



# April 2025

Official Monthly Newsletter  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool  
9320 Meadow Way, Everett, WA 98208



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**Sunday Worship is at 9:30 AM**

You can stream weekly Worship & Children's Messages online at [pplc.org](http://pplc.org)

## A Word from Our Pastor

*"There never seems to be enough time for all the things you want to do..."* from Jim Croce's song, "Time in a Bottle"

Isn't that the truth? Or at least that's how most people live. Students in school are busy and dream of the day when their studies are done, and then they'll have more free time. Those working (either outside or inside the home) remember the good old days in school when they had more free time. Now they look forward to the time they retire and don't have to be so busy. Parents (or grandparents) raising kids can hardly wait till the children grow up so they'll have more time to themselves. Most of the retired people I know tell me that they're busier now than ever. Maybe the problem isn't what's going on around us. Maybe the problem lies within us.



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth", says the first verse of the Bible. After six days of creating God rested on the seventh day. God's rest was remembered when Moses gave the law to the people of Israel in the third commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work...For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day."

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## PPLC Staff

- Pastor** Gib Botten
- Preschool Director:** Onyapa Udo-Imeh
- Church Office:** Lauryn Brunskill
- Preschool Office:** Kelly Reynolds
- Children's & Youth Ministry:** Lauryn Brunskill
- Audio-Visual:** Kevin Lord
- Organist:** Linda Walter
- Treasurer:** Jennifer Pidduck
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## Contact Us

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No where in the Old Testament does it say what we're supposed to be doing on the Sabbath other than not working. In Luther's Catechism he mentions that going to church and hearing the Word of God is a good thing to do. And certainly, the Word of God gives us a peace and rest that passes all understanding. Years ago, I remember reading an article in the magazine, Christianity Today, entitled: "Sabbath Breakers!" Surprisingly (or not so surprisingly) it wasn't with the lay folks in the pew in mind. It was written to challenge pastors who refuse to rest and take a day off. I remember a pastor's conference where the speaker asked how many pastors take a day off. Only about half raised their hands. Sinners! This kind of behavior leaves a poor example for the church to do what the Lord has clearly called us all to do: Rest.

Jesus himself separated himself from the work of teaching and healing to spend time alone with the Father. After a very busy day of teaching and ministry Mark records that Jesus got up early while it was still dark, left the house where he was staying so he could pray. Simon went searching for Jesus to tell him that people were looking for him—they needed him. "Get back to work, Jesus". But Jesus needed to rest in the presence of the Father. Other times the gospel writers tell of Jesus separating himself along with the disciples so that they could rest after a period of ministry.

Being a follower of Jesus can mean several things. But one thing it must mean is following Jesus' example. And that includes taking note of the pattern of our Lord who separated himself from work and people so that he could rest. Jesus taught his disciples to do their work out of a place of rest. In fact, our spiritual productivity is dependent on this. Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) We are all called, not to just work, but to bear fruit. And this can only happen when we take our seasons of rest (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.) and learn to abide in Christ who bears kingdom fruit to the measure we are connected to him. If we will not separate time for this kind of rest, it may be that someday we'll discover we wasted time on things of lesser priority. And that would be a waste of time.

Pr. Gib Botten

# Men's Fellowship:



**Meeting on Saturday,  
April 19th at 9 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall**

The group will be working on a Discipleship study series. All men of the congregation are welcome to join in!



**Hosting Easter  
Breakfast on April 20  
after Easter Worship**

You can sign up to help with setup, cleanup, or to bring needed food items in the Narthex.



*Contact Matthew Thorsteinson with any questions.*

# Lent & Easter at PPLC



## The Season of Lent Continues:

The church season of Lent, a season of penitence, lasts the six weeks before Easter Sunday.

### Join us on our Lenten Journey:

- **Soup Supper** Wednesday evenings at 6 PM – anyone may sign up to provide soup, bread, or dessert in the Narthex
- **“Walks with David” Midweek Lenten Worship** Wednesday evenings at 7 PM through April 9

Lenten Soup Supper Dates	Committee/Group Host (in charge of setup & cleanup)
April 2	Committee on Preschool Ministry and Stewardship Committee
April 9	Church Council

# Holy Week at Prince of Peace:



**Palm Sunday, April 13**

Worship at 9:30 AM with Palm Processional

Please gather in Narthex before worship to join the processional.



**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

Worship with Holy Communion at 7 PM



**Good Friday, April 18**

Tenebrae Service at 7 PM



**Resurrection Sunday, April 20**

Easter Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

Easter Breakfast at 10:45 AM

# Spring CLEANING

April 5th - 9 AM



Come out and help clean up around the church and our grounds if you are able! Contact the Property & Maintenance Committee with questions.

## Women's Ministry Meeting



April 2nd at  
9:30 AM

Please come to help plan for an upcoming Rummage Sale and allocate the spending of funds earned in 2024!

## Prime Timers Potluck Lunch "The Over 50 Group"

Thursday, April 10th  
at noon in the  
Fellowship Hall



**Topic of discussion:**  
**"Meeting Your Needs  
as You Age"**

*Connie Scott from Continuum Care will speak about the various forms of help you might need.*

*This group is open to anyone over 50. We meet every 2nd Thursday except July & August, eat, enjoy each other's company & learn a little, too.*

## Teen Bible Study

**meets on Sundays, March 30th,  
April 13th & 27th after worship!**



We continue our study of sin & repentance.



Join us at

# Vacation Bible School!

*For ages 4 years (must be potty trained) through entering 6th grade.*

Let's go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll navigate toward Jesus, our True North!

To register kids or to volunteer: visit [PPLC.ORG](http://PPLC.ORG)

Contact Lauryn Brunskill for more information about volunteering!

Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM each night!

## Interested in Volunteering at PPLC?



Consider volunteering in our various ministries!

- Children's Ministry - such as teaching Sunday School, VBS, etc!
- Scripture Reading - join our lector list!
- Homebound visitations - talk with Pr. Gib about our diaconal ministry!
- Hospitality - sign up to make coffee and bring goodies for fellowship hour after worship!
- + many other committees & opportunities - contact the church office, Lauryn Brunskill, or Pr. Gib if you're interested!

## Ways to Give at Prince of Peace



in-person offering

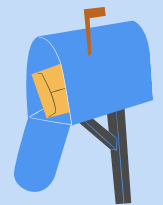
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# Council Corner & Financial Update

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE as of 2/28/2025</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>
General Offering	\$23,531.82	\$21,347.00	\$15,553.00
Electronic Offering	\$5,302.43	\$3,667.53	\$2,572.33
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00	\$188.00	\$148.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christmas Offering	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earnings	\$0.56	\$0.57	\$0.51
VOA Offering	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facilities Use (Rentals)	\$4,770.00	\$0.00	\$2,610.00
Facilities Use-Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annuity Income	\$0.00	\$1,398.53	\$1,398.50
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$34,254.81</b>	<b>\$26,601.63</b>	<b>\$22,282.34</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$22,544.79	\$24,473.11	\$30,775.80
<b>Operating Income less Exp.</b>	<b>\$11,710.02</b>	<b>\$2,128.52</b>	<b>(\$8,493.46)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES YEAR-TO-DATE</b>			
General Fund	\$53,480.41	\$52,903.49	\$44,410.03
Youth Fund	\$9,440.65	\$9,440.65	\$9,429.67
Saefke Fund	\$21,259.51	\$21,259.51	\$21,259.51
Member Relief	\$500.63	\$500.63	\$500.63
Memorial Fund	\$6,617.21	\$6,617.21	\$6,617.21
Endowment Fund	\$56,230.56	\$56,368.81	\$56,507.26
Men's Fellowship	\$483.90	\$483.90	\$483.90
Women's Ministry*	\$4,269.83	\$4,369.83	\$4,369.83
Capital Facilities	\$13,740.37	\$13,740.37	\$13,740.37
Capital Reserves	\$6,970.11	\$6,970.11	\$8,370.11
Short-Term Missions	\$5,290.00	\$5,290.00	\$5,790.00
Preschool Balances	\$168,662.00	\$160,583.00	\$166,974.00

\*checking account

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Council

**President:** Bill Kann

**Vice President:** Steve Peterson

**Secretary:** Lynn Junell

Wendy Beard

Linda Fargo

Arne Sandvik

Camie Embacher

Dan Hughes

Phil Lee

David Miles

**Pastor:** Pr. Gib Botten

**Treasurer:** Jennifer Pidduck



The Executive Committee of the Council (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Pastor) meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

The Church Council meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month via Zoom.



## Let us pray for the whole people of God...

*Prayer is powerful! Please call or email Lauryn in the church office (425-337-6663 or churchoffice@pplc.org) with prayer request additions or updates. Names will remain on the list for about a month unless updated/renewed.*

**Corrine Gust** - recently fell and had to go into the ER, prayers for her healing from bruising.

**Deanna & Ken Cundall** - Blayne Cundall's parents, Deanna fell & fractured her pelvis & hospitalized while they plan to get her into a PT facility, which is far from home, the traveling puts a strain on Ken who struggles with knee & hip pain.

**Dan Kipperberg** - family friend of Lauryn Brunskill, Dan continues struggling with his health after surgery & heart issues.

**Jake** - family friend of Mindy Staudinger, diagnosed non-Hodgkins lymphoma & will be in chemo for 6 months.

**Kevin Depew** - family friend of Connie Smith, he needs a kidney transplant, please pray for a match.

**Elaine Anderson** - she is struggling with pain in her foot and leg, prayers for pain relief, comfort, and healing.

**Judy Bartlett** - sister of Camie Embacher's sister-in-law, she's recently had a biopsy done for a large mass found in her stomach, prayers for treatment and healing.

**Jaden** - great-grandson of Lynn Junell, he has been struggling & entered in-patient rehab until January.

**Barry McNett** - brother of Camie Embacher, had surgery to put in stents for 3 heart vessel blockages & has a severely leaking valve, he will have to go in again for more in a few weeks, please pray for his healing and care.

**Pr. Phil Lee** - had successful surgery & recovery, continued prayers for healing from prostate cancer.

**Marvin** - cousin of Lurlene Grannan, beginning chemotherapy for esophageal cancer.

**Debbie Miles** - doing well recovering from pancreatitis, she is still fighting melanoma cancer, tumors are stable with no new growth, she'll have new scans in 3 months, prayers are working!

**Anne** - family of Dave & Debbie Miles, in treatment for cancer.

**Teresa Heimbigner** - prayers for continued and ongoing healing from cancer.

**Lowell** - friend of Dan & Sandy Hughes, on kidney dialysis treatment & doing much better.

**Dena** - friend of Debbie & Andrea Miles, continues to fight her bout with cancer.

**Aaron Vogel** - receiving treatment for stage 4 cancer.

**Kevin** - Dave & Debbie Miles' nephew, continues to fight leukemia.

**Rachel Helm** - prayers as she goes through end stage cancer.

**Gary Barker** - Kelly Reynolds' uncle, suffering from severe COPD.



### Serving in the Military:

**Albert Garcia** - Judy Chadrow's nephew-in-law, serving in the US Army in San Diego, CA.

**Leif Heimbigner** - serving in the USMC in the Mediterranean.

**Andre Fahim** - Lindsay (Grannan) Fahim's husband (Lurlene Grannan's granddaughter), serving in the USAF.

**Kailin Rime & husband Nathan Duffy** - Tom & Donna Dickson's niece, serving in the USAF.

**Ian Pidduck** - Alex Pidduck's brother, serving in the US Navy in Sicily, Italy.

**Dante Guadagnoli** - Andrea Miles' friend, serving in the US Navy on Middle East deployment.

**Kyle Warner** - Debbie Miles' cousin, serving in the US Navy.

**Davin Arellano** - Leif & Stephanie Hylback's nephew, serving in the US Marines in Pensacola, FL.

*"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."*

*Luke 11:9-10*

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 2:00pm Book Club	<b>2</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel 9:30am Women's Ministry Meeting 12:45pm Preschool Chapel 5:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service	<b>3</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 9:30am Preschool Chapel 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church  	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00am Spring Clean Up Day 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church  
<b>6</b> 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	<b>7</b> 10:00am Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  	<b>8</b> 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 5:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service  	<b>10</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Prime Timers 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church  	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
<b>13</b> Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School & Teen Bible Study 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church  	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Missional Concerns/Evangelism Meeting	<b>15</b> 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Council Meeting  	<b>16</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel 12:45pm Preschool Chapel 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> Maundy Thursday 9:30am Preschool Chapel 9:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion  	<b>18</b> Good Friday 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service  	<b>19</b> 9:00am Men's Fellowship 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
<b>20</b> <b>EASTER</b> 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Resurrection Sunday Worship 10:45am Easter Breakfast 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	<b>21</b> Easter Monday (Offices Closed) 10:00am Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  	<b>22</b> 2:00pm Book Club	<b>23</b> 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal  	<b>24</b> 9:30am Prayer Group 4:00pm CPM Meeting 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	<b>25</b> 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
<b>27</b> 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School & Teen Bible Study 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	<b>29</b> 2:00pm Book Club  	<b>30</b> 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	