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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

Friday of the First Week in Lent

From "The Unshaken Cross", a Lent & Easter Devotional from the NALC
 Devotion written by the Rev. Tony D. Ede (tede@thenalc.org)

Scripture Readings:
Genesis 40:1-23
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Mark 2:13-22

Psalm Readings:
Morning - Psalms 22 & 148
Evening - Psalms 105 & 130

Life in the small towns and fields of the Midwest often moves with the rhythm of planting and harvest. You wait on the rains, watch the sky for storms, and live with the truth that you do not control the outcome. Joseph knew something of that helpless waiting. In prison, forgotten by the cupbearer, he trusted not in his own wisdom but in the Lord who holds the seasons of our lives (Genesis 40:23).

The Augsburg Confession reminds us that true faith is not in human works or human memory, but in Christ who intercedes for us (AC IV, Justification). Joseph's story presses us to see beyond human forgetfulness. People may overlook us; God does not. "The Lord knows those who are His" (2 Timothy 2:19).

History offers reminders too. During the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, countless Midwestern farmers watched crops fail and soil blow away. Yet even in loss, churches gathered, hymns were sung, and faith was renewed in the God who does not forget His people. Like Joseph in prison, they learned that trust in God's promise is deeper than present circumstance.

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Lent calls us into that same trust. Here, we confront our sin, our limits, our longing for deliverance. In Christ crucified, God remembers us fully—our names engraved on His hands (“See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands” (Isaiah 49:16)). Just as the fields that appear barren in February quietly prepare for spring, so our Lenten waiting prepares us for Easter’s harvest of life.

Let’s reflect together... Where do you feel forgotten, like Joseph? How might God be using this season, like winter fields in the Midwest, to prepare you to return to Christ Jesus? Where in the midst of a world that turns its back on Christ, can you live in the confidence of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting?

Prayer: Gracious Lord, You never forget Your children. As Joseph trusted You in the prison and farmers trust You in the waiting fields, help us rest in Your promises. Forgive us where we despair, and strengthen us to live by faith in Christ alone. In this Lenten season, prepare our hearts like the soil for planting, that we may bear fruit in Your time. Through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

Men’s Fellowship

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

All men of the congregation are welcome to join in!



Contact
Matthew
Thorsteinson
with any
questions.

Prime Timers Potluck Lunch

“The Over 50 Group”

Thursday, March 12th at
noon in the Fellowship Hall

Topic of Discussion:



“Think Spring”



How to get an early start on your plants.
Tips on growing seedlings indoors.

Guest Speakers: Jim & Dee Turner

All of you can share your best tips!

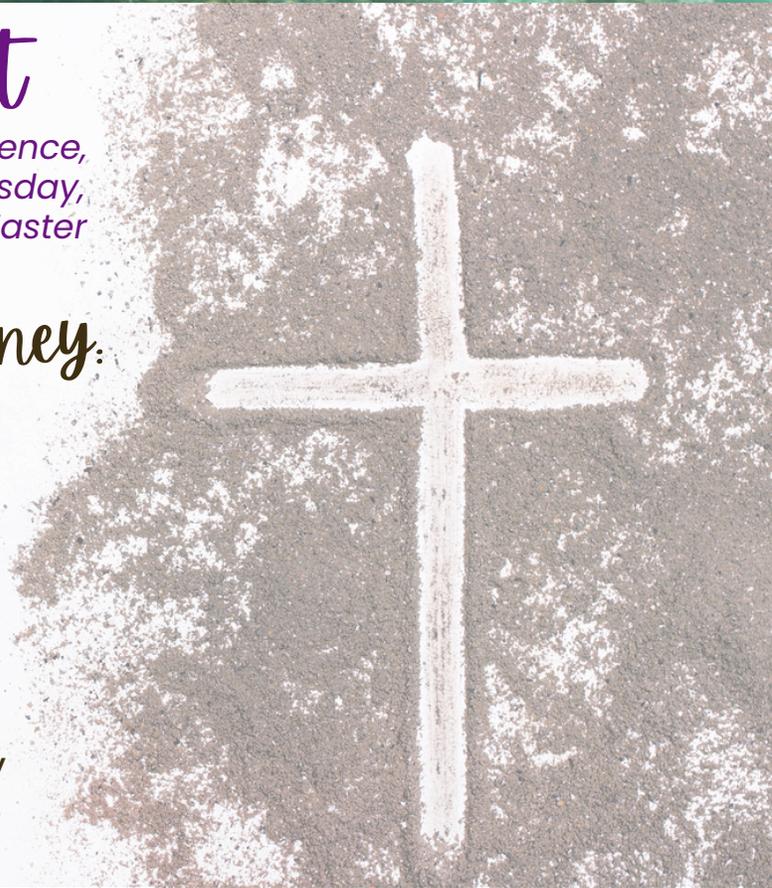
Our Lenten Journey continues thru March

The Season of Lent

The church season of Lent, a season of penitence, fasting, and reflection, began on Ash Wednesday, February 18th and lasts the six weeks before Easter Sunday.

Join us on our Lenten Journey:

- **Soup Supper** every Wednesday evening at 6 PM during Lent - anyone may sign up to provide soup, bread, or dessert in the Narthex each week.
- **“The Big Picture: Christ through the Old Testament” Midweek Lenten Worship** every Wednesday at 7 PM



Lenten Soup Supper Dates

Committee/Group Host (in charge of setup & cleanup)

March 4

Mission Concerns/Evangelism Committee

March 11

Youth & Education Committee

March 18

Committee on Preschool Ministry + Stewardship

March 25

Church Council



! IMPORTANT

Dorothy Ann Thorsteinson will be filling in as the temporary Office Administrator while Lauryn is away for maternity leave!
Thank you Dorothy Ann!

Her typical office hours will be on
Monday – Thursday from 10 AM – 1 PM

Please note: Weekly News emails will be on hiatus, weekly announcements can be heard at worship every Sunday morning, & you will still receive the Monthly Newsletter at the beginning of each month!

You can contact Dorothy Ann via churchoffice@pplc.org or 425-337-6663.



thank you

Thank you so much to the Women’s Ministry for the beautiful baby shower and to everyone who came, & those who were there in spirit!

I feel so loved and incredibly blessed that my growing family has such an amazing church family and support from you all. Matt and I truly appreciate and love you all.

Baby Brunskill is already so blessed/spoiled/well-dressed, and we’re so excited for you to meet her!

*With sincere gratitude,
Lauryn Brunskill*



YOUTH &



EDUCATION NEWS

- **Monthly Teen Bible Study Lunch – Sunday, 3/29** around 11 AM at a nearby restaurant, all teenagers are invited! Contact Matthew Thorsteinson with questions!
- **Our next Youth & Education Committee Meeting is on Sunday, May 17th** after worship. We’ll discuss upcoming plans for our Kid’s & Youth Ministry. If you’re an existing volunteer or interested please join us!

JOIN US AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

For ages 4 years by July 27th (must be potty-trained) through entering 6th grade.

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls! Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

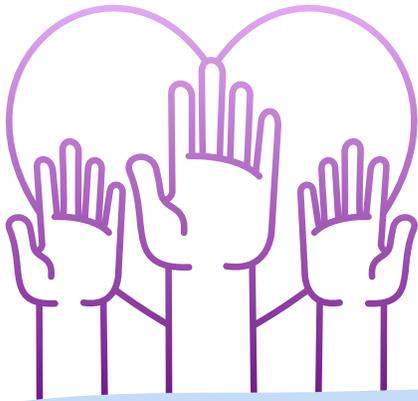


**Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31
5:30 – 8:30 PM each night!**

**To register kids or to
volunteer: visit
PPLC.ORG**

Contact Connie Smith for more information about volunteering & questions while Lauryn is on leave!

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 or Pr. Gib if you're interested!

Ways to Give at Prince of Peace



Bill Pay through
your bank



in-person
offering

Vanco
Mobile
App



online
at pplc.org

DONATE

with a Qualified
Charitable Distribution
(QCD) from an IRA

Serve as a Short Term Missionary with SON



JOIN US IN 2026

ENGLISH BIBLE CAMPS | TEEN LIFE & ADVENTURE RETREATS

English Bible Camps are like VBS camps!

Crafts, Songs, Bible stories & skits, Games, Group lessons and English games for kids from prek up. Each class works on a skit to present to family on Friday!

Teen Camps are like Confirmation camps!

Morning session with worship, small group discussions. Water games, hiking, high ropes, crafts, workshops depending on camp. Leaders are encouraged to participate! Evening sessions are reserved for intentional worship, testimonies, and opportunities for prayer and knowing Christ more fully!

WHERE WE SERVE



LATVIA 6/4 - 6/22

2 English Bible Camps
You'll begin in Saldus at St. Gregors and the next week in Sabile with Striki School.

You'll meet DMC who serves there and does music.
Pastormark@sonetwork.org



ALBANIA 6/24 - 7/13

1 EBC & 1 Teen Camp
You'll be in Peshkopi with our ministry partners! Beautiful mountains and scenery!
Angela@sonetwork.org
The Shallari's serve there!



SLOVAKIA 7/2 - 7/13 | 7/2 - 7/20 7/9 - 7/27

1 wk EBC 7/2-7/13 in Ruzomberok at the local school.
rachel@sonetwork.org
2 EBC in Vranov & Poprad.
mike@sonetwork.org
9-27 2 Teen Retreats, talk with
angela@sonetwork.org
Meet Scott Yount who serves there & does music!

[Sonetwork.org/serve/opportunities](https://sonetwork.org/serve/opportunities)

WHO CAN GO?



Anyone can go who knows English, can lift suitcases with travel, can walk up and down stairs and walk up to 3 miles/day, and loves Jesus, you can go! If you have questions you can always reach out!



The cost ranges from \$1425 - \$1875 plus airfare (coordinated by SON). You will be sent by your church, family, friends, and others who commit to supporting you (and we will help you in sharing your story to be sent!). Applications are all online and SON is here to answer any questions as all staff have served with SON.

We have had families serve with us, individuals from churches, church groups, and couples. We've had littles all the way through our seasoned Christians go.



WHAT WILL I DO?

You can be a group leader, lead crafts, help with music, lead sports, do skits, and so much more! With the teens you will have lots of time for connection and discussion in large and small groups.

TEAM TRAINING HAPPENS ONLINE WITH YOUR TEAM MEMBERS SO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'LL BE WITH!

[Sonetwork.org/serve/opportunities](https://sonetwork.org/serve/opportunities)

Council Corner & Financial Update

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Council

President: Steve Peterson
Vice President: Dan Hughes
Secretary: Wendy Beard

Linda Fargo
Lynn Junell
Bill Kann
Arne Sandvik
Camie Embacher
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.

FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE as of 1/31/2026			
INCOME	NOV	DEC	JAN
General Offering	\$14,771.00	\$17,816.00	\$29,821.50
Electronic Offering	\$3,638.19	\$5,715.54	\$3,569.59
Thrivent Choice	\$1,776.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$0.00	(\$330.00)	\$0.00
Christmas Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,065.00
Interest Earnings	\$0.55	\$0.57	\$0.56
VOA Offering	\$0.00	\$266.00	\$0.00
Facilities Use (Rentals)	\$2,510.00	\$2,510.00	\$300.00
Facilities Use-Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annuity Income	\$2,466.25	\$3,238.68	\$1,693.82
Total Operating Income	\$25,161.99	\$29,216.79	\$36,450.47
Budgeted Expenses	\$27,820.36	\$24,351.47	\$27,185.05
Operating Income less Esp.	(\$2,658.37)	\$4,865.32	\$9,265.42

FUND BALANCES YEAR-TO-DATE			
General Fund	\$63,221.88	\$77,033.20	\$83,731.36
Youth Fund	\$9,068.47	\$9,068.47	\$9,068.47
Saefke Fund	\$21,259.51	\$21,259.51	\$21,259.51
Member Relief Fund	\$500.63	\$500.63	\$500.63
Memorial Fund	\$7,297.21	\$7,297.21	\$7,297.21
Endowment Fund	\$57,021.15	\$57,147.91	\$57,274.65
Men's Fellowship Fund	\$160.27	(\$36.90)	\$38.10
Women's Ministry *	\$2,774.21	\$2,774.21	\$1,174.21
Capital Facilities Fund	\$43,740.37	\$43,740.37	\$43,740.37
Capital Reserves Fund	\$8,370.11	\$8,370.11	\$8,370.11
Short-Term Missions	\$5,990.00	\$7,390.00	\$7,390.00
Preschool Balances	\$106,036.00	\$106,036.00	\$108,929.00

* Book & Bank Balance as of 1.31.2026

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.

Debbie – Charlotte Kaiser’s daughter, recently diagnosed with a cancerous tumor, now in the hospital with pneumonia, prayers for her treatment and healing.

Tom – Lurlene Grannan’s brother-in-law, had a kidney biopsy on 2/26, prayers for good results.

Beth Webb – hospitalized after a fall, please pray for her healing & recovery.

Arlene Adams – had surgery to remove her gall bladder on 2/19, prayers for her healing & recovery.

Andrea Miles – daughter of Dave & Debbie Miles, dealing with asthma & influenza A, prayers for her recovery.

Tim Lee – Phil & Carolyn Lee’s son, successful femur surgery following a cycling accident but still in pain, prayers as he will need to regain strength to walk again & heal from the trauma of the accident.

Debbie Miles – had successful hip replacement surgery, prayers for her recovery & healing at home.

Julie Reymore – former PPLC office administrator, diagnosed with stage 3 metastatic melanoma.

Kari Cundall – had surgery on her wrist & elbow, prayers for speedy recovery, strength, & patience.

Deanna – Blayne Cundall’s mother, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, getting tests to determine treatment.

Devon – Bill Henley’s friend, prayers for his search in finding new housing on his low disability income.

Kitty – aunt of Blayne & Kari Cundall, had triple bypass surgery on 12/9, prayers for speedy recovery & healing.

Maddison – niece of Blayne & Kari Cundall, she broke her leg & had surgery, prayers for her healing.

Jane – sister of Dave Miles, she’s been hospitalized with severe abdominal pain & waiting for answers from several tests, prayers for answers & pain relief.

Nathan – son of Phil & Carolyn Lee, struggling to heal from a Crohn’s flare up, prayers for relief & treatment.

Chris & Christi – friends of Debbie & Dave Miles, spouses who have both been diagnosed with cancer, prayers for their treatment & healing.

Cherry Hughes – Dan & Sandy Hughes’ daughter in law, diagnosed with early stage of breast cancer, prayers for successful treatment and healing.

Tim Meehan – friend of Camie Embacher, pray for his comfort as he suffers pain from cancer treatments.

Mitchell Thompson – grandson of Dan & Sandy Hughes, on dialysis 3x a week, awaiting a kidney donor.

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

Teresa Heimbigner – prayers for continued and ongoing healing from cancer.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:40am Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	2 10:00am Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 	3 2:00pm Book Club 	4 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Lenten Worship 	5 10:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	6 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	7 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:40am Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	9 4:30pm Missional Concerns & Evangelism Meeting 	10 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	11 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Lenten Worship 	12 10:00am Prayer Group 12:00pm Prime Timers 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 	13 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	14 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
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29 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship w/ Kid's Sunday School 10:40am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Teen Bible Study Lunch 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	30 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting 	31 2:00pm Book Club				