



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God:

Office Hours

Tues -Thurs 9am – 1pm

Friday, by appointment only

CATECHESIS MEANS TO TEACH:

The concept comes from Matthew 28 when Jesus says,

19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20 and teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

So, the following fun quiz is to see if you have learned everything that Jesus commands.

Introduction to the Small Catechism / 1st Commandment

T F 1. The only true God is the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one divine being (the Holy Trinity).

2nd, 3rd and 4th Commandment

T F 2. The second commandment demands that we give thanks to God.

T F 3. We sin against the third commandment when we go to church but do not listen.

T F 4. It is OK to disrespect my parents if they really deserve it.

5th, 6th and 7th Commandment

T F 5. God forbids us to hurt or harm our neighbor physically, that is, to do or say anything which may destroy, shorten, or make his or her life bitter.

T F 6. God requires married people to love, honor, and respect each other. The wife is the husband's God-given helper, and the husband is the wife's God-given head.

T F 7. Borrowing my classmate's pen without asking is not stealing.

8th, 9th and 10th Commandment / Close of the Commandments

T F 8. It is not gossip if it is true.

T F 9. Coveting is having a sinful desire for anyone or anything that belongs to our neighbor.

Introduction, 1st & 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer

T F 10. Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts.

T F 11. We keep God's name holy when we live according to the Word of God.

Answers are: 1.T 2.T 3.T 4.F 5.T 6.T 7.T 8.F 9.T 10.T 11.T
In Christ, Pastor



Newsletter:

Beginning for the month of August, PoP's monthly *newsletter and calendar* will be printed and emailed **once a month** (not weekly) by the last Thursday of each month for the following month. Updates will be sent via email, as needed.



PoP Messaging System:

The Board of Trustees launched PoP's new text message solution for emergency notifications. To subscribe to PoPVB Text Messaging: Text SUBSCRIBE to 877-408-0320. When you receive the confirmation message, reply with your full name. Questions? Contact Scott Phelps or any Board of Trustees member.



for
GOD'S
GLORY

Board of Elders Update, AUGUST 2025:

For those who missed, the installment of new elders and leaders on July 6th and 8th, 2025, the BoE elected Bill Leveille to serve as Head Elder. Here is the **current schedule of how Elders will serve the congregation services**, UNO:

-Ryan Light is the assigned Elder-C serving on the **1st Sunday service of each month**.

-Brian Houck is the assigned Elder-A serving on the **2nd Sunday**.

-Bill Leveille is the assigned Elder-B serving on the **3rd Sunday**.

-[shared office] Lee Heup is the assigned Elder-D & Brian Hess is assigned Elder-E jointly serving on the **4th and 5th Sunday**.

The updated Lists of members per each Elder (A, B, C, D & E) is on the hallway bulletin board between the Fellowship and Narthex. The Board of Elders meets monthly to support the Vacancy Pastor, Matt Prince, and receive his continued guidance for our congregation in this period of transition. Pastoral concerns and needs should be directed to your Elder. This, preferably a week in advance to the monthly meetings scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month.

Regarding Pastoral Care: Vacancy Pastor Prince will be at family camp August 10th, with Rev. Mark Nieting leading service at PoP church.

Contact your Elder or the Church office for help with scheduling Homebound visits.

BoE has advised the Council consider **Ministry Safe** (<https://ministrysafecom/>). Protecting children and those who serve them or something similar to suit PoPLC.

Gail Laughrey, Sandy Sainsbury, Gene Lambert and Mike Bumbaco are leading the Greeters, flowers & Alter Guild & banner duties, Readers & Ushers, Audio Visual and Counters volunteers, respectfully. Bill Leveille will work at getting Communion assistants and Acolyte scheduled; however, on occasion each Elder may have to take the lead and request your assistance to help on acolyte and other duties that may fall short at the last minute on their assigned Sunday service. THANK YOU, in advance, for your understanding and being flexible!!! Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed (Proverbs 16:3)

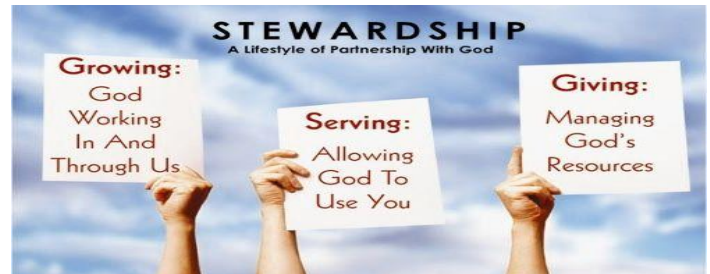
Kindly **Pray** our church be in alignment with our New Pastor, that **all of us** be found trusting and obeying God, and following Holy Scripture and the LCMS Teachings. May the Holy Spirit be leading our **New Pastor Call Committee**.

The Call Committee is comprised of 7 people and 2 alternates: Scott Phelps, Brian Houck, Clairette Campbell, Mary Jo Haney, Danielle Kemper, Richard Perkins, and Kenny Zaken. Alternates: Shawna Foley, Sal Ferrera) Protect them, guide them with wisdom from above (James 3:13-18; Ephesians 6:10-20). Please continue praying for our Vacancy Pastor and interim Pastor(s), PoP Church Leaders, Elders and the Congregation **unity in one church body**, (Isaiah 40:6-8; 1 Peter 1:24-25). All in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, with **all the Glory to God alone Amen**.

In Christ, Board of Elders

Stewardship at Prince of Peace – LCMS:

Please take a prayerful look at the attached list of opportunities to serve the Lord at PoP as a reader, usher, and much more! The form is also available in the Narthex. Circle any area where God has blessed you with gifts & talents. Return the form to Mary Jo Haney, 757-676-8980.



LCMS Stewardship Ministry, Newsletter Article, August 2025: Jesus' transforming presence

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor; and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for *Jewish* tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place! Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. *(continued on next page)*



There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

VBS Art Project:

You can all help VBS! Please bring in your brown packing paper from Amazon boxes. Our wonderful volunteers will repurpose it into some amazing decorations! Question? Contact Michele Wilson, 757-822-6025.



VBS Volunteers 2025:

Volunteers needed at Vacation Bible School! Specifically seeking two (2) loving people to manage the Games Station. August 04-08, 9:00a-2:00p. Contact VBS Director, Michele Wilson, 757-822-6025, with questions.



PoP Preschool is Hiring:

PoPP is hiring substitute teachers & teacher assistants for the 2025-26 school year. Learners are 18 months to 5 years. Contact Alicia Mangels or AnneMarie Thome, 757-340-3033.

Prime Timers:

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, August 20 at 11:30am. 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 and the CPH Concordia commentary on Revelation written by Dr. Brighton as our guide.

Summer Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities:

Please see all available opportunities to learn and grow in your Christian faith with the PoP family on the attached paper calendar, Narthex screens, and at princeofpeacevb.org.

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.



HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and 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 and the LCMS, and 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 and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and 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 and visitors please speak with the Pastor.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER....

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Kim McCormick (Buck Haney)
Helen Leveille
Susan Salmons (Buck Haney)
The Family of Larry Larkin
Herb Boomhower
Linda Cook

Continuing Health & Life Struggles:

Rosemary Saunders (Sal Fererra)
Andrew Mazuch (John Mazuch)
Bruce Waltemath
Jason Haberman (Lynn Scarcelli)
Justin Gerber
Dickie Cooper
Sally Phelps (Scott Phelps)
Karl Tauscher
John Stahl
Ellen Westbrook
Valerie Hill (Buck Haney)
Bobbi Johnson (Bill Bussey)

Confirmands:

Connor MacMaster

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
Alan M Ferrera, Jr.
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.

CELEBRATING IN AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

08/09 Alexander Connell
08/10 Sharon Sides
08/20 Joan Harris
08/20 Rachel Wilson
08/20 Julia Wilson
08/20 Ellen Westbrook

08/13 Caroline Light
08/22 Laura Field
08/26 Elly Light
08/27 Alexandria Zaken
08/30 John Carila

ANNIVERSARIES

08/01 John & Kathy Moss
08/08 Mike & Holly Bumbaco
08/09 Doug & Joan Rosenvinge
08/13 John & Elaine Robey
08/16 David & Josephine Reid
08/16 Ryan & Kelly Light
08/18 Merle & Barbara Endsley
08/19 Jesse & Danielle Kemper
08/25 Bob & Carol Sinibaldi

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SERVING AT PRINCE OF PEACE-LCMS

(E) : Early | (L) : Late

* : To Be Verified

ELDERS

08/03 Ryan Light
08/10 Brian Houck
08/17 Bill Leveille
08/24 (E) Brian Hess / (L) Lee Heup
08/31 Brian Hess / Lee Heup

READERS

08/03 (E) Joan Harris (L) Rich Perkins
08/10 (E) Darla Tauscher (L) Carol Sinibaldi
08/17 (E) Shawna Gugel (L) Sharon Sides
08/24 (E) Robin Phelps (L) Michele Wilson
08/31 Rich Perkins

USHERS

08/03 (E) Katy Sullivan / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson / Vina Gerber
08/10 (E) Hunter Gruebel / Katy Sullivan
Sal Ferrera / Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi / Sharon Sides
08/17 (E) Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Jesse Kemper / Kenny Zaken
(L) Antar Wilson / Mike Bumbaco
08/24 (E) Hunter Gruebel / Katy Sullivan
Sal Ferrera / Clayton Tauscher
(L) Bob Sinibaldi / Vina Gerber
08/31 Sandy Sainsbury / Dale Harris
Sharon Sides / Mike Bumbaco

GREETERS

08/03 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Katy Sullivan
(L) Vina Gerber
08/10 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Brian Houck
(L) Kathryn Lambert
08/17 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Christel Mount
(L) Bob & Carol Sinibaldi
08/24 (E) Lynn Scarcelli / Sandy Sainsbury
(L) Antar and Michele Wilson
08/31 Lynn Scarcelli / Rich Perkins

ACOLYTES

08/03 (E) Matthew Light (L) Connor MacMaster
08/10 (E) Connor MacMaster (L) Brian Houck
08/17 (E) Luke Prince (L) Joshia Wilson
08/24 (E) Daniel Hess (L) Julia Wilson
08/31 No Communion

COMMUNION SERVERS

08/03 (L) Jarett MacMaster
08/10 (E) Jarett MacMaster
08/17 (L) Antar Wilson
08/24 (E) Jarett MacMaster
08/31 No Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL

08/03 Kathryn Lambert
08/10 Kathryn Lambert
08/17 Kathryn Lambert
08/24 Kathryn Lambert
08/31 Kathryn Lambert

COUNTERS

08/03 Eugene & Kathryn Lambert
08/10 Scott & Robin Phelps
08/17 Bob & Carol Sinibaldi
08/24 Antar & Michele Wilson
08/31 Mike Bumbaco / Lee Heup

PRODUCTION BOOTH

08/03 (E) Alex Helbig (L) Mike Bumbaco
08/10 (E) Scott & Robin Phelps (L) Scott & Robin Phelps
08/17 (E) Alex Helbig (L) Mike Bumbaco
08/24 (E) Gene Lambert (L) Mike Bumbaco
08/31 Gene Lambert

INTERESTED IN SERVING AT PoP?

Volunteers needed to serve as acolytes, ushers, and communion servers. No experience necessary. Training provided. Contact your Elder or Bill Leveille to volunteer.



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