

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & School

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Office Hours Tues - Thurs 9am-1pm Friday, by appointment only

PENTECOST AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH: Dear Church,

As you know we follow a church calendar year. I have spoken and written on this several times.

From Advent through the Easter Season is the first part of the church calendar year. During this time Christians focus on the perfect life of Jesus Christ. Then, we focus on his passion, death and resurrection.

The second part of the church calendar year starts with Pentecost - 50 days after Christ's ascension into heaven. The focus of this season is the life of the church. That day the color of the paraments, vestments, and altar cloths are red as we focus on the power of the Holy Spirit coming down, filling and then enabling the disciples with power. On Pentecost we received new members into our congregation. The following week was Trinity Sunday. The liturgical color for that day was white, which is the color of purity and completeness. Now, we are in the Pentecost season of the church year and the color has shifted to green, symbolic of new life and growth.

Indeed, new life and growth for all people is God's mission. We, the church, focus on this mission during the season of Pentecost which started in June and goes until November. Our external focus is to make disciples (of course) via the power of the Holy Spirit and our internal focus is to teach disciples all things (Matthew 28).

During this Season of Pentecost, I challenge you to share the Gospel with one other person - preferably a non-churched person. Invite that person to come to church with you. Pray for him or her. Growth is the Holy Spirit's job. We plant and water.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 says, 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

In Christ, Pastor









Sunday, June 29 is 5th Sunday:

You're invited to a fifth Sunday fiesta! On Sunday, June 29th, there will be one combined worship service at 10:00am with a fellowship potluck brunch to follow @ 11:00am. Main dish will be provided by Fellowship. Mexican-inspired main & side dishes kindly requested. For dish inspiration or to volunteer, please see sign-up sheet located in narthex. Please direct all questions to Alexandria at fellowship@princeofpeacevb.org .Can't wait to see you there!

PoP Preschool is Hiring:

PoPP is looking to increase their substitute teacher pool for the 2025-26 school year. We are also hiring 3 loving and energetic teacher assistants. Could this be you? If you enjoy investigating, creating, and exploring with young learners (aged 18 months to 5 years) in a play-based, Christian environment, apply today! You must be over 18 years old and undergo a background check. To learn more and apply, contact Alicia Mangels or AnneMarie Thome, 757-340-3033.

Summer Camps at PoP Preschool:

PoPP will host another week of summer camp July 21-24 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. The theme is Ocean Camp. Enrollment at PoPP is not necessary. All children aged 3 - 6 years old are welcome. The cost is \$200 per week. Questions? Contact Alicia Mangels or AnneMarie Thome, 757-340-3033.

PoP Messaging System:

On July 6th the Board of Trustees will be starting our new next message solution for emergency notifications. More details to follow.

Congregation Voter's Meeting:

Congregation Voter's Meeting on July 6th at the beginning of Adult Bible Study. One item on the agenda is the tabled item from the June 8th meeting; approval for replacement of Fellowship Hall HVAC system.

Family Retreat 2025:

Get ready for another amazing weekend of worship, fellowship, & fun activities for the entire family at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, August 08 – 10. Registration is open! \$90/person, including private room & meals. Questions? Contact Bill & Kathleen Leveille, 916-985-6846.

Book of Revelation Adult Bible Study Class:

On June 22 will be starting the study of the Book of Revelation in our adult Bible class. Pastor will be using the Bible and the CPH Concordia commentary on Revelation as our guide. CPH writes this https://www.cph.org/revelation-concordia-commentary?srsltid=AfmBOoptIgjo6BcitpbZXKsb1zPoMNjcOU 5b-aeXIeMi2xqDb76IKbsq

"Revelation may be one of the most perplexing books of the Scriptures, but despite its challenges its witness is clear. Through a panoply of images, the apostle John shares a sacrificial theology of the Lamb of God that generates the central theme of God's exultation in Revelation. Dr. Louis Brighton interprets the features of John's vision in light of similar images elsewhere in Scripture and appeals to the views of other theologians from the early church down to the present. Brighton dissects Revelation as an esoteric, apocalyptic, and fundamentally prophetic text concerned with both the despair of sin and the exultation of the ascendant Christ and His work.

Brighton shows that Revelation is not about some distant future, but is about the present life of the church amid the turmoil of world history. It inspires Christians to be urgent and faithful in their proclamation of the Gospel, no matter how fierce the opposition, because of Christ's comforting promise: "I am coming quickly!"

Features

- A Summary of the Christology of Revelation
- An Introduction to the missiology of Revelation
- Adheres to "recapitulation" or cyclic chronology for the narrative of Revelation

Essays

- On the Millennium
- On The Lamb of God in Revelation
- Angelic Mediators in Jewish Tradition and the Book of Revelation

About the Author:

Dr. Louis A. Brighton [was] a professor emeritus at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. He studied at Concordia Seminary (B.A., M.Div., S.T.M.) and Saint Louis University (Ph.D.). He also taught at Westfield House of the University of Cambridge, England."





VBS Volunteers 2025:

Volunteers, you are needed at Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Sometimes we lose our way in life, but Jesus, who is "the way, and the truth, and the life (John 14:6) is always there to get us back on track. Jesus will guide us on an epic adventure through Australia where kids will learn how Jesus calls, leads, teaches, saves, and sends us. Decorate on Sunday, August 03 at 12:00p or be a group/station leader August 04-08 from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Contact VBS Director, Michele Wilson at 757-822-6025 or mtiefert@yahoo.com with any questions and to sign up as a volunteer. Thank You!

Summer Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities:

Please see all available opportunities to learn and grow in your Christian faith with the PoP family on the attached paper calendar, Narthex screens, and at princeofpeacevb.org.

Protocol for Verbal Announcements on Sundays:

Pastor Prince makes announcements every Sunday before each worship service begins. Please email your announcement to office@princeofpeacevb.org, by Thursday at 12:00pm.



HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy**Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor before communing.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. During distribution, the Individual Cup will be offered first followed by the Common Cup. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in the center of the tray contain a grape juice option. Please let the pastor know if you need a Gluten Free wafer.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.



IN OUR PRAYERS, WE REMEMBER

HEALTH, HEALING & GOD'S CARE

Healing:

Karl Tauscher Kim McCormick (*Buck Haney*) Helen Leveille Lynn Scarcelli

Continuing	Health	Issue
& Life	Struggl	es:

Confirmands:

Connor MacMaster

Home Bound:

Patricia Thieman Thelma Sinnen Maurita Keplar Janice Stenglein Merle & Barbara Endsley Jeff Kocab Helga Koehn John Mazuch

Active Military/Deployed:

Justin Vennard
Kenneth Zaken
Matthew Campbell
Trey Shawver

Missionaries:

Rev. Steven and Martha Mahlburg in Sri Lanka Rev. John (JP) and Aimee Cima in Cambodia

Rev. George and Lorna Meeker in Kenya

Prayer Requests: Please contact your Elder or the Church Office to be placed on the prayer list, if you are hospitalized, ailing, or would like a visit at home or hospital.

To contact the office, email office@princeofpeacevb.org or call (757) 340-8420.

CELEBRATING IN JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

06/03 David Schreiber 06/05 Harper Zaken 06/12 Sarah Rosenvinge 06/12 Levi Zaken 06/16 Barbara Endsley 06/20 Mike Bumbaco 06/24 Lynn Scarcelli 06/28 Pastor Matt Prince 06/30 John Mazuch

ANNIVERSARIES

06/01 Mark & Pamela Nieting 06/14 Jack & Cherie Spencer 06/22 Brian & Edie Houck 06/24 Andrew & Crystal Equels

JUNE 2025 - SERVING AT PRINCE OF PEACE

ELDERS (E): Early (L): Late

06/01 G.Laughrey

06/08 B.Leveille

06/15 L.Heup

06/22 G.Laughrey

06/29 L.Heup

READERS

06/01 (E) S.Foley (L) R.Perkins

06/08 (E) J.Harris (L) C.Sinibaldi

06/15 (E) S.Foley (L) S.Sides

06/22 (E) J.Harris (L) X

06/29 R.Perkins

USHER SCHEDULE

06/01 (E) K.Sullivan/C.Tauscher/B.Houck A.Helbig

06/08 (E) D.Harris/S.Sainsbury/K.Sullivan/ K.Zaken

06/15 (E) A.Helbig/C.Tauscher/B.Houck/ C.Tauscher

06/22 (E) S.Sainsbury/K.Zaken/D.Harris/ H.Greubel

06/29 K.Zaken/S.Sainsbury/B.Houck/ D.Harris

ACOLYTES

06/01 (E) E.Light/M.Light

(L) Not Assigned

06/08 (E) D.Hess

(L) Not Assigned

06/15 (E) C.MacMaster

(L) Not Assigned

06/22 (E) D.Hess

(L) Not Assigned

06/29 L.Prince

COMMUNION SERVERS

06/01 (E) Not Assigned

(L) Not Assigned

06/08 (E) D.Hess

(L) Not Assigned

06/15 (E) Not Assigned

(L) Not Assigned

06/22 (E) B.Houck

(L) Not Assigned

06/29 A.Helbig

GREETERS

06/01 (E) L.Scarcelli/B.Houck

(L) B.&C.Sinibaldi

06/08 (E) L.Scarcelli/S.Sainsbury

(L) x

06/15 (E) L.Scarcelli/C.Mount

(L) V.Gerber

06/22 (E) L.Scarcelli/G.Laughrey

(L) A.&M.Wilson

06/29 L.Scarcelli/G.Laughrey

SUNDAY SCHOOL

06/01 K.Lambert

06/08 K.Lambert

06/15 K.Lambert

06/22 K.Lambert

06/29 K.Lambert

PRODUCTION BOOTH

06/01 (E) A. Helbig

(L) G.Lambert

06/08 (E) Phelps

(L) Phelps

06/15 (E) A.Helbig

(L) G.Lambert

06/22 (E) G.Lambert

(L) M.Bumbaco

06/29 M.Bumbaco

COUNTERS

1st Sunday: G.&K.Lambert

2nd Sunday: S.Phelps&L.Heup

3rd Sunday: B.&C.Sinibaldi

4th Sunday: A.&M.Wilson

5th Sunday: M.Bumbaco&L.Heup

Interested in Serving at PoP?

Volunteers needed to serve as acolytes, ushers, and communion servers. No experience necessary. Training provided. Contact your Elder or Head Elder, Bill Leveille, to volunteer.