



# Prince of Peace News

NOVEMBER 2025

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## Pastor's Reflections for November 2025



Grace and peace to you from Christ our Lord and from your sisters and brothers here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The Month of November begins with a whirlwind of activity as we wrap up our Pledge Drive on November 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as celebrate All Saints Sunday. November 9<sup>th</sup>, we plan to receive new members during the service as well as hold our annual meeting directly after the worship. November 15<sup>th</sup>, we have a bonfire with smores and fellowship. November 27<sup>th</sup> we have our Thanksgiving Meal here at the church with fellowship at noon and food at 3pm. Culminating with the beginning of Advent at the end of November. We hope that you all engage in the many events and services that we have coming up this month.

With all the different things going on it is not always clear that these varying events are connected by a central theme. However, the theme of this month is thanking God for the many blessings that we have received. Thanking God for the lives of the Saints who have shared their lives with us preaching and living the faith among us. Thanking God for the growth and success of our ministries that we recap and plan to further in our annual meeting. The church fellowship Bonfire and Thanksgiving Dinner also fits this theme as we thank God for each other, and the blessings to live our faith in such a great community. As we look at giving thanks back to God we look to the scriptures where people throughout time have thanked God from whom all blessings come. Hannah gives thanks to God for the gift of her son Samuel, David gives thanks to God for the victory over the Philistines, Mary gives thanks to God for the gift of Jesus, and Jesus gives thanks to God as he prepares for the last supper. In all of these stories from the Bible we see how the recognition of God's blessing represents an acknowledgement of the primacy of God in each person's life. We also endeavor to recognize the primacy of God in our lives as we carry on the mission of proclaiming the love of God to the world. I encourage everyone to spend this month giving thanks to God for all the many blessings we have all received.

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

## COUNCIL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Psalm 95:1-2

*"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" (ESV)*

November is the month we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. I am especially thankful this year for:

- Family and friends that provide help and offer prayer in time of stress and illness
- The community of Prince of Peace Lutheran church
- Pastor Ben and his family
- The newcomers who bring us fresh insight about our faith
- The oldcomers who support this church and welcome the newcomers
- The Bible studies where we learn more about God's word with pastoral guidance
- The fellowship activities where we share, celebrate and laugh together
- The weekly musical offerings which provide inspiration
- My fellow council members who keep the operations of the church on track
- All who work every week to keep the church open and welcoming to the community

*I find it's often easy to forget to be thankful, especially when I sometimes struggle to have hope in this troubled world. I recently heard a lecture about hope from Tad Worku, a nurse, singer, and songwriter. He talked about the power of presence, how your presence is an intervention, and how we are greater together when we create connections. He said it takes courage to imagine the future with Hope, but that hopefulness is facing reality head-on, and it endures despite adversity and that Hope lets you envision possibilities and work to mend the part of the world we can reach.*

As we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving with family and friends, let us feel hopeful for the future - knowing we have connections with each other that will provide presence in times of joy and sorrow. I leave you with this from Paul:

Romans 15:13

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (NIV)*

God be with you and your family this Thanksgiving,

**Carolyn Krause**



# Worship Assistants Schedule

<u>Role</u>	<b>2nd- All Saints Sunday</b>	<b>9th- Sunday After Pentecost</b>	<b>16th- Sunday After Pentecost</b>	<b>23rd- Christ the King Sunday</b>	<b>30th- Advent Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Susan Foutz	Tanya Adin	Richard Figueroa	Yuli Fosso	Lill Ekwall
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	B.J. Taylor	Pat Harris	John Harris	Judi Langholz	Bill Goldwire
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Marotz Les Boette	John Harris Josh Collins	Dennis Purdy Gene Kilcawley	Garrett Price Ted Richardson	Rich Ekwall Richard Figueroa
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Serrian	Scott & Wyatt Chicco Ted Mandrick	Janelle Purdy	B.J. Taylor	Dawn Price
<b>Altar/ Lay Assistant</b>	Eileen Klein	Karen Blair / Jeanette Chaffee	Tanya Adin	Donna Cormier / Jeanette Chaffee	Cyndi Zenker
<b>Tellers</b>	Eileen Klein Linda Pesante	Patti Marotz Gene Kilcawley	Susan Foutz Les Boette	Barbara Ehrenberg 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.*

## Special Notifications



Just a reminder that the Church  
Offices will be Closed  
**Thursday 27th** Thanksgiving Day  
& **Friday 28th** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We wish everyone a *HAPPY THANKSGIVING*  
and for those who may be traveling we pray for  
your safe travels!



*Daylight Savings Time **Ends***

***Sunday, November 2nd***

*Don't forget to turn clocks back  
1 Hour*

# November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1-AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
2— <i>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY &amp; PLEDGE SUNDAY</i> <i>BIRTHDAY SUNDAY</i> Sunday School 9:00 am "The Forgotten Luther" Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship	3 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00 -1:30 pm	4  Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	5  Choir Practice 4:00-5:00pm Praise & Fellowship Service at Foxtail Coffee Shop, Yulee 6:30—7:30 PM	6  Ladies Group 10:30 am	7  Bell Choir Practice 11:00 am	8  AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
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16 Sunday School — Children's Christmas Play Practice 9:00 am "The Forgotten Luther" Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Endowment Soup Bowl Cuzzi Sales POP Band Practice After Worship	17 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00 -1:30 pm Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm	18 Newsletter Articles Deadline	19  Choir Practice 4:00-5:00pm Praise & Fellowship Service at Foxtail Coffee Shop, Yulee 6:30—7:30 PM	20  Ecumenical Thanksgiving— Dinner 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM at Memorial Methodist Church, Fernandina	21  Bell Choir Practice 11:00 am	22 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
23— <i>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</i> Sunday School — Children's Christmas Play Practice 9:00 am "The Forgotten Luther" Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Christmas Decorating After Worship POP Band Practice After Worship	24 Men's Property Group 9:00 am AA Group 12:00 -1:30 pm	25	26  Choir Practice 4:00-5:00 PM	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED  Thanksgiving Dinner at Church at 3:00 PM (Fellowship 12:00PM)	28  CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED  Bell Choir Practice 11:00 am	29 AA Group 9:00-11:30 am
30— <i>ADVENT SUNDAY</i> Sunday School — Children's Christmas Play Practice 9:00 am "The Forgotten Luther" Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am POP Band Practice After Worship						

# Upcoming Events

## LADIES GROUP

### **\*\*Potter's Daughters Meeting\*\***

**When:** Thursday, November 6th, at 10:30 AM

**Where:** POP Fellowship Hall

***There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex to sign-up to bring light refreshments for both the Nov. 6th & Dec. 4th gatherings. Items can be dropped off at the church kitchen at any time.***

Join us for a meaningful gathering as we embark on our second year of unity and friendship. Bring a friend and inspire each other in love.

We're excited to have Florence Casiano, a proud native of Queens, NY, has a distinguished career in both military and law enforcement. She is a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant and has worked with various law enforcement agencies former bring extensive experience in security, safety, and crisis management. Now living in Fernandina Beach for the past 10 years, Florence is committed to sharing her knowledge with the community. Her presentation aims to provide practical insights and skills to improve personal security.

Our plans for this year are abundant, and your participation will strengthen our fellowship, guided by God. We encourage your suggestions for future programs and invite everyone in the community to be part of this growing group.

With plans for evening meetings in homes, we aim to ensure that those who work outside their homes can also partake in the uplifting experiences as Potter's Daughters. This expansion will help us forge deeper connections among Christian friends in our community.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; hearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do, But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection..."*

*Colossians 3:12-14*

**DON'T MISS OUR NOVEMBER  
GET-TOGETHER**

*The*  
**Potter's Daughters**

**November 6th at 10:30AM  
Fellowship Hall**

Join us in sisterhood and learning at our:  
**"Empower Yourself Safety Seminar"**  
focusing on practical strategies in handling unsafe  
situations and safety resources with our guest speaker  
Florence Caciano.

**SAFETY  
FIRST**

**Bring a friend! All are welcome to grow in faith, meaningful conversations and fun.**

**COME... BE A PART OF PEACE!**



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### ***"NOTIFICATION"***

**Sunday, November 9th following 10:00 AM worship**

Please come in prayer and let your voice be heard as to how you want God's church planned for 2026 and to vote on: next years budget, new council members and nominating committee.

Pledge cards have been sent out so please remember to bring or mail your Pledge Cards to the church by November 2nd. If you will not be in Church, please put your time & talents and pledge cards in the offering plate this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>, or mail it to Prince of Peace, 2600 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Thank You!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS **ONE-TIME**  
EVENT!

## **"SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY!**



Not the Gator Bowl, not the Citrus Bowl or the Orange Bowl. And certainly not the NFL SUPER BOWL.

**It's the PoP "Soup"er Bowl!**

This is your opportunity to purchase a microwave safe bowl cozy for yourself or as stocking stuffers. Stop burning your hands by taking hot bowls from the microwave.

100% cotton = microwave safe.

**November 16, 2025**  
\$13 each or 2 for \$25  
Plates are \$15

Cash or Check (PoP Endowment Fund)

**100% OF SALES DONATED TO THE PoP  
ENDOWMENT FUND!**





## ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING

November 20th

**DINNER:** 5:00 PM

**SERVICE:** 6:00 PM

at Memorial Methodist Church, Fernandina

**Please call 904-261-5769 to RSVP.**



## **"DECKING THE HALLS"** **Sunday, November 23rd** **After Worship**

Please come gather and help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Trees will already be put up. The Potters Daughters ladies group will decorate the Advent tree in the narthex. We need and request volunteers to help decorate the rest of the church ornaments put on, nativity sets put in place, garland and wreaths hung. Well you get the idea. Please come help! Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!



## MID-WEEK PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

A Unique Gathering in the Wildlight area

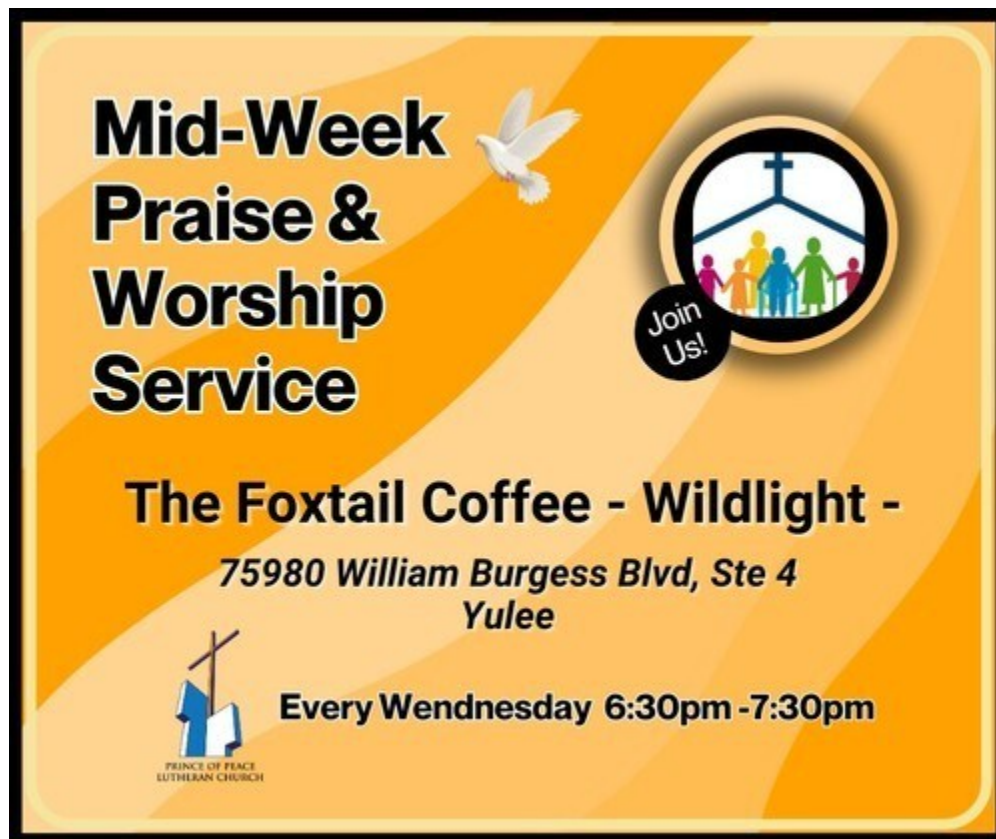
Are you looking for an inspiring and restoring way to connect with your faith during the week? Come join us for a mid-week Praise Service designed to uplift your spirit and deepen your connection with God. This unique worship experience invites all to come together for a time of praise, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

The service will include the Holy communion and instead of a traditional sermon, services will feature an innovative storytelling small group time. Through this interactive and dynamic format, we will explore the ways in which we remain active participants in God's unfolding story for the world.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for this special gathering **held at the Foxtail Coffee, 75980 William Burgess Blvd Ste 4, Yulee--Wildlight—Wednesday's in November (Except for Nov. 26th) from 6:30 pm till 7:30 pm.**

Come and be a part of this mid-week praise and worship service. Praise God, share stories, and grow in faith as we embrace the active roles we play in His divine plan for the world. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to experience God's love and inspiration.

***Pastor Ben***





Eric Stommel-1st  
 Isaac Hodges-1st  
 Diane Demeranville-4th  
 Bryan Steele-6th  
 Wyatt Steele-7th  
 Rosemary Mandrick-7th  
 Daniel Fosso-7th  
 Joel Stockstill-10th  
 Madisyn Collins-11th  
 Carolyn Krause-11th  
 Lisa Angil-11th  
 Robin Phillips-16th  
 John Michael Angil-18th  
 Sigrid Ivanovic-19th  
 Rene Pittman-23rd  
 Judi Langholz-23rd  
 Eben Opheim-25th  
 Judy Pappas-26th



Ben & Logan Henderson-10th  
 Nick & Sigrid Ivanovic-19th  
 Garrett & Dawn Price-22nd  
 Rick & Jessica Miller-23rd  
 Bart & Donna Cormier-26th  
 Glenn & Norma Beyer-27th



### BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

All are invited to join the congregation in celebrating  
 November's Birthday's with us

**Sunday, November 2nd** 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.



## 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 November Sponsors

2nd: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—Tanya Adin—In memory of father, Claude Sebastian

9th: Open

16th: Open

23rd: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY—Open

30th-ADVENT—No Flowers

## POINSETTIA FLOWERS ORDER



*Christmas Poinsettia Flowers*

ADORN OUR SANCTUARY WITH A PLANT  
HONORING OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Complete an order envelope from one of Sunday's bulletins & place  
it in the offering plate or send your order to the church office.  
*The cost is \$10 per plant and must be ordered by December 5th.*

## MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Next Music and Worship Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, at 6pm.

We will plan for all events in December and January so we don't have meet again until the new year. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please come join us.

Advent Wednesday services will be Dec 3, Dec 10, and Dec 17. The dinner will start at 6pm followed by the service starting at 7pm

The children's performance will be Sunday, December 14th. If anyone wants to help with the children's program, please see Kris Mandrick.

The Christmas Cantata is on the 21st.

Christmas Eve service will be at 6pm on Wednesday, December 24.

Thank you all, and God Bless you and your family,

***Duane Whitesel***



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT



Fall is here with cooler nights and little ghosts and goblins! November brings Thanksgiving with feelings of joy, thankfulness, and lots of good things to eat! At Prince of Peace, we are celebrating Reformation Sunday and our young newly confirmed members in October. In November we will celebrate all we have accomplished last year, plans for an exciting future, and enjoy a gratitude filled Thanksgiving. It is a busy time of year filled with happiness and hope!

The current **October mission** is for ELCA Lutheran Disaster Fund. Tax ID# 41-1568278, 501(c)(3). This disaster fund helps lives and livelihoods on a national and international level. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, disaster response helpers stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. As global warming continues to impact weather world wide and international politics become more chaotic help is crucial and needed now more than ever.

IDN was October 6 with twelve volunteers serving over 88 at Hope House. Pizza and bananas were taken to 32 children and staff at Americas Youth, and 2 pans of meatloaf were delivered to Mr. Greens Men's Group.

October includes short stewardship talks. We hope you enjoy learning about ways you can use your special talents!

Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday will be October 26 with a reception in the narthex after service for our newly confirmed members. [Congratulations](#) to our confirmands and their families!

The **September mission** for Nassau County Coalition for the Homeless generated \$971.55. There were 48 pack's of underwear, 15 pack's of socks and gloves, and 30 toiletries for a monetized total of \$603.00. Thank you to all who contributed!

On September 20 from 5-8pm Thrivent hosted a "Midnight Masquerade" event in the fellowship hall to benefit Lutheran Social Services of Florida.

We had Back to Church Sunday on September 21 with a luncheon and activities after services. There were tables of information from our various committees and lots of good food.

### Future Missions/Events

Our **November mission** is a very special one. We are collaborating with Barnabas to celebrate Thanksgiving by providing ten families all items needed for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The non-perishable items have been purchased. Eggs and turkeys will be purchased and delivered to Barnabas on the 20th for distribution to needy families. A donation jug will be in the narthex to pay for all Thanksgiving dinner supplies and the turkeys. Any additional donated items will be taken to Barnabas the week before Thanksgiving. This is a wonderful gift for families who may not otherwise be able to feel the joy and warmth this holiday brings.



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED

We will not be doing Shop with a Cop in November as this event has been fully funded already.

Advent dinners will be at 6:00 before services at 7:00. Details to come.

The annual POP meeting of the congregation will be Sunday, November 9. This is an opportunity for members to learn about all the wonderful things we have accomplished, and help plan the future!

A bonfire/cookout is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 with hot dogs and s'mores. A signup sheet will be in the narthex for side dishes.

A "Soup Bowl" fundraiser for the endowment is being planned for November 16. Details to come.

Thanksgiving Day dinner will be in the fellowship hall again this year. We will eat at 3:00. There is a signup sheet for side dishes in the narthex.

The **December mission** will be our annual Advent Tree. Potters Daughters will help with the tree, and we will provide gifts for one or two families. More details to come.

Christmas caroling will be December 13. We will meet at 4:45 in the church to carpool. Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation and Lakeside are on the agenda so far. We will have more singing and refreshments at the church afterwards.

The Children's Christmas Program will be on December 14. Details to come.

It is a busy time of year. I hope you have a fun "spooky" October and a cozy Thanksgiving full of love and gratitude! Be sure and come to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 9 after the service. You have helped make this year one to celebrate!



## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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.

Ads about the Wednesday worship near Wildlight appeared in Yulee News and Hilliard-Callahan News. The adds appeared for two week.

Ads about Back To Church Sunday appeared in the News Leader & the Yulee News.

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

***Linda Pesante***



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The best summary of our fellowship program for 2025 is that everything that was planned was carried out with enthusiasm and good participation, from a great Thanksgiving dinner for those who didn't want to say "thanks" alone to those who brought the family along, caroling, pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Lenten dinners, birthday celebrations, a festive Easter, Mother's Day shared with Micah's Place, a profitable garage sale clearing out all those things we no longer need, honors to our military veterans, and an ice cream party. We even got the kitchen cleaned up. In this calendar we are still anticipating a cool campfire in the Holy Holler and everything that goes with Christmas. All this takes the time and planning of a lot of people. We have some, but we need more. Please make your wish to be part of a great group of people known.

***Bill Hansberry***



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS FOR NOVEMBER!!!

Sunday School is in full swing. Join in the fun in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. on Sundays. There are programs for all age brackets, including Pastor Ben's excellent study for adults on "the forgotten" Martin Luther. And, of course, there are John Mandrick's excellent cookies.

The younger children are starting to prepare for our Christmas Pageant during the Sunday service on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

As we all prepare to return our time and talent cards on All Saints Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, consider volunteering as a Sunday School teacher. With enough teachers, we can juggle schedules a bit easier.

Finally, there will be a Zoom adult Bible study on the Book of Job in January, 2026. The time is yet to be decided, but it will include folks from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church New London, NH.

This will be a chance to have an interdenominational dialogue with a faith group that we have been in common communion with for many years. Watch this space for details!





## CHURCH NEEDS

### CHURCH ORGANIST WANTED

Our welcoming congregation is seeking a skilled and passionate organist to join our music ministry. The ideal candidate will have experience accompanying worship services, a love for sacred music, and a desire to enrich our Sunday gatherings with beautiful, inspiring organ music.

To apply or inquire further, please contact us at our church office 904-261-6306. We look forward to welcoming a talented musician to our ministry team!



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

**ORGANIST**

If you're bright & passionate with limitless creativity... We need your talent to guide our enthusiastic congregation!

**MORE INFO**

Contact church office  
904-2616306

Email your Resume to  
[poplc.office@gmail.com](mailto:poplc.office@gmail.com)

PRINCE OF PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



## NOVEMBER MISSION

### Give Generously Contributing To Our November Mission

Thanksgiving is a time for family, friends, and, of course, a delicious meal. But for some families in our community, putting a Thanksgiving dinner on the table is a struggle.

Join our November Mission. We are partnering with Barnabas to distribute Thanksgiving feasts to 10 local families in need. Follow Christ's call sharing hope to those less fortunate.

Donations are being collected in the giving jar located in the narthex. Every dollar counts! Your contribution, no matter what size, will help ensure that the families we assist experience the joy and comfort of a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Your contributions can make a significant impact. Make a difference and share the warmth of the season. Imagine the smiles and gratitude you'll be helping to create!



## Join our November Mission

***DONATE TODAY IN THE  
NARTHEX!***

Your contribution, no matter the size, will help families experiences the joy and comfort of a Thanksgiving meal.



**Put a Thanksgiving dinner  
on the table for  
struggling families**

*We're collecting monetary donations to  
provide a complete Thanksgiving feast for  
local families in need.*

Your generous contributions will directly  
fund the purchase of:

**A JUICY TURKEY WITH SAVORY STUFFING  
CREAMY MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY  
SWEET POTATOES  
TANGY CRANBERRY SAUCE  
FRESH VEGETABLES  
AND, OF COURSE, PUMPKIN PIE!**



## 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

### **Baptist Downtown Jax**

Edna Swithers

### **At Home**

Michele Pester/ Clay Chaffee / Ted & Rosalie Wessel / Dawn Price / Darrell Heun /  
Claudia Kavan / Nick Ivanovic / Diane Demeranville / Alice Hansberry /  
Marsha Woloshin / Bill Mungo / Shelan Bryson / Yvonne Bowman / Glenn Beyer /  
Dana Sargent / George Pester / Rita Tench / Bill Goldwire / Gary Dildine /  
Linda Pesante / Barry Moore / Edna Swithers / Lori Wick / Karen Blair / Eileen Klein

### **Military**

- Lt. Commander Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, WMEC Spencer Ship, Ft. Smith, VA (grandson of Glen & Norma Beyer)
- Reid Stribling, US Navy (grandson of Gene & Victoria Kilcawley)
- Lt. Col. Eric Venditti, Army, deployed to Israel (son of Linda Venditti)



### **Keeping Our Prayer List Up-to-Date ...**

*God's blessings to those who are no longer in acute need of prayer. Please let us know when a person no longer wishes to be included. Call the church office for those in need and they will be added so we can lift up a prayer for them.*



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

**You become Hospitalized, are Sick or Shut in. Have a spiritual question or need prayer. Moving, getting married encountering any other life changes or need information about events.**

**904-261-6306**

## POP VISITATION CARE TEAM 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 is in need or who knows a church member who would benefit from a visit (s) 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 Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. We meet in the Narthex.



To our wonderful church family. Can't thank you enough for the prayers & blessings we have received from all of you.

**Marsha Woleshin**

The Potters Daughters ladies group have restocked a very needy first aid kit. Hopefully you will find what you need for your minor emergencies. It is on to of the freezer in the kitchen.





## 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

[www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org](http://www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org)



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## 2025 Congregational Financial Report

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

#### Year To Date Income Thru September 30, 2025

General Contributions	\$227,783
Miscellaneous Income	\$0
Keep It Simple	\$1,880
Rental Income	\$1,500
Earned Investment Income	\$3,949
Fund Fundraising	<u>\$4,760</u>



Year TO Date SubTotal Income	\$239,874
Transfers from Savings	<u>\$46,000</u>
Year TO Date TOTAL INCOME ALL SOURCES	\$285,874
Year TO Date TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$281,151</u>
Difference Year To Date Income Versus Expenses	\$4,722
BEAR Fund	\$11,354
Disaster Recovery Fund Balance	\$11,592
Mortgage Balance Remaining	\$143,041
Endowment Fund	\$88,061

#### Special Note From Church Council

1. Generous additional donations of \$6,417.80 have been applied to our Mortgage Principal in 2025
2. Transfer of \$26,000 from Savings in MAY for Insurance Premiums (Multi-Peril, Umbrella & Wind/Hail all due in May). Transfer of \$20,000 from Savings in AUGUST July/August expenses exceeding income.
3. Lightkeepers are fundraising with total of \$5,722.68 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.poplcweb.com](http://www.poplcweb.com) . Click the "GIVE" tab & follow
- ◇ instructions to set automatic contributions from account.



## HOW DOES OUR ENDOWMENT WORK?

Creating an endowment is more than a financial decision—it's a reflection of our commitment to being a mission-centered church. It allows us to support benevolent giving not for just today, but for generations to come. So how does it work? Let's break it down.

Our endowment is governed by documents generated by the Endowment Board, with a top-level controlling document approved by both the Church Council and the congregation. These documents outline the responsibilities of the Endowment Board which oversees both the operational framework and the investment strategy.

Whether gifts are made immediately or later as part of a legacy, they follow a clear process.

Example: A contribution of \$1,000 is received. Since this meets the minimum required by Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing, the funds are invested and apportioned according to a risk strategy defined by the Endowment Board. Any contributions less than \$1,000 are collected in a separate bank account until the minimum of \$1,000 is achieved for investing.

Once invested, the contribution becomes part of the fund principal—it doesn't disappear!

Contributions remain in the fund and continue as working capital subject to market performance. Here's how it supports ongoing generosity:

- Grants begin either on the 4<sup>th</sup> year of endowment inception or if the endowment balance reaches \$70,000.
- Only a portion of the annual earnings is eligible for withdrawal to support grants.
- For instance, if the \$1,000 earns \$100 in a given year, a portion of that \$100 will be included in grants.
- Grant allowances begin at 50% of annual gains for the first 10 years of the life of the endowment fund and increase to 90% thereafter. In this example, \$50 would be included in a grant issuance.
- The remainder of earnings (the other \$50) is reinvested, allowing the principal to grow further along with new contributions over time—even as grants are annually awarded.

Grant issuances are paused only in years when the investment experiences a net loss. In all other years, the Endowment Board declares gains for distribution, working closely with the Outreach Committee to ensure alignment with our mission. This structure ensures that every gift—large or small—has the potential to grow and serve others for years to come. It's a beautiful way for Prince of Peace to turn generosity into a lasting impact that changes lives for the better.

### ***POP Endowment Board***



### **Council Meeting Highlights for October 20, 2025**

Confirmands all passed their final exam and will be confirmed Oct. 26.

Bible Study of Ruth and Forgotten Luther are in full swing. Midweek gathering in Yulee is happening each Wednesday at Foxtail Coffee Shop.

Ben Henderson Family was approved for membership.

Treasurer's information distributed to the congregation will now include the transfer from Savings as a separate line item.

The agenda for the November 9 Annual Meeting was reviewed.

Stewardship time and talents Information has been distributed to the congregation. Pledge cards will be collected on November 2.

The organist search continues.

New cleaning service has been hired. A deep cleaning of the church and parish hall was their first task.

Property Use committee will be raising funds for a new playground during November. Fellowship events in November include Birthday Sunday, Bonfire, and Thanksgiving gathering.

Outreach during November will be to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 10 families identified by Barnabas.

A new microphone headset has been approved for Pr. Ben to use during worship.

Submitted by,

***Judi Langholz, Secretary***





**All Committee Meeting** Committees will meet on an as needed basis as called by the Council liaisons.

**Below is a brief description of the purpose of each of the Committees and council liaison and/or contact person:**

- **Education & Youth Ministry: John Harris**
  - ◊Organize and promote Christian education activities/opportunities – including children, youth and adults.
- **Evangelism: Carolyn Krause/George Pester**
  - ◊Seek opportunities to share the Gospel in the community
- **Public Relations: Linda Pesante**
  - ◊Provide electronic and media support to share the ministry of POP
- **Fellowship Ministry: Garrett Price/Bill Hansberry**
  - ◊Planning and implementing Congregational social activities
- **Outreach Ministry: Susie Hildebrand**
  - ◊Seek opportunities or reach out and offer help to those in need.
    - ◆Monthly Care Projects
    - ◆Interdenominational Dinner Network (IDN)
  - ◊Prayer committee
  - ◊Visitation Team
- **Finance/Stewardship Ministry: John Harris, Robin Phillips**
  - ◊Monitor the financial condition of the Congregation including advisement on long-term investment of reserve funds and contract oversight.
  - ◊Conduct an annual stewardship campaign
- **Information Technology: Les Boette**
  - ◊Work with church staff to identify solutions for data and computer systems
  - ◊Monitor hardware and software needs
  - ◊Manage tele-worship, AV equipment support for worship and education
- **Property Ministry: Dennis Purdy**
  - ◊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: Duane Whitesel**
  - ◊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.

We would welcome and encourage your interest with any of the committees. Please contact either the Council Liaison, Council President, Carolyn Krause or Pr. Ben.



## 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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