



Prince of Peace News

Monthly Newsletter-November 2026

Come... Be A Part of Peace!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



Oh give thanks to the **LORD**, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



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Pastor's Reflections for November 2026



Grace and peace to you from Christ our Lord and from all your sisters and brothers here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The church year is coming to an end, and we have so much to be thankful for in the year of Our Lord 2026. Prince of Peace has grown in mission, in fellowship, and in the love of God. We celebrate with thanks and praise to God for all the wonderful gifts and giftedness that God has blessed this community with through the last year. As we approach Thanksgiving and you are finalizing your plans to be with family and/or friends; remember that you are welcome here with the church as we have our fourth annual Thanksgiving Day meal at 2pm, come earlier to enjoy some fun fellowship time. We want to give thanks to God for the great blessings we have received this year.

As we reflect on all that we have received from God and want to take a moment of your time to ponder the church word "Imputation". We just recently covered this in Sunday morning Adult Sunday school and I believe it is something that could be helpful in a time of thanksgiving. Imputation in its common definition is simply a claim that someone makes toward another person or thing. In the church use of the word God is making the claim through Christ that we are Righteous, therefore imputing Christ's righteousness to us. This is the process by which we are made fully righteous in the forgiveness of God. While we remain fully sinners, in need of God's forgiveness, we are at the same time fully saints "imputed" with God's grace. In other words, we have become righteous before God because of the actions of Jesus not our own. So regardless of our own merits or worth, God claims us as righteous in Jesus. This leaves us fully dependent on the imputation of righteousness from God. If we think to the ways in which we are to live as Christians, we are instructed in the ways of God defined by love. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself. To live into the gift of God's righteousness is at its most simple just to "be loving". Rather than a justification or merit-based system which would require us to "Do loving things". God just wants us to "Be" the requirement to "do" has been fulfilled in Christ. As we give thanks this Season let us all give thanks for the righteousness of God imputed(given) to us as a free gift by God's love.

God Loves you and so do I.
Pastor Ben

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Prince of Peace Members,

Here are some highlights from October at Prince of Peace.

1. The Council is seeking a new office manager.
2. With the planned removal of parking places on Atlantic Avenue, we will be placing signs on the perimeter of the POP property indicating that parking is only allowed for church business on Sundays.
3. I am excited about the new 8 confirmands.
4. The wi-fi access in the Sanctuary has improved with the upgrade of Comcast and the relocation of a wi-fi extender.
5. It appears that the issues with the Sunday Worship Facebook live streaming have been resolved.
6. We will be contacting Florida Sound to resolve the final issues we are having with the assisted listening system.
7. While preparing the POP Annual Report I was impressed with how many different groups and work teams we have ongoing in and out of POP.
8. The Annual Meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, November 8th.
9. I want to give a thank you to the members who have volunteered to be nominated to the various positions.

Les Boette



Worship Assistants Schedule

<u>Role</u>	1st- All Saints	8th- Sunday After Pentecost	15th- Last Sunday Pentecost	22th- Christ the King	29th- Advent
Assisting Minister	Bill Hansberry	Lil Ekwall	John Harris	Tanya Adin	Richard Figueroa
Scripture Reader	Carolyn Krause	Donna Lind	John Harris	Tanya Adin	Mark Foutz
Ushers	Ed Marotz & Josh Collins	Rich Ekwall & Ken Bryson	Gene Kilcawley & Les Boette	Ted Richardson & Richard Figueroa	Garret Price & George Pester
Greeter	Rich Ekwall	Scott & Wyatt Chicco	Ed Marotz	Dennis Purdy	Duane Whitesel
Altar/ Lay Assistant	Sue Farmer & Jeanette Chafee	Donna Cormier & Jeanette Chaffee	Tanya Adin	Eileen Klein & Linda Larabee	Cyndi Zenker
Tellers	Gene Kilcawley & Patty Marotz	_____ & Barbara E.	Linda Pesante & Eileen Klein	Susan Foutz & Whitney Chicco	Linda Pesante & Eileen Klein

“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.”

November 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

Sunday School- 9am
Worship- 10am
POP Band- 9am

2

Men's Property-
9am
AA Noon- 1:30pm
IDN 3:30pm

3

4

Choir- 4pm

5

Potters
Daughters-
10:30am

6

Bell Choir-
11am

7

AA- 9-
11:30am

8

Sunday School- 9am
Worship- 10am
POP Band- 9am
Annual MTG- After Worship

9

Men's Property-
9am
AA Noon- 1:30pm
EXC. Comm- 10am

10

Prayer Shawl-
1pm

11

Veteran's
Day
Choir- 4pm

12

13

Bell Choir-
11am

14

AA- 9-
11:30am

15

Sunday School- 9am
Worship- 10am
POP Band- 9am
Youth Luncheon- After Worship

16

Men's Property-
9am
AA Noon- 1:30pm
Council- 5:30

17

Newsletter
Article Deadline

18

Choir- 4pm
Worship
Committee Mtg
5pm

19

20

Bell Choir-
11am

21

AA- 9-
11:30am

22

Sunday School- 9am
Worship- 10am
POP Band- 9am

23

Men's Property-
9am
AA Noon- 1:30pm

24

25

26

Thanksgiving
Meal &
Fellowship 2pm

27

28

AA- 9-
11:30am

29

Sunday School- 9am
Worship- 10am
POP Band- 9am
Birthday Sunday

30

Men's Property-
9am
AA Noon- 1:30pm

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 November Sponsors

1st: Tanya Adin- In Memory of Father, Claude Sebastian

8th: Linda Gerber- In Memory of Loved Ones

15th: Open

22nd: Open

29th: No Flowers for Advent





Diane Demeranville- 4th

Bryan Steele- 6th

Rosemary Mandrick- 7th

Daniel Fosso- 7th

Joel Stockstill- 10th

Carolyn Krause- 11th

Lisa Angil- 11th

Robin Phillips- 16th

Sigrid Ivanovic 19th

Judi Langholz 23rd

Rene Pittman-Odom- 23rd

Eben Opheim- 25th



Ben & Noel Henderson- 10th

Nick & Sigrid Ivanovic- 19th

Garrett & Dawn Price- 22nd

Bart & Donna Cormier- 26th

Norma & Glenn Beyer- 27th



BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

All are invited to join the congregation in celebrating **December Birthdays** with us **Sunday, November 29th** with cupcakes 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 in hosting these events. If you're interested in helping please reach out to the church



Join our November Mission

DONATE TODAY IN THE NARTHEX!

Your contribution, no matter
the size, will help families
experience the joy and
comfort of a
Thanksgiving meal.



Put a Thanksgiving dinner on the table for struggling families

*We're collecting monetary donations to
provide a complete Thanksgiving feast for
local families in need.*

Your generous contributions will directly
fund the purchase of:

A JUICY TURKEY WITH SAVORY STUFFING
CREAMY MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
SWEET POTATOES
TANGY CRANBERRY SAUCE
FRESH VEGETABLES
AND, OF COURSE, PUMPKIN PIE!





Join in the Red Kettle Season!

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing

Sign-Up in the Narthex for a 2-hour shift

11/21 & 11/28 12pm to 8pm

12/5 & 12/19 10am to 8pm

**Whether you ring for one shift or several shifts your service
makes a difference helping Hope House continue to be
“a place of encouragement” for people in need**

November 2026 Newsletter Article

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Our **November mission with Barnabas** will again provide ten families with Thanksgiving dinner supplies, including the turkey. We will deliver the supplies to Barnabas shortly before Thanksgiving Day for their chosen families. There is a donation jug in the narthex to pay for all the supplies. We can help needy families know they are cared for by providing a delicious Thanksgiving dinner!

The **October mission** was a monetary donation for **Lutheran Services Florida**. LSF is a 501(c)(3), tax ID number 59-2198911. Through LSF Family Focus, LSF Head Start, and LSF Health Systems, they are on the ground every day, helping families in need, supporting children's education, and providing critical mental health services. Together, their staff and volunteers are creating real change—one person, one family, and one community at a time. Through a variety of social services programs funded through state and federal contracts the dedicated staff of **LSF Family Focus** work to strengthen families, welcome refugees and immigrants, care for the elderly, counsel teens and families in crisis and run safe place shelters and resource centers. **LSF Head Start** has, for more than 30 years, provided the highest quality early childhood education to children who otherwise might have been left behind. When children receive the quality early childhood education they deserve, not only do children fare better, but communities do, too. **LSF Health Systems** is contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families to manage the state-funded system of behavioral health care for people who face poverty and are without insurance. LSF Health Systems serves a 23-county region in Northeast and North Central Florida. The giving jar will be in the narthex for cash and checks. It is our privilege to help LSF provide these critical services to needy families.

The two month **August/September mission** combining "ELCA God's Work, Our Hands" mission with Back to Church Sunday concluded on September 29 and it was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thanks to the efforts of so many and the generosity of our congregation and community we exceeded our goal! Barnabas received 3,503 food items- this is over 3503 lb's of food- as well as a cash donation of \$559.00!! Thank you to all who donated, manned tables, those who helped load the Barnabas truck, and to all others who participated!! Our donation has provided substantial support to Barnabas as they assist the many families who struggle.

The **Outreach Committee** met October 4, 2026, shortly after church service during All Committee Meeting Sunday. Members at the table were Susie Hildebrand, Robin Phillips, Gene Kilcawley, and Brenda Ronson. Bill Hansberry and Pastor Ben were also present in the room and had input. Discussion centered around our role concerning Endowment grant candidates for next year. Possible grant candidates to consider will be submitted to Susie by all members of the committee and will be vetted during the coming year. The committee will narrow the list of candidates for nomination in 2027, and the named candidates in that list will be presented to the Endowment Board and the congregation by Susie Hildebrand at the Annual Congregational Meeting in November. Monthly missions were also discussed. Thank you to all committee members!

The **October IDN** dinner was October 5 at Hope House. Ten volunteers served 95 adults and 11 children. Food was taken to America's Youth for 2 adults and 24 children.

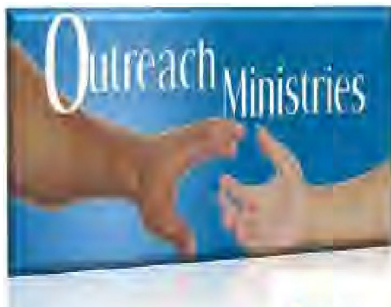
Future Events

*The **December mission** will again be the Advent Tree, providing Christmas gifts for a families.

*The next **IDN dinner** will be 3:30 **December 7** at Hope House on 9th Street.

"We rise by lifting others."

Sue A.B. Hildebrand



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Communications ministry helps Prince of Peace members and friends stay 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.

An ad for Prince of Peace church is appearing in *Friday Night Lights: Nassau Kickoff* magazine, which is distributed during Yulee football season.

The design for an ad for the church was approved in the Nassau County Resource Guide.

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

Linda Pesante



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOVEMBER!

Our intergenerational Sunday School is in high gear. Because of the sporadic nature of attendance, many of our children are on travelling sports teams, we have been holding classes depending on who shows up.

And speaking of adults, the adult Sunday School is studying Luke Kjolhaug's Sinner Saint, a look at the theological concept that we are simultaneously saints and sinners! In January, we will begin a Zoom study on the letter to the Ephesians. This will be a joint study with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New London, NH. This will be held on Wednesdays in January (6, 13, 20,27) and the first Wednesday in February (3) at 7 p.m. The Zoom link will be listed as we get closer to the event.

Our Lightkeepers Youth Group is still raising money for the triennial Youth Gathering in St. Paul, MN in June of 2027. The registrations have been sent in and six young people and two chaperones will be attending. Plane tickets will soon be booked. Any contributions will be gladly accepted! The kids, under the direction of Shelly Whitesel, have worked really hard over the past three years to attend the event and "hats off" to them and the Congregation for supporting their efforts.

John Harris



IT COMMITTEE REPORT

IT Committee Report – October 2026

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

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

1. The Sunday service Facebook live streaming performance is the last month has been good using Chromebook computer.
2. Comcast has upgraded the bandwidth from 0.5 GIG to 2.0 GIG and that, along with relocating the wi-fi extender, has improved the wi-fi signal in the Sanctuary. We will be contacting Florida Sound to resolve the remaining issues with the new Assisted Listening System.
3. Microsoft Publisher is no longer available as part of the Microsoft Office subscription. The Office Manager team has successfully worked to convert from Publisher to using 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.

Les Boette

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We cannot talk about November until we comment on the great time all had at our October campfire. Some 40+ people attended. The campfire itself was well behaved, usually, and the hot dogs roasted in the fire were a real sometime treat. Many tried their hand at making s'mores but it seemed that just trying to roast a marshmallow to the right degree of doneness was the challenge of the night. The evening was capped off with singing praise music while our band played.



Except for little receptions here or there, the next big item on the agenda is Thanksgiving dinner on November 26. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex for those who intend to come. Please sign up to let us know how many are coming and indicate on the menu which item(s) you intend to bring. A meeting will be held soon after Sunday services if you wish to be a part of Thanksgiving planning.

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!

A photograph of five men standing in front of a modern church building with a large cross on the roof. The men are smiling and dressed in casual attire. The text "Brother, can you spare some time?" is written in a stylized font across the top of the photo. Below the photo, there is a green banner with white text.

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

At Home

Michele Pester / Ted Wessel / Darrell Heun / Nick Ivanovic / Alice Hansberry / Dawn Price / Diane Demeranville / Bill Mungo / Yvonne Bowman / George Pester / Rita Tiensch / Glenn Beyer / Clay Chaffee / Bob Vogel / Mike Johnson / Gary Dildine / Sam Serrian

Relatives & Friends

Mike Demerandville (brother of Diane Demrandville) /
Rebecca Williames (great niece of Eileen Klein) /
Tony (brother of Alice Hansberry) /
Heidi Kilcawley (daughter of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley) /
Anne Entriiken (friend of Bob and BJ Taylor) /
Stan & Claudia Kavan (friends of the congregation) /
Sally Hobby (friend of Jane Malcolm) /
Chandler (friend of Gene Kilcawley) /
Kristen Stoll (daughter of Rev. Pat & John Harris)
Linda Ferguson (sister of Norma Beyer) /
Cindi Smith (sister-in-law of Terry Smith) /
Richard Boulon & Reba Goodin (friends of Jane Malcolm) /
Jan Smith (substitute organist & friend of POP church) /
Tony Pesante (husband of Linda Pesante)
Paige Wilcox (daughter of Diane Demerandville) /
Julio (friend of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley) /
Morgan & Katie O'Neil (friends of Pam Nobles) /
Megan Davisowski (niece of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley) /
Monica Hemming / Patrick Higgins (friends of Whitney Chico) /
Ellie O'Neal (great-granddaughter of Genn & Norma Beyer) /
Gea (niece of Dan & Yuli Fosso) / Stephanie Davito (friend of Nancy Carter) / Andrew
Hermanson (nephew of Janelle Purdy) /
Laurie and Brian Cover (sister and brother-in-law of Dennis Purdy) / Jessica Miller
(friend of POP)

Military

Commander Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, WMEC Spencer Ship, Ft. Smith, VA (grandson of Glen & Norma Beyer)
-Reid Stribling, US Army (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 Cavalry Division Artillery, Fort Hood, TX (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



**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

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.

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 homeowner with Habitat for Humanity, or cheer a church member?



We would love you to join us at Prayer Shawl Group on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm, meeting in the Narthex.

Questions? Please reach out to Robin Howell

PRINCE OF PEACE
MEMBERS

THANKSGIVING DINNER

NOVEMBER 26TH

*Join us for
Fun - Food &
Fellowship!*



Fellowship starts at 12 noon
Dinner feast 2pm



The Potter's Daughters



Faith. Fellowship. Journey.



Join us for an inspiring presentation by Lisa Poling, who will share her extraordinary experiences walking the Camino de Santiago, one of the most renowned pilgrimage routes in the world.



November 5th



Fellowship Hall



10:30 am
to 12 noon

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

*To strengthen our faith in Jesus
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 September 30, 2026

YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCOME VS TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES	
Year To Date Income Thru SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	
General Contributions	\$290,663
Miscellaneous Income	\$0
Keep It Simple	\$2,579
Rental Income	\$1,400
Earned Investment Income	\$2,983
Fund Fundraising	\$0
Thrivent Brokerage Account	\$5,038
Year To Date SubTotal Income	\$302,663
Transfers from Savings to Checking	\$0
Year To Date TOTAL INCOME ALL SOURCES	\$302,663
Year To Date TOTAL EXPENSES	\$284,772
Difference Year To Date Income Versus Expenses	\$17,891
Lightkeepers Fund Balance	\$8,977
Playground Fund Balance	\$230
BEAR Fund Balance	\$11,135
Disaster Recovery Fund Balance	\$26,592
Mortgage Balance Remaining	\$118,030

Special Note From Church Council

1. Additional donations of \$1,450.00 have been applied to our Mortgage Principal in 2026
2. Disaster Recovery Fund was credited with \$5000 in March/June/September; Expensed to WIND/HAIL SELF-INSURANCE; No actual funds dispersed; Expense/Credit will occur quarterly.
3. Received \$1,005 in total donations for Lightkeepers Fund; Fund total of \$8,977 towards 2027 Nat'l Youth Gathering Proceeds from Youth Luncheon (9/20) was \$555 (included above)
4. Received \$100 in Memorials and \$80 for B.E.A.R Fund in September



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:

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



ENDOWMENT GOALS

Over the last two years, your generosity has created a permanent charitable resource for Prince of Peace. Your support pushed the Endowment Fund beyond \$100,000 in 2025 and enabled us to award the first grants this year. In a very short period of time, the idea of an endowment has already been transformed into an active ministry!

To achieve our future goals, it is important to point out the various ways to contribute to the Endowment Fund to get us there. Below is a table that identifies those goals. Our next milestone is \$200,000 to end 2029 which would essentially allow us to double this year's awards. Grant sizes change dramatically starting in 2034 when 90% of earnings will go directly toward awards.

YEAR	Endowment Principal	Example Return of 8% *	Annual Grants
2025	\$100,000 ✓	\$8,000	\$4,000 ✓
2029	\$200,000	\$16,000	\$8,000
2034	\$500,000	\$40,000	\$36,000
2039	\$750,000	\$60,000	\$54,000

* The S&P 500 averaged 11.1% annual growth over the last 10 years counting inflation.

Ambitious goals? Yes, but the Endowment's early success demonstrates what is possible. With God's blessings and continued support from our congregation, these milestones are within reach.

Many of us have been blessed through years of saving and investing. While writing a check remains an important way to support the ministries we care about, there are other giving options that may provide significant tax advantages while helping grow the endowment. For instance, we gladly accept gifts of appreciated securities and other giving options.

As year-end planning approaches, many of us review our IRAs, investment accounts, and charitable giving plans. Gifts to the Prince of Peace Endowment Fund can include appreciated stocks, mutual funds, Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRAs, beneficiary designations, and bequests. They all provide support and growth to the endowment while potentially offering tax advantages. However, you may still want to consult your tax advisor for advice. Endowment gifts differ from our annual church offerings because they create a lasting source of funding whose earnings will provide grants to serve our community for generations to come.

Did You Know?

If you are holding stocks, ETFs, or mutual funds in a taxable account that have appreciated substantially over the years, donating them directly to the Endowment Fund may allow you to avoid future capital gains tax on those appreciated shares. A simple "in-kind" transfer can be executed directly to the Endowment Fund's account held by Thrivent Charitable. If you would like details on this or other questions, our Thrivent Charitable advisor would be pleased to explain the process and answer your questions. They have opened a new satellite office here in Fernandina Beach at 961687 Gateway Blvd. If you wish, you can still contact Bart or Janelle for general information.



Prince of Peace Church Council Meeting Summary
October 19, 2026

Called to order by Les Boette at 5:34 PM.

- The devotion was provided by Dennis Purdy.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.
- POP's sales tax exemption extension has been approved and received.
- Eight confirmands are on track for confirmation in October.
- The signup for ordering Polo shirts with a POP logo on them will end this Sunday.
- A motion was passed to place six "Parking for church business only on Sundays" signs on the POP perimeter was approved.
- To resolve the final issues with the assisted listening system, we will be contacting Florida Sound.
- The MS Word is being used as the replacement for MS Publisher.
- The nominations for filling Council, Nominating Committee, and the Endowment Committee vacancies were provided.
- The POP Annual Report was reviewed and updated for presentation to the membership.
- Logistics for the annual meeting were discussed.
- Two people, Jeanne Traester and Joseph Carito, were approved for POP membership.
- The drain pipe for the sanctuary HVAC unit was replaced with a larger pipe to eliminate periodic blockage and flooding of the Family Resource Room.
- Council is looking for a new Office Manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Submitted by Les Boette



COMMITTEE DAY



All Committee Meeting Committees will meet on an as needed basis as called by the Council liaisons. **NEXT MEETING is Sunday, January 3rd , 2027—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 Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Outreach, Prayer, 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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