Prince of Peace

Monhly Newsletter October 2026

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Join Us

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26



God Doesn't Love Us Because Of Our Worth, We Are Of Worth Because God Loves Us.

MARTIN LUTHER



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Pastor's Reflections for October 2026



Grace and Peace to you from Christ our Lord and from your sisters and brothers here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We have had an amazing September and looking into October with great excitement. We have been reaching out and growing community with new members and new baptisms. We also have exceeded our goals for the Food Drive this year, helping Barnabus to feed the hungry and food insecure in our local community. Thank you all, for your generosity in giving to the needy.

We celebrate the gift of grace that we have freely received from God, in Christ Jesus, propelling us to freely love the world that he was willing to suffer and die to save. We also look forward to the end of October this year as we have 9 youth getting Confirmed on October 25th. The assistant to the Bishop Pr. Derrick Hoven will be with us to celebrate with the youth as they take the next steps in their faith journey, confirming their baptisms and taking on more responsibility of their walks with God. Please come out to rejoice with them as they become equal partners with us in our mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and deed to the world around us.
As we get excited to see our next group of Confirmation youth, it brings to mind the times each of us had during our own faith journeys. Maybe you remember your know confirmation, or maybe you were not in the Lutheran tradition as a youth and had other faith formation events. How did these shape your faith as a youth? Take some time to reflect on the positive, neutral, and negative aspects of your own journey. It is Important to recognize no matter how good the experience was there was always something that could have been better. Likewise, regardless of how bad your faith experience may have started because of God's presence something positive can be found. It is easy for us to paint with a broad brush when we look back at our own journey. One event dominates the memories and can overshadow other lessons that were happening at the same time. It's only when we open up these old memories and inspect them carefully that we can see that our own experience was more complicated than we remembered. We did have both highs and lows back then just like we experience now. For many Christians our faith journey can feel chaotic with times of great personal and spiritual growth and seasons of frustration and doubts. We are tempted to look to the past and pine for times when things were clear and uncomplicated. However, this is never how any of our faith journeys were. All faith journeys have twists and turns, unexpected joys and surprising disappointments. It is in navigating these chaotic feeling events that we grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with the God who loves, calls, and equips us to be his disciples today.

God Loves you and so do I,
Pastor Ben

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Prince of Peace Members,

Here are some highlights from September at Prince of Peace.

1. We have hired Shannon Cockrell as our new Office Manager. She is very experienced in office management, and I am sure that she will put her experience to use to streamline and improve our office operations. Please grant her grace as she learns all the systems and processes that it takes for a church function.

2. Again, a BIG THANK YOU to Robin Phillips, Dana Sargent, and others for covering the Office Manager position while we worked to find a new person for the position.

3. We have had some issues with the Sunday Worship Facebook live streaming in August and September. Some were related to Comcast's service, and some were POP responsibility. We believe that these have been resolved.

4. October is the month that we prepare the POP Annual Report that will be presented at the POP Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 8. All committees need to submit annual reports. If you are a committee chairperson and have not yet submitted your annual report, please submit it to the church office so the report can be included in the Annual Report package.

5. October is also the month for soliciting members to fill positions listed in the official POP documents. This year we are looking for nominations to fill the following vacancies:
a. Nominating Committee – up to 6 vacancies
b. Church Council – 3 to 4 vacancies
c. Endowment Committee – one vacancy

Les Boette



Worship Assistants Schedule

Role	4th- Sunday After Pentecost	11th- Sunday After Pentecost	18th- Sunday After Pentecost	25th- Sunday After Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Richard Figueroa	Susan Foutzl	Yuli Fosso	Confirmation Class
Scripture Reader	Bill Goldwire	Bart Cormier	Judi Langholz	Robin Howell
Ushers	Ed Marotz & Ted Richardson	Dennis Purdy & Janelle Purdy	Gene Kilcawley & Richard Figueroa	Garrett Price & Richard Figueroa
Greeter	Ken Bryson	Scott & Wyatt Chicco	Gene Kilcawley & Richard Figueroa	George Pester & Rich Ekwall
Altar/ Lay Assistant	Karen Blair & Jeanette Chafee	Eileen Klein	Tanya Adin	Cyndi Zenker
Tellers	Linda Pesante & Eileen Klein	Jane Malcolm & Barbara E.	Gene Kilcawley & Patty Marotz	Susan Foutz & Whitney Chicco



Thanks for Worshiping With Us

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

CHURCH MISSION



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."

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Potter's Daughter 10:30am	2 Bell Choir 11:00am	3 Confirmation 10-noon
4 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am POP Band-After Worship All Committe-After Worship	5 Men's Property 9am AA Noon-1:30pm IDN 3:30pm (Hope House)	6 Bible Study-3:30pm Holy Grounds	7 Choir Practice 4:00pm	8	9 Bell Choir 11:00am	10 AA 9-11:30am Confirmation 10-noon
11 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am POP Band-After Worship	12 Men's Property 9am AA Noon-1:30pm Exc. Committee 10:00am	13 Bible Study-3:30pm Holy Grounds	14 Choir Practice 4:00pm	15	16 Bell Choir 11:00am	17 AA 9-11:30am Confirmation Final Exam 10-noon
18 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am POP Band-After Worship	19 Men's Property 9am AA Noon-1:30pm Church Council 5:30pm	20 Bible Study-3:30pm Holy Grounds Newsletter Article Deadline	21 Choir Practice 4:00pm	22	23 Bell Choir 11:00am	24 AA 9-11:30am Confirmation Rehearsal 10am
25 Sunday School 9am Worship 10am POP Band-After Worship Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday	26 Men's Property 9am AA Noon-1:30pm	27 Bible Study-3:30pm Holy Grounds	28 Choir Practice 4:00pm	29	30 Bell Choir 11:00am	31

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 October Sponsors

4th:

11th: Lori Wick- Loved Ones & Parents

18th: Tanya Adin-In Memory of Mom-Rosie Sebastian

25th: Reformation Sunday



CHURCH POLO SHIRT SIGN-UP

Would you like an embroidered polo featuring our church logo?

We are now taking orders for church polos. The estimated cost is $32 per shirt, provided we can get approximately 30 orders. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex for anyone interested in ordering.
Be sure to add your name to the list!







John Manarick-2nd

Barbara Meissgeir-5th

Robert Herum-10th

Linda Pesante-14th

Barton Cormier-17th

Jenn Paiz-19th

Susan Miller-24th

Steven McLeod-27th

Donna Lind-29th



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Williams-18th

Charles & Nadene Smith-23rd

Mr. & Mrs. Trey Martin-24th



BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

All are invited to join the congregation in celebrating **November Birthdays** with us **Sunday, October 25th** 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

PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER MISSION



HEALTH
SYSTEMS

FAMILY FOCUS

LUTHERAN SERVICES FLORIDA, INC.

Join our mission supporting Lutheran Services of Florida. Your monetary gifts will help strengthen LSF's Family Focus, Head Start, and Health Systems initiatives.

Place donations in the giving jar in the narthex.

Together, we will support families and individuals, expand early childhood education opportunities, and provide essential behavioral health care services. Your generosity will make a meaningful impact improving lives across 23 counties throughout Florida

October 2026 Outreach Newsletter Article

Our two month **August/September mission** for Barnabas is coming to an end, and it has been FANTASTIC so far! Thanks to the efforts of so many and the generosity of our congregation and community we have exceeded our goal! Over two thousand seven hundred (2,700) items- over two tons, have been donated to help Barnabas help those who need it the most!! CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to all who participated! Thank you to Publix for their support, and to the volunteers who manned tables in the hot weather! Johnson, Kendall and Johnson, an insurance brokerage and risk management firm generously donated a check for $500.00 to help us reach our goal. A big thank you to George Pester for his time and effort to enlist their support. So many people in this area are experiencing food insecurity. Our donation will provide substantial support to Barnabas as they assist the many families who struggle. Sunday September 27 is the last opportunity to add items to this mission.

The first ever Prince of Peace Endowment grant awards were presented to America's Youth Director Daisy Hester and MICAH Community Engagement Director, Lisa Rozier for $1,797.00 each. Endowment Chair, Bart Cormier, and Susie Hildebrand, Outreach Liaison presented the awards at the beginning of service on September 13. This grant opportunity happened a full year ahead of schedule thanks to the generosity of our congregation!!

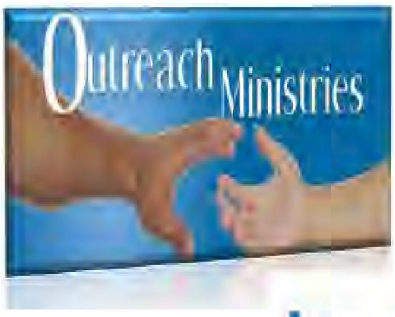
Back to Church Sunday was also celebrated on September 13 with inter-generational Sunday School at 9:00, a special message from Pastor Ben, a bell choir performance during church at 10:00, and a luncheon at 11:00. Bright yellow t-shirts were designed to celebrate this event and our church. It was a special day for Prince of Peace!

Our **October mission** will be a monetary donation for **Lutheran Services Florida**. LSF is a 501(c)(3), tax ID number 59-2198911. LSF works throughout Florida to make a lasting impact in our communities. 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. Every child deserves the best start she or he can have, no matter their circumstances. That's why **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 one of seven behavioral health Managing Entities (ME) 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.

Future Events

*__October mission__ for Lutheran Services Florida is being planned. An opportunity to hear more about LSF and their programs is being explored.
*The next **IDN dinner** will be 3:30 **Monday, October 5th** at Hope House on 9th Street.
*Another **November mission for Barnabas** is being planned to provide ten families with Thanksgiving dinner supplies.
*The **December mission** will again be the Advent Tree, providing Christmas gifts for a families. We will begin this in November.

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.

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!

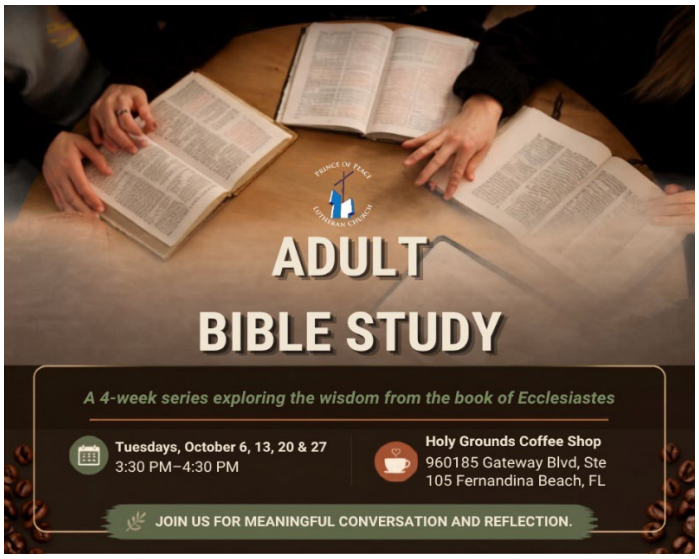
Linda Pesante

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Sunday school is every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the fellowship Hall with breakfast! Please see Andi if you would like to help with Breakfast.

This fall we will use an intergenerational approach, with all age groups gathering together to look at the day's scripture readings and then, going off to do crafts and activities appropriate for the age group. If you would like to participate as a teacher or leader, just show up and we will put you to work!

On Tuesdays in October (6, 13, 20, 27), we will be meeting for an adult Bible Study at Holy Grounds Coffee House on Amelia Parkway at 3:30 p.m. Holy Grounds is located right behind the Speedway Gas Station at the corner of 8th and Amelia Island Parkway, but the entrance to the complex is actually on Amelia Island Parkway,



We will be studying a book from the wisdom literature that those of you of a certain age and who are Roger McGinn and Byrds fans will instantly remember. Pete Seeger incorporated chapter 3 of Ecclesiastes into his famous "Turn! Turn! Turn!" folk song in 1959 and the Byrds made it famous way back in 1965! Ecclesiastes is attributed to King Solomon, although it was actually, written during Israel's post exilic period (550-450 B.C.E.). The book reflects the wisdom that Solomon has obtained over a very long life and has some very provocative poetry that evokes a response from its readers no matter what their age or where they are in their faith journey. "Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity." Be with us on Tuesdays in October and we shall see!

John Harris

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

IT COMMITTEE REPORT

IT Committee Report – September 2026
Committee Members: Les Boette, Brenda Ronson, Brett Higginbotham, Robin Phillips
Newsletter Version

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

1. We had a number of internet issues related to the Sunday service facebook live streaming. These include the Comcast internet be down due to severe thunderstorms, and two pieces of hardware (including PreSonus AudioBox USB96) in the streaming systems failing at the same time. A spare AudioBox that we had on hand and another part procured from Amazon were installed to get the streaming working using a personal backup computer. The Chromebook computer has been confirmed to be functional.

2. The new Assisted Listening System has been installed.
   Comcast has upgraded the bandwidth from 0.5 GIG to 2.0 GIG.
   We are now ready to test the new Assisted Listening System.

3. Microsoft Publisher will not be available after October as part of the Microsoft Office subscription. The team filling in for the Office Manager and the new Office Manager are successfully working on converting 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.

4. We will be evaluating the process of using a single lifetime copy of Publisher on a single computer to access our large library of old POP documents that are Publisher based to see if will work for us. This would also be used to put together the yellow This Week @ POP – Sunday worship.

Les Boette

HOW TO YOU SEE GOD AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE AND IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION HERE AT PRINCE OF PEACE?

2026/27 TO FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP IN ALL SEASONS! "FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY MATTER UNDER HEAVEN." ECC.3:1

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Thank you all for the many ways you serve Christ at Prince of Peace. Sometimes in the hectic pace of life, it is easy to forget who and what is central to our lives. The enduring promise that grounds us at Prince of Peace is that we are all beloved of God, and that God invites us daily to see the wonders of the divine handiwork in creation, to partner with God in caring for the marginalized and those in need, and to continue our conversation with God that began in the waters of baptism. Throughout every season of our lives, God provides abundantly for us. In times of joy and sorrow, celebration and uncertainty, we remain steadfast through God's grace. All of our ministries and missions here at Prince of Peace are shaped by this abundant and life-giving grace.

Our stewardship theme for 2026-27 at Prince of Peace is "Stewardship for all Seasons." Together we will reflect on how God calls us to share our gifts of time, talent, prayer, service, and financial resources for the sake of Christ's mission in the world. We want to move beyond stewardship as a fall budget planning tool to a year-round spiritual exercise that engages us to further God's love for creation and humanity.

Here are just some of the ways your generosity furthers God's mission. **We have welcomed Pastor Ben, Shannon Cockrell (office manager), Solomon Johnson (organist), and Tyler Odom (choir director) over the last three years. As a result, our Sunday service attendance has increased by at least 50% during that time.** Think of all the altar guild members, ushers, greeters, communion assistants, readers, crucifers, and acolytes that help make the Sunday worship service a meaningful experience. Or, think about all the faithful volunteers who tackle food insecurity issues through the Interfaith Dinner Network and last month's Back to Church Sunday Barnabas food drive. Finally, think about all the time and talent that Prince of Peace brings to table in educating children and youth through Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. This is simply not just about meeting a budget, but aligning with and participating in God's work for the world through joyful generosity and faithful discipleship.

For the four Sundays in October, we will be hearing from members of the Congregation as they share how God is at work in their lives and in the life of Prince of Peace. The Church Council invites you to pray about how God may be calling you to grow in generosity during the coming year. As in the past, we will gather our time and talent sheets and our estimates of giving on All Saints Day, November 1st and dedicate them as acts of faith and thanksgiving. Thank you for considering this and for your part in the life of Prince of Peace. In Christ's peace,

John Harris

Stewardship

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!





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 / Dawn Price / Darrell Heun /
Nick Ivanovic / Diane Demeranville / Alice Hansberry / Bill Mungo / Yvonne Bowman /
George Pester / Rita Tiench / Gary Dildine / Glenn Beyer / Karen Blair /Blake Carter /
Mike Johnson / Marsha Woleshin / Bob Vogel / Clay Chaffee / Gary Dildine

Relatives & Friends

Mike Demeranville (brother of Diane Demeranville) /
Rebecca Williams (great niece of Eileen Klein) /
Tony (brother of Alice Hansberry) /
Heidi Kilcawley (daughter of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley) /
Anne Entriken (friend of BJ Taylor) / Stan Kavan (friends of the congregation) /
Sally Hobby (friend of Jane Malcolm) /
Chandler (friend of Gene Kilcawley) /
Kristin Stoll (daughter of Rev. Pat & John Harris) /
Linda Ferguson (sister of Norma Beyer) /
Cyndi Smith (sister-in-law of Terry Smith) /
Richard Boutin & 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 Demeranville) /
Julio (friend of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley) /
Family of Jerome Claussen (brother of Marsha Woleshin) / 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 Glenn & Norma Beyer) Gea (niece of Dan & Yuli Fosso) Stephanie Davito (friend of Nancy Carter) JJ Phipps & Christal Chapman (friends of Jane Malcolm)

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 Calvary 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 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 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


The Potter's Daughters
Fall Stroll on the Beach
Join Us on October 1st
10:30AM to 12 noon
Main Beach Pavilion
S. Fletcher Ave. & Trout St.
CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH
MAIN BEACH
Parks & Recreation Department
(904) 310-3350
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Join us in sisterhood, friendship, and fun!

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



2026 Congregational Financial Report

YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCOME VS. TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES

Year To Date Income Thru August 31

YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCOME VS TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES		
Year To Date Income Thru AUGUST 31, 2026		
General Contributions	$257,147	
Miscellaneous Income	$0	
Keep It Simple	$2,273	
Rental Income	$1,200	
Earned Investment Income	$2,457	
Fund Fundraising	$0	
Thrivent Brokerage Account	$5,038	
Year To Date SubTotal Income		$268,115
Transfers from Savings to Checking		$0
Year To Date TOTAL INCOME ALL SOURCES		$268,115
Year To Date TOTAL EXPENSES		$250,137
Difference Year To Date Income Versus Expenses		**$17,978**
Lightkeepers Fund Balance		$7,972
Playground Fund Balance		$230
BEAR Fund Balance		$11,055
Disaster Recovery Fund Balance		$21,592
Mortgage Balance Remaining		$119,903
ENDOWMENT FUND		$113,476

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Special Note From Church Council

1. Additional donations of $1,350.00 have been applied to our Mortgage Principal in 2026.
2. Total Lightkeepers Fund = $7,971.00.. Rec'd $300 donation in Aug.
3. Rec'd $60 for B.E.A.R. Fund in August.
4. Rec's $100.00 for Memorial Fund in August
5. Congregant gave 10 shares of Microsoft (MSFT) stock valued @ $5,038.10 at time of gift. Council voted to retain gift as stock in POP Thrivent account.



MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

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

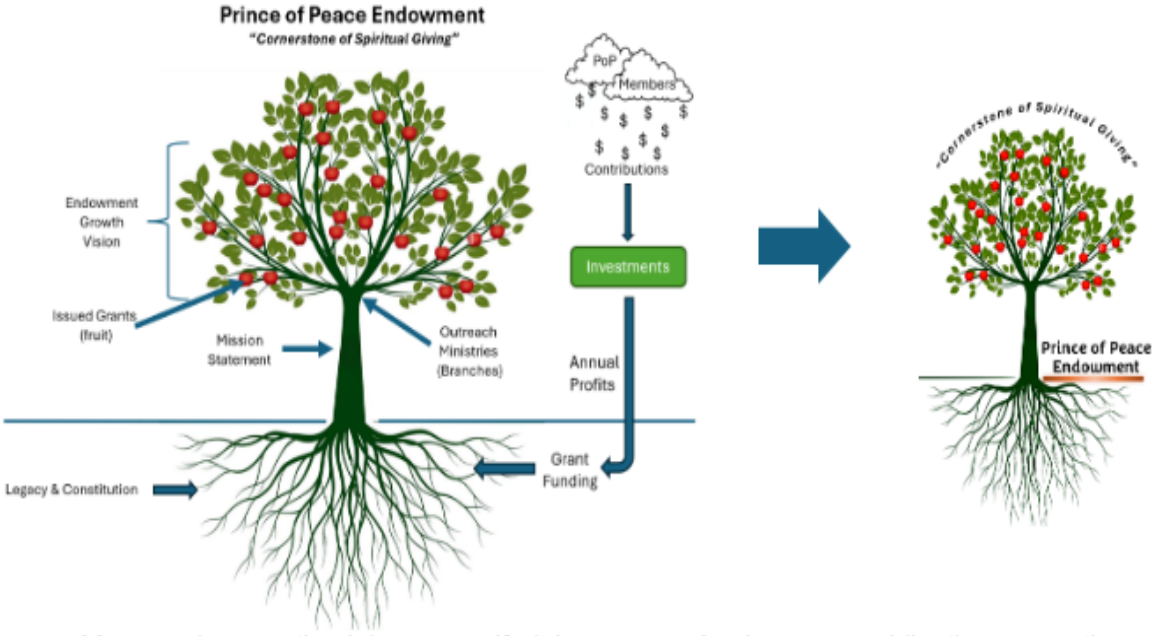
*If you wish to contribute to this fund, mark your check **"MORTGAGE FUND"** and contributions will be applied to the reduce the principle balance.*

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.

ENDOWMENT LOGO



You may have noticed the treeandfruit logo appearing in recent publications or on the drop box in the narthex. After more than a year of operation, it became important to give the endowment its own identity—something that shows it is a distinct ministry within Prince of Peace. The logo helps establish legitimacy, clarity, and recognition. The tree bearing abundant red fruit symbolizes strength, permanence, confidence, and growth—qualities that reflect how contributions mature into grants that bless charities in our community for years to come.

One of Jesus' great miracles was the feeding of the five thousand. Though the disciples carried only a few barley loaves and fish, the baskets never emptied. Everyone was fed, and there were even leftovers. It was a moment of divine abundance.

The endowment operates in much the same spirit. It never empties; instead, it continually bears fruit. Each year, the investment grows, and from that growth come grants—our modern "baskets" that never empty. Your contributions further strengthen the endowment and increase the size of the grants represented by the fruit on the tree.

We are deeply grateful for what has been accomplished this year and excited for the lives that will be touched in the years ahead.

Endowment Board



Prince of Peace Church Council Meeting Summary
September 21, 2026

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

- The devotion was provided by Sue Hildebrand.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.
- POP's sales tax exemption extension is being processed.
- Nine confirmands are on track for confirmation in October.
- Shannon Cockrell started as POP's Office Manager.
- Polo shirts with a POP logo on them are being offered for purchase. Depending on the number of shirts purchased, the price will be between $20 and $30 per shirt. There will be a signup sheet set up to order. Some extra God's Work / Our Hands tee shirts are available.
- The draft POP 2027 budget for submission to the POP members was approved by the Council.
- There were issues with the POP Sunday worship facebook live streaming during September. They have been resolved.
- The replacement for MS Publisher was discussed.
- The annual meeting report preparation process was discussed.
- It was agreed that 3 to 4 nominees for Council should be solicited.
- The FDOT Atlantic Avenue construction was discussed including how it would impact access to POP.
- It was decided that pre-packaged gluten free wafers will be used for those who are on gluten free diets. General population communicants will receive communion bread that contains gluten.
- The food drive for Barnabas has been hugely successful. The collected food will be picked up on September 29.
- Sunday breakfast is being used to encourage attendance at Sunday School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Submitted by Les Boette

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 2026







Back To Church Sunday was a heartwarming occasion where 111 attendees reconnected in faith, fellowship, and fun after the summer break. Our uplifting worship service featured the joyous return of our Adult choir and Bell choir. Special thanks to our dedicated ministry teams for their incredible efforts, from organizing engaging Sunday School sessions to hosting a delightful luncheon. It was a wonderful time to celebrate God's love and reunite with our cherished church family!





















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 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.



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