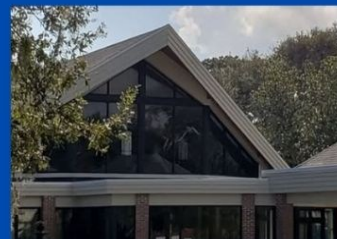




# Prince of Peace News

MAY 2025

Come...Be A Part of Peace!



**HELLO**  
*SUMMER*

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## Pastor's Reflections for May 2025



Grace and Peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and from your sisters and brothers here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We had a wonderful Easter Sunday here at the church and with the local community. A special thank you to our Praise band for leading the music for the Community Sunrise worship together with the other local churches. We look forward to continuing our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus throughout the Easter season.

We will be having a special called congregation meeting on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> directly after worship. At this meeting we will be approving the Nominating committee members that will help us identify new council members. We will also be electing our Synod Assembly representatives. Our congregation is allowed to have two voting lay members attend the Synod Assembly in Kissimmee Florida. The Synod Assembly is June 12-14, if you have never been to an assembly it centers around a three-day agenda of business for the bishop's office but with several wonderful speakers, including daily worship services. There are also workshops during the assembly that offer special coaching in a variety of ministry specific areas for our representatives to bring back to the congregation. The workshops this year include: Taking the mystery out of Church Finances; Social media and digital outreach in 2025; Ministry at the margins (focus on homelessness); Introduction to deaf culture; Legacy gifting; Exploring God's vision for Justice; Innovation and the local congregation; and God's global mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If you are interested in going to the synod assembly, please reach out to the church office so that your name can be put on the ballot for being elected at the Special-called Congregational meeting.

The work of God moving in the world is often hard to see. That is what makes events like the Synod Assembly special because we get to connect with all the other ELCA churches in the Synod and share what great things that God has been doing among and with us all over the state. It is a genuinely uplifting time of celebrating what God has done and looking forward to what God will continue to do through all of us in the year to come. I look forward to sharing that joy with everyone when we return from the assembly and hope that you will consider joining me this year.

God Loves you and so do I,  
**Pastor Ben**



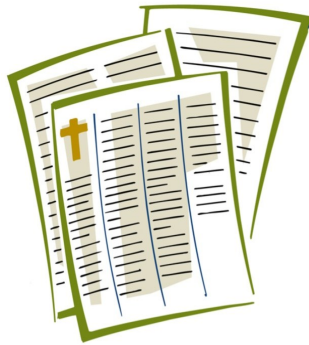
**All Committee Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 6th from 6:00-7:00 pm**. If you are interested in participating in the work of the church through serving on one of the POP committees, you are invited. You will be warmly welcomed!

Below is a brief description of the purpose of each of the Committees:

- Education & Youth Ministry
  - ◊Organize and promote Christian education activities/opportunities – including children, youth and adults.
- Evangelism, Public Relations/Social Media ministry
  - ◊Seek opportunities to share the Gospel in the community
  - ◊Provide electronic and media support to share the ministry of POP
- Fellowship Ministry
  - ◊Planning and implementing Congregational social activities
- Outreach Ministry
  - ◊Seek opportunities or reach out and offer help to those in need.
    - Monthly Care Projects
  - ◊Prayer committee
  - ◊Visitation Team
- Finance/Stewardship Ministry
  - ◊Monitor the financial condition of the Congregation including advisement on long term investment of reserve funds and contract oversight.
  - ◊Conduct an annual stewardship campaign
- Property Ministry
  - ◊Ensure the physical building and grounds of the property is well maintained.
  - ◊Coordinating body for required contracted services or capital purchases related to maintenance of the building/property.
- Worship & Music Ministry
  - ◊Work with Pastor to plan and implement worship services.
  - ◊Recruit, train and schedule the Worship support team including ushers & greeters, altar guild, acolytes, worship assistants and readers.

If you have talent and/or interest in any of these activities, join us at the All-Committee Meeting. Each committee meets separately but has the opportunity to coordinate/collaborate/consult with any of the other committees. It is an efficient way to get the work done!

## COUNCIL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



It was a glorious Easter morning! As the sun broke through the darkness, the Ecumenical community sunrise service accompanied by the Prince of Peace Praise Band was truly a spiritual experience. This was followed by Easter breakfast at POP with the usual array of delicious breakfast food prepared by POP members; the Easter egg hunt; and culminated with the POP Easter service. Our team of greeters and ushers assured our visitors received a warm welcome. It was exciting to see the many children participate in the service and to experience the beauty in the sanctuary created by the Living Cross and the Easter lilies. And of course the music.....the organ, the piano, the choir and the congregational singing. He is Risen - He is Risen Indeed. As I write this message, I wonder if you ever find a piece of hymn or liturgy just pop into your head? It often happens to me and that piece will stay with me sometimes for hours and sometimes for days. I'm thinking that is God talking to me - through music and I need to pay attention! I feel that is why our community singing and praise are so important. I read the following in "Life Renewed: Devotions for Lent 2025" in the selection for April 3rd written by Lisa A. Smith (an ELCA pastor in Alaska). Published by Augsburg Fortress: Minneapolis "Singing binds people together and invites us into an experience that is beyond ourselves.....Singing creates a holy space of connection and a place for God to connect with us. On days when we don't know what we're doing, or can't remember who we are, God's presence breaks into our lives - sometimes in words, sometimes in song." So, this month as you go about your daily activities, pay attention to when God may be breaking into your life - possibly through a segment of a hymn or Bible verse - it is likely God talking to you.

Have a blessed month of May!

Carolyn Krause President, Prince of Peace Church Council

# Worship Assistants Schedule

<b><u>Role</u></b>	<b>4th-Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>11th-Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>18th-Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>25th-Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Shelly Halverson	Tanya Adin	Richard Figueroa	Susan Foutz
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Madisyn Collins-Youth	Shelly Halverson	Bart Cormier	John Harris
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Marotz Les Boette	Dennis Purdy Tom Halverson	Gene Kilcawley George Pester	Garrett Price Ted Richardson
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Serran	Janelle Purdy	Tanya Adin	B.J. Taylor
<b>Altar/ Lay Assistant</b>	Karen Blair / Jeanette Chaffee	Eileen Klein	Donna Cormier / Edna Swithers	Tanya Adin
<b>Tellers</b>	Barbara Ehrenberg Les Boette	Patti Marotz Barbara Ehrenberg	Edna Swithers B.J. Taylor	Eileen Klein Linda Pesante



**Thanks for  
Worshipping With Us**



## OUR VISION

*To bring the love of Jesus through a welcoming, caring, and growing church engaged in inspirational Worship, spirited Christian Education, serving our local and global Community guided by the Holy Spirit.*



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ladies Group Meeting In Fellowship Hall 10:30 am  <b>SHRIMP FEST PARADE</b>	2 Bell Choir Practice 10:00 am  <b>SHRIMP FEST</b>	3 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am  <b>SHRIMP FEST</b>
4 <b>BIRTHDAY SUNDAY</b> POP Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School (All Ages) 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am  <b>SHRIMP FEST</b>	5 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00 -1:30 pm	6 <b>ALL COMMITTEE'S MEETING</b> <b>6:00—7:00 pm</b>	7 A.I. Quilt Guild 10:00 am—12:00 pm  Choir Practice 4:00-5:00pm	8  A.I. Quilt Guild 5:00—9:30 pm	9 A.I. Quilt Guild 8:30 am—4:00 pm  Bell Choir Practice 10:00 am	10 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am Confirmation Class in Library 10:00 am—12:00 pm
11- <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>  Sunday School (All Ages) 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am  <b>Youth Fundraiser Mother's Day Brunch—After Worship</b> POP Band Practice After Worship	12 Men's Property Group 9:00 am Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 AM AA Group 12:00 -1:30 pm	13  Prayer Shawl Group 1:00 pm	14  Choir Practice 4:00-5:00pm	15	16  Bell Choir Practice 10:00 am	17 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
18 Sunday School (All Ages) 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am  <b>Special Congregation-al Meeting—After Worship</b> POP Band Practice After Worship	19 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00 -1:30 pm Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm	20 <b>Newsletter Articles Deadline</b>	21 Choir Practice 4:00-5:00pm	22	23 Bell Choir Practice 10:00 am	24 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am Confirmation Class in Library 10:00 am—12:00 pm
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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

AA Group: Monday's 12:00—1:30pm & Saturday's 9:00am—11:30am

A.I. Quilt Guild: Wednesday 7th- 10:00am—12:00pm, Thursday 8th- 5:00—9:30pm, Friday 9th- 8:30am—4:00pm

## FLORAL & BULLETIN SPONSORS

**Celebrate your special occasion or honor a beloved individual when you sponsor Altar Flowers and our Bulletin**

The Flower Chart is located outside the Church's office to confirm the date you wish to sponsor. If you prefer, you can call our church office or visit Terry Smith during the week to initiate your sponsorship. The cost of sponsorship is **\$35** and can be placed in offertory plates.

### **Thanks to May's Sponsors**

**4th: Open**

**11th: Open**

**18th: Open**

**25th: Carolyn Krause—In memory of Parents, Ruth & Philip Krause**





John Harris-2nd  
 Ted Wessel-5th  
 Tanya Adin-6th  
 Ted Mandrick-8th  
 Rich Ekwall-8th  
 Donna Cormier-9th  
 Tyler Odom-18th  
 Charles Vaughn-18th  
 George Pester-21st  
 Tammy Brundage-21st  
 Ann Pittman-22nd  
 Nick Ivanovic-22nd  
 June Miller-23rd  
 Garrett Price-26th  
 Gene Kilcawley-29th  
 Diane Ganzel-31st



Ted & Melody Mandrick-12th  
 Ted & Rosalie Wessel-14th  
 Pastor Ben & Andi Mandrick-22nd  
 Les & Ellie Boette-24th  
 Robert & Barbara Herum-31st



## BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

All are invited to join the congregation in celebrating May's Birthday's with us **Sunday, May 4th** with cup cakes and snacks in the fellowship hall after worship. We are looking to celebrate monthly birthdays in the congregation at the beginning of each month. The Light Keepers (youth group) will be taking the lead on hosting these events. If your interested in helping or being part of the celebration please reach out to the church office.



## MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE/MEETING NOTES

The search for a new Organist continues. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the Organist position, please have them reach out to myself or Pastor Ben.

Thank you to all who serve as Assistant Minister, Readers, Ushers and Greeters. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for one of the above.

We are always looking for folks to join the Choir, Praise Band, Quartet and playing the Bells. If you are interested in joining one of these please reach out to me and I will get you in touch with the appropriate person.

God's Peace,  
**Duane Whitesel**  
937-479-3775



## ORGANIST WANTED

# JOIN OUR TEAM

## Organist

Prince of Peace is seeking an experienced organist skilled in traditional & contemporary worship music.

Responsibilities include playing for various services, rehearsals with choirs, and meetings with the Pastor and Worship ministry.

Strong communication skills and music knowledge are essential. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the church office.



SEND RESUME TO



poplc.office@gmail.com

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Our March mission to collect used eye glasses concluded the beginning of April with fifty five pairs of glasses donated to help those in need of vision correction. The donation was delivered to Coastal Vision by Susie H. and will be fixed, refurbished and distributed by the International Association of Lions Clubs to those who need help. Glasses can be very expensive and are often not covered by insurance. A big thank you for all!

- ◇ April 7th IDN was held at Hope House. We fed approximately 100 people and pizzas were delivered to America's Youth.
- ◇ One hundred thirty Easter cards were delivered by Susie H. to patients at Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation (Quality Health).
- ◇ A donation of learning materials and children's activities was donated to America's Youth by Susie H. in the name of POP.
- ◇ Easter plans were carried out with the public invited to all events. Thank you to all who made these events so successful!
- ◇ An Earth Day beach and dunes clean up event was held on April 22nd at 9-11:00am. Approximately ten POP members joined the community at American Beach Center on the south side of the island. This was a fun way to interact with people in the community and honor our earth! Bill Hansberry is also exploring trees for our members to plant and grow again this year.

### **MAY Mission and Future Events**

May's mission will be for all the ladies at Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation (formerly Quality Health). We will be collecting grooming and hygiene items to be delivered the end of May to the Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on Lime Street. Please join us and give these ladies something special! More information is coming, and a list of needed items will be available in the narthex the first of May. What a sweet way to brighten someone's day!!

Mother's Day flowers have been ordered. Pink carnations will be picked up at Harris Teeter Saturday the 10th before Mother's Day on the 11th. They will be handed out to all ladies attending the Mother's Day service as well as mothers with MICA. Left over flowers will be delivered to Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (Quality Health) after church.

June's mission related to Father's Day is being planned, and July's mission will honor the military.

Beach fliers were very well received last year and will be distributed to hotels and rental agencies again this summer.

Prayers for a happy spring and a heartfelt thank you to all who help with our monthly missions!!

*Susie Hildebrand*



## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications ministry helps Prince of Peace members and friends informed and involved.

Check our website at [www.poplcweb.com](http://www.poplcweb.com). It has updated information about our ministry activities and events. Stream worship service when unable to attend on Sunday's by clicking the link on our home page.

Join our followers on Facebook. The POP Facebook page is regularly updated. Please Share & Like posts to further our ministry - [www.facebook.com/POPLC2](https://www.facebook.com/POPLC2). and remember to please take photos and send them to George Pester ([gpester1@comcast.net](mailto:gpester1@comcast.net)) for additions to our church's Facebook pages when you attend an event.

Placed two advertisements were placed in the News-Leader, one for Wednesday dinners and services, and one for Easter activities. In addition, a 1/3 page ad featuring the POP church was submitted to the Amelia Islander, to appear in the May issue. This magazine is free and appears in many downtown shops.

Let us share all the good news and happenings at Prince of Peace!

***Linda Pesante***



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The fellowship team gets a break this month. This was requested last month as it was felt we needed a break after a busy Lenten and Easter season, plus Earth Month activities in April. Yet we cannot overlook all our mothers. Mother's day is May 11. Again, we plan to honor all our mothers and all the mothers sheltered at Micah's Place with a carnation for each. Consideration for additional activities for the summer are in the workings, but none are planned yet prior to Back-to-Church Sunday in September. The committee would welcome any suggested fellowship activities desired during these hot months.

***Bill Hansberry***

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS IN MAY

Prince of Peace's Sunday School has been active this year with great programming from Pre-K all the way to high school. But we are winding down as the Nassau County School System comes to the end of its school year this month. There will be no Sunday School for the months of June and July, but will resume in August with more fun programs designed to teach children about the love Christ has for us all.

However, we look forward to May. The Lightkeepers, our youth group, will host a Mother's Day Lunch on May 11<sup>th</sup> as part of their fund raising for the ELCA triennial Youth Convention in St. Paul, MN in July 2027. We will also be preparing for our VBS program in late June. This year's program is an Alaskan wilderness theme entitled **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.**

Vacation Bible School will run from Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner for the children and participating adults will be provided. The program is designed for children Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but older middle school and high school students can get in on the fun by volunteering to be assistant crew chiefs who help guide the children and run the games. Register at: [vbspro.events/p/tnpop](https://vbspro.events/p/tnpop). Contact John Harris for more information at [johncharris72@gmail.com](mailto:johncharris72@gmail.com) or text him at (603) 748-0623.

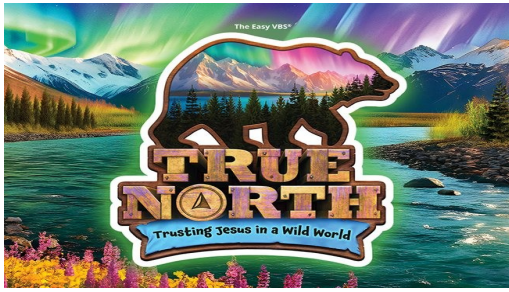


### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> IN THE HOLY HOLLER!

Sunday School may be in recess for June and July, but plan to stay after service on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> for a picnic in the Holy Holler. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs, games from our vacation bible school program, and according to the rumor mill, maybe even a water slide/bounce house! To quote the apostle Andrew, "Come and see!" Or better yet, talk to Pastor Ben or John Harris.







**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**GET READY FOR TRUE NORTH:**  
**TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD!**  
**OUR ALASKAN ADVENTURE RUNS FROM**  
**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH THE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**5:30—8:30 PM**

Prince of Peace will turn into the wilds of Alaska in late June as our Vacation Bible School will look at Matthew's Gospel through scripture, stories, songs, games, and even a science experiment or two. Last year, children learned how important it was to be in relationship with God. This year they will learn that Jesus is a friend they can trust no matter how problematic the world can be at times. As with last year, the program will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and run until 8:30 p.m. True North is designed for children ages three to twelve, but young teens can volunteer as assistant crew leaders so they can join in on the fun. Email John Harris at [johncharris72@gmail.com](mailto:johncharris72@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer. You can also volunteer or register your child for True North by going to [vbspro.events/p/tnpop](https://vbspro.events/p/tnpop) and filling out the form. There will also be an Adult VBS this year led by Pastor Ben, so even the adults can get in on the action.

**TURN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL INTO AN ALASKAN WILDERNESS!!!**

**VBS DECORATING BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> WITH A PIZZA PARTY!!!**

It is that VBS time of year again as we begin preparations for True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. For all of you veterans from our "deep dive" into SCUBA last year, and all you "newbies" who want to get in on all the fun, we will have our organizational meeting after Church on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have some pizza, look at a few brief videos, assign some roles, and begin transforming our Fellowship Hall into an Alaskan national park!

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World points kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Sometimes we can lose sight of what's true in today's wild world and we need to be reminded that Jesus is our "true north." We will have a week full of faith discoveries, learn a bit of Matthew's Gospel, build a compass, sing and dance to some memorable music, share a few "epic" adventures, and grow in friendship with Jesus.

We will meet new "buddies" this June. Ponder the otter, Clawdia the crab, Kody the Grizzly, Earnest the eagle, and, of course, Bruce the moose will be introducing us each day to a new Matthew Bible verse that focuses on our friendship and trust in Jesus. This year there will be an adult class at VBS that will do a craft and a Bible Study. Bruce the moose believes that the adults just might be able to handle the pre-K craft. Bruce promises no survival bracelets!

**True North: Trusting Jesus in A Wild World** begins on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 and runs until the 27<sup>th</sup>. It will from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and dinner will be provided. It is designed for children Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but older kids can get in on the fun by volunteering to help run the program. Register at [vbspro.events/p/tnpop](https://vbspro.events/p/tnpop) or, talk to Pastor Ben or John Harris.

## **THE LIGHTKEEPERS—YOUTH EVENTS**

### **High School Lightkeepers**

March marked the first of our Luncheon Fundraisers. We served around 70 guests. In April we served around 40 at the second Luncheon. We will have our Mother's Day brunch on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are still available. We will be in the narthex after church, or you can call —Shelly Whitesel (937-479-3776). Please reserve your tickets so we know how many meals to plan for.

We also had a service project that was completed for the Nassau County Humane Society. We were able to deliver cat and dog food, collars, leashes, harnesses, \$40.00 in cash and treats to the facility. We were able to play with a bunch of cats and dogs when we delivered them. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the drive.

Garage sale fundraiser. We will be collecting items now until May 28<sup>th</sup>. If you need items picked up feel free to call Shelly Whitesel or the church office and we would be happy to come and get them. John and Kris Mandrick will be taking us on a pontoon boat trip on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and we will be having a two-day camp out/lock in at the church during the garage sale. Anything left over will be donated to Barnabas. Thank you so much in advance for your support with this fundraiser.

The Lightkeepers are very thankful for all the support and love that you have shown us.

## **Garage Sale Fundraiser**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran**

**2600 Atlantic Ave.**

**Fernandina Beach**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00-5:00**



**Proceeds benefit the High School Lightkeepers youth group.**

## THE LIGHTKEEPERS—YOUTH EVENTS CONTINUED

# Celebrate Mom with a Special Brunch

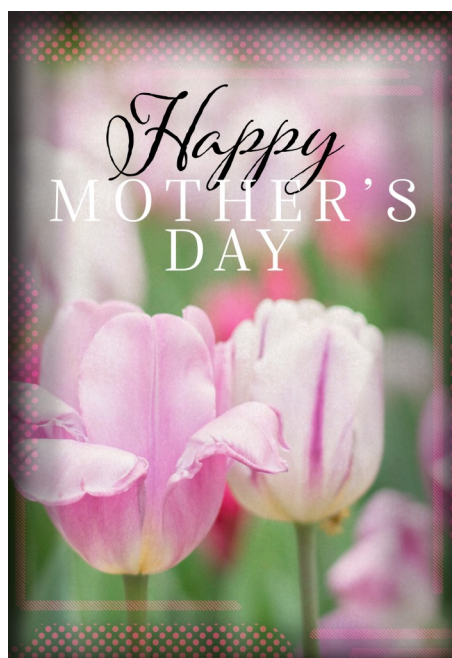
**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – After Worship**

*Each Adult woman will receive a Mother's Day gift*

**Tickets:** \$12 Adults / \$5 Kids

Please see Shelly Whitesel in Narthex for tickets.

“Youth Fundraiser for 2027 National Youth Gathering”



## LADIES GROUP

### \*\*\*The Potter's Daughters\*\*\*

**Date:** Thursday, May 1st

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Where:** POP Fellowship Hall

Spring is here, and the melody of the birds fills the air!



The Potters' Daughters are thrilled to welcome our friend, Ted Richardson, to our May 1st meeting. He will share valuable insights on attracting and caring for birds. Ted will showcase his beautifully crafted birdhouses for nesting, available for viewing or purchase. Join us for refreshments and fellowship, and feel free to bring a friend or neighbor as we embark on a journey of "birdwatching" together!

Lunch together locally.





## MAY MISSION

**MAY Mission**  
In honor of Mother's Day



## BENEFITING

# FERNANDINA BEACH CENTER

**FORMERLY QUALITY HEALTH OF FERNNDINA BEACH**

**Help Ladies by bringing needed hygiene and grooming items to the narthex in May**



## FERNANDINA BEACH CENTER

Fuses the best of clinical care, heartfelt compassion, and homelike amenities into a personalized wellness journey, offering a remarkable array of services





## IN NEED OF PRAYER

*We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

### **Fernandina Rehab**

Barry Moore

### **At Home**

Michele Pester/ Clay Chaffee / Ted & Rosalie Wessel / Dawn Price / Darrell Heun /  
Claudia Kavan / Nick Ivanovic / Toni Hale /Diane Demeranville / Alice Hansberry /  
Marsha Woleshin / Bill Mungo / Shelan Bryson / Yvonne Bowman / Glenn Beyer /  
Dana Sargent / George Pester / Bob Taylor / Rita Tiensch

### **Military**

-Lt. Commander Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Malta, Italy (grandson of Glen & Norma Beyer)  
-Reid Stribling, US Navy (grandson of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley)



## POP VISITATION PROGRAM



A need was recognized for an organized approach to visiting members of our congregation who are not able to attend church.

The visitation team visits and offers communion as desired to church members. The team is also developing additional methods to enhance our visitation outreach.

Any member of the church in need or who knows a church member who would benefit from a visit please contact the church office at [poplc.office@gmail.com](mailto:poplc.office@gmail.com) or call 904-261-6306.



### ***Calling all crafters !***

Do you crochet, bead, macrame, quilt, sew, knit, embroidery, cross-stitch? — do you make items that could be used to welcome a new family, for a baby baptism, a new home owner with Habitat for Humanity, or cheer a church member?

We would love for you to join us at Prayer Shawl Group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. We meet in the Narthex.

Questions? Please reach out to Robin Howell  
[robin.howell@live.com](mailto:robin.howell@live.com) or 502-802-5203.

### **Call our Church Office When ...**

You are Hospitalized, Sick or Shut in. Have a spiritual question or need prayer.  
Need information about any activities & events, moving. And if you are getting married or encountering any other life changes.



## REMOTE WORSHIP

### UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP IN PERSON?

**VIEW OUR WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY'S AT 10:00 AM on Facebook Live.**

*Click the below button on Sundays to enter our livestream worship experience.*



**NOTE:** You do not need to have a Facebook account to access the live and recorded services.

### Our Mission

*To strengthen our faith in Jesus  
through worship and fellowship;  
to be the face of Christ for others*

## POP WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

### Wondering what is Happening?

Don't miss all the great things happening at Prince of Peace on our website and Facebook. The sites are regularly updated with the latest events and activities.

Check our website by clicking [www.poplcweb.com](http://www.poplcweb.com). The site can help you access a streamed Worship service, make a prayer request, contact a staff member or council member, make a financial gift, read our newsletter, read weekly scriptures and much more.

Click [www.facebook.com/POPLC2/](https://www.facebook.com/POPLC2/) to view our Facebook page. The page contains posts about events and activities, photos of activities and information about our ministry . Check it out, be informed, and enjoy the information!

### Handy Links

#### **Barnabas Center**

Helps neighbors in crisis (neighbors face unexpected illness, unemployment, fire, or a change in living status, with nowhere to turn), Food Pantry, and Health. [www.barnabasnassau.org](http://www.barnabasnassau.org)

#### **Evangelical Lutheran Church of America**

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

#### **Florida-Bahamas Synod** [www.fbsynod.com](http://www.fbsynod.com)

#### **Interfaith Dinner Network—IDN**

IDN's mission is to feed the homeless, hungry, and lonely. [www.idnweb.net](http://www.idnweb.net)

#### **Luther Springs**

Camp and Conference Center programs for children, youth, adults, and families. [www.luthersprings.org](http://www.luthersprings.org)

#### **Nassau County Council on Aging**

Advocate and resource for the elderly seeking information, counseling, assistance and referral to available services

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## 2025 Congregational Financial Report

### YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCOME VS. TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES

#### Year To Date Income Thru March 31, 2025

General Contributions	\$91,412
Miscellaneous Income	\$0
Keep It Simple	\$799
Rental Income	\$1,500
Earned Investment Income	\$1,425
Fund Fundraising	\$711



Year TO Date Total Income	\$95,848
Year TO Date Total Expenses	<u>\$84,186</u>
Difference Year To Date Income Versus Expenses	\$11,662
BEAR Fund	\$11,304
Disaster Recovery Fund Balance	\$11,592
Mortgage Balance Remaining	\$157,561
Endowment Fund	\$30,259

#### Special Note From Church Council

1. Generous additional donations of \$3,545.92 have been applied to our Mortgage Principal in 2025.
2. Lightkeepers raised \$547.00 in March from Luncheon—THANK YOU for your support!.
3. Lightkeepers are fundraising with total of \$1,164.45 towards 2027 National Youth Gathering.

### MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

The Reduction Fund provides that contributions will be applied to the principle balance reducing mortgage debt.

*If you wish to contribute to this fund, mark your check "MORTGAGE FUND" and contributions will be applied to the reduce the principle balance.*



***Thank you for your support that continues God's work!***

#### Offerings furthering our ministry can be made:

- ◇ At Worship Service place envelopes in the offering plate, in the church mail slot, or mailing offering to the church office.
- ◇ Electronic contributions can be made via or website at [www.popleweb.com](http://www.popleweb.com) . Click the "GIVE" tab & follow
- ◇ instructions to set automatic contributions from account.



The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Carolyn Krause. Robin Phillips provided the devotion.

Important dates:

Following the service on May 18, a brief congregational meeting will be held to vote on the 2025 Nominating Committee members and the delegates to the June 12-14th Synod Assembly. This vote is necessary to be in compliance with the constitution. After the congregational meeting, pizza will be served and an organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School volunteers will be held.

The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held following service on November 9th, 2025. The Lightkeepers Youth group is continuing to raise funds to attend the ELCA Youth Assembly in Minnesota in 2027. They continue with the monthly luncheons on the 2nd Sunday following service. Council approved for them to hold a fundraiser yard sale on May 29th in Holy Holler. Items donated for the yard sale will be collected during May in the youth room in the Fellowship Hall.

The Council would like to thank our awesome team of greeters and ushers that welcomed both our members and visitors on Easter Sunday. Over 190 people worshipped with us on Easter Sunday!

Sunday school will not be held in June and July. VBS will be held the week of June 23rd and there will be other opportunities for Bible study during the summer months (to be announced). We continue to recruit for an organist and are very appreciative of Diane Demeranville continuing to fill in until the position is filled. The Worship and Music Committee is pursuing investigation and recruitment of potential candidates.

The planting area at the left front of the drive on Atlantic Ave. is in the process of being relandscaped.

The Committee reports which include more details about POP activities are included in the Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Krause





## Talents Needed!

A host of opportunities are available to put our talents to good use assisting in worship services, planning our ministry, and outreach missions.

Have fun when being a part of our worship service as a Reader, Worship Assistant, Usher, Greeter, musician, and choir member.

Lend your ideas to our ministry when participating and helping the Evangelism, Fellowship Payer, Music, Property, Worship, or Altar Guild Committees. Consider and help set our direction on Church Council. Your talents and skills will make a difference!

See a Council Member or call our Church office to get involved.



## Have Questions or Need Help?

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