



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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July 2026



ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God:

05 – in honor of Matthew Light's baptismal anniversary & Ryan Light's birthday

19 – in honor of The Doyle's wedding anniversary

Office Hours

Tues -Thurs 9am – 1pm

Friday, by appointment only

Unity and the Way Forward:

First, on unity.

As a US Navy chaplain, I have had the honor and privilege to attend closed door meetings where Commanding Officers (COs), Executive Officers (XOs) and Command Master Chiefs (CMCs) have disagreed and passionately debated the best courses of action for their command. However, after this time of churn, the decision was ultimately made by the CO. Then, when the command Triad emerged from behind that closed door, the CO, the XO and the CMC all were on the same page. They were unified in working to accomplish the boss's decision. What a lesson the US military can teach Christ's church!

In the Voters' meeting on June 7, we saw two different slates of Elders proposed. Head Elder Bill Leveille proposed one slate and Elder Ryan Light proposed another slate. The PoP Constitution and Bylaws seem to allow for both interpretations as they do not clearly define how an interim year is to be counted. Bill's slate does not count the year when he finished the final year of someone else's two-year term. Ryan's slate counts that year towards the 4 total years that an officer can serve. There is ambiguity in the Constitution and Bylaws. This is something for the Council to address in the future. Circuit and District recommend not changing a church Constitution / Bylaw without a called pastor guiding the process. Both slates were put forth as courses of action to do what is right and good in Christ's church. In the



Voters' meeting, there was disagreement and passionate positions held. Both sides were right in their interpretations. Bill's slate had Church Council approval and historic precedent. In the past, PoP has not counted the interim year or the time when a person finishes another person's term towards the 4 total years that an officer can serve.



So, what now? Well, the boss has decided. You, the Voters of PoP have said that Bill's slate is your decision. So now, all of us must be unified. Like the CO, the XO, and the CMC, we must walk out of the "closed door" meeting and work together to accomplish what is best for Christ's church. I pray that we do this and that unity prevails. God help us if it does not!

Second, on the way forward at PoP.

As I stated at the Voters' meeting, I am in receipt of orders to detach from my current command, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) in August and report to my new command, 3D MARDIV in Okinawa in September. So, my last day serving PoP will be August 30, 2026.

It has been challenging and rewarding to serve as your Vacancy Pastor. I wish the best for you. I want PoP to grow and flourish in Virginia Beach. Continue to be faithful in your vocations! God has placed you right where you are for a time like this. He will continue to work in and through you to spread the Gospel message of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

God loves you! I love you!

In Christ, Pastor

Board of Elders (BoE) July 2026 Update:

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

Dear Church,

We hope and pray you are all well.

We are working along with the Pastor(s), Acting President and other leaders to assimilate new members into the church using gifts and getting connected with ministries. You'll find your assigned Elder and contact information on the bulletin board in the hallway between narthex and fellowship hall. Please reach out to your Elder if he can assist you in anyway.

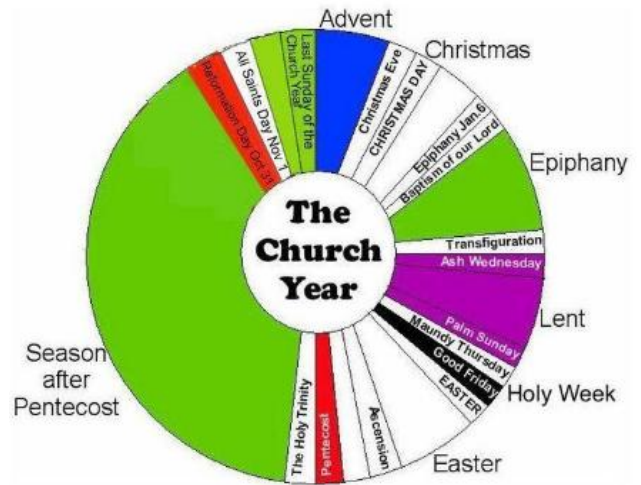
Elder-A: Brian Houck, Head Elder-B: Bill Leveille and Elder C-Ryan Light are continuing elders.

We welcome our new Elders: Elder-D, Jarett MacMaster replacing Lee Heup; and Elder-E: Buck Haney replacing Brian Hess; Elder-F: Antar Wilson, formerly an interim elder has been elected for his first term and Jack Spencer has been elected as a non-voting supporting elder when available to serve in the winter (Nov-Apr).



Thank you to Lee Heup and Brian Hess for your faithful service and continuing as Elders Emeritus. Elders are scheduled to be installed with other PoP leadership at the 5-July-2026 at 8:30 am.

The transfer of duties began in the June 2026 BoE meeting. The next scheduled BoE meeting is 14-July-2026. The new team will elect a Head Elder to represent them in all Church Council functions. A Recording Secretary will also be elected.



Worship and Pastoral Care / Pastoral Coverage are as follows while Vacancy Pastor Prince is out:

- 12-JUL is Chaplain Joshua Kintz while Pastor Prince is on vacation.
- 9-AUG is Pastor Nieting (retired) while Pastor Prince will be at PoP Family Retreat.
- 16-AUG is Pastor Nieting (retired) while Pastor Prince takes his daughter to college.
- 27-SEP Rev. Mark Moss from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation will preach and lead Bible class.
- 31-AUG (and forward) the BoE is working with the Circuit Visitor / Southeastern District for Pastoral Vacancy coverage.

Please continue to pray for our leadership to make God honoring decisions and for the calling of our new Pastor. Your support is greatly appreciated. We always look forward to seeing you in church!

In Christ, Board of Elders



2026 PoP Family Retreat - Die, Rise, Go:

Come together for a weekend of shared faith and fellowship! Registration is open for PoP's 2026 Family Retreat, taking place from Friday, August 7 to Sunday, August 9 at the beautiful Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Centered on the four pillars of community life—Faith, Family, Fellowship, and Fun—this purposeful weekend offers a chance to step away from daily routines, deepen your relationship with God, and build lasting bonds with our church family.

The weekend features a balance of structured activities and free time for all ages:

- Spiritual Growth: Engage in multi-generational Bible study and group worship.
- Community Building: Connect during family game time, music, and s'mores at the fellowship fireside.
- Outdoor Adventure: Explore God's creation with swimming, hiking, and ziplining.

Accommodations & Cost:

Lodging consists of private rooms with dining included. The cost is \$90 per person.

Final Registration and Payment Due: July 15

For more information and to sign up, please contact Kathleen Leveille at 916-985-6846.



<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!

LWML Care Packages:

The LWML will be assembling care packages for LSSN Cameron Houck (USS Boxer) and ADAN Alexander Preszler (VFA-83, USS George H.W. Bush). If you would like to contribute, please sign up on the sheet located on the LWML board in the hallway. Donations may be placed in the tote labeled "LWML Care Packages."

We will be putting the care packages together at our next meeting on: Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 900a to 1200p. If you have any questions, please contact Katy Sullivan. Thank you for your support!



PoP's New Gardening Committee:

The Board of Trustee has decided to dissolve the Columbarium Committee made up of only Board of Trustee members to maintain the Columbarium and instead recreate it as the Gardening Committee. This committee is open to all members and guest of Prince

of Peace and will be maintaining all the flower beds, shrubs & bushes, and small tree care through the property, excluding the Preschool area. If you have any shade of a green thumb, and want a way to serve, contact Kay Kupke.



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Prince
of Peace
PRESCHOOL

PoPP July News:

We kicked off June with two amazing summer camps servicing not only our PoPP students, but children from other preschools as well. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and our activities expanded to all areas on the grounds of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have so many natural areas to explore!

Also, in June, we welcomed Carol Volkringer back as Office Admin for PoPP. This leaves an opening in the three-year-old Turtles class for an assistant teacher. If you or anyone you know would make a dynamic addition to our team, please contact either Alicia Mangels or Carol Volkringer in the PoPP office.

There is only one more spot in our T/Th Owls class for 18 months to 2 years for next school year if you know anyone looking for a wonderful preschool. Our Rabbits, Turtles and Otters classes each currently have a waitlist.

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



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 July 15 at 11:30am. Location: TBD; volunteer opportunities; & 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 TBD in the church office.



Everyone is welcome! If you want to volunteer but are unable to attend a 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/ 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.*

August 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.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER....

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Dickie Cooper

Continuing Health & Life Struggles:

Ken Murphy

Comfort & Sympathy:

Confirmands:

Elinor MacMaster
Julia Wilson
Rachel Wilson

Praise/Thanksgiving:

Eleanor Grace Kemper (new baby)

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
Ben Clarke
Jesse Kemper
Chris Keller
Beau Bartlett
Cameron Houck
Glenn Colbert
Max Juracko

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 JULY

BIRTHDAYS

01 – Josiah Wilson	18 – Devin Jones
04 – Ryan Light	21 – Craig Spencer
05 – Dee Ferrera	23 – John Robey
08 – Timothy McGuinness	24 – Tina Hess
14 – Elaine Robey	24 – Edith Houck
15 – Vanessa Vennard	25 – Jean Burnett
16 – Joan Rosenvinge	27 – Vicki Webster
17 – Del Hasselbacher	29 – Shawna Gugel-Foley

ANNIVERSARIES

07 – Karl & Darla Tauscher
09 – Antar & Michele Wilson
19 – Jim & Marilyn Doyle

JULY 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 and 11m: **Buck Haney**, "E"

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

READERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

07/05 (E) Shawna Gugel-Foley (L) **Rich Perkins**

07/12 (E) Joan Harris (L) **Carol Sinibaldi**

07/19 (E) Joan Harris (L) **Sharon Sides**

07/26 (E) Joan Harris (L) **Michele Wilson**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am: **Rich Perkins**

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

07/05 (E) Daniel Hess (L) **Josiah Wilson**

07/12 (E) Matthew Light (L) **Rachel Wilson**

07/19 (E) Julia Wilson (L) **Josiah Wilson**

07/26 (E) Daniel Hess (L) **Julia Wilson**

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

USHERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury*)

07/05 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris

Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken (L) **Antar Wilson**

07/12 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) **Bob Sinibaldi**

07/19 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris

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

07/26 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) **Antar Wilson**

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am: **Sandy Sainsbury / Katy Sullivan**

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

First Sunday Service at 11am – Elder on Duty

Second Sunday at 8:30 am - Elder on Duty

Third Sunday at 11am - Elder on Duty

Fourth Sunday at 8:30am – Elder on Duty

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am: **Elder on Duty**

GREETERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Gail Laughrey*)

07/05 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Gail Laughrey

(L) **Richard Perkins**

07/12 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Brian Houck

(L) **Bob & Carol Sinibaldi**

07/19 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury

(L) **Vina Gerber**

07/26 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan

(L) **Antar and Michele Wilson**

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Leader: *Michele Wilson*)

(Supt./Scheduler:)

Teachers:

*SS will start again on
Rally Day in Aug/Sep
(TBD)*

COUNTERS

(Scheduler: *Mike Bumbaco*)

07/05 Scott & Robin Phelps

07/12 Antar & Michele Wilson

07/19 Mike Bumbaco & Kathy Moss

07/26 Mike Bumbaco & Lee Heup

If a **Fifth Sunday** applies – 10am:

Mike Bumbaco & Lee Heup

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

First Sunday Service -11:00am (L) S Sides or B & C Sinibaldi

Second Sunday - 8:30am (E) G Laughrey and/or *

Third Sunday - 11am (L) B & C Sinibaldi or S Sides

Fourth Sunday - 8:30am (E) G Laughrey and/or *

Fifth Sunday – 10am: Gail Laughrey

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

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

07/05 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **Scott & Robin Phelps**

07/12 (E) Mike Bumbaco (L) **Mike Bumbaco**

07/19 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) **Mike Bumbaco**

07/26 (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.



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PoP Calendar – July 2026

(events/times subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 28 8:30 AM C-Traditional ↻ 9:45 AM Adult Bible S ↻ 11 AM Blended Praise ↻	29 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract ↻	30 12 PM Large Print ↻	Jul 1	2 8:30 AM Lawn Care ↻	3	4 8 AM Helbig Wedding 10 AM Praise Team Pr ↻
5 8:30 AM Traditional Wor ↻ 9:45 AM Adult Bible S ↻ 11 AM C-Blended Pra ↻	6 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract ↻ 7 PM Board of Christi ↻	7 9 AM Men's Bible Stur ↻ 12 PM Large Print ↻	8 10 AM Commonwealth ↻ 7 PM Call Committee ↻	9 8:30 AM Lawn Care ↻	10	11 8:30 AM Trustee's Mei ↻ 10 AM Praise Team Pr ↻
12 8:30 AM C-Traditional ↻ 9:45 AM Adult Bible S ↻ 11 AM Blended Praise ↻	13 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract ↻	14 12 PM Large Print ↻ 5 PM Board of Elders Me ↻	15 11:30 AM Prime Time ↻	16 8:30 AM Lawn Care ↻	17	18 8 AM National Railroa ↻ 10 AM Praise Team Pr ↻
19 8:30 AM Traditional W ↻ 9:45 AM Adult Bible S ↻ 11 AM C-Blended Pra ↻	20 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract ↻	21 9 AM Men's Bible Stur ↻ 12 PM Large Print ↻ 7 PM Church Council ↻	22 10 AM Commonwealth ↻ 7 PM Call Committee ↻	23 8:30 AM Lawn Care ↻	24	25 9 AM LWML - Breakfast 10 AM Praise Team Pr ↻
26 8:30 AM C-Traditional ↻ 9:45 AM Adult Bible S ↻ 11 AM Blended Praise ↻	27 8 AM VBS ↻ 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract ↻	28 8 AM VBS ↻ 12 PM Large Print ↻	29 8 AM VBS ↻	30 8 AM VBS ↻ 8:30 AM Lawn Care ↻	31 8 AM VBS ↻	Aug 1 10 AM Praise Team Pr ↻