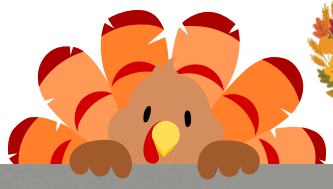


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Official Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool
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Sunday Worship is at 9:30 AM
You can stream weekly Worship online at pplc.org

A Word From Our Pastor

"Being a Saint"



Coming to Christ is an invitation to Sainthood. I was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1998 and my first sermon in that role was on All Saints Sunday. I preached on the Sainthood of all believers in Christ. One of our members (a man who had stormed the beach at Normandy during WWII) leaned over to his wife and said, "The pastor just said I was a saint!" As I got to know this man, I learned that he had a well-deserved "unsaintly" reputation in our congregation. His wife, however, was a living saint on the order of Saint Monica (I used to hang at the beach in Santa Monica CA when I was in high school). Saint Monica was the patron saint of married women, difficult marriages, and victims of verbal abuse or adultery. She suffered through a marriage with a pagan husband who had a quick temper and unfaithful habits. But she prayed for her husband, and he eventually became a Christian. I had a Saint Monica in my church. And someday I'll know one way or another if her husband was a true saint in the Lord Jesus. I just never saw that in real life.

Coming to Christ is an invitation to a Sainthood that is founded on faith alone in Christ and not in external works. But the fruit of our relationship with Christ will be seen in some way in real life. If we try to define what that must look like there will always be a danger of falling into superficial legalism. And yet, living out our internal faith empowered by Christ who dwells within us will naturally have an external effect. This is called integrity. The dictionary defines integrity as "the quality or state of being complete or undivided; completeness". The one who has integrity is the same on the outside as on the inside.

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One time Jesus was teaching the importance of having integrity to the crowds and said: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice." (Matthew 23:2) Well known pastor and author Bill Hybels—founder and leader of the worldwide evangelical Willow Creek Association once wrote a book called, "Who you are when no one is looking". The person with integrity should be the same whether someone is looking or not. Hybels, however, should have known that people were looking. His inappropriate behavior with women was found out and along with that his claims of integrity.

People are watching us. In his book, Unchristian, David Kinnaman—a research project sponsored by the Barna Group—made some observations on the attitude of younger people of the church. He discovered that 85% of young "unchurched" Americans say that the word "hypocritical" has become fused with their experience with Christianity. Here are some personal stories from the book: "Victoria is a 24-year-old single mom. She described the impact of hypocrisy this way: "Everyone in my church gave me advice about how to raise my son, but a lot of time they seemed to be reminding me that I have no husband—and besides, most of them were not following their own advice. It made it hard to care what they said. There were not practicing what they preached." "Erin, age 30, said her husband abused her, 'even though he taught Bible studies about how husbands should love their wives." Now she is divorced; her faith has taken a beating." The most surprising thing about the research is that they discovered young adults don't really expect anyone (Christian or not) to be any different. They believe that everyone is hypocritical, not just Christians. But here is our great opportunity!

According to Jesus, a true disciple will have true integrity. But the key is not trying harder to be more Christ-like. This will always lead to keeping up spiritual appearances for others. This was the "righteousness" of the Pharisees. Rather our spiritual integrity is founded on being united by faith in Christ and daily "abiding" in him. Jesus said: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) The Lord Jesus has invited us through him into a life of sainthood. And both our saintly status in God's eyes as well as our lived-out integrity are gifts granted to us by faith.

Pastor Gib Botten

PRIME TIMERS

The Over 50 Group

Potluck Lunch at noon in the fellowship hall

Thursday, November 12th

We will share our gratitude stories!



Come for good food and conversation!

Committee Spotlight



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR COMMITTEES?



This month we are featuring the ***Youth & Education Committee*:**

Hello from the Youth & Education Committee! We are a group of volunteers from the congregation and staff that minister to the children, youth, and families of Prince of Peace and the surrounding community.

We feel that children and youth are an important part of our congregation, constantly shaping our community and the world, beloved by God. After all, Jesus said "let the little children come to me"! Our goal in ministry is for every child we encounter to know that they are unconditionally loved by God and set free by the cross.

Our ministry programs include Children's Sunday School, Adult Sunday School, Confirmation education classes, Vacation Bible School, Trunk-r-Treat, and more! All parents of children involved in our ministries are invited to come to meetings, along with anyone interested in volunteering in our children's and youth or adult education ministries. The committee meets periodically to plan ongoing ministries and upcoming events. Contact Lauryn with any questions about our Youth & Education Committee!

Lauryn Brunskill
Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Youth & Education Updates!

Youth & Education Committee meeting via Zoom on Thursday, November 12th at 6 PM. Plan to attend if you're interested in helping with our Kid's & Youth ministries!



Congrats to Steve & Victoria Peterson who were voted **"Best Trunk"** at Trunk-r-Treat this year!



Notice of the Annual Budget Meeting of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church congregation on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Meeting Agenda: Review, amend (if proposed and approved by the congregation), and approve the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2027 Church Budget.
Copies of the proposed budget will be available soon. Please note that budget information is considered preliminary until approved by the congregation at the meeting.

Voting members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church are confirmed members who have communed and have contributed time, talent, or treasure during the current or preceding calendar year. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meetings of the congregation.

Contact Steve Peterson, Council President, with questions.

Women's Ministry Sale!





Sunday, November 8th

Women's Ministry will be hosting a sale following worship on Sunday, November 8th featuring baked goodies, quilts, and various holiday decor! Baked goods can be brought that morning, other items may be brought any time to the fellowship hall, marked for the sale.

All proceeds earned by the Women's Ministry benefit local charities.

Men's Fellowship

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

All men of the congregation are welcome to join in!



Contact Matthew Thorsteinson with any questions.

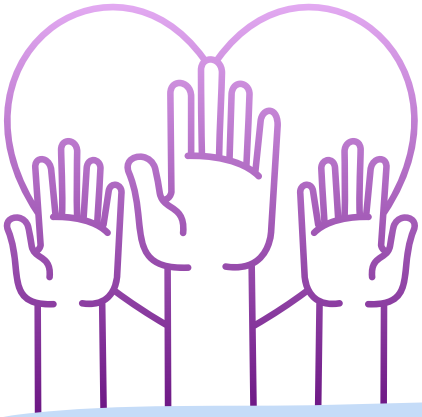
Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Missional Concerns is hosting a food drive for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays again this year!

Donations can be dropped off at church beginning this weekend at the designated tables in the fellowship hall. The first set of donations will be delivered to the Volunteers of America Everett Food Bank before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your contributions!



Interested in Volunteering at PPLC?



Consider volunteering in our various ministries!

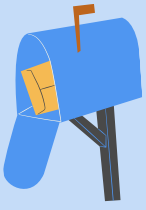
- Greeting and Ushering - talk with Pr. Gib or Rod Gust
- Children's Ministry - such as teaching Sunday School, VBS, etc!
- Homebound Visitations - talk with Pr. Gib about our diaconal ministry!
- Hospitality - sign up to make coffee and bring goodies for fellowship hour after worship!
- + many other committees & opportunities - contact the church office or Pr. Gib if you're interested!

Ways to Give

at Prince of Peace



Bill Pay through your bank



by mail



in-person offering

Vanco Mobile App



online at pplc.org



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	**JUL**	**AUG**	**SEP**
General Offering	$16,935.00	$16,505.00	$9,915.00
Electronic Offering	$3,435.40	$3,540.65	$3,476.50
Thrivent Choice Dollars	$2,350.00	$6,500.00	$1,300.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Good Friday Offering	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest Earnings	$0.84	$0.84	$0.80
Facilities Use (Rentals)	$2,650.00	$2,660.00	$2,660.00
Facilities Use-Memorials	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Annuity Income	$2,481.70	$2,481.70	$2,481.70
Total Operating Income	**$27,852.94**	**$31,688.19**	**$19,834.00**
Budgeted Expenses	$31,030.15	$24,743.34	$27,454.01
Operating Income less Esp.	**($3,177.21)**	**$6,944.85**	**($7,620.01)**

FUND BALANCES YEAR-TO-DATE			
General Fund	$88,108.86	$98,003.71	$90,245.61
Youth Fund	$9,235.88	$9,042.88	$9,042.88
Saefke Fund	$21,259.51	$21,259.51	$21,259.51
Member Relief Fund	$500.63	$500.63	$500.63
Memorial Fund	$5,270.36	$5,320.36	$5,320.36
Endowment Fund	$55,582.20	$55,582.20	$55,735.70
Men's Fellowship Fund	$252.11	$587.11	$460.50
Women's Ministry *	$2,561.48	$2,561.48	$2,561.48
Capital Facilities Fund	$43,740.37	$43,740.37	$43,740.37
Capital Reserves Fund	$9,870.11	$9,870.11	$9,870.11
Short-Term Missions	$8,454.73	$8,554.73	$10,259.73
Preschool Balances	$79,851.00	$65,559.00	$78,944.00

* Bank Balance as of 10.21.2026



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.

Mia Popkins – student of Jennifer Pidduck, will likely pass soon, recently admitted to Children's Hospital for MRSA in her leg & kidney stones, prayers for peace, comfort, & the knowledge that she is loved.
Mother of Stephen Kraus - going through some medical issues including clots and small strokes, Stephen is visiting her in Florida, prayers for her care and recovery.
Family of Rose Catayas – Judy Chadrow's mother, recently passed away at 101 years old, prayers for peace & comfort.
Blake – friend of Matthew Staudinger, broke his collarbone, prayers for his surgery and healing.
Todd - father-in-law of the Hughes' granddaughter, recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
Bruce Camp – nephew of Jean Camp, prayers for recovery from brain tumor removal surgery.
Kari Cundall - praises for a safe wrist surgery, continue prayers for peace, healing, recovery, and successful outcome on the surgical repairs.
Rachel Miles – daughter-in-law of Dave & Debbie Miles, prayers for successful recovery from surgery.
Kailey Miles – granddaughter of Dave & Debbie Miles, prayers for successful recovery from stomach surgery.
Doug Walker - recovering at a group adult care center.
Diane Brandt - friend of the Gusts, dealing with pulmonary fibrosis & several autoimmune diseases.
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.
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.
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 Meehan – friend of Camie Embacher, pray for his comfort as he suffers pain from cancer treatments.

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 Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship with Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Annual Congregational Budget Meeting 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	**2** 10:00am Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study Zoom 	**3** 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Confirmation Class	**4** 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	**5** 10:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church 	**6** Church Office Closed - Vacation 6:00pm Miracles Happen Meeting	**7** 7:00pm Ukrainian Baptist Church
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29 8:30am Worship Band Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday Worship with Kid's Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Ukrainian Baptist Church	**30** 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	*In all things, give Thanks*				