



Prince of Peace News

JUNE 2026

Come...Be A Part of Peace!



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Pastor's Reflections for June 2026



Grace and peace to you from Christ our Lord and from your sisters and brothers here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We continue to give thanks to God our Father, for the great ministry that we are doing here in Fernandina and beyond. The Gospel is being proclaimed in word and deed among us as we strive to be Christ hands and feet moving in the world around us. We have been planning a fantastic Vacation Bible School program for the whole community. This year's theme is Rainforest Falls, with jungle animals and plants proclaiming the wonder of God's creation. Preregistration is going well with over a dozen kids already signed up, and many more expected as June gets underway. The program is open to everyone we have Classes for Pre-k through 5th grade, and an adult class for anyone who wants to experience the fun of a VBS program but with more adult crafts and games. Don't let VBS be a child only program please consider joining the adult program whether you are an older youth or an experienced adult the adult program is a fun way to learn about our faith and build connections with others. I will be leading the adult program during VBS and look forward to seeing you soon.

As we look forward to deepening our faith and growing in the love of Christ through community this summer, I am reminded of St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians in 4:20-24.

"20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

It is difficult for us to change the attitude of our minds, especially regarding how we approach our faith community. For many were brought up that Sunday School was for children, and Bible study was for the elders and leaders of the church. When we think about ourselves, we have an attitude of the mind that keeps us from fitting into either of these positions. We are no longer children nor do we feel like leaders. However, we are called to change these attitudes and opinions for we are both God's children and called to be leaders of the church. Living into a new way of being setting aside the old ways help us to see the transforming love that God has for each of us. Joining into Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, or even Sunday School help us to see that through Christian community God is equipping us for the ministry we are being called to as leaders, friends, helpers, ministers, and faithful members of God's family. This deepens our faith and relationship with God but also roots us with the support of our Christian family. Changing the attitude of the mind is not easy, it takes time, effort, activity, and perseverance as the old self fights the new. However, the truth the new self holds on to cannot be denied, that God's love has made you a new creation; earning for hope, faith, and love that the old self cannot satisfy. For these come from Christ Jesus our Lord.

God Loves you, and so do I;

Pastor Ben

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Prince of Peace members,

Here are some highlights for May at Prince of Peace.

1. Solomon Johnson started as Organist / Pianist, and he is doing an excellent job.
2. The children's playground continues to be put to good use.
3. We are working on upgrading the wi-fi access in the Sanctuary so that we get maximum use of the new assisted listening system for in-person Sunday worship attendees to use.
4. We continue to welcome new members of POP.
5. The support of the Yard and Bake Sale shows the vibrance of the church membership.
6. Preparations for Vacation Bible School in late June continue.
7. In the years before Covid, we had a significant number of "snowbirds" attending POP and we would see a drop off in attendance as they went north. This year our attendance has not seen this dip occur.
8. The new POP Directory should be available for all members to use.

Les Boette



Worship Assistants Schedule

<u>Role</u>	7th- Sunday After Pentecost	14th- Sunday After Pentecost	21st- Sunday After Pentecost	28th- Sunday After Pentecost
Assisting Minister	John Harris	Tanya Adin	Richard Figueroa	Susan Foutz
Scripture Reader	Bill Goldwire	Pat Harris	Richard Figueroa	Robin Howell
Ushers	Dennis Purdy Ken Bryson	Ed Marotz Ted Richardson	Gene Kilcawley John Harris	Garrett Price Richard Figueroa
Greeter	Janelle Purdy	Sam Serrian	Dawn Price	B.J. Taylor
Altar/ Lay Assistant	Karen Blair / Jeanette Chaffee	Tanya Adin	Eileen Klein	Cyndi Zenker
Tellers	Linda Pesante Eileen Klein	Jane Malcolm Barbara Ehrenberg	Susan Foutz Whitney Chicco	Gene Kilcawley Patti Marotz



Thanks for
Worshipping 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.”

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 IDN at Hope House 3:30–6:30 pm	2	3	4 <i>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</i>	5 <i>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</i>	6 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am <i>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</i>
7 <i>BIRTHDAY SUNDAY</i> Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	8 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00–1:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
14 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	15 Men's Property Group 9:00 am <i>Executive Committee Meeting</i> 10:00 am AA Group 12:00–1:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am <i>Celebration Of Life Service for Rosalie Wessel</i> 2:00 pm
21 <i>FATHER'S DAY</i> Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship <i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</i> 5:30–8:30 PM	22 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00–1:30 pm <i>Church Council Meeting</i> 5:30 pm <i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</i> 5:30–8:30 PM	23 <i>Newsletter Articles Deadline</i> <i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</i> 5:30–8:30 PM	24 <i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</i> 5:30–8:30 PM	25 <i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</i> 5:30–8:30 PM	26	27 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
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Groups On Summer Break

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!



Summer Bible Study

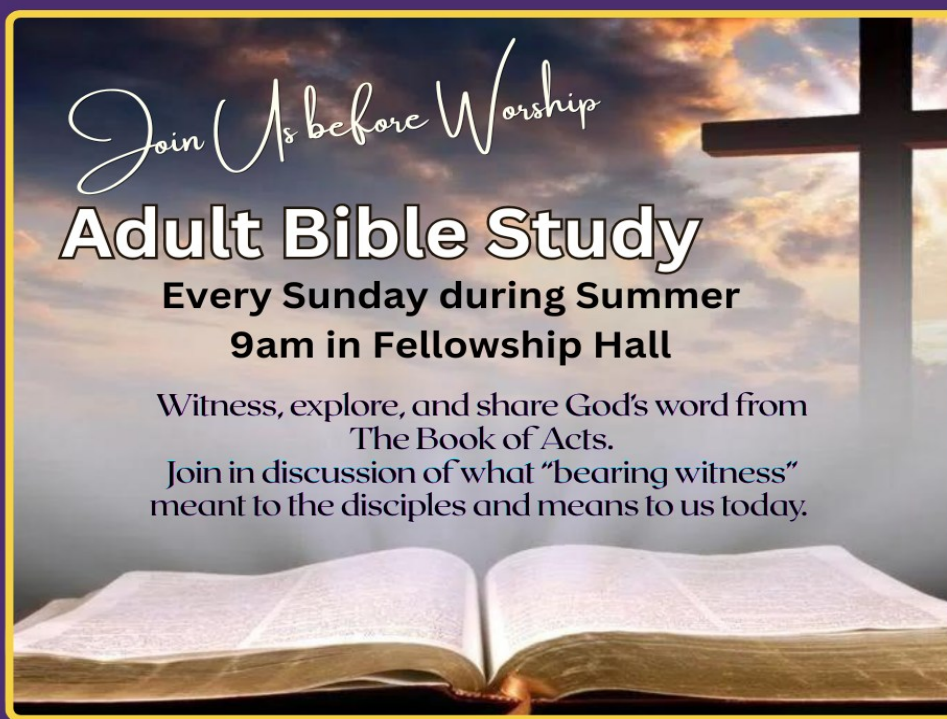
Join Us before Worship

Adult Bible Study

Every Sunday during Summer
9am in Fellowship Hall

Witness, explore, and share God's word from
The Book of Acts.

Join in discussion of what "bearing witness"
meant to the disciples and means to us today.



LADIES GROUP

SUMMER BREAK

The Potter's Daughters will take a break over the summer months. We look forward to seeing you all again in September for more fellowship and gatherings.

Enjoy the summer, enjoy the life that God gives us each day.



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 or visit Terry Smith during the week to initiate your sponsorship.

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

Thanks to June Sponsors

7th: Scott F. Jones

14th: John & Margaret Holden—In memory of David Michael Holden

21st: Open

28th: Open





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Robin Howell-1st
- Cabrina Andree-Wilkins-5th
- Sheri Higginbotham-7th
- Miriam Boden-11th
- Per Nysten-12th
- Rachel Pittman-Myers-15th
- Sam Mandrick-15th
- Caroli Mandrick-15th
- Dana Sargent-16th
- Bruce Swanson-16th
- Abigail Cross-17th
- Linda Venditti-19th
- Michelle Whitesel-24th
- Maxwell Mandrick-25th
- Sarah Dennis-26th
- Whitney Chicco-28th
- Darrell Heun-29th
- Karen Engel-Evans-29th



- Jason & Tanya Yungmann-2nd
- Tom & Barbara Meissgeir-9th
- Mark & Susan Foutz-12th
- Allan & Cheryl Johnson-20th
- John & Kris Mandrick-21st
- Dan & Tammy Brundage-23rd
- Stuart & Eileen Klein-26th
- Jody & Robin Howell-30th



BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

All are invited to join the congregation in celebrating June's Birthdays with us **Sunday, June 7th** 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



In honor of Father's day our **June mission** will be a monetary donation to **Wounded Warriors Project Inc.** Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is the nation's leading veterans service organization, dedicated to improving the total well-being of post-9/11 wounded, ill, and injured veterans, service members, and their families. Their innovative programs and life changing services strengthen mental, physical, emotional, and financial wellness - empowering veterans and their loved ones to thrive while helping to prevent veteran suicide. Every day, they help wounded veterans find renewed purpose, build connections in their communities, and provide vital support to their families and caregivers. Beyond offering critical resources, they also advocate for veterans' needs with government policymakers and community leaders, share expertise with healthcare partners, and raise public awareness of their service, sacrifice, and resilience. Thanks to the generosity of donors and partners, all WWP programs and services are offered at no cost to veterans and their families. Together, we can help change the way our nation cares for its veterans - ensuring that no one will be left behind. Wounded Warrior Project Inc. is a 501(c)(3), tax #20-2370934. Contact person is Jacksonville Manager Scott Forshey Friedman, phone number 877-832-6997. Jacksonville address is 4899 Belfort Rd. Ste 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256-6033, Ph.# 904-296-7350. Donations are to be sent to Wounded Warriors Inc. PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. It is an honor to help these people who have sacrificed so much for us.

Our current **May mission** is Micah's Place Domestic Violence Center. Micah's Place is the only certified domestic violence center in Nassau County. For twenty five years they have provided safe shelter, counseling and outreach services to survivors of domestic violence. In addition, their Purple Dove Stores help to support survivors of domestic violence and the programs offered. All of the proceeds and donations from the stores directly benefit and impact survivors. Survivors who enter into any of the programs are never charged for any items they may need from our Purple Dove Centers including clothes or household goods. In the last year Micah has provided 3,646 nights of safe shelter. Fifty dollars provides one night of safety and an opportunity to learn about available help. Our monetary donations will help Micah provide a safe, secure, risk free future with people who can provide support during a difficult and often traumatic time. A container is in the narthex for donations. Micah's office is located at 2188 Sadler Rd. in Fernandina; phone # 904-432-3470. The Community Engagement Director is Lisa Rozier. Micah's Place is a 501(c)(3) charity; Tax ID-EIN #59-3675485. Thank you to all who can help!

Flowers were delivered to Micah mothers, Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation Center and the church for ladies in our congregation. A special thank you to Donna Lind for her help.

The **April mission** was in honor of Earth Day. Approximately 15 met Saturday April 25th at America's Beach Community Center with Mr. David Herbert from Nassau County Extension to remove invasive weeds and restore the dunes. Thank you to Mr. Herbert for another fun and informative morning learning about our beaches and helping Amelia Island.

April IDN dinner was held Monday, April 6 at Hope House. A grand total of 117 meals were served. Cost of the meal was \$453.05. Thank you to all who helped!

Easter cards were delivered to staff and residents of Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation Center.

The next **IDN** dinner will be **Monday, June 1st** at Hope House.

Future Events

June mission is Wounded Warrior Project Inc.

June IDN dinner is 3:00, **Monday June 1st** at Hope House.

July mission will again be Thank You cards for veterans. This will begin sometime in June and run until the end of July. Thank you to Robin Howell for her help with this!

An additional **Summer mission** will again be the distribution of Beach Safety fliers. This will begin in June and run throughout the summer.

A future mission for Lutheran Services Florida is being explored.

"My father gave me one of my greatest gifts; he believed in me." Happy Father's Day!!

Sue A.B. 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

What a wonderful way to end the month of May, by raising money to permit some of our youth to go to the national youth convention where they can reach out to other youth and learn more about what it means to be Christian, to be Lutheran and the importance of spreading the "Good News." What a wonderful fellowship activity it was selling all our "valuables" at the "Yard Sale." Let us thank the whole congregation: we all participated by donating, by selling, by cooking goodies, by inviting others to come to Prince of Peace for the sale, by cleaning up, or simply by buying and thereby contributing those dollars to reach our goal.



Now we begin a new month, but this one continues the tribute to all those who helped to make and continue to make America free. We began on Memorial Day thanking all that served, especially those who did not come back alive from their service. This month, through cards and face-to-face encounters we recognize all those who in whatever capacity made or are making our nation safe and solid. Prince of Peace will be sending cards out to all the known vets in the north Florida/South Georgia military facilities to let them know they are loved and respected.

June 21-25, Fellowship steps aside but continues to support, yea even be a part of, our 2026 version of Vacation Bible School. We look forward to helping in any way we can. All are welcome to help. Come: be a part of Peace!

BillHansberry

IT COMMITTEE REPORT

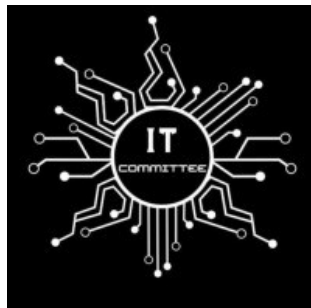
IT Committee Report – May 2026

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

Here is update/status for this month.

1. The new Assisted Listening System has been installed.
The system provides high quality direct sound to worship attendee's ears via their iPhone / Smartphone, hearing aids, or earpieces. 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. We are evaluating options to improve the bandwidth.
2. The issue of streaming the worship service via Facebook live has been identified as a problem with the ThinkPad laptop computer. The ThinkPad cannot be fixed to correct this issue. It will be used in the Fellowship Hall for miscellaneous activities. The Chromebook that was used in the Fellowship Hall will become the computer to do the Facebook Live streaming.
3. Once the worship streaming issue is resolved, we will address the plan for discontinuing use of Microsoft Publisher. We will continue to use Canva for developing graphics for our published documents. We will develop Microsoft Word templates for the documents such as the monthly POP News and the weekly Announcements & Events for Our Congregation.
4. Pastor Ben will temporarily take 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.
5. Since texting messages is a preferred messaging system for the younger generation of people, we will evaluate various options for texting such as ChurchTrac.

Les Boette



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT



GET READY FOR JUNE'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 21ST TO THE 25TH

RAINFOREST FALLS, GAURANTEED TO BE A DOWNPOUR OF FUN!

Prince of Peace is the place to be beginning June 21st as we turn our Sanctuary into a tropical rainforest full of God's critters from lovable frogs and birds to anteaters and jaguars. Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God, will focus on discovering who God is and how much He loves us through Bible learning activities, singing and dancing to catchy songs, playing team building games, eating great food, conducting great experiments, and, of course, collecting a whole new set of Bible memory buddies! Our Operation Kid to Kid Mission this year will aid children in Tanzania in securing fresh water similar to our Honduras Mission two years ago. The fun begins each evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with dinner. Rainforest Falls will conclude at 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. VBS is open to children from pre-K to 6th grade. Middle and high school students can participate as volunteers and are an important part of a successful VBS.

Register for both at: vbspro.events/p/rainpop. There is also a registration form in the Narthex by the Rainforest Falls display. Just fill out and drop in John Harris' mailbox.

The last day of Sunday School will be May 31st. The tentative date for our Sunday School picnic will be July 19th, 2026, immediately following the 10 a.m. service. There will be a bounce house and a water slide! See John Harris for details.

Adult Sunday School will continue all summer with a study led by Carolyn Krause and Pastor Ben leading a study appropriate for the post Pentecost season entitled, "Bearing Witness in Acts and Today." Since most of our scripture readings over the summer are from Acts, this is a very timely study.

John Harris



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.

JUNE MISSION



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Empower Veterans Through Programs, Services, and Advocacy

Your donations will make a difference in the life of a local veteran. Donations will be collected in the narthex during June.

Wounded Warrior Project® is the nation's leading veterans service organization, dedicated to the total well-being of post-9/11 wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their families.



Wounded Warrior Project Inc. is a 501(c)(3), tax #20-2370934

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

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 / Clay Chaffee / Bob Taylor /
Bob Vogel

Military

- Lt. 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)



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.poplweb.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



2026 Congregational Financial Report

YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCOME VS. TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES

Year To Date Income Thru April 30, 2026

General Contributions	\$146,460	
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	
Keep It Simple	\$1,318	
Rental Income	\$400	
Earned Investment Income	\$1,304	
Fund Fundraising	<u>\$0</u>	
Year TO Date SubTotal Income	\$149,483	
Transfers from Savings to Checking	<u>\$0</u>	
Year TO Date TOTAL INCOME ALL SOURCES	\$149,483	
Year TO Date TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$121,147</u>	
Difference Year To Date Income Vs. Expenses	\$28,336	
Lightkeepers Fund Balance	\$7,182	
Playground Fund Balance	\$230	
BEAR Fund	\$10,775	
Disaster Recovery Fund Balance	\$16,592	
Mortgage Balance Remaining	\$128,198	
Endowment Fund	\$115,335	

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Special Note From Church Council

1. Additional donations of \$300.00 have been applied to our Mortgage Principal in 2026.
2. Disaster Recovery Fund was credited with \$5,000; Expensed to WIND/HAIL SELF-INSURANCE; No actual funds dispersed. No actual funds dispersed; Expense/Credit will occur quarterly.
3. Received \$160 donation for Lightkeepers fund; Fund total of \$7,181.68 towards 2027 Nat'l Youth Gathering.
4. Received \$1,000 in Memorials and \$80 for B.E.A.R. Fund in March.
5. Received \$500 for IDN; Easter Sunrise Service Main Beach Green space rent of \$475 was donated; by a congregant.
6. Playground Fund will remain an active Designated Fund and be used for continued maintenance as needed.



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.



2025 YEAR END ENDOWMENT REVIEW

In our inaugural year, the mission-oriented endowment at Prince of Peace exceeded all expectations. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our congregation throughout the year, the endowment reached grant-qualifying status in its very first year. Contributions totaled **\$96,738** with a year-end balance of **\$103,531**. The endowment saw overall investment growth of **6.6%** for the year, which is especially significant since the largest contribution came later in the year. Earnings totaled **\$7,188** which translates to **\$3,594** for grant availability.

The Outreach Committee is now working to nominate grant (s) for 2026 within our community. Over the next few months, nominations and approvals of grant recipients will be announced.

As we enter a new year, we encourage continued support for this meaningful mission. Your generosity strengthens our ability to extend Christ's love and expand the reach and impact of this important ministry at Prince of Peace. The Gospel of Jesus Christ offers salvation, but through this endowment, we also help share His love and care for others.

POPLC Endowment Board



**Prince of Peace Church Council Meeting Summary
May 18, 2026**

Called to order by Les Boette at 5:33PM.

- The devotion was provided by Carolyn Krause.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.
- The POP Photo Directory will be available later this month. Only pictures, names and phone numbers will be included to simplify its production and updating.
- Pastor Ben, Les Boette and some of the Lightkeepers will be attending the Synod annual assembly in Kissimmee, FL in early June.
- Pastor Ben will be Dean of the First Coast Synod Conference for the next 3 years. The conference includes about 15 churches.
- One person was approved for membership in POP.
- We are working on getting a firm quote from Amelia Lock and Key for changing the locks on our doors and providing new keys. This is in response to the KISS organization's unauthorized duplication of the keys they had been provided. A motion was passed to authorize up to \$1000 to re-key the POP doors and the cost will be passed to the KISS organization to pay for.
- The new assisted listening system has been installed. We need to upgrade the wi-fi system in the Sanctuary to use its full potential.
A motion was passed to upgrade the Comcast internet speed from 0.5 GIG to 2.0 GIG with an expected additional cost of about \$30/month.
- A motion was passed to approve the Amelia Island Symphony for use of the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 3, 2027.
- A motion was passed to authorize the use of the Holy Hollow from 6:30 AM to 7:45AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a morning fitness group. A fee of \$200 / month will be charged.
- The Nehemiah group is working to find the leaks in the irrigation system in the area in front of the copy room. That area will also be converted into another parking space.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

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, July 5th—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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