

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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**November 2026**



**ALTAR FLOWERS**
*Given to the Glory of God:*

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

## "Days of Remembrance"

**by CH (LTC) Steven Hokana USA (Ret.):**

Once, when preparing to speak at a military ceremony, I put on my Army dress uniform — and I was proud that it looked good after many years. One of my granddaughters saw me. She excitedly exclaimed, "Oh, I remember you from those old pictures!" She then immediately followed up with, "Grandpa! You look like a butler!"

In my sense of humor is an important point; push aside the story of a granddaughter seeing me as a butler (servant). "Days of Remembrance" are intended to awaken collective memories in us as a nation and as Lutherans. Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day and even the Fourth of July are exclusively relegated to the deceased, or men and women from a specific community. Military service ties and binds us as Americans, yes, but also as faithful Lutherans.

It is our duty and responsibility, in service and out, to remind our nation that those individuals who serve, the wounded, our honored dead and those who return to our country as good citizens are not monochrome, nonhuman entities. We are men and women who come from towns and cities across our nation. We were on the local sports teams. We sat in catechism classes and learned God's Word alongside fellow confirmands. Some died for our country — we honor them and never forget their sacrifices. Nor their smiles, their quirks or their likes and dislikes.

What does God's Word say about service to country? How does our faith speak into our lives as warriors?






As Christians, we strive to be good citizens. We honor those who wore the uniform before us. We remember our wartime dead. They, too, were citizens of our nation. We engage the ones who return and help them heal; many who come home from war have left a part of their heart and soul on unnamed battlefields. They struggle daily and try to come to terms with war and what it did to them. But despite hardships, military service is a vocation blessed by God. This is clearly seen in the Eighth Commandment and its explanation: *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.*[1]

The commandment supports military service and references the faith of the centurion in Luke 7. There is much we can do as citizens and Lutherans. We enact our remembrance with community events and worship services. We honor military families burdened with loss. We pray for our beloved nation and those who gave their lives to protect it.

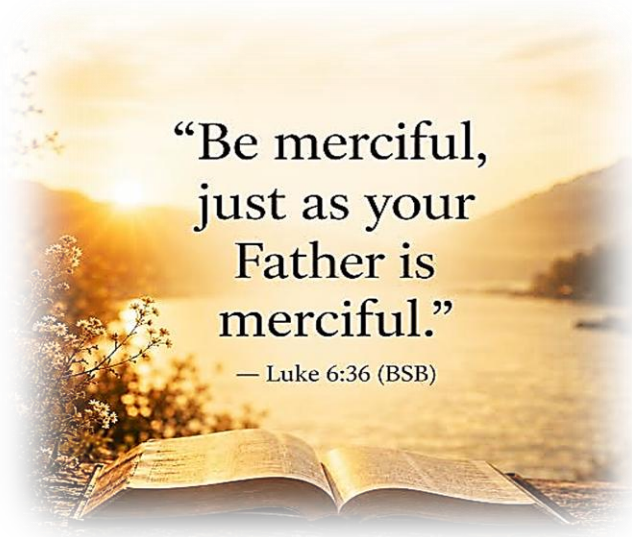
Of the highest importance, we give something to those who serve (and their families) that community and country cannot offer: the sure promise of hope in Christ Jesus. We point them to the one who listens, cries with those who mourn and sits with those who go through loss in combat, the struggles of reintegration or grief of any kind. The Good Shepherd says to us, *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. (John 15:12–14)*

As veterans and loved ones who experience loss, we turn to this Good Shepherd. The Lord has been with us during many dark moments: the lonely 3 a.m. anxieties, jumping out of an airplane, standing the night watch, cold and feeling so lonely. He was with us in the aid stations, in the combat hospitals, the VA homes, alone in our beds or frightened on a battlefield. This Good Shepherd is our Lord, and He does not abandon us.

We stand to remember, remind and hope. We recall the names and faces of our honored dead. In our commemoration, we reminisce about the high cost of freedom and the defense of this nation. We hope, we ask for divine protection for those who serve and we place our ultimate assurance in the Prince of Peace. Tell your community, city, state and our nation that, in our remembrance, we are a people thankful to God and country, acknowledging true peace at the foot of the cross.

[1] Martin Luther, Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2017),14

In Christ, Pastor Mark Nieting







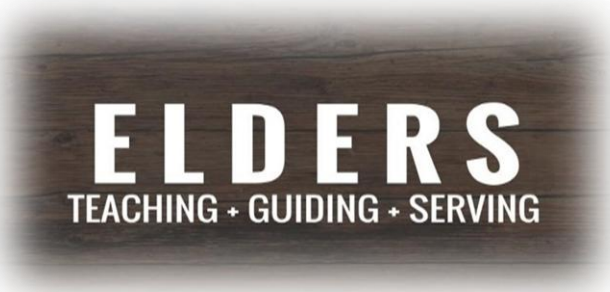
## Board of Elders (BoE) - November 2026:

Pastor Nieting has asked to have some of his burden lessened. He will not be keeping regular office hours and will not be visiting the homebound. The Board of Elders agreed that it may be best to return to Elder's visiting the homebound and providing communion.

It appears that our prayers are being answered and we will receive an intentional interim Pastor in the near future. Please pray that he will come soon and will help our congregation grow in love and understanding for one another. Pray that he will provide us guidance in choosing the right Pastor that will help our church grow spiritually and in numbers.

Also, we pray that members of the congregation will step up and be willing to fill positions that are vacant. Some members are holding down 2 to 3 positions and could surely use help. If willing to serve, please contact your Elder and let him know what you can do to help.

If you haven't filled out a family information form, please let your Elder know and he will gladly help.



Please help us to make sure information in Shepherd's Staff is correct.

With the Advent season approaching soon, please remember the reason for the season, Jesus Christ! Pray for Pastors Nieting, Rosenvinge and Chaplains Kintz and Bomberger. Pray that the Lord will give them strength and energy as they all face increased workloads to help us celebrate the birth of our Savior

In Christ, Board of Elders

## Call Committee - Update from October 2026:

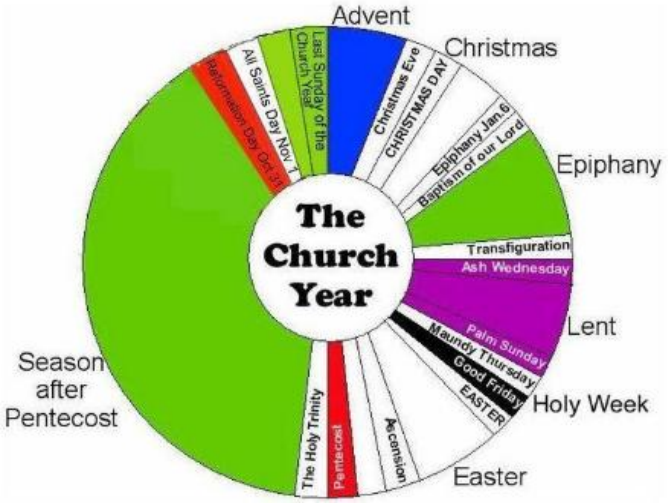
The Call Committee met in September to consider the path we should take forward. At the meeting it was resolved to ask the district to continue with an Intentional Interim Pastor. This was passed on to the Elders who also agreed. This resolution will go before the church council and then to the congregation for approval. Please continue to pray for all involved in this decision and for the pastor whom God will send. Your thoughts and prayers are vital to the life of the church.

The purpose behind an Intentional Interim Pastor is to guide a process in the congregation that will look at the past, present and future. The process will also look at how the congregation views its ministry and how it functions to do that ministry within the context of our community. The end of the process is calling a permanent pastor for the congregation.




If you have questions or comments you may share them with the call committee.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Rosenvinge, Call Committee Chair email:
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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*

## Food Donations:

While we don't have a food pantry here at Prince of Peace, we support the food program at our neighbor, Hope! Let's make it a goal to fill up the food wagon in the Narthex every week or two—the need in our community is great. Let's get rolling!






## 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 November 18, 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!







## Bellissima Returns to PoP:



Mark your calendar for an afternoon of beautiful music as the Bellissima Women's Chorale to PoP on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 PM. Known for their exceptional vocal artistry, evocative programming, and rich, blended harmonies, the ensemble delivers an inspiring performance that you won't want to miss. Gather your family, friends, and neighbors to share the Bellissima experience. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend and enjoy the music!

Bellissima!
Women's Choral Ensemble



## PoP Preschool - November 2026:



We extended an invitation to parents to come to Parent's Night on September 30. They gathered in the sanctuary for a brief welcome and introduction to our school philosophy, then made their way to their child's classroom. We offered a glimpse of how we shape our day based on our belief that children are capable, curious learners and how our environment, relationships, and experiences support their growth.



On Tuesday, October 20, PoPP celebrated Fall with food, games, and a petting zoo. The biggest hit of the afternoon was the visit from the Teeny Tiny Farm! Everyone loved petting the mini horse, cow, goat, and pig. Excitement was high as children climbed aboard the Light family's real farm tractor and trailer! They loved sitting in the driver's seat, pretending to 'ride around the farm'. At the pumpkin station, our little learners had a chance to get messy and creative while scooping out the gooey insides. Additionally, they could practice their fine motor skills by hammering golf tees into the pumpkins. Children proudly wore colorful, temporary fall tattoos as they ran around the field playing a variety of games. If anyone got hungry, we had a make-your-own trail mix station full of everyone's favorite sweet, salty and crunchy snacks.



Many thanks to Brian Houck and Ryan and Matthew Light for volunteering their time to replace the ties that surround the mulch on our playground. Because of their hard work, children continue to have a safe, fun place to play!







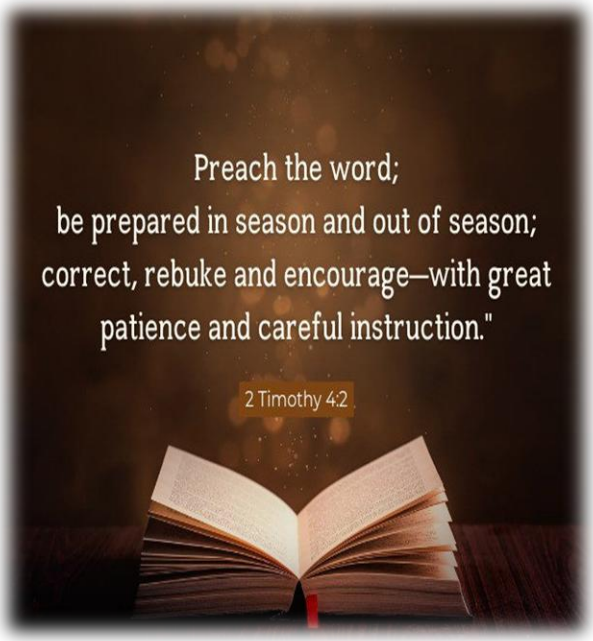

Prince of Peace PRESCHOOL

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

# PoP Vacancy Pastor Schedule

NOV 2026– JAN 2027








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)*

## 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.*




## December Newsletter:



***Items for December's newsletter are due by close of business on 3rd Thursday of this month.*** The next monthly newsletter will be published on or about the 4th 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 email 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:**

Brenda Lewis (daughter of Ed Meise)

**Continuing Health & Life Struggles:**

Barbara McQuaid (Sandy Sainsbury)
Ken Murphy

**Comfort & Sympathy:**

**Confirmands:**

Rachel Wilson, Nate Chadwick,
Julia Wilson, Elinor MacMaster

**Praise/Thanksgiving:**

**Home Bound:**

Thelma Sinnen
Maurita Keplar
Janice Stenglein
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 NOVEMBER

**BIRTHDAYS**

11/06 Andrew Connell
11/07 Abigail Wilson
11/11 William Light
11/12 Jennifer Hesse
11/15 Justin Vennard
11/15 Kay Kupke
11/16 Richard Foley
11/18 Matthis Campbell
11/18 Robin Phelps
11/19 Jim Clark
11/20 Ryan Gocio
11/23 Mary Jo Haney
11/27 Drew Haney
11/28 Alden Campbell

**ANNIVERSARIES**

11/09 Scott & Robin Phelps

# NOVEMBER 2026

## *SERVING AT PRINCE OF PEACE-LCMS*

Subject to Change; *** = Volunteer Needed**; (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*)

**11/01** - 8:30am and 11am**: Bill Leveille,** Elder B
**11/08** - 8:30am and 11am: **Ryan Light,** Elder C
**11/15** - 8:30am and 11am**: Antar Wilson**, Elder F
**11/22** - 8:30am and 11am: **Jarett MacMaster**, Elder D
a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies **-** 10am: **Buck Haney**, Elder E
*Jack Spencer (Nov-Apr), Brian Hess, Lee Heup*

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

**11/01 (E) Connor MacMaster (L) Julia Wilson**
**11/08 (E) Matthew Light (L ) Rachel Wilson**
**11/15 (E) Julia Wilson (L) Josiah Wilson**
**11/22 (E) Elinor MacMaster (L) Rachel Wilson**
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am: **Luke Prince**

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

**11/01 at 11am – Elder on Duty**
**11/08 at 8:30 am - Elder on Duty**
**11/15 at 11am - Elder on Duty**
**11/22 at 8:30am – Elder on Duty**
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am: **Elder on Duty**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### COUNTERS

(Leader/Scheduler: *Mike Bumbaco*)
**11/01 Mike Bumbaco & Lee Heup**
**11/08 ***
**11/15 Mike Bumbaco & Kathy Moss**
**11/22 Antar & Michele Wilson**
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am:
**Bob & Carol Sinibaldi**

### A/V BOOTH (Leader/Scheduler:*)*

**11/01 (E) S. & R. Phelps (L) M. Bumbaco & J. Wilson**
**11/08 (E) M. Bumbaco & S. Ferrera (L) M. Bumbaco & L. Heup**
**11/15 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) M. Bumbaco & J. Wilson**
**11/22 (E) M. Bumbaco & S. Ferrera (L) M. Bumbaco & L. Heup**
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)*

**11/01 (E) Shawna Gugel-Foley (L) Rich Perkins**
**11/08 (E) Joan Harris (L) Carol Sinibaldi**
**11/15 (E) Jack Spencer (L) Sharon Sides**
**11/22 (E) * (L) Michele Wilson**
**11/25 Rich Perkins**
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am: **Michele Wilson**

### USHERS (Leader/Scheduler: *Sandy Sainsbury)*

**11/01 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) Antar Wilson**
**11/08 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris**
**Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken (L) Bob Sinibaldi**
**11/15 (E) Katy Sullivan /Clayton Tauscher (L) Bob Sinibaldi**
**11/22 (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)*

**11/01 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan**
**(L) Bob & Carol Sinibaldi**
**11/08 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Brian Houck**
**(L) Rich Perkins**
**11/15 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Gail Laughrey**
**(L) Vina Gerber**
**11/22 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury**
**(L) Antar and Michele Wilson**
If a ***Fifth Sunday*** applies – 10am: **Gail Laughrey / Lynn Scarcelli**

### 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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