) Update OCTOBER 2025:

Led by the Holy Spirit we will lead Christ's church faithfully.
VISION: Make Known the Love of Christ

The **Lists of members** per each Elder (A, 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, kindly introduce yourself to your elder.

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. The Call Committee continues meeting twice a month, virtually and in person. An update on the process is expected shortly, if not already provided.

Pastoral Care and Worship:

Our Pastor(s) continually reminds us that Worship should consistently be our best and "*We are agents on a mission for God, reaching inwardly to minister to our own members, and outwardly to minister to our community*." An LCMS Resource for better understanding outreach may include reviewing: "An Outsider Talks With a Lutheran Theologian (What do Lutherans Believe?)"

[= https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsEw7ECzGlc].

The Worship Committee has moved to a quarterly schedule (next (Nov 30). Vacancy Pastor Prince will be out November 9th with Chaplin Kenneth Bomberger leading service. Then, December 25th, 2025 and January 4th, 2026 with Pastor Mark Nieting filling in.

Upcoming Holiday services are now set for:

NOVEMBER	
Wed 26	Thanksgiving @ 7pm
DECEMBER	
Wed 03	Midweek Advent 1 at 7pm
Wed 10	Midweek Advent 2 at 7pm
Wed 17	Midweek Advent 3 at 7pm
Wed 24	Christmas Eve at 7pm
Thurs 25	Christmas Day at 10am

Each Elder will continue to work with scheduling Communion assistants and we may request your assistance at the last minute to help with all the holiday services. *(continued)*

THANK YOU, in advance, for your understanding and flexibility with volunteering. Please review the Volunteer's schedule for the month located in the Monthly Newsletter with updates posted on the Credenza in the Narthex.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed (Proverbs 16:3)

The 2026 Budget Plan has been approved by BoE with Assistant Treasurer recommended adjustments and provided to the President, Treasurer and Finance Committee to present at the next Voters Assembly, expected to be sometime in October.

This year's Good New Club (GNC) status: Alex Helbig has handed-off Lead for to Chris Keller. This outreach is underway as of September 3, 2025 meeting on Wednesday afternoons at King's Grant Elementary School. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Chris.

We continually pray and thank God for you (Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11). Please join us praying for our New Pastor, Vacancy Pastor and interim Pastor(s), PoP Church Leaders, Elders and the Congregation ***unity in one church body***, (Unity Colossians 3).

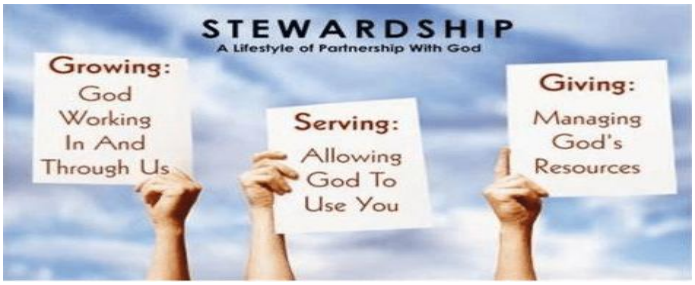
In Christ, Board of Elders

Catechesis Cultivates Thankful Stewardship:

Catechesis is the perfect place for the steward leader to debunk the idolatrous claim that we as mere human beings own any part of creation. When God's Word is brought to bear, it quickly becomes clear who God is, and our relationship to Him as steward is defined.

God is God and we are not. **God owns all things. At *no point*** in the first two chapters of Genesis, or anywhere else in Scripture for that matter, **does God ever transfer title and ownership of even one iota of the created order to us.**

This is where we run into our ongoing struggle with stewardship. Human beings have claimed ownership of their little corner of the created order from the earliest days. "MY Blanket! MY teddy bear! MY cookie!" This desire for ownership does not subside in childhood, either. As we age and mature, we just find more creative ways to express our ownership of creation. We use words like "deed," "title," or "bill of sale." While all of these are indeed legal ownership terms in the kingdom of the left, *Scripture is clear that they are NOT ours.* **Don't believe it? Look at Psalm 24:1**. (*continued)*



Clarifying with the Catechism
Luther helps the steward leader put this all in perspective in the Small Catechism. The earth & the fullness thereof & all those who dwell therein belong to God by virtue of the divine miracle of creation. God made it. He owns it. The First Article states this clearly. We believe that God created the heavens & the earth. **If you create it, you own it. God did, so He owns it all.**
But here is where the Lord proves to be most gracious. Luther puts it this way in the Small Catechism: "*He gives me clothing & shoes, wife & children, l&, animals & all I have."* Here is where catechesis makes it clear that **what we *think* we own is actually given in trust**. God still owns it all. But He places these things into our hands to "*support this body & life."*
Receiving the trust with thanksgiving
The steward leader needs to be careful with this, though. The word "gift" denotes a transfer of ownership. In our world, when a gift is given, the giver no longer has control of how it is used. It can be treasured, trivialized or trashed. That is not what God has in mind with His provision to support this body & life. It is better stated as a trust, for **with a trust comes accountability, & what is entrusted to the steward says volumes about the ultimate owner!**
When this trust is rightly seen through Holy Spirit-wrought faith, it calls us to living, active & daily stewardship. Luther captures this in his explanation of the Fourth Petition: "*God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this & to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving."*
The life of a steward is the life of thanksgiving. We are called to live out the trust that the Lord has graciously granted to us within the created order. This thanksgiving is directional as well. It is lived out back to the One who entrusted it to us as we live it outwardly toward our neighbor. *We do not deserve any trust. Yet the Lord gives it.*
Thankful stewardship reflects God's grace
As faithful stewards live out this thanksgiving in the world, God's workmanship is on display. Our neighbors see our thankful stewardship & are directed back to the One who has entrusted to them all that they have. The grace of God on display in our stewardship likewise points our neighbor back to the One who has entrusted it all to them!
This thankful stewardship does not save. The steward does not get bonus points for their faithfulness. But it does open the door to conversation where the Word of God is shared. **In the stewardship of the Word, the Holy Spirit is afforded the opportunity to convict the owner of their idolatry & calls them to repentant faith in Jesus Christ**. He is the Perfect Steward who gives us reason for the greatest thanksgiving.
Called to a living, thankful stewardship
Faithful stewardship does not happen by chance. It goes against our sinful nature. It is only possible when the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies & keeps us in the one true faith. Thankful & faithful stewardship is so out of place in our broken & fallen world that it will stick out like a sore thumb. This living stewardship of the created order for the sake of **the Gospel is the stewardship to which we have been called.** The Spirit calls us to it. Catechesis shows us how. Therefore, the two are essential in the development of faithful, thankful stewards. B*y Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador. LCMS Stewardship ministry features may be reprinted with acknowledgment given to the LCMS.*

Stewardship at Prince of Peace – LCMS:
Take a prayerful look at the attached list of opportunities to serve the Lord at PoP as a reader, usher, & much more! *The form is also available in the Narthex.* Circle areas where God has blessed you with gifts & talents. Return the form to Mary Jo Haney.

Opportunity to Bring the Good News to Local Children:
The Good News Club Ministry is a net that is full to the point of bursting! Student enrollment has nearly doubled since last year & the team needs as many volunteers as possible to get the Gospel into children's ears. The commitment is only 90 minutes per week on Wednesday afternoon. The location is a quarter mile from PoP. Contact Chris or Alex for more information.

Ride Share Opportunities:

Several PoP members are home bound & unable to drive yet would like to physically attend worship & connect with their church family in person. Please see Elder Lee Heup if you are willing to drive any home bound member to & from worship.

Join the Bell Choir:

Previous knowledge of music is appreciated, but *not* necessary. If you can shake hands, count to four & are not color blind, you can ring! The sheet music can be color-coded for non-music readers to "read" & ring the correct notes. Text Lee Heup, 757-667-9775.

Autumn Bible Study Fellowship Opportunities:
Please see all available 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 Oct. 15 at 11:30a. Location: TBD.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS:
We continue our study of the Book of Revelation in our adult Bible class. Pastor is using the Bible & the CPH Concordia commentary on Revelation written by Dr. Brighton as our guide.

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

November Newsletter:

PoP's monthly newsletter & calendar are published monthly, once a month. The November issue will be published on/about October 30. All news articles & calendar items for the November issue are due by October 23. Email updates are sent on Wednesdays, *if necessary*.

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.

Prince of Peace PRESCHOOL

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

Frankenstein: Alienation & the Creature's Need for Belonging

Despite what Hollywood & pop culture might lead you to believe, Mary Shelley's 1818 novel *Frankenstein* is not primarily a horror story. Nor is Frankenstein the name of the scary green monster seen in many film adaptations of the book. Rather, Frankenstein is the last name of the main character, Victor, who is consumed by the dream of fusing science, technology & alchemy to forge new life. "I will pioneer a new way, explore unknown powers," he exclaims, "and unfold to the world the deepest mysteries of creation." Frankenstein's single-minded vision leads him through a winding trail of research, secrecy & experimentation that culminates in his successful construction of a living being. But far from being the pinnacle of achievement for which Frankenstein had hoped, he despises what he has made. This causes a cascading effect of dissolution & destruction in his personal life & the lives of others that drives the rest of the novel.

Certainly, pride & the dangers of transcending human limitations through technology are some of the novel's major themes. But tying all the novel's threads & storylines together are questions of community & belonging. It turns out that Frankenstein's creature is just lonely. He longs for companionship but instead only finds alienation at the hands of his creator & the world of humans. We are designed for multi-dimensional communion with our Creator & fellow creatures. "The wretch," as Frankenstein calls him, longs for both & is denied both, which drives him & his creator toward tragic ends.

Alienation from the Creator

When Frankenstein sets out to fashion new life by his own hands, he is exhilarated by the praise & prowess it could bring him. "A new species would bless me as its creator & source," he muses, & "many happy & excellent natures would owe their being to me." Frankenstein falls for that perennial temptation of the dragon that "you will be like God" (Gen. 3:5). Here we find a sharp contrast between Frankenstein's personal power trip of self-worship & the true creation story & its loving Creator. The Trinity, pulsing with love, communion & relationship, is the beating heart of the universe, a God who overflows in the creation of humanity so that He can give Himself to us & bring us into His divine love & life. In contrast, Frankenstein recoils at his creation, calling him a wretch, a devil & a fiend. Consumed with the horrors of his handywork, Frankenstein falls into deep angst & personal breakdown, regretting that "the form of the monster on whom I had bestowed existence was forever before my eyes." He even acknowledges his pride, saying that the wretch is "the living monument of presumption & rash ignorance which I had let loose upon the world." *(continued)*

It seems that the only way for Frankenstein to recover mentally & physically is by ignoring his creation. Yet this is a false dream. He is not free from the wretch, whose desire for communion with his creator is so strong that he follows Frankenstein across Europe & confronts him: “You, my creator, detest & spurn me, thy creature, to whom thou art bound by ties only dissoluble by the annihilation of one of us.” The wretch has a plan to bring about the happiness of both he & his creator, & begs Frankenstein to hear him out with this ultimatum: “If you will comply with my conditions, I will leave … you at peace; but if you refuse, I will glut the maw of death, until it be satiated with the blood of your remaining friends.” Frankenstein agrees to hear his creature’s story as he feels a tinge of conscience for the alienation he has caused & “for the first time … felt what the duties of a creator towards his creature were.”

Alienation from fellow creatures

As the creature recounts his experiences, it becomes clear that he desires not only to be loved by the one who made him, but to be loved by fellow creatures — especially a mate. The wretch has stalked Frankenstein far & wide because he longs for communion with his creator & companionship with an equal. Frankenstein listens to a beautiful narrative of how the wretch, upon being abandoned by his creator, spent his time wandering & hiding, all the while secretly observing humans as much as possible. He eventually taught himself to read & write by listening to humans & getting access to some classic books, including Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, which provided him with a framework for describing his condition as that of Adam needing an Eve.

Like Adam, I was apparently united by no link to any other being in existence; but his state was far different from mine in every other respect. He had come forth from the hands of God a perfect creature, happy & prosperous, guarded by the especial care of his Creator; he was allowed to converse with & acquire knowledge from beings of a superior nature, but I was wretched, helpless, & alone. … No Eve soothed my sorrows or shared my thoughts; I was alone. I remembered Adam’s supplication to his Creator. But where was mine?

The wretch implores his creator, “Remember that I am thy creature. I ought to be thy Adam, but I am rather the fallen angel, whom thou drivest from joy for no misdeed.” The wretch’s pleading comes to a crescendo with this request: “You must create a female for me with whom I can live in the interchange of those sympathies necessary for my being.” Again, Frankenstein is affected by the condition of his creature & agrees to create a female creature to alleviate the alienation the wretch is experiencing.

Alienation leads to destruction, communion leads to life

Despite their pact, Frankenstein eventually forsakes his promise to create a mate for the creature, which unleashes a new round of the wretch’s revenge. As those around Frankenstein die at the hands of the wretch, both creature & creator are driven further to despair & destruction in a one-on-one showdown & manhunt that spans the European continent. Ultimately, both of their lives end essentially alone, as they are consumed & destroyed by the lack of communion between creator & creature, & the lack of relationship between creatures. *Frankenstein* is a tragic picture of what happens when we don’t live according to our relational design. *(continued)*

The God of the universe has designed us for multi-dimensional relationship & love with Himself (the vertical dimension) & with one another (the horizontal dimension). This love pours forth freely among the three persons of the Trinity & then generously overflows to all of humanity & all of creation. Such extravagant love could not be contained within God; it poured forth in creation, it pours forth in redemption, & it will pour forth in the restoration of all things.

Such communion with God & His creation is our destiny. God did not make us & then leave us alone. Jesus did not come into the world so we could download some new information *about* God. He did not come to complete a business transaction or give us a get-out-of-jail-free card. He comes in the flesh to restore that true communion we are designed for in mind, body & soul. He forgives our disordered attempts to seek communion with sin, evil & everything else but God. He heals the fractured relationship between God & man, heaven & earth, body & soul. This is Jesus’ prayer for us in John 17:21: “that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in me, & I in You, that they also may be in us.” We are brought into this union with God through His Word & Sacraments which create & sustain faith. We are baptized into Christ; in the Supper His body & blood are placed into ours. Christ’s resurrection body becomes one with us. Christ’s redemptive work for us in Word & Sacrament is a guarantee of the coming resurrection where we will find pure joy, all love, perfect freedom, & full communion with the Holy Trinity & one another. & all of it is because the triune God, who *is* love, loves *us* with an eternal love — as Jesus prayed to the Father, “that the love with which You have loved me may be in them, & I in them” (John 17:26). *A literary reflection by Josh Pauling on Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" from a Lutheran perspective.*

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IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER....

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Lorelei Kemper
Connie Hoff
Bob Nutter (Buck Haney)
Mike Bumbaco

Continuing Health & Life Struggles:

Comfort & Sympathy:

Family of Mandy Hewitt (Sharon Sides)
Family of Helen Leveille (Bill Leveille)
Family of Charlie Kirk (Kathleen Leveille)

Confirmands:

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

Home Bound:

Patricia Thieman
Thelma Sinnen
Maurita Keplar
Janice Stenglein
Merle & Barbara Endsley
Jeff Kocab
Helga Koehn
John Mazuch
Miriam Larkin

Active Military/Deployed:

Justin Vennard
Kenneth Zaken
Matthew Campbell
Trey Shawver
Alex Helbig
Ben Clarke
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.

Prayer requests are active for *4 weeks*. To renew or revise your request, please contact your elder or the church office.

CELEBRATING IN OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

10/02 Justin Gerber
10/09 Andrew Equels
10/09 Buck Haney
10/13 Kayla Foley
10/14 Darla Tauscher
10/14 Karl Tauscher
10/17 sylvia McGuinness
10/20 Marilyn Doyle
10/21 Herb Boomhower
10/22 Kathy Sullivan
10/22 Naomi Wilson
10/25 Gail Laughrey
10/27 Ryan Gerber
10/28 Moriam Murphy
10/29 Betty Silver

ANNIVERSARIES

10/03 Buck & Mary Jo Haney
10/08 Kenneth & Alexandria Zaken
10/17 Matthew & Caroline Vennard

OCTOBER 2025

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**: Brian Houck, Elder A**
Third Sunday - 8:30am and 11am**: Bill Leveille, Elder B**
Fourth Sunday - 8:30am: **Brian Hess and -**11am: **Lee Heup**
Fifth Sunday - 10am: **Brian Hess, Elder E / Lee Heup, Elder D**

READERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury)*

10/05 (E) Joan Harris	**(L) Rich Perkins**
10/12 (E) Darla Tauscher	**(L) Carol Sinibaldi**
10/19 (E) Shawna Gugel	**(L) Sharon Sides**
10/26 (E) Robin Phelps	**(L) Michele Wilson**

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

10/05(E) Matthew Light	**(L) Joshia Wilson**
10/12 (E) Connor MacMaster	**(L) Brian Houck**
10/19 (E) Luke Prince	**(L) Connor MacMaster**
10/26 (E) Daniel Hess	**(L) Julia Wilson**

USHERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury)*

10/05 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson
10/12 (E) Hunter Gruebel / Katy Sullivan
Sal Ferrera / Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi
10/19 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson
10/26 (E) Hunter Gruebel / Katy Sullivan
Sal Ferrera / Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi

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

10/05 (L) Ryan Light
10/12 (E) Jarett MacMaster
10/19 (L) Bob Sinibaldi, Lee Heup or Mike Bumbaco
10/26 (E) Buck Haney

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*(*Leader: *Michele Wilson)*
10/05 Kathryn Lambert
10/12 Kathryn Lambert
10/19 Kathryn Lambert
10/26 Kathryn Lambert

COUNTERS

(Scheduler: *Mike Bumbaco*)
10/05 Antar & Michele Wilson
10/12 Scott & Robin Phelps
10/19 Bob & Carol Sinibaldi
10/26 Gene & Kathryn Lambert

GREETERS *(*Leader/Scheduler: *Gail Laughrey)*

10/05 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Brian Houck
(L) Bob & Carol Sinibaldi
10/12 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury
(L) Vina Gerber / Sharon Sides
10/19 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Gail Laughrey
(L) Richard Perkins / Sharon Sides
10/26 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan
(L) Antar and Michele Wilson / Vina Gerber

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

10/05 (E) Gene Lambert	**(L) Mike Bumbaco**
10/12 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps	**(L) Scott & Robin Phelps**
10/19 (E) Gene Lambert	**(L) Mike Bumbaco**
10/26 (E) Gene Lambert	**(L) Mike Bumbaco**

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

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

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 to learn more.

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

October 2025 – Master Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 28 8:30 AM Traditional Wor 9:45 AM Adult Bible Stu 11 AM Blended Praise S	29 PoPP Teacher Training D 4:30 PM Bell Choir Pract	30 12 PM Large Print	Oct 1	2 8:30 AM Lawn Care	3	4 10 AM Praise Team Prac 2 PM Larry Larkin Memori
5 8:30 AM Traditional Wor 9:45 AM Adult Bible Stu 11 AM Blended Praise S	6 1 PM Woman's Bible S 4:30 PM Bell Choir Pract 7 PM Board of Christi	7 9 AM Men's Bible Stu 12 PM Large Print	8 7 PM Call Committee	9 8:30 AM Lawn Care	10	11 8:30 AM Trustee's Me 10 AM Praise Team Prac
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19 8:30 AM Traditional Wor 9:45 AM Adult Bible Stu 11 AM Blended Praise S	20 1 PM Woman's Bible S 4:30 PM Bell Choir Pract	21 9 AM Men's Bible Stu 12 PM Large Print 4:30 PM PoPP Fall Festival 7 PM Church Council	22 7 PM Call Committee	23 8:30 AM Lawn Care	24	25 10 AM Praise Team Prac
26 8:30 AM Traditional Wor 9:45 AM Adult Bible Stu 11 AM Blended Praise S	27 Meals on Wheels 4:30 PM Bell Choir Pract	28 12 PM Large Print	29	30 8:30 AM Lawn Care	31	Nov 1 9 AM LWML Cookie Bake 10 AM Praise Team Prac