

Official Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool
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Sunday Worship is at 9:30 AM

You can stream weekly Worship & Children's Messages online at pplc.org

A Word from Our Pastor

"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." -Isaiah 65:24



In 1535, Luther wrote a little book for his barber containing practical advice on prayer. Luther recommended that prayer be the first business of the morning and the last at night:

“Guard yourself carefully against those false, deluding ideas which tell you, ‘Wait a little while. I will pray in an hour; first I must attend to this or that.’ Such thoughts get you away from prayer into other affairs which so hold your attention and involve you that nothing comes of prayer for that day.”

I have to confess that I have sometimes regarded prayer as a luxury during times when I have so much work to do that getting it completed becomes my main goal. But I have noticed that when prayer is a priority, work seems to move forward smoothly and with less stress. I think that Luther's comments about the thoughts that come into our heads to delay prayer come from the mistaken idea that by our efforts we can somehow be in control of our circumstances. In reality we are not, but this knowledge is in fact an asset.

Our church council this year is reading through the classic book simply called "Prayer" by Norwegian Lutheran Pastor O. Hallesby written in 1931 together. In the first chapter of the book the author asks the question: "What is that attitude of heart which God recognizes as prayer?"

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He mentions two things. The first is helplessness. He says, "Your helplessness is your best prayer. It calls from your heart to the heart of God with greater effect than all your utter pleas. He hears it from the very moment that you are seized with helplessness, and He becomes actively engaged at once in hearing and answering the prayer of your helplessness." That's a good thing! We are helpless much of the time and all the time when it comes to doing God's will. While the Lord patiently allows us act as if we are in control, it's when we know we are helpless when he rushes to our side. So Hallesby says, "Prayer therefore consists simply in telling God day by day in what ways we feel that we are helpless."

The second attitude of the heart that is essential to prayer is faith. The author says, "Without faith there can be no prayer, no matter how great our helplessness may be. Helplessness united with faith produces prayer. Without faith our helplessness would be only a vain cry of distress in the night." And the faith we have must be in a person—the person of Jesus Christ who reveals to us the Father love of God who is more than able to help us in any need. And when we pray in faith its important that we give up control of how God should come to our aid. What the Lord wants to do through our prayers is often far beyond our expectations. Faith means trusting in his judgement and wisdom. And we can because the Lord is wise and good and loves us dearly.

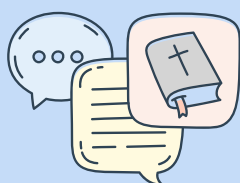
In this post-Easter time let's as a church enter a season of renewed interest and focus on prayer and see what the Lord will do. It is a fundamental practice of the Christian's life.

Pr. Gib Botten

Men's Fellowship

**Meeting on Saturday,
May 17th at 9 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

All men of the congregation
are welcome to join in!



Contact Matthew Thorsteinson
with any questions.

Calling all Textiles!



The Preschool is having a textile drive to help us provide tuition assistance for preschool families in need – can you help? It's easy! Gather gently used textile items from your closets and bring them to Prince of Peace **during the month of May.**

Acceptable items include: clothing, shoes, towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, curtains, tablecloths, and accessories (hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags).

Don't have very many items? Donate a partially filled bag and we'll combine items to make a full bag.

Thank you for helping!

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Retreat!

June 7th at
12:30-3:00 PM



More information to come soon! Sign up to attend on the sheet in the Narthex.

Rummage + Bake Sale POSTPONED

Women's Ministry has decided to postpone the May Rummage + Bake Sale until the fall. If you have items you wanted to donate for the May sale and don't want to keep them until a possible October sale, we recommend you donate your items locally to St. Vincent de Paul or Goodwill. Thank you!

Prime Timers Potluck Lunch

"The Over 50 Group"

Thursday, May 8th
at noon in the
Fellowship Hall



**We are going to
New Zealand!**

Rod & Corrine Gust will share their adventures there and have 1000 photos to view, this should be fun!

Teen Bible Study



meets on Sundays, May
11th & 25th after worship!

All teenagers are welcome to join in at any meeting! We'll continue our study of sin, repentance, and redemption.



Join us at

Vacation Bible School!

For ages 4 years by June 23rd (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

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

Contact Lauryn Brunskill for more information about volunteering!

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



online
at pplc.org



Vanco
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Bill Pay through
your bank



with a Qualified
Charitable Distribution
(QCD) from an IRA

Council Corner & Financial Update

FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE as of 3/31/2025			
INCOME	JAN	FEB	MAR
General Offering	\$21,347.00	\$15,553.00	\$20,079.00
Electronic Offering	\$3,667.53	\$2,572.33	\$4,955.23
Thrivent Choice	\$188.00	\$148.00	\$1,251.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$24.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lenten Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$588.25
Interest Earnings	\$0.57	\$0.51	\$0.56
VOA Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facilities Use (Rentals)	\$0.00	\$2,610.00	\$5,020.00
Facilities Use-Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annuity Income	\$1,398.53	\$1,398.50	\$1,398.53
Total Operating Income	\$26,626.17	\$22,282.34	\$33,292.57
Budgeted Expenses	\$24,473.11	\$30,775.80	\$27,674.95
Operating Income less Esp.	\$2,153.06	(\$8,493.46)	\$5,617.62
FUND BALANCES YEAR-TO-DATE			
General Fund	\$52,903.49	\$44,410.03	\$49,625.40
Youth Fund	\$9,440.65	\$9,429.67	\$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	\$56,368.81	\$56,507.26	\$56,632.33
Men's Fellowship	\$483.90	\$483.90	\$504.90
Women's Ministry*	\$4,469.83	\$4,469.83	\$4,469.83
Capital Facilities	\$13,740.37	\$13,740.37	\$13,740.37
Capital Reserves	\$6,970.11	\$8,370.11	\$8,370.11
Short-Term Missions	\$5,290.00	\$5,790.00	\$5,790.00
Preschool Balances	\$160,583.00	\$166,974.00	\$169,269.00

*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.

Ronald Gust – brother of Rod Gust, prayers for his recovery from surgery done on April 29.

Darin Richards & Family – Darin's wife Stacie, and daughter-in-law of Pr. Jack & Joneen Richards, recently passed away after her long battle with cancer. She and Darin have two children, ages 4 & 6. Stacie's Celebration of Life service will be May 3rd at 1 PM at Life Point Church, Lake Stevens.

Arlene Adams – she's been in great back pain for over a month, she's had an injection that should hopefully provide some relief.

Laurie Schindler – friend of Lynn Palmer, she has cancer & kidney failure and has been in the hospital for some time. Please pray for her health, comfort, and peace.

Abby McIvor – friend of Beth & Ken Webb, she's been diagnosed with epilepsy & has been ill with seizures for months, and now has apnea and on a breathing tube in the ICU.

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.

Jake – family friend of Mindy Staudinger, diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma & in chemo.

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 – thanking God for improved health & continued prayers for healing from prostate cancer.

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

Debbie Miles – prayers for her continued fight against cancer, she'll have new scans in 3 months.

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 at home & it is not working well.

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:

Steve Vranish – Andrea (Miles) Vranish's husband, at sea with the Merchant Marines.

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 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.



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Church Office Closed (Vacation) 9:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 	2 Church Office Closed (Vacation) 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	3 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
4 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	5 Church Office Closed (Vacation) 10:00am Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 	6 Church Office Closed (Vacation) 2:00pm Book Club	7 9:30am Preschool Chapel 12:45pm Preschool Chapel 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30am Preschool Chapel 9:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Prime Timers 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 	9 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	10 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
11  Mother's Day 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	12 6:30pm Missional Concerns/Evangeli sm Meeting 	13 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	14 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 9:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 	16 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	17 9:00am Men's Fellowship 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 
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