



THE MESSENGER

MAKING GOD VISIBLE BY WELCOMING, SHARING & SERVING

WORSHIP

Sundays at 9:00 am

November 30- Advent 1 + Noisy Offering

December 7- Advent 2

December 14- Advent 3 + Bells of Peace

December 21- Advent 4

All Christmas Services include Communion & Candles

Christmas Eve Worship at 3:00, 5:00 & 9:00 pm

3:00 pm Worship includes PoP-Up Pageant for All Ages

5:00 & 9:00 pm with Children Sermon & Pr. Libby Preaching

Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 am

December 28- Worship + Hunger Jars

January 25- Annual Meeting following Worship

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Advent Wednesdays with Holden Evening Prayer

Dec 3 "Watch" Meal 5:00 pm, Worship at 6:15 pm

Dec 10 "Wait" Meal 5:00 pm, Worship at 6:15 pm

Dec 17 "Wonder" Potluck Meal 5:30 pm Worship at 6:15 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship Feb 18 at 6:15 pm

Blood Drive Dec 4

12-6 pm



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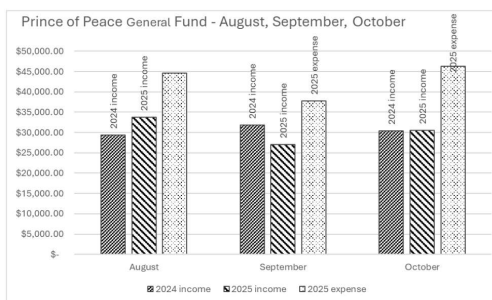
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PRINCE OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE



Thank you for your continued support of
Prince of Peace and our ministries!

PASTOR'S PAGE

On November 1, I celebrated my one year anniversary with the people of God at Prince of Peace. WOW! That went fast!! In the time I've had to reflect on the past year, I've come up with a few things that feel important to say right now:

- Thank you for welcoming me into your lives. Each month throughout the year I've looked at the church directory photos that hang across from my office door, and I still don't know everyone's names, but I'm a lot closer! Thank you for continuing to be patient with me.
- We have big dreams. The Major Gifts Committee and Church Council have deliberated, and the Dahlen Family has approved the decision to distribute their bequest in (near) equal thirds. 1. There will be a brand new Philip & Eunice Dahlen Playground for Peli. 2. There will be a Dahlen Scholarship set up for expenses related to faith formation and education. 3. And we will conduct a feasibility study with architects and contractors to imagine a fellowship hall that has an outside entrance/drive up and fire safe exits that will allow it to be licensed for use by Peli and more accommodating for community ministry with people of all abilities.
- There are more dreams...The Church Council has said that 10% (30K) of the approximately \$300,000 we have in ERC funds will be given away to benefit others in our community and world. We will save 50K. We will designate 100K for the major expense of new heating/air conditioning system and air handler maintenance. That leaves 120K for capital improvements for our sanctuary and office space. We do not have more details just yet - but those are the broad strokes for now.
- What Prince of Peace has is GOOD and worth sharing with others. People genuinely want to grow closer to God and share Jesus' love to our neighbors and world. In this community, people of all political persuasions, economic backgrounds, ages, and life circumstances experience warmth and love with one another. I see Prince of Peace becoming known far and wide as the most loving, welcoming, fun, & compassionate Jesus community in the area.
- When beginning a new relationship, it's always a risk - What happens when the honeymoon ends? From my vantage point, we are doing well - lines of communication feel open, the Holy Spirit is moving, and I look forward to waking up each day and sharing ministry with you.

God bless you as we move into Advent, start a new year together, and continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our lives. --Pastor Libby

ONGOING GROUPS & MINISTRIES

We are a community of people...

ROOTED IN THE WORD

Men's Group- Sundays 7:30 am 2x/mo

Faith Connect (Year Around Sunday School)- Sundays near the end of worship

In the Word Bible Study- Wednesdays 10:00 am on Zoom

Peli Chapel- Wednesdays 10:15 am

Confirmation Class- Wednesdays 7:15

Donuts & Devos- 8th -12th grades, one Sunday/month after worship

Lydia Circle- meets 1st Tuesday each month at 1:30 pm

Martha Circle- meets 2nd Tuesday every other month at 1:30 pm

Soul Reads- meets 2nd Tuesday each month at 10:30 am

INSPIRED BY THE CROSS

Peace Conversations- Mondays at 8:00 am

Refugee Response- meets 2nd Mondays at 3:30 pm on Zoom

Cemetery Board- meets 1st Tuesday each month 6:00 pm

JAM CLUB- 3rd - 7th grades (seasonal) after school on Thursdays 3-5pm

Bereavement Group- Thursdays at 1:30 pm

Connect & Reflect- 9th -12th grades, most Sundays 7:00 pm

MAKING GOD VISIBLE

Worship- Sundays at 9:00 am & Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Drum Circle- 1x/month 10:30-11:30 am

Prayer Chain- emails sent as needed

Prayer Shawls- independent crochet/knit ministry

Stewardship Team- meets as needed

YNOW: Youth Night of Worship- Sunday nights monthly

BY WELCOMING, SHARING & SERVING

Council- 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm

Food Ministry- meets as needed

Peli Advisory Board- 2nd Wednesday at 4:30 pm

Buildings & Grounds- as needed, Mondays 7:00 pm

Red Cross Blood Drive- Dec 5

Bells of Peace- Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Quilters- 2x/mo on Mondays 9:00 am

Faithfully Fit- Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Endowment- quarterly, Monday at 6:00 pm

Contact MichelleT@popluth.org to get connected to these Ministries

FAITH WEBS



Do you wish kids spent more time off their screens, connecting with others?



Do you want kids to feel like they're part of something bigger than themselves?



Would you like kids in our church to feel more known and supported in our faith community?

You + Faith Webs can help with all of the above!

Got Kids?

Faith Webs is a "community raiser" designed to both build community and raise funds to support kids going to Bible Camp and Workcamp. If your kid wants to attend Bible Camp or Workcamp this summer and be part of a faith web, regardless of financial ability (we never want finances to be a barrier to participation), please let us know by November 30th.



Faith Webs Timeline:

- Families sign up for Faith Webs by November 30
- "Faith Anchors" can sign up to support kids in December
- Faith Webs get to know one another January-August 2026

Questions- Contact Beth Gonia or Kendra Wieser

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Connect

Year-round
Sunday School

Nov 30- Advent 1 & Stable Advent Calendar

Dec 7- Wait Book + Jesse Trees

Dec 14- Sounding Joy Book + Advent Prayer Bead Necklaces

Dec 21- Wrap Up Jesus

VEGGIETALES MEAL & MOVIE NIGHTS

Friday, December 5

Friday, January 9

Friday, February 6



5:00-6:30 PM

Attire: PJs

BYO: Stuffs & Blanket

Contact Kendra Wieser at kendraw@popluth.org

YOUTH MINISTRY 8th-12th Grades+

Youth Ministry at Prince of Peace involves a variety of activities for students in grades 8-12. Here are some highlights of the last month:

- Rite of Confirmation/Stole Night** was recently celebrated for our 10th grade students as they affirmed their faith and shared their stole stories.
- Trick or Treat for Food** is a collaborative event between POP, Crucifixion, and La Crescent United Methodist for 30+ years. Middle and high school students trick or treat for food for the food shelf. After they trick or treat, they get to enjoy a taco bar, desserts, and games. This year, 57 students collected over 4,200 pounds of food!



Contact Beth Gonia at bethg@popluth.org

STEWARDSHIP

At Prince of Peace, we love to tell a story— a story of God at work in our lives and the community. As you read this, we're closing out the fall stewardship campaign "We Love to Tell the Story." It's a great time to be a part of Prince of Peace; we're excited about the future of ministry, of sharing the love of Jesus with the congregation AND our community. Big dreams also mean ambitious financial goals. Please read the stewardship mailings carefully, prayerfully consider how you can support ministry at Prince of Peace in 2026, and return the intention card during worship on November 23 or December 3. Or you can make an intention using this on-line form:



GOOD NEWS

**We have hired a new
Director of Music Ministry!**



Maria Higgins will begin her work with us on January 1, 2026. She is eager to join our team to create inspiring worship and nurture music opportunities for everyone. Maria studied Church Music at Belmont University in Nashville Tennessee. She is an accomplished vocal performer, loves a variety of church music styles, and enjoys teaching piano & voice to people of all ages. You can meet her on Sunday Nov. 16 or 30 when she accompanies our worship on piano and organ. Ask her about her trips to the White House when she sang with the US Navy Sea Chanters Chorus. We thank God for nurturing Maria to us!