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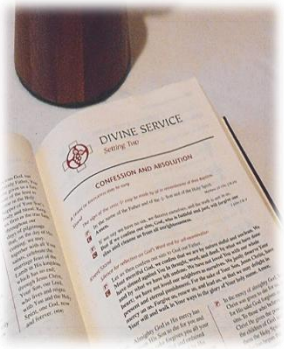
September 2026

ALTAR FLOWERS
Given to the Glory of God:
13 – in honor of Melissa Sullivan's & J.T. Sainbury's birthdays

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

About our Liturgy:



Worship (or what we call the *Divine Service*) is an important and central part of our life as a congregation here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. I am happy that you are part of the church. This newsletter article is to help you understand why we worship as we do.

If you have never attended a Lutheran Divine Service before, much of what we do may seem strange and unfamiliar to you. That's okay! In the beginning, it was to us too! You see, the Lutheran Divine Service is not easy to learn. That is because it is full of symbolism, our rich heritage, and unique Biblical language.

But don't let the difficulty stop you! Anything worth learning takes time, like learning to play a musical instrument, or learning to drive a car, or practicing a sport – the more you do it, the easier it becomes and the better you understand.

Think of our worship service as a dance — the "Lutheran Two-Step." While it's not the hokey-pokey or the chicken dance, the steps involved might make you feel a bit uneasy. However, these steps reflect a rich worship heritage rooted in the teachings of the Bible. We believe these are important steps worth learning. The explanation below will help you understand why we dance the way we do, as we strive to keep Jesus Christ at the center of our lives and worship.

Our Liturgy Unites

People of all ages, ethnic groups, and backgrounds are united in our liturgy. We do not "target" any one group, but strive to unite us all – young and old, rich and poor – in the body of Christ.

The liturgy is not natural to anyone when they first hear it. The church has a language and culture of its own, which we are all drawn into. This gives us a new common identity based not upon human factors, but upon our being children of God.

Our Liturgy is Historic

We're not innovative. Although the liturgy does change and adapt as each generation makes it their own, we do not change and adopt the latest fads and trends. We use the liturgy that has been handed down to us since the time of the Old Testament, uniting us with believers of all times.

All changes to this liturgy come slowly, over time, in a conservative manner, so that these changes belong to the Church, not only to one segment of her.

Many people think that the one hour they spend in church on Sunday morning is to serve God. Not so! We serve God with our whole lives, all 168 hours of the week, as we live the lives He has given us as fathers, mothers, workers, friends, etc! When we gather in church it is the time that *our Savior serves us!* He comes to us with His gifts of Word and Sacrament and feeds us, strengthens our faith, so that we can live as His children in this sinful world.

As the Scriptures tell us, Jesus came *"not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28).* And this He is still doing in the church. Here we come *to receive* from Him!

Our Liturgy Focuses on Christ

In our liturgy, we focus not on ourselves or what pleases us, but on Christ. The liturgy is almost completely quotations from the Scriptures, and those parts that are not are paraphrases from the Scriptures. Here we come into the presence of our Savior to receive His gifts, and our liturgy focuses on that.

The Three Main Parts of our Worship

1.) The service begins with **The Preparation**, where we confess our sin to God and receive His forgiveness. Thus, cleansed and forgiven, we are free to come into His presence and receive His gifts. You will notice that it is at this point that the pastor first walks back to the altar, to show this in a visual way.

2.) The service continues with **The Liturgy of the Word**. Of primary importance in this part is that we hear the Word of God in the reading of the Scriptures and the proclamation of the Gospel in the sermon. In these you hear not the words and opinions of man, which change and err, but the voice of our Lord, eternal and truthful, speaking to His own.

3.) After receiving the gift of God's Word, **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**, or Holy Communion, is celebrated. Here we enter into the most intimate union with our God as we actually eat His body and drink His blood. And with this eating and drinking, God promises us His forgiveness, life, and salvation. Having received these and the fullness of His gifts, we then joyfully depart back out into the world with His blessing, to share His Word and forgiveness with others.

Although there are many elements to the dance, there are really two key steps. The **first step** is **God graciously coming** (↓) **to His people through Word and Sacrament** to give us **forgiveness, life**, and **salvation.** The **second step is our response to God's grace** (↑) with **prayer, praise, our offerings, and thanksgiving.** It is this rhythm—God to us and then us to God—that marks and defines our worship. Most importantly, these steps reflect how God saved us through faith in Christ and how we respond by bearing fruit of faith in good works for the benefit of our neighbors.

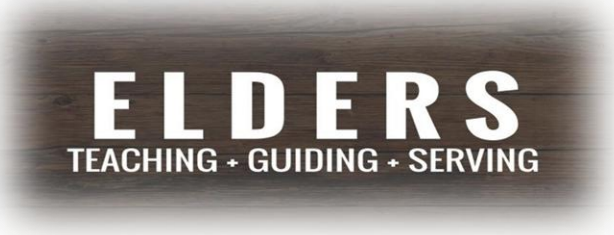
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10

In Christ, Pastor

Board of Elders (BoE) September 2026:

Shepherd's Staff is the name of the computer software that retains information about our church and its members. Things like baptisms, confirmations, weddings, etc. are recorded in it. Over the past 4-5 years with the changes in Pastors (3), and secretaries (4), some of that information was not entered and some was not entered correctly. In an attempt to get this corrected, the BoE will be contacting all of their families to obtain their information. Pastor Rosenvinge will be training and assisting our secretary to get all this information inputted correctly so that if someone needs it in the future it will be there.

On Saturday August 22 we had a congregational meeting with the Southeastern (SED) District President and our Circuit Visitor. The SED President explained the call process and the various choices we have in choosing our next Pastor.



The meeting was well attended with approximately 70 members attending. The call committee, our retired Pastors and Pastor Prince all agree that we should call an intentional interim Pastor that will serve our congregation for 18-24 months. Many of you were here when we had Pastor Gordon Beck as an intentional interim Pastor before we called Pastor Rosenvinge. This will help us grow as a congregation and help us to make sure we pick the right Pastor for our church. The decision is ultimately up to the voting members of the church and will be decided at our congregational voters meeting on September 20th.

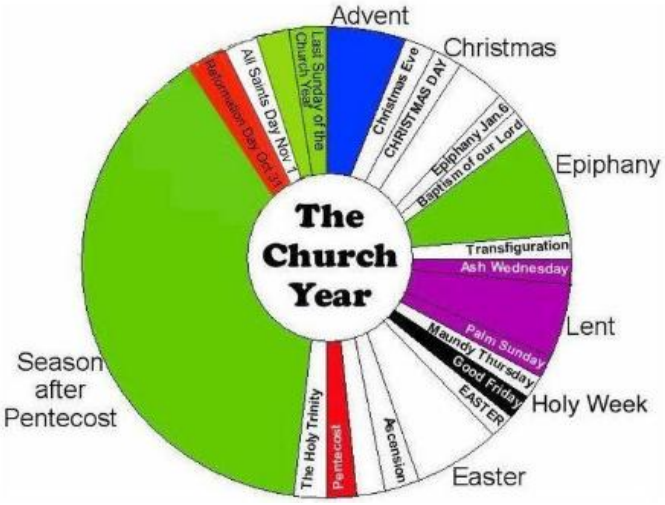
As all of you are hopefully aware, Pastor Prince is being transferred to Okinawa and his last service will be August 30th. After that our congregation will receive Pastoral care from Chaplains Bomberger and Kintz, Pastor Rosenvinge and Pastor Neiting. Pastor Nieting will be the supervising Pastor and will serve as Vacancy Pastor hopefully until we call an intentional interim Pastor. He will be in the office 2 days a week and will be visiting the homebound. As mentioned above, Pastor Rosenvinge will be working on Shepherd's Staff and will be in office some too. Please pray and ask God to give Pastors Nieting and Rosenvinge strength and energy to help us through this vacancy period.

Elder Antar Wilson is working on starting up a shared Youth Program with other local LCMS churches that don't have a program. He talked with the SED President about it and received enthusiastic support. Pray that his efforts will be successful!

At the request of Pastor Nieting, Elder Jarett Macmaster has donated a wagon for food pantry donations. A sign will be made also. Please look for it and place your donations in the wagon.

New Prayer request forms are in the Narthex. Please note that prayer requests drop off Pastor's and the Newsletter list after 4 weeks. You may renew the request for another 4 weeks by filling out another form or informing your Elder.

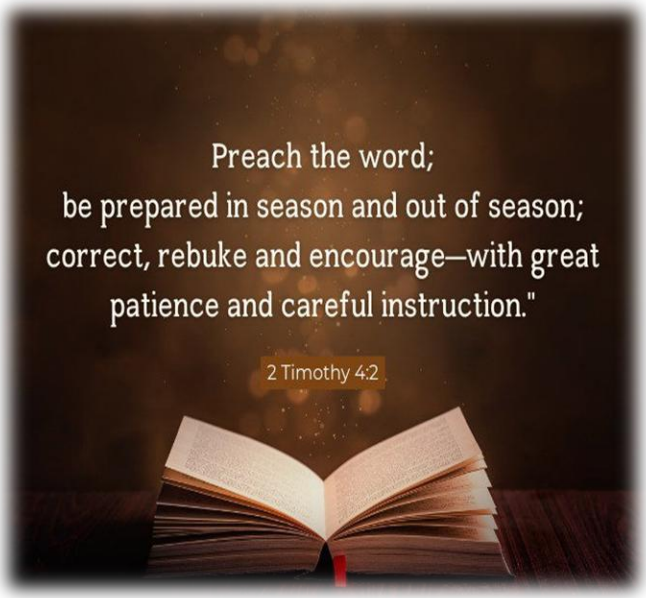
In Christ, Board of Elders



Divine Service and Pastoral Care/Coverage:

- 27-SEP - Rev. Mark Moss (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) will preach and lead Bible class

PoP Vacancy Schedule (attached).



From Your Call Committee - August 2028:

Thank you, District President Harmon and Circuit Visitor Martin, for being with us last weekend and to all who prepared for, participated in, brought food and prayed for our congregation meeting. We have some "take aways" to consider as we go forward. Most importantly, it is to remember that God graciously gives gifts to His church and that He will provide.

We believe that this is a holy, divine process moved by the Holy Spirit and so we prayerfully seek God's will and guidance.

We heard about four ways to continue the ministry of our congregation:
1. Get temporary fill-in Pastors week by week.
2. Use a vacancy pastor. They provide limited direction and service as a temporary fill-in.
3. Call a full-time pastor.
4. Call an Intentional Interim pastor. This is a special kind of pastor trained to lead congregations in a vacancy and to prepare for their next phase of ministry and call of a permanent pastor. An intentional interim pastor is limited to less than two years of serving full time in a congregation.

Your Call Committee will meet in September to continue their work. Please pray for them, for the pastor whom God will send, and that we are open to God's will and leading. Your thoughts and prayers are vital to the life of the church. You may share them with the call committee members.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Rosenvinge, Call Committee Chair email: cc2025-07@princeofpeacevb.org

CALL COMMITTEE

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"And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

Ephesians 4:11-12 RSV

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!

PoP Preschool September 2026 Update:

PoPP has an opening for an assistant teacher in the three-year-old Turtles class. If you know would make a dynamic addition to our team, please contact either Alicia Mangels or Carol Volkringer in the PoPP office.

Teachers and staff returned to school Monday, August 31st for pre-planning week. Students will begin Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Please join us in praying for a successful new school year.

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

Prince of Peace PRESCHOOL

Bible Studies & Faith in Motion:

Discover every opportunity to learn & grow in your Christian faith with the PoP family on the paper calendar, Narthex screens, & ***princeofpeacevb.org***. Also available is Prime Timers lunch on September 16, 11:30am at TBD; volunteer opportunities; & so much more! To unlock every detail for all of PoP's events & Bible Studies 24/7 visit ***princeofpeacevb.org*** often!

PoP Vacancy Pastor Schedule

SEP 2026 – JAN 2027

September 06 – Rev. Rosenvinge
September 13 – Rev. Kintz
September 20 – Rev. Bomberger
September 27 – Rev. Nieting / Rev. Moss
(Lutheran Heritage Foundation) (preaching and Bible study)

October 04 – Rev. Rosenvinge
October 11 – Rev. Nieting
October 18 – Rev. Bomberger
October 25 – Rev. Kintz

November 01 – Rev. Nieting
November 08 – Rev. Rosenvinge
November 15 – Rev. Nieting
November 22 – Rev. Bomberger
November 25 – Rev. Nieting (*Thanksgiving Eve*)
November 29 – Rev. Kintz *(5th Sunday)*

WEDs of *Advent* – Rev. Nieting / Rev. Rosenvinge (Holden Evening Service)

December 06 – Rev. Nieting
December 13 – Rev. Rosenvinge
December 20 – Rev. Nieting
December 24 – Rev. Nieting *(Christmas Eve)*
December 25 – Rev. Nieting *(Christmas Day)* (lessons & carols)
December 27 – Rev. Kintz

January 03 – Rev. Bomberger
January 10 – Rev. Nieting
January 17 – Rev. Nieting
January 24 – Rev. Nieting
January 31 – Rev. Kintz *(5th Sunday)*

Reverend Doctor Prince

Thanks be to God for your service at Prince of Peace-LC. May Christ keep and strengthen you and your family.

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.*

October 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: ***office@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.

2026
PoP Family Retreat
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER....

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Henry & Sigrid Nerz (Kay Kupke)
Jim & Marilyn Doyle
Betty Hayhurst (Mary Helbig)
Donald Schatz

Continuing Health & Life Struggles:

Ken Murphy
Dorothy Heath

Comfort & Sympathy:

Family of Sonja Moline (Sandy Sainsbury)

Confirmands:

Rachel Wilson, Nate Chadwick, Julia Wilson, Elinor MacMaster

Praise/Thanksgiving:

Margot Eliza Zaken (newborn)

Home Bound:

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

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 SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

09/02 Scott Spencer
09.03 Dickie Cooper
09/06 Thelma Sinnen
09/10 Theodore Kemper
09/13 Robert Silver
09/15 Donald Paske
09/18 Bill Leveille
09/24 John Stahl
09/24 Dyllan Miller
09/25 Joseph Haney
09/27 Jeff Kocab

ANNIVERSARIES

09/10 Brian & Tina Hess
09/20 Richard & Shawna Gugel-Foley

SEPTEMBER 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*)

09/06 - 8:30am and 11am**: Jarett MacMaster**, Elder "D"
09/13 - 8:30am and 11am: **Ryan Light**, Elder "C"
09/20 - 8:30am and 11am**: Antar Wilson**, Elder "F"
09/27 - 8:30am and 11am: **Bill Leveille**, "Elder B"
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies **-** 10am: **Buck Haney**, Elder "E"
Jack Spencer (Nov-Apr), Brian Hess, Lee Heup

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

09/06 (E) Elinor MacMaster	**(L) Julia Wilson**
09/13 (E) Matthew Light	**(L) Rachel Wilson**
09/20 (E) Joshiah Wilson	**(L) Josiah Wilson**
09/27 (E) Daniel Hess	**(L) Julia Wilson**

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

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

09/06 at 11am – Elder on Duty
09/13 at 8:30 am - Elder on Duty
09/20 at 11am - Elder on Duty
09/27 at 8:30am – Elder on Duty
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am: **Elder on Duty**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Leader: *Michele Wilson)*
(Supt./Scheduler: *vacant*)
Teachers:

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

COUNTERS

(Scheduler: *Mike Bumbaco*)
09/06 * & Lee Heup
09/13 *
09/20 * & Kathy Moss
09/27 Antar & Michele Wilson
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am:
Bob & Carol Sinibaldi

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

09/06 (E) *	**(L) ***
09/13 (E) *	**(L) ***
09/20 (E) *	**(L) ***
09/27 (E) *	**(L) ***

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

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.

READERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury)*

09/06 (E) Joan Harris	**(L) Rich Perkins**
09/13 (E) Shawna Gugel-Foley	**(L) Carol Sinibaldi**
09/20 (E) Joan Harris	**(L) Sharon Sides**
09/27 (E) *	**(L) Michele Wilson**

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

USHERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury)*

09/06 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher	**(L) Antar Wilson**
09/13 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris	
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken	**(L) Bob Sinibaldi**
09/20 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher	**(L) Bob Sinibaldi**
09/27 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris	
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken	**(L) Antar Wilson**

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

GREETERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Gail Laughrey)*

09/06 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Gail Laughrey
(L) Bob and Carol Sinibaldi
09/13 (E) Gail Laughrey / Brian Houk
(L) *
09/20 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury
(L) Vina Gerber
09/27 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan
(L) Antar and Michele Wilson
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am: **Gail Laughrey / Rich Perkins**

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**

MARQUEE (Leader: *Pastor & Head Elder*)

Serving: **Bill Bussey**

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PoP Calendar – September 2026

(events / times subject to change)

For the *most current, up to date, & detailed information* on every PoP event, news & calendar item visit

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 30 10 AM Combined Worsh 11 AM Fellowship Brunc	31 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract	Sep 1 9 AM Men's Bible Stu 12 PM Large Print	2	3 8:30 AM Lawn Care	4	5 10 AM Praise Team Pr
6 8:30 AM Traditional Wor 9:45 AM Adult Bible S 11 AM C-Blended Pra	7 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract 7 PM Board of Christi	8 12 PM Large Print 5 PM Board of Elders Me	9 10 AM Commonwealt	10 8:30 AM Lawn Care	11	12 8:30 AM Trustee's Me 10 AM Praise Team Pr
13 8:30 AM C-Traditional 9:45 AM Adult Bible S 11 AM Blended Praise	14 4:15 PM Bell Choir Pract	15 9 AM Men's Bible Stu 12 PM Large Print 7 PM Church Council	16 11:30 AM Prime Time	17 8:30 AM Lawn Care	18	19 9 AM NMRR - Tidewater 10 AM Praise Team Pr
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