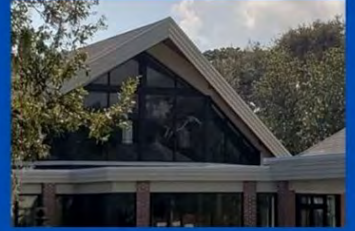




Prince of Peace News

AUGUST 2026

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Pastor's Reflections for August 2026



Grace and peace to you from Christ our Lord and from all your sisters and brothers here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. As we look at the return of the school year and the end of the summer season, we have many opportunities to engage our community in activities. We have the ongoing food drive for Barnabas as well as several fellowship events coming this month. The heat of the summer may be here to stay for several more months, but we plan on being active in the community anyway. Great ministry can happen in the shade and air conditioning during August heat just as well as it can during the pleasant 70's of a December afternoon.

I want to thank you all for the wonderful vacation time I got to spend with the family at the end of July as we went north to visit family and friends around the lakes of Michigan. As I enjoyed the cooler weather and thankfully wildfire smoke free sun sets I got to reflect on what it means in Psalms 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God". What does it feel like to be still? The world always seems busy and active issuing unspoken threats that if you sit still, you will miss out or be left behind. The shame of being unproductive or lazy does not fit with the message of Psalm 46. The world pushes a narrative that if you are not in total control then you are in chaos. All of these can be true in specific situations but not when we take the second half of the passage of Psalm 46:10 which answers why we should "be still". The stillness is in response to knowing that God is God. I don't have to work to make the sun rise, for God has set it in motion. I don't have to worry about what troubles may come tomorrow; God knows the plans he has for you, plans to prosper and not to harm you. I don't need to fear the unknown, for God so loved the world he sent his son for us. As we move through life the immediacy of our reactions robs us of the time to sit in reflection on what is happening. Psalm 46:10 is a reminder that no matter what is going on in the world around us that God is still God and we are not God. We are allowed to be still, acknowledging the limits that we have and our need for God's love, care, and control in our lives. I want to encourage you to set time aside to be still and know that God is God, even if it is just a few minutes every day. It is a great reminder that no matter what is going on we are not in total control, the weight of the world does not rest on our shoulders, life and death do not hinge on our efforts alone. For God is always with us helping, encouraging, guiding, and loving us every moment of every day. It is, in actuality, very productive to "Be still and know that I am God", because it takes the pressure off from all of us having to think that we must take on God's job. Otherwise, God would have to clean up the mess we made and then fix it properly. It is wonderful to know that God is God and I am not, even when we take some time to be still.

God Loves you, and so do I;
Pastor Ben

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Prince of Peace members,

Here are some highlights from July at Prince of Peace.

1. Terry Smith, our secretary / office manager, has moved out of the area. She supported us remotely until the end of July. For the short term, Robin Phillips, Robin Howell, Dana Sargent, and others will be filling in. There are no set office hours at this time. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding through this transition.
2. We have updated the office manager's job description to start advertising for the position.
3. Because we have a lot of web-based programs that require two step verification via a cell phone we have purchased a cell phone for this task. The phone number is 324-888-6930 and will be used by personnel using POP web-based programs. In the past we used Terry Smith's personal cell phone for this verification.
4. We are procuring tee shirts with the God's Work / Our Hands theme of Back-To-Church Sunday. Also, we will be ordering polo shirts with the POP logo on them for purchase.
5. The new POP Directory is available, and each family should pickup one.
6. We will be transitioning the method of preparing the Sunday bulletins / inserts, weekly happenings, and the monthly news so you may see some minor changes. This is happening because a software that has been used for many years is being discontinued in October.

Les Boette



Worship Assistants Schedule

<u>Role</u>	2nd-Sunday After Pentecost	9th-Sunday After Pentecost	16th-Sunday After Pentecost	23rd-Sunday After Pentecost	30th-Sunday After Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Tanya Adin	Richard Figueroa	Susan Foutz	Yuli Fosso	Duane Whitesel
Scripture Reader	Bart Cormier	Pat Harris	John Harris	Tanya Adin	Mark Foutz
Ushers	Ed Marotz George Pester	John Harris Ken Bryson	Gene Kilcawley Les Boette	Richard Figueroa Ted Richardson	Garrett Price George Pester
Greeter	Garrett Price	Scott & Wyatt Chicco	Ed Marotz	Dennis Purdy	Sam Serrian
Altar/ Lay Assistant	Karen Blair / Jeanette Chaffee	Donna Cormier / Jeanette Chaffee	Tanya Adin	Eileen Klein	Cyndi Zenker
Tellers	Susan Foutz Whitney Chicco	Susan Foutz Whitney Chicco	Gene Kilcawley Patti Marotz	Linda Pesante Eileen Klein	Linda Pesante Eileen Klein



Thanks for
Worshiping With Us

"To strengthen our faith in Jesus through worship and fellowship; to be the face of Christ for others."



Our Vision

"To provide the love of Jesus through a welcoming, caring, and growing Church guided by the Holy Spirit towards inspirational worship, Christian education, and service to our local and world communities."

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
2 <i>BIRTHDAY SUNDAY</i> Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	3 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00—1:30 pm IDN 3:30 PM Hope House	4	5	6	7	8 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am Confirmation 10am-noon BUNCO 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
9 Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	10 Men's Property Group 9:00 am Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 am AA Group 12:00—1:30 pm	11	12	13	14	15 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
16 Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	17 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00—1:30 pm Church Council Meeting 5:30 pm	18 Newsletter Articles Deadline	19 Music and Worship Committee Meeting 4:00 PM at church	20	21	22 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am Confirmation 10am-noon
23 Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	24 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00—1:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
30 Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	31 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00—1:30 pm					



BUNCO
GAME NIGHT

August 8th at 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Join in the Fun & Bring your family & friends and enjoy a fast-paced game built for action.

The poster features a central image of hands playing Bunco around a table with dice, a bowl of yellow chips, and score sheets. Decorative elements include stars, dice, and a small sailboat icon in the bottom left corner.



Our Prince of Peace groups have been working hard all year with activities, missions, and events are now on

A Summer Break!

Our special thanks to our members for sharing their talents and energies with

THE POTTERS DAUGHTERS "LADIES GROUP"
THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
THE BELL CHOIR
WORSHIP CHOIR

See you in September!

The poster includes a central cross graphic and several small photos of group members. Decorative elements include tropical leaves and a small illustration of Jesus with children.

FLORAL & BULLETIN SPONSORS

Celebrate your special occasion or honor a beloved individual when you sponsor Altar Flowers and our Bulletin

The Flower Chart is located outside the Church's office to confirm the date you wish to sponsor.

If you prefer, you can call our church office during the week to initiate your sponsorship.

The cost of sponsorship is **\$35** and can be placed in offertory plates.

Thanks to August Sponsors

2nd: Kurt & Lisa Poling—To the Glory of God

9th: Anonymous—In Thanksgiving for the Prince of Peace Church Family

16th:

23rd: Lori Wick—In honor of 49th Wedding Anniversary

30th:





**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Bob Vogel-2nd
Tom Meissgeir-3rd
Diane Elliott-6th
Melody Mandrick-6th
Bill Goldwire-21st
Susanne Steffen-21st
Chrystal Opheim-24th



Daniel & Yuli Fosso-2nd
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Last-2nd
Clay & Jeanette Chaffee-8th
Mike & Darlene Johnson-8th
Aaron & Chrystal Opheim-9th
Darrell & Jeanne Heun-15th
Tim & June Miller-16th
Lori & Jon Wick-27th



BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

All are invited to join the congregation in celebrating August Birthdays with us
Sunday, August 2nd with cup cakes and snacks in the fellowship hall after worship. We are looking to celebrate monthly birthdays in the congregation at the beginning of each month. The Light Keepers (youth group) will be taking the lead on hosting these events. If your interested in helping or being part of the celebration please reach out to the church office.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT



August and September Mission will be a special two-month mission.

It will combine the ELCA Synod's "God's Work. Our Hands" initiative with Back To Church Sunday!



You can be an important part of helping families who do not have enough to eat by bringing canned goods to church every Sunday during August and September. One out of every four children and one out of every six adults face a shortage of food every day. Help us meet our goal of at least 2,500 cans of food! Your donations will help Barnabas Food Pantry. Added collections will be made at area super markets with our God's Work initiative. Sign up to help and get a free T-shirt for your efforts while helping others. Your compassion and generosity will make a difference to people who need it most.

Bring a friend and celebrate Back To Church Sunday on September 13. Join us for breakfast at Inter-generational Sunday School at 9:00am, a special message from Pastor Ben, adult choir, and bell choir performances during worship at 10:00am, and a luncheon at 11:00am.

Future Events

Inter Faith Dinner Network - is 3:30 Monday, August 3 at Hope House. Thank you to all who help serve our neighbors in need, and special thanks to Brenda Ronson for all the demanding work organizing these delicious meals!

Beach Safety flyers- we distributed flyers to area hotels and Inns for their patrons use with advice of how to stay safe while enjoying our island paradise this summer. Of course, we also encourage them to visit us while here.

Missions in the remaining year- We are exploring aiding Lutheran Services Florida youth services in October. Providing ten families with Thanksgiving dinner supplies in November. And sharing holiday spirit providing Christmas gifts for families with our annual Advent Christmas Tree.

It's A Wrap

June Mission- thanks to your support \$755.25 was donated to **Wounded Warriors Project Inc.** to help serve these brave soldiers and their families.

July Mission - Thank You cards were given to veterans to honor the special people who sacrificed to keep our country safe and free Thanks to the people who signed cards in the narthex and a shout of thanks to Robin Howell and Bill Hansberry for their special help.

"Compassion and generosity stand as a quiet, powerful acts of hope that transform both the giver and the receiver. Every act of kindness leaves a lasting impact."

Sue AB Hildebrand

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Communications ministry helps Prince of Peace members and friends informed and involved.

Check our website at www.poplcweb.com. It has updated information about our ministry activities and events. Stream worship service when unable to attend on Sunday's by clicking the link on our home page.

Join our followers on Facebook. The POP Facebook page is regularly updated. Please Share & Like posts to further our ministry - www.facebook.com/POPLC2. and remember to please take photos and send them to George Pester (gpester1@comcast.net) for additions to our church's Facebook pages when you attend an event.

Let us share all the good news and happenings at Prince of Peace!

Linda Pesante



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Let it never be said that the fellowship team has nothing to report. Planning opportunities to get together informally to enjoy each other is an important part of the church ministry of love and support. Again we will begin the month with cupcakes, coffee, juice or tea on Sunday, August 2, as we celebrate all those who have an August birthday or anniversary. The following Saturday, August 8, we will revive our Bunco game and party. Bunco, if you do not know or recall is a fun dice game for all ages and a great opportunity to get to meet some people you really haven't talked with before. You don't even have to add up the dice, just roll them and hope you get a certain number. If you lose on any one series, you have to stay in your seat while someone else comes to become your opponent. In case some attendees do not wish to take a chance on the roll of the dice (or are really too young to focus), we will have other games they will enjoy. Some time between games we will need to take an ice cream break. At the end the big bunco winners will get their reward. School starts the next week, so we will be going light until we start our Back-To-Church activities in September.

Bill Hansberry



IT COMMITTEE REPORT

IT Committee Report – July 2026

Committee Members: Les Boette, Brenda Ronson, Brett Higginbotham, Robin Phillips
Newsletter Version

Here is update/status for this month – active work.

1. The new Assisted Listening System has been installed.
We are having issues with the iPhone / Smartphone option since it relies on the POP wireless internet system. This wireless system does not appear to have enough bandwidth to function during Sunday services. Comcast will upgrade the bandwidth from 0.5 GIG to 2.0 GIG.
2. Had an issue with losing sound during Sunday worship Facebook live transmission. Issue was loose cables. Cables have been secured with duct tape.

Future tasks to be accomplished.

3. Microsoft Publisher will not be available after October. We will continue to use Canva for developing graphics for our published documents. We have developed Microsoft Word templates for the documents such as the monthly POP News, This Week @ POP – Sunday worship version, This Week @ POP – Happenings version and the Sunday worship bulletin. To convert to these documents will be a priority in late August / early September.
4. Pastor Ben is temporarily taking over responsibility for ensuring that the POP website has accurate and timely information posted on it. We will be looking for a permanent person to fill this role. If you are interested contact Pastor Ben or Les Boette.

Les Boette



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



Save the Date – September 13, 2026

Find Your Place at Prince of Peace!

Come with your family and invite your friends for a day that is not to be missed!

After a long **(and HOT)** summer, Come back and be part of our regular Worship services, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Ministry groups, and new exciting get-togethers and activities. Invite your friends and neighbors and discover the connection, support, and hope that Prince of Peace offers.

Join us and experience God's love and grace at Back To Church Sunday!

9AM- Breakfast & Intergenerational Sunday School

**10AM- Worship featuring a special message from Pastor Ben
with a special Bell Choir & Adult Choir performances**

11AM- Luncheon Fellowship Get-Together with activities for young and old alike



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER MISSION

Benefitting Barnabas Food Pantry

Join our special BTCS Mission

**Bring canned Foods to church
Sundays in August & September!**

***In Nassau County, food insecurity affects
1 in 4 Children & 1 in 6 Adults***

You can be a part of solving food problems for the needy by bringing canned goods to church every Sunday. Our campaign this year includes asking church members to donate canned food to church on Sundays and we will be asking people in our community to donate goods at supermarkets in September. Stay tuned for more details on this important initiative.



You will Make a Difference in lives of our neighbors with your caring generosity.

CHURCH NEEDS

Our church is in need of
Counters. Training will be
provided.

Please contact
Barbara Ehrenberg or the
church office if you are
interested in helping.

Thank You!



Brother, can you spare some time?
Join in the fun with our Men's Property Group
The Nehemiah Bunch



Help keep the church grounds beautiful and welcoming for everyone.
"The Nehemiah Bunch" meets every Monday for a few hours to work
together in fellowship and care for our church property.
Your helping hands make an enormous difference!

For more information or to get involved, see John Mandrick or call the Church Office.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fernandina Rehab

Barry Moore

Hilliard Rehab

Gary Dildine

River City Rehab

Clay Chaffee



At Home

Michele Pester / Ted Wessel / Dawn Price / Darrell Heun / Claudia Kavan /
Nick Ivanovic / Diane Demeranville / Alice Hansberry / Bill Mungo / Yvonne Bowman /
George Pester / Rita Tiench / Bill Goldwire / Gary Dildine / Glenn Beyer / Karen Blair /
Linda Vinditti / Blake Carter / Mike Johnson / Marsha Woleshin / Bob Vogel

Military

Commander Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, WMEC Spencer Ship, Ft. Smith, VA (grandson of
Glen & Norma Beyer)

-Reid Stribling, US Navy (grandson of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley)

-Lt. Col. Eric Venditti, Army (son of Linda Venditti)

-Lt. Jared H. Poling, US Navy Pilot, Honolulu, Hawaii (son of Kurt & Lisa Poling)

-Lt. Col. Tim J. Martin, US Army, 1st Calvary Division Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas (son-in-law of
Kurt & Lisa Poling)

Keeping Our Prayer List Up-to-Date ...

God's blessings to those who are no longer in acute need of prayer. Please let us know when a person no longer wishes to be included. Call the church office for those in need and they will be added so we can lift up a prayer for them.



Call our Church Office When...

You become Hospitalized, are Sick or Shut in. Have a spiritual question or need prayer. Moving, getting married encountering any other life changes or need information about events.

904-261-6306

POP VISITATION CARE TEAM PROGRAM



A need was recognized for an organized approach to visiting members of our congregation who are not able to attend church.

The visitation team visits and offers communion as desired to church members. The team is also developing additional methods to enhance our visitation outreach.

Any member of the church is in need or who knows a church member who would benefit from a visit (s) please contact the church office at poplc.office@gmail.com or call 904-261-6306.

Calling all crafters!

Do you crochet, bead, macrame, quilt, sew, knit, embroidery, cross-stitch? — do you make items that could be used to welcome a new family, for a baby baptism, a new home owner with Habitat for Humanity, or cheer a church member?



We would love for you to join us at Prayer Shawl Group on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm (**Currently on Summer Break, but will reconvene in September**). We meet in the Narthex.

Questions? Please reach out to Robin Howell



The Potters Daughters ladies group have restocked a very needy first aid kit. Hopefully you will find what you need for your minor emergencies. It is on top of the freezer in the kitchen.

REMOTE WORSHIP

UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP IN PERSON?

VIEW OUR WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY'S AT 10:00 AM on Facebook Live.

Click the below button on Sundays to enter our livestream worship experience.



NOTE: You do not need to have a Facebook account to access the live and recorded services.
If you have any issues please call the church office or Pastor Ben.

Our Mission

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through worship and fellowship;
to be the face of Christ for others*

POP WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Wondering what is Happening?

Don't miss all the great things happening at Prince of Peace on our website and Facebook. The sites are regularly updated with the latest events and activities.

Check our website by clicking www.poplcweb.com. The site can help you access a streamed Worship service, make a prayer request, contact a staff member or council member, make a financial gift, read our newsletter, read weekly scriptures and much more.

Click www.facebook.com/POPLC2/ to view our Facebook page. The page contains posts about events and activities, photos of activities and information about our ministry . Check it out, be informed, and enjoy the information!

Handy Links

Barnabas Center

Helps neighbors in crisis (neighbors face unexpected illness, unemployment, fire, or a change in living status, with nowhere to turn), Food Pantry, and Health. www.barnabasnassau.org

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States.
www.elca.org

Florida-Bahamas Synod www.fbsynod.com

Interfaith Dinner Network—IDN

IDN's mission is to feed the homeless, hungry, and lonely.
www.idnweb.net

Luther Springs

Camp and Conference Center programs for children, youth, adults, and families.
www.luthersprings.org

Nassau County Council on Aging

Advocate and resource for the elderly seeking information, counseling, assistance and referral to available services
www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org



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2026 Congregational Financial Report

YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCOME VS. TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES

Year To Date Income Thru June 30, 2026

General Contributions	\$197,635
Miscellaneous Income	\$0
Keep It Simple	\$1,596
Rental Income	\$800
Earned Investment Income	\$1,972
Fund Fundraising	\$0



Year TO Date SubTotal Income	\$202,003
Transfers from Savings to Checking	\$0
Year TO Date TOTAL INCOME ALL SOURCES	\$202,003
Year TO Date TOTAL EXPENSES	\$193,106
Difference Year To Date Income Vs. Expenses	\$8,896
Lightkeepers Fund Balance	\$7,552
Playground Fund Balance	\$230
BEAR Fund	\$10,935
Disaster Recovery Fund Balance	\$21,592
Mortgage Balance Remaining	\$124,492
Endowment Fund	\$116,065

Special Note From Church Council

1. Additional donations of \$1,50.00 have been applied to our Mortgage Principal in 2026.
 2. Disaster Recovery Fund was credited with \$5,000 in March & June; Expensed to WIND/HAIL SELF-INSURANCE; No actual funds dispersed; Expense/Credit will occur quarterly.
 3. Received \$120 donation for Lightkeepers Fund; Fund total of \$7,551.68 towards 2027 Nat'l Youth Gathering.
 4. Received \$150 in Memorials and \$80 for B.E.A.R. Fund in June.
- * Rec'd \$250.00 for June Monthly Mission Wounded Warriors + Jug Funds to be counted in July.
- ** Yard Sale Raised \$2,121.26 for Youth Synod Trip but spent \$2,946.93.



MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

The Reduction Fund provides that contributions will be applied to the principle balance reducing mortgage debt.

If you wish to contribute to this fund, mark your check "MORTGAGE FUND" and contributions will be applied to the reduce the principle balance.

Thank you for your support that continues God's work!

Offerings furthering our ministry can be made:

- ◇ At Worship Service place envelopes in the offering plate, in the church mail slot, or mailing offering to the church office.
- ◇ Electronic contributions can be made via or website at www.poplcweb.com. Click the "GIVE" tab & follow
- ◇ instructions to set automatic contributions from account.



What does it really mean to speak of an “endowment”? At its root, the word comes from “to endow” — to give. We hear this echoed in the cherished phrase from our Declaration of Independence, “endowed by their Creator,” words that remind us that the most precious gifts in life come not from ourselves, but from God. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. later drew on the same truth, pointing us again toward the divine generosity that shapes our shared life as a nation.

As we approach the 250th birthday of the United States, it is worth pausing to remember that these God given endowments — our “unalienable rights” to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness — are not simply historical ideas. They are living reminders of God’s ongoing care for humanity.

An endowment, in any setting, exists for one purpose: to give something meaningful and lasting. It is a gift that lifts those who might not be able to obtain that blessing on their own. In that same spirit, the POP Endowment seeks to help restore the “pursuit of Happiness” for those in our community who are struggling. Through generosity, compassion, and faithful stewardship, we hope to be instruments of God’s grace for people in real and urgent need.

The Outreach Committee has begun the thoughtful work of identifying and nominating an organization whose mission aligns with this calling. Once that nomination is reviewed by the Endowment Board, we look forward to awarding our very first grant — a milestone made possible by the faithful hearts of this congregation.

As our nation celebrates 250 years, may that same spirit of gratitude and generosity continue to move within us. The mission of our endowment is simple yet profound: to help make the God given “pursuit of happiness” more attainable for those we are called to serve. We thank God for what has already been accomplished, and we ask you to keep this ministry in your prayers as we continue forward together.

May God bless you for your faithfulness, your compassion, and your commitment to this vital work.

POPLC Endowment Board



**Prince of Peace Church Council Meeting Summary
July 20, 2026**

Called to order by Les Boette at 5:36 PM.

- The devotion was provided by Duane Whitesel
- The Treasurer's report was approved.
- Polo shirts with a POP logo on them will be offered for purchase. There will be a signup sheet set up to order once we get final pricing. God's Work / Our Hands tee shirts are be procured.
- Back-To-Church-Sunday will be September 13 to be in harmony with the Synod's God's Work / Our Hands program.
- The council approved the Office Manager Job Description. Pastor Ben will begin soliciting applicants.
- The church office has a dedicated iPhone 12 to allow for two factor authorization on occur on our many web-based programs. It phone number is 324-888-6930.
- Terry Smith is working remotely until the end of July. After that POP volunteers will fully staff the office until a new Office Manager is hired.
- A motion was approved to pay Terry Smith for the eight (8) remaining vacation days for 2026.
- A new family was approved for membership in POP.
- A Thrivent Retail Brokerage account has been set up to accept donations of stock.
- A motion was passed to not have Pastor Ben help manage an ELCA intern at the Spirit of Life Church in North Jacksonville.
- The POP Photo Directory is now available.
- The church outside door locks have been changed and new keys have been distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23PM.

Submitted by Les Boette



All Committee Meeting Committees will meet on an as needed basis as called by the Council liaisons. ***NEXT MEETING is Sunday, October 4, 2026—After Worship.***

Below is a brief description of the purpose of each of the Committees and council liaison and/or contact person:

- **Education & Youth Ministry: John Harris**
 - ◊Organize and promote Christian education activities/opportunities – including children, youth and adults.
- **Evangelism: Carolyn Krause/George Pester**
 - ◊Seek opportunities to share the Gospel in the community
- **Public Relations: Linda Pesante**
 - ◊Provide electronic and media support to share the ministry of POP
- **Fellowship Ministry: Garrett Price/Bill Hansberry**
 - ◊Planning and implementing Congregational social activities
- **Outreach Ministry: Susie Hildebrand**
 - ◊Seek opportunities or reach out and offer help to those in need.
 - ◆Monthly Care Projects
 - ◆Interdenominational Dinner Network (IDN)
 - ◊Prayer committee
 - ◊Visitation Team
- **Finance/Stewardship Ministry: John Harris, Robin Phillips**
 - ◊Monitor the financial condition of the Congregation including advisement on long-term investment of reserve funds and contract oversight.
 - ◊Conduct an annual stewardship campaign
- **Information Technology: Les Boette**
 - ◊Work with church staff to identify solutions for data and computer systems
 - ◊Monitor hardware and software needs
 - ◊Manage tele-worship, AV equipment support for worship and education
- **Property Ministry: Dennis Purdy**
 - ◊Ensure the physical building and grounds of the property is well maintained.
 - ◊Coordinating body for required contracted services or capital purchases related to maintenance of the building/property.
- **Worship & Music Ministry: Duane Whitesel**
 - ◊Work with Pastor to plan and implement worship services.
 - ◊Recruit, train and schedule the Worship support team including ushers & greeters, altar guild, acolytes, worship assistants and readers.

We would welcome and encourage your interest with any of the committees. Please contact either the Council Liaison, Council President, Les Boette or Pr. Ben.



Talents Needed!

A host of opportunities are available to put our talents to good use assisting in worship services, planning our ministry, and outreach missions.

Have fun when being a part of our worship service as a Reader, Worship Assistant, Usher, Greeter, musician, and choir member.

Lend your ideas to our ministry when participating and helping the Evangelism, Fellowship Payer, Music, Property, Worship, or Altar Guild Committees. Consider and help set our direction on Church Council. Your talents and skills will make a difference!

See a Council Member or call our Church office to get involved.



Have Questions or Need Help?



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Solomon Johnson	solomon8992@gmail.com	904-583-8795	Organist
Les Boette	boette10@gmail.com	904-305-9618	Council President