



June 2025

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

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:13-16)



Several of us at Prince of Peace have been learning and reading about prayer and listening to God this Spring. It just so happened that the above passage from James was part of the NALC daily devotional reading this morning—which can be found on the NALC website. It's about prayer and how the life of the church and of believers in Christ is to be immersed in that practice. James reminds us that prayer is meant for times of trouble and joy and sickness and even sin. In fact, there is no part of our lives or our church life that is to be excluded from prayer. The last verse (v. 16) has always caused me to pause: "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Well, how effective are my prayers anyway? Doesn't Paul write in Romans that "there is no one righteous, not even one"? How righteous do it have to be to have "powerful and effective" prayers? I know that I'm a sinner!

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PPLC Staff

- Pastor** Gib Botten
- Preschool Director:** Onyapa Udo-Imeh
- Church Office:** Lauryn Brunskill
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Ole Hallesby writes in his book simply called, *Prayer*: "Behold, a sinner stands in the heavenly light which the Spirit of God has shed upon him. The longer he stands there, the more he sees of his own sins, his past life, his unclean thoughts, his impenitent heart, his aversion to God and his desire toward sin. He knows that he must turn to God and that no one else can help him. But the closer he comes to God, the worse things seem. He feels that God cannot have anything to do with anyone who is as impure and dishonest in every way as he is." And then Pastor Hallesby says: To him the Spirit of prayer says, "Come in the name of Jesus. That name gives unholy men access to a holy God."

And so, we don't come to God in prayer in our own righteousness nor in our own name. We come only in and through the name of Jesus. If we wait to prayer until we arrive at some spiritual state, we call "righteousness", we will never pray. We will never arrive at this state through our own power or ability. It is given to us by grace and faith in the work Christ did for us on the cross. So, we come now before God in the name of Jesus. And before him we lift up prayers of all kinds to God in the name of Jesus. And the one who makes our prayers "powerful and effective" is not us, but the Lord Jesus Christ who is the exalted and powerful king of the universe. So, with that gospel truth to encourage us, let us pray!

In the name of the Prince of Peace,
Pr. Gib Botten

Men's Fellowship

**Meeting on Saturday,
June 21st at 9 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

All men of the congregation
are welcome to join in!



Contact Matthew Thorsteinson
with any questions.



FROM OUR PRESCHOOL

- Thank you to all who donated to our May Textile Drive! This weekend is your last chance to drop off donations! Your generous donations will help families in need with tuition assistance.
- The Preschool Committee is seeking an architect to help us in our quest to get approved for licensing. If you know of someone who can help, please contact Connie Smith at 425-374-9024.



Women's Retreat
Saturday, June 7th
12:30 - 3 PM
fellowship hall

Guest speaker
Christine Neuffer
will talk about
"The Growing
Kindness Project"
and her experiences of
growing flowers & giving
them away as an act of
kindness.

Lunch
&
fellowship

prizes

Sign up in the
Narthex!

Sign up
sheet
in Narthex

Coloring
Contest

Jewelry exchange
Bring a piece of
jewelry & take a
"New" piece home!

Bring a
friend

Mary Ann Wilson
2024



Vacation Bible School

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

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
Contact Lauryn Brunskill with any questions.

Mandatory Volunteer Training Meeting on Sunday, June 1st at noon, lunch provided! All volunteers must attend training before working with any children.

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

- VBS Set up Days: Saturday, June 21st at 11 AM and Sunday, June 22nd after church!
- Check out our Amazon Wishlist to donate needed items! Linked on the homepage of PPLC.ORG with the VBS info. Items are needed by the week of June 15th.
- Can we borrow your faux Christmas tree to create an Alaskan forest? Contact Lauryn if you're up for it!

Prime Timers - Potluck Lunch

Thursday, June 12th
at noon in the
Fellowship Hall

~for those over 50~

*This will be our last
meeting until September.*

**Join us for a talk on
aging living situations
by Connie Scott from**



**CONTINUUM CARE
OF WASHINGTON**

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

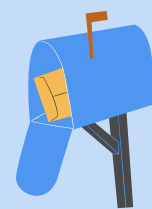
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with a Qualified
Charitable Distribution
(QCD) from an IRA

Council Corner & Financial Update

FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE as of 4/30/2025			
INCOME	FEB	MAR	APR
General Offering	\$15,553.00	\$20,079.00	\$16,458.41
Electronic Offering	\$2,572.33	\$4,955.23	\$5,034.59
Thrivent Choice	\$148.00	\$1,251.00	\$833.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lenten Offering	\$0.00	\$588.25	\$150.00
Maundy Thursday Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111.00
Good Friday Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61.00
Interest Earnings	\$0.51	\$0.56	\$0.55
VOA Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facilities Use (Rentals)	\$2,610.00	\$5,020.00	\$100.00
Facilities Use-Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annuity Income	\$1,398.50	\$1,398.53	\$1,398.53
Total Operating Income	\$22,282.34	\$33,292.57	\$24,147.08
Budgeted Expenses	\$30,775.80	\$27,674.95	\$27,844.65
Operating Income less Esp.	(\$8,493.46)	\$5,617.62	(\$3,697.57)
FUND BALANCES YEAR-TO-DATE			
General Fund	\$44,410.03	\$49,625.40	\$47,221.72
Youth Fund	\$9,429.67	\$9,429.67	\$9,420.09
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	\$56,507.26	\$56,632.33	\$56,770.80
Men's Fellowship	\$483.90	\$504.90	\$504.90
Women's Ministry*	\$4,469.83	\$4,469.83	\$2,509.83
Capital Facilities	\$13,740.37	\$13,740.37	\$13,740.37
Capital Reserves	\$8,370.11	\$8,370.11	\$8,370.11
Short-Term Missions	\$5,790.00	\$5,790.00	\$5,990.00
Preschool Balances	\$166,974.00	\$169,269.00	\$172,292.00

*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.

Ron Nilsson – friend of Bill Henley, struggling with multiple difficult health conditions.

Tyrell – son of Steve Peterson's cousin, recovering from a very difficult brain surgery to remove cancer.

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

Arlene Adams – she's been in great back pain, she's had an injection that should hopefully provide 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 was on a breathing tube in the ICU, she is now home and doing much better, her vocal cords are recovering and she's working on putting weight back on.

Deanna Cundall – Blayne Cundall's mother, Deanna was hospitalized after fracturing her pelvis but is now at home recovering, prayers for perseverance and for her to regain her strength.

Dan Kipperberg – family friend of Lauryn Brunskill, Dan continues struggling health-wise, had a pacemaker put in and many clots were discovered in his arm and around his heart.

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

Family of Kevin Depew – family friend of Connie Smith, Kevin recently passed away due to complications from kidney failure. Prayers of comfort for his family, especially his wife, Shannon, and two daughters, Jenna and Erika.

Elaine Anderson – she is struggling with pain in her foot and leg, prayers for pain relief, comfort, & 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.

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 Japan.



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School & Teen Bible Study 12:00pm VBS Volunteer Training Meeting - Mandatory! 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	2 10:00am Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 	3 2:00pm Book Club	4 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 	6 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	7 12:30pm Women's Retreat 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 
8 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	9 6:30pm Missional Concerns/Evangeli sm Meeting 	10 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	11 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Prime Timers 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	13 Last Day of Preschool! 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting 	14 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
15 FATHERS 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	16 10:00am Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 	17 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Council Meeting	18 5:15pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 	19 Juneteenth 9:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	20 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	21 9:00am Men's Fellowship 11:00am VBS Set Up/Decorating 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 
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29 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am VBS Sunday Worship 10:45am Adult Sunday School 11:00am VBS Clean Up 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	30 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	