

July 2026

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



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A Word From Our Seminarian

"O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?"

Every American knows what it feels like to sing these words in a crowd, of the sweet melody rising up around you and swelling within. For two minutes, there is no divide, no aisle to be crossed, nothing that separates us into you versus me. There is brotherhood, there is camaraderie, there is unity. This month, we celebrate the 250th birthday of this beautiful country of ours. Founded by those who were willing to sacrifice everything, even their very lives, for what America could be, today that dream is safeguarded every second of every day by brave men and women who still believe defending her, no matter the cost, is a noble calling. Anyone who has served in the military has experienced what genuine unity feels like, the sort that goes beyond the shared feeling that a few minutes of a song stir. When your life is on the line, when the lives of those you love are on the line, and you are all that stands between the evils of this world and the innocents at home, the only acceptable separation is between those who stand against the darkness and the darkness itself.

How much more, then, should we cling to our unity where the Church is concerned?

There was another dawn more significant than the one Francis Scott Key witnessed, when the last stars were scattered across the sky as a rooster let out his third crow, and blood red stripes covered the back of an innocent man.

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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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Hours before that dawn, Christ had gathered with his closest friends, the youngest of who took to heart the words Christ prayed over his disciples: “the glory that You have given to Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one—I in them and You in Me—that *they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me* and loved them as You loved Me.” (John 17: 22-23 TLV) Read that again. So *that the world may know that You sent Me.*

Unity is one of the marks of being a Christian. One must exercise discernment, as Scripture asserts, in who we are in relationship with, but generally, relationships should not be readily broken and cut off in the Body of Christ. We are all Children of God, reconciled to our Father through the blood of Christ’s sacrifice, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, who renews and strengthens us each day to live in a manner pleasing to our Lord. Christ restored Peter after his threefold betrayal, he welcomed Doubting Thomas with open arms, and, time and again, he showed that second chances are the norm, not the exception. The reason such unity sets us apart as Christians is because true unity isn’t possible by human means; only the extraordinary power of Christ is able to mend and restore, to overcome the hurt, and both ask and grant daily forgiveness. The unity we experience in community when we mirror Christ in our interactions with one another points to the awesome, transformative power of the cross.

So, ask yourself honestly: what is dividing you from the Body today? Is there someone in your life that the Holy Spirit is calling you to have that difficult conversation and attempt to reconcile with? Is there something – a wounded ego, your bruised pride, a thirst for revenge – that you need to entrust to God, knowing that He will make something new and beautiful from its ashes?

My prayer for you is that, in this month and those that follow, you experience the freedom that true unity offers, not just during a two-minute song or when something has struck a particular chord with you, but that deep-seated peace and contentment that can only be found at the foot of the cross.

CCPO D.A. Thorsteinson



Men's Fellowship

**Meeting on Saturday,
July 18th at 9 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

All men of the congregation are welcome to join in!



Contact
Matthew
Thorsteinson
with any
questions.

JOIN US FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



**MANDATORY
VOLUNTEER
MEETING ON
JULY 7TH AT 5
PM!!!**

Exploring the Nature of God

Contact Lauryn
Brunskill for
more
information
about
volunteering!

**JULY 27TH - 31ST
5:30-8:30 PM EACH NIGHT
AGES 4 YEARS BY JULY 27 (MUST BE POTTY-
TRAINED) THRU ENTERING 6TH GRADE**



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Committee Highlight

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR COMMITTEES?

This month we are featuring the ***Worship & Music Committee***:

The purpose of the Worship and Music Committee is to provide support and assistance for our church worship and music. Pastor Gib structures the church services and selects the music. He works with and seeks the advice and assistance of the Committee as needed. The Committee members are especially needed and helpful in the set up for special occasions, such as our Christmas and Easter services, Lent, Advent and Baptisms. The Committee has and continues to play a key role in the purchase and repair of church equipment, such as speakers, microphones, the piano and the organ. The committee works closely with the Church Council and seeks its approval when needed.



-Dan Chadrow



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 in August, and the buckets will be assembled after the luncheon. Keep an eye out for more information to follow!





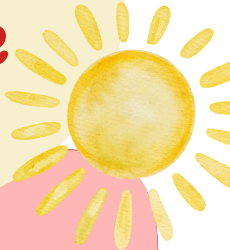
Church Key Recall!



If you are in possession of a church key you are no longer in need of please return it to the church office as soon as you can! Thanks for your cooperation!

Church Office is closed on Fridays during the summer!

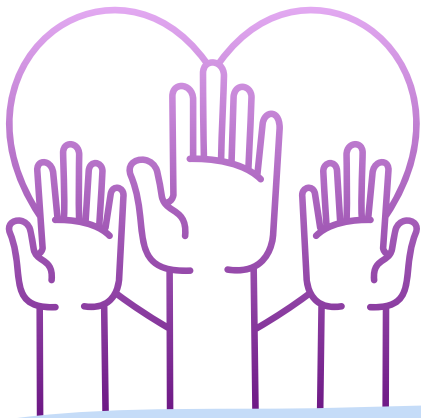
Prime Timers is taking a break for the summer! See you in the fall!



Church BBQ Potluck on August 9th after worship! Bring something yummy to share, all are welcome!



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



in-person offering

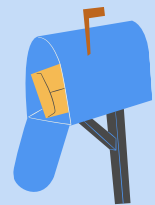
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Council Corner & Financial Update

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

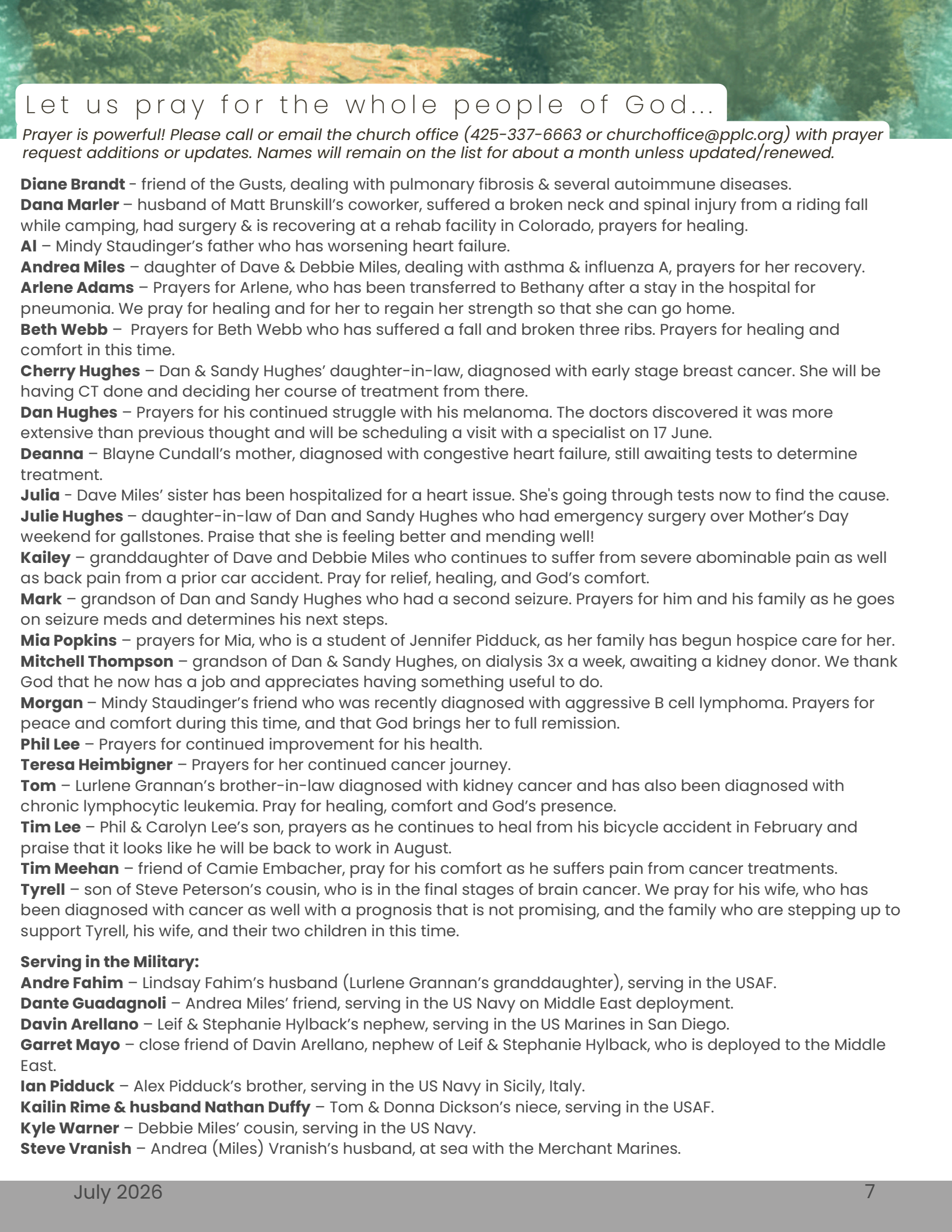
Pastor: Pr. Gib Botten
Treasurer: Jennifer Pidduck



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 3/31/2026			
INCOME	JAN	FEB	MARCH
General Offering	\$29,821.50	\$11,218.00	\$18,904.00
Electronic Offering	\$3,569.59	\$4,801.19	\$4,947.54
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00	\$557.00	\$0.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christmas Offering	\$1,065.00	\$60.00	\$505.00
Interest Earnings	\$0.56	\$0.52	\$0.56
VOA Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facilities Use (Rentals)	\$300.00	\$2,660.00	\$7,380.00
Facilities Use-Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annuity Income	\$1,693.82	\$2,466.25	\$2,466.25
Total Operating Income	\$36,450.47	\$21,762.96	\$34,203.35
Budgeted Expenses	\$27,185.05	\$27,197.90	\$25,516.49
Operating Income less Esp.	\$9,265.42	(\$5,434.94)	\$8,686.86
FUND BALANCES YEAR-TO-DATE			
General Fund	\$83,731.36	\$78,304.16	\$86,991.02
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	\$57,274.65	\$57,401.39	\$57,515.87
Men's Fellowship Fund	\$38.10	\$41.45	(\$140.72)
Women's Ministry *	\$1,174.21	\$1,174.21	\$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	\$7,390.00	\$7,390.00	\$8,390.00
Preschool Balances	\$108,929.00	\$107,369.00	\$108,884.00



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.

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

Dana Marler – husband of Matt Brunskill's coworker, suffered a broken neck and spinal injury from a riding fall while camping, had surgery & is recovering at a rehab facility in Colorado, prayers for healing.

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

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

Arlene Adams – Prayers for Arlene, who has been transferred to Bethany after a stay in the hospital for pneumonia. We pray for healing and for her to regain her strength so that she can go home.

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

Cherry Hughes – Dan & Sandy Hughes' daughter-in-law, diagnosed with early stage breast cancer. She will be having CT done and deciding her course of treatment from there.

Dan Hughes – Prayers for his continued struggle with his melanoma. The doctors discovered it was more extensive than previous thought and will be scheduling a visit with a specialist on 17 June.

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.

Mark – grandson of Dan and Sandy Hughes who had a second seizure. Prayers for him and his family as he goes on seizure meds and determines his next steps.

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. We thank God that he now has a job and appreciates having something useful to do.

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.

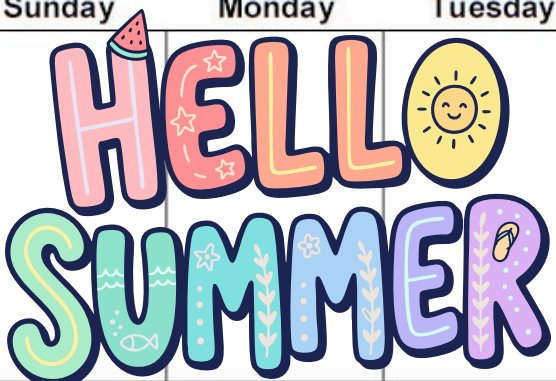
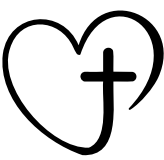
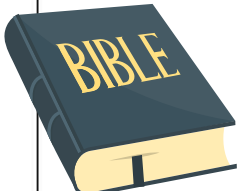
Ian Pidduck – Alex Pidduck's brother, serving in the US Navy in Sicily, Italy.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away	2 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away 10:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	3 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away Independence Day, Observed - Offices Closed 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting 	4 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away Happy Independence Day! 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 
5 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away 9:30am Sunday Worship 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	6 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away 10:00am Quilting 	7 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away 2:00pm Book Club/Bible Discussion 5:00pm VBS Volunteer Training Meeting	8 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away	9 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away 10:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	10 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away 12:00am Church Office Closed - Summer Fridays 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	11 Albania Mission Trip - Pastor Gib away 10:00am Arc of Snohomish Event 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
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