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Official Monthly Newsletter
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool
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A Word From Our Pastor

THEN PETER GOT OUT OF THE BOAT... MATTHEW 14:29



On the day when Jesus walked on the water on the Sea of Galilee there was a windstorm. And along with the wind came strong waves that struck against the side of the boat. There was nothing to worry about as long as everyone stayed where they were, safely behind the sides of the boat. At the time Jesus was not with the disciples. He had stayed behind to pray. But then suddenly Jesus appeared—walking on the water. And that's when they began to be afraid. Who is this who could walk on water??

But while the other disciples were afraid, Peter recognized an opportunity. He asked Jesus, "Lord, if is you, tell me to come to you on the water." And he did, "Come", Jesus said. And Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on water. Of course, we know from the story that as Peter took his focus off Jesus and placed it on the wind and the waves he began to doubt. And setting aside faith he began to sink. But before that sinking moment—for a few glorious minutes—Peter was doing something no other human (besides Jesus) had ever done. He walked toward Jesus on a sidewalk made of water because he took the risk of leaving the safety of the boat and placing his full faith in the Lord. Peter's first step out of the boat was a step of faith in the word of the Lord: "Come". That command was also a promise. Peter believed that if the Lord had given him a command, "Come. Walk to me on the water", Jesus would enable Peter to do the impossible—even walk on water.

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Sunday Worship is at 9:30 AM

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

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 by the 20th of each month.

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What kinds of things do we place in the category of, "I could never do that"? Unfortunately, I have a lot of things (even things I can't understand clearly) in that category. But what if the Lord calls us to obey him in something? If each of the Lord's commands contains the inherent promise of the ability to obey—even if that obedience is imperfect—would we have faith or would we fall into fear? St. Paul declared in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." When the other disciples were afraid, Peter saw an opportunity of faith to do the impossible. And he walked on water. What "impossible" thing is the Lord calling you to do through faith in his promise?

Pastor Gib Botten



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you

THANK YOU to all who participated and helped out with Vacation Bible School the last week of July! We ministered to over 50 kids over the week! It was another amazingly fun week learning all about the nature of God!!!



Church BBQ Potluck

**Sunday, August 9th
after worship!**

Men's Fellowship is grilling and supplying the burgers & brats! Sign up in the Narthex to bring something yummy to share. Invite your family & friends, all are welcome!

Men's Fellowship

**Meeting on Saturday,
August 15th at 9 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

All men of the congregation are
welcome to join in!



Contact
Matthew
Thorsteinson
with any
questions.

Committee Spotlight

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR COMMITTEES?

This month we are featuring the **Mission Endowment Fund Committee:**

The Mission Endowment Committee is responsible for oversight of the Mission Endowment Fund. The Fund was established in response to a bequest by a church member. The intention is to maintain a permanent balance of money and use the interest accrued for charitable endeavors. The Fund itself consists of a \$55,000 Certificate of Deposit (CD) and a saving account with Thrivent Bank. Thrivent Bank requires the establishment of a savings account in order to maintain the Certificate of Deposit. The interest from the CD is routinely transferred to a Key Bank checking account for disbursement of money.

The purpose of the Fund is to financially support ministries outside the church budget. There are three criteria used to determine eligibility for Fund money:

- Outreach in the local community,
- NALC churchwide ministries and
- Supplemental programs or capital improvements that benefit the church and its mission.

The Committee reviews requests for money and upon Committee and Church Council approval, we will write a check from the Key Bank account to fulfill the request. The Committee's review of requests is based on the above criteria. Request forms are available in the Church office. Please submit the Request with enough time to obtain Committee and Council approval.

In 2026 the Committee has supported Pastor Ketema in Ethiopia for flood relief, Bibles for Preschool graduates and the Albania mission.

–Linda Fargo, chair

Missional Concerns Committee Bucket Drive

The Missional Concerns Committee is planning a combined missional and fellowship luncheon on September 19th for an NALC Disaster Response “Stuff the Trunk” event.



The collection of supplies will begin on August 2 and run through September 13.

Buckets will be provided. After the luncheon on September 19, attendees are invited to help fill each bucket with the required supplies that were collected during the drive. There is a poster plus actual items on display in the narthex to give you an example of the items that each bucket must hold.

We will also except a cash donation or a check. Checks must be made payable to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with a note on the memo line of your check saying “MCC Bucket Drive.”



If you need a tax receipt for a cash donation, you must give your receipt to the church office plus a note saying “For MCC Bucket Drive.”

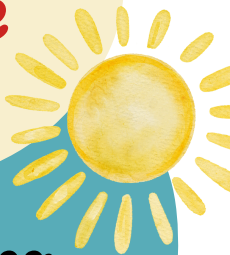
For questions, you may ask a member of the Missional Concerns Committee: Judy Chadrow, Rod Gust, Bill Kann, Judith McGregor, or Mindy Staudinger.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th
Coffee Hour at 9:30 AM
Business Meeting at 10 AM

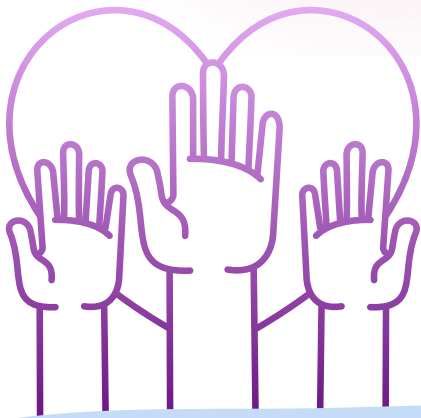
We will discuss events for the remainder of 2026. Please plan to attend if possible. Thank you!

Prime Timers is taking a break for the summer! See you in the fall!



The Church Office is closed on Fridays during the summer!

Interested in Volunteering at PPLC?



Consider volunteering in our various ministries!

- **Greeting and Ushering** – talk with Pr. Gib or Rod Gust
- **Children's Ministry** – such as teaching Sunday School, VBS, etc!
- **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



online at pplc.org



Vanco Mobile App



Bill Pay through your bank



with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA

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.

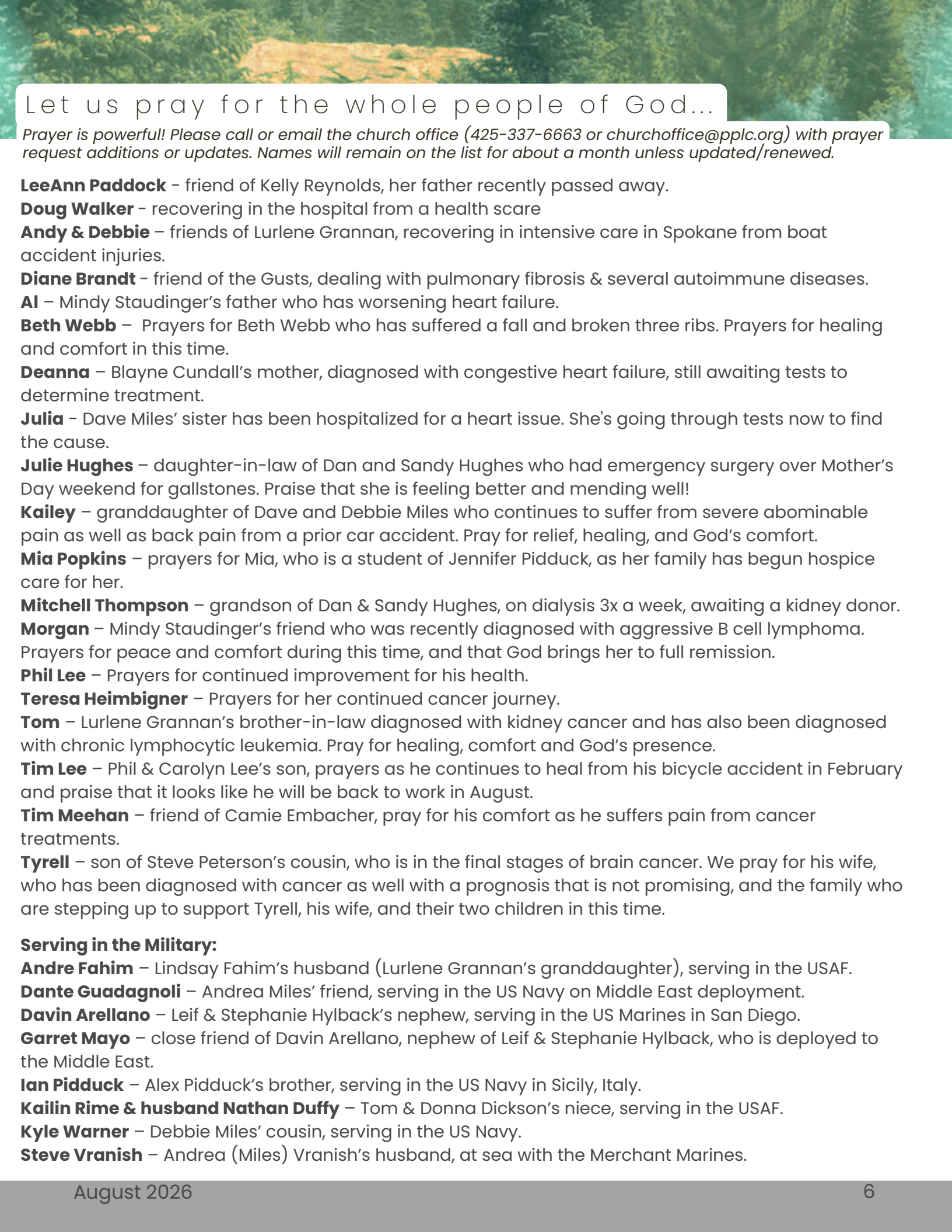
FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE

INCOME	APR	MAY	JUN
General Offering	\$19,192.10	\$16,932.48	\$14,824.00
Electronic Offering	\$4,760.09	\$4,395.15	\$4,894.75
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$192.00	\$59.00	\$0.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maundy Thursday Offering	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Good Friday Offering	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earnings	\$0.77	\$0.83	\$0.81
Facilities Use (Rentals)	\$300.00	\$2,660.00	\$550.00
Facilities Use-Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annuity Income	\$2,466.25	\$2,466.25	\$2,481.70
Total Operating Income	\$27,111.21	\$26,513.71	\$22,751.26
Budgeted Expenses	\$20,958.01	\$28,851.86	\$22,177.32
Operating Income less Esp.	\$6,153.20	(\$2,338.15)	\$573.94

FUND BALANCES YEAR-TO-DATE

General Fund	\$93,150.28	\$90,812.13	\$91,386.07
Youth Fund	\$8,970.47	\$8,970.47	\$9,035.88
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	\$5,145.36	\$5,270.36
Endowment Fund	\$56,642.62	\$56,332.79	\$55,459.55
Men's Fellowship Fund	\$248.28	\$52.11	\$52.11
Women's Ministry *	\$2,562.68	\$2,561.48	\$2,561.48
Capital Facilities Fund	\$45,240.37	\$43,740.37	\$43,740.37
Capital Reserves Fund	\$8,370.11	\$9,870.11	\$9,870.11
Short-Term Missions	\$8,390.00	\$8,390.00	\$8,390.00
Preschool Balances	\$109,641.00	\$105,175.00	\$93,903.00

* Bank Balance as of 6.30.2026



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

Prayer is powerful! Please call or email 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.

LeeAnn Paddock – friend of Kelly Reynolds, her father recently passed away.

Doug Walker – recovering in the hospital from a health scare

Andy & Debbie – friends of Lurlene Grannan, recovering in intensive care in Spokane from boat accident injuries.

Diane Brandt – friend of the Gusts, dealing with pulmonary fibrosis & several autoimmune diseases.

Al – Mindy Staudinger's father who has worsening heart failure.

Beth Webb – Prayers for Beth Webb who has suffered a fall and broken three ribs. Prayers for healing and comfort in this time.

Deanna – Blayne Cundall's mother, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, still awaiting tests to determine treatment.

Julia – Dave Miles' sister has been hospitalized for a heart issue. She's going through tests now to find the cause.

Julie Hughes – daughter-in-law of Dan and Sandy Hughes who had emergency surgery over Mother's Day weekend for gallstones. Praise that she is feeling better and mending well!

Kailey – granddaughter of Dave and Debbie Miles who continues to suffer from severe abominable pain as well as back pain from a prior car accident. Pray for relief, healing, and God's comfort.

Mia Popkins – prayers for Mia, who is a student of Jennifer Pidduck, as her family has begun hospice care for her.

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

Morgan – Mindy Staudinger's friend who was recently diagnosed with aggressive B cell lymphoma. Prayers for peace and comfort during this time, and that God brings her to full remission.

Phil Lee – Prayers for continued improvement for his health.

Teresa Heimbigner – Prayers for her continued cancer journey.

Tom – Lurlene Grannan's brother-in-law diagnosed with kidney cancer and has also been diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Pray for healing, comfort and God's presence.

Tim Lee – Phil & Carolyn Lee's son, prayers as he continues to heal from his bicycle accident in February and praise that it looks like he will be back to work in August.

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

Tyrell – son of Steve Peterson's cousin, who is in the final stages of brain cancer. We pray for his wife, who has been diagnosed with cancer as well with a prognosis that is not promising, and the family who are stepping up to support Tyrell, his wife, and their two children in this time.

Serving in the Military:

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

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

Davin Arellano – Leif & Stephanie Hylback's nephew, serving in the US Marines in San Diego.

Garret Mayo – close friend of Davin Arellano, nephew of Leif & Stephanie Hylback, who is deployed to the Middle East.

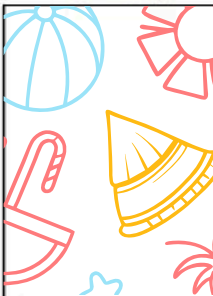
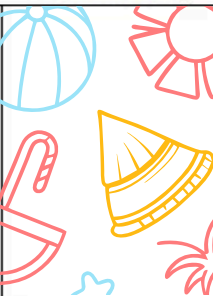
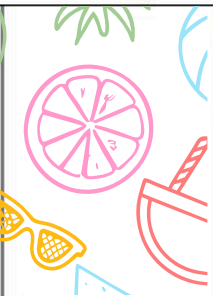
Ian Pidduck – Alex Pidduck's brother, serving in the US Navy in Sicily, Italy.

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

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

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

August 2026

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