THE MESSENGER

MAKING GOD VISIBLE BY WELCOMING, SHARING & SERVING

WORSHIP

Online Worship at your convenience!
https://tinyurl.com/popworship

Sundays at 9:00 am

November 29- Advent 1 + Noisy Offering
December 6- Advent 2
December 13- Advent 3 + Bells of Peace
December 20- Advent 4 + Immigration Baskets

All Christmas Services include Communion & Candles
Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday, December 23rd at 6:15 pm
Thursday, December 24th at 3:00 & 5:00 pm
3:00 pm Worship includes PoP-Up Pageant for All Ages
5:00 pm with Choir singing
Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

December 27- Lessons & Carols Worship + Hunger Jars
January 31- Annual Meeting following Worship

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Advent Wednesdays with Holden Evening Prayer

Dec 2 Meal 5pm, Worship at 6:15pm + Noisy Offering
Dec 9 Meal 5pm, Worship at 6:15pm
Dec 16 Potluck 5 pm, Worship at 6:15 pm + Immigr. Baskets

Ash Wednesday Worship Feb 10 at 6:15 pm

Blood Drive Dec 3
12-6 pm

PRINCE OF PEACE

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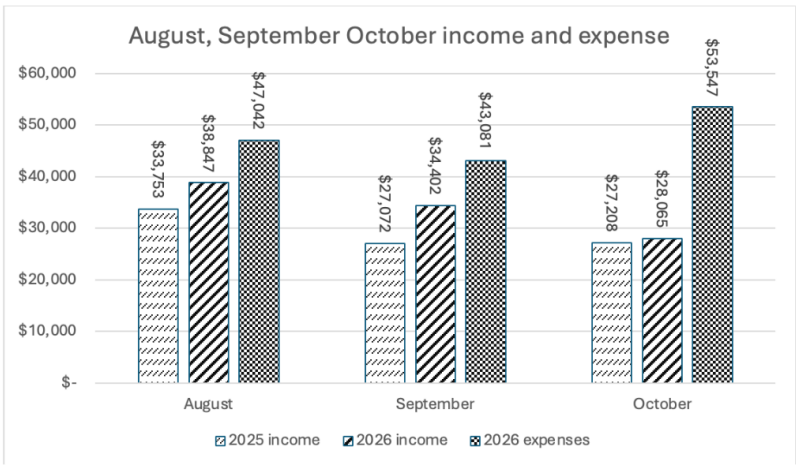
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PRINCE OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE



October 2026 had 3 payroll periods

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Hello friends!

On Nov. 1, I hit the 2 year mark with Prince of Peace. Everyday I look around and think - wow there's a lot happening here. And what a gift it is to work alongside the staff and volunteers that make everything go. Recently I was reminded how important it is to get very clear about what is mine to do and what is not. One of those things - perhaps the most primary - is to tend the spiritual health of this community. There's a lot of ways to do that:

- Provide opportunities for you to encounter the living Christ in worship, through hearing the Word and receiving the sacraments.
- Be available to you for conversation, prayer, and encouragement, especially in times of crisis.
- Ensure that educational opportunities for all ages deepen our understanding of God's grace and mercy through scripture, sacraments and faith practices.
- Provide and encourage moments of prayer and contemplation to be reminded of God's great love for you and all people.

So as we enter this busy holiday season - I give us this prayer to keep in our hearts together as a community:

Thank you, Jesus! Your goodness surrounds me. Strengthen my faith in your steadfast care. When I worry about money, health, unfinished things, mistakes, and the future, ground me in your gentle grace. Relieve me of thinking it all depends on me when it doesn't. But give me the will and strength to act when I can and should. Help me take the next best step when I can't see the outcome. And at the end of each day, assure me that you hold all of us in your everlasting love. Amen.

God bless you always, Pastor Libby

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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
Peli Chapel- Wednesdays 10:15 am
Confirmation Class- Wednesdays 7:15 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
Immigration Ministry- meets 2nd Mondays at 4:30 pm at Corkey's
Cemetery Board- meets 1st Tuesday each month 6:00 pm
JAM Club- 3rd- 7th grades (seasonal) after school on Thursdays 3-5pm
Connect & Reflect- 9th -12th grades, 2-Sundays a month 7:00 pm

Making God Visible

Worship- Sundays at 9:00 am & Wednesdays at 6:15 pm
Drum Circle- 1-2x/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- 2nd Sunday 6pm at La Crescent Methodist Church

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 + 2 Mtgs/year
Red Cross Blood Drive- Dec 3 & Feb. 11;12 pm-6 pm
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
One Body Ministry- Monthly (times vary)
Reconciling in Christ - 2nd Wednesdays at 11am

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

Faith Connect

Year-round Sunday School

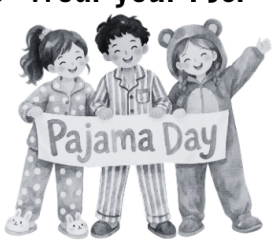
Contact Kendra Wieser at kendraw@popluth.org



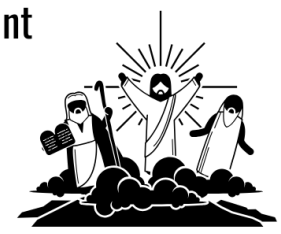
Nov 29 Noisy Offering + Waiting & Watching
Dec 6 Esther Leads
Dec 13 Bells of Peace + The Messiah is Coming
Dec 20 Immigration Baskets + Joseph Trusts God

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship with POP-up Pagaent 3 pm

Dec 27 Jammies, Jesus, Cocoa & Cookies- Wear your PJs!



Jan 3 God Protects Jesus
Jan 10 Jesus & John the Baptist
Jan 17 Jesus is Tempted
Jan 24 Sermon on the Mount
Jan 31 Annual Meeting



Feb 7 Jesus is Changed

VEGGIETALES MEAL & MOVIE NIGHTS

Friday, December 4
Friday, January 8
Friday, February 5



5:00-6:30 PM
Attire: PJs
BYO: Stuffies & Blanket

Invite your friends for faithful fun!

Youth Ministry

8th-12th Grades+



10th Grade Confirmands

Nadya Ahlschlager
Brayden Allen
Madelyn Boettcher
Bekett Cody
Teague Cody
Allison Frank
Braxten Johnson
Greta Lange
Colton Murilla
Olivia Thesing
Kiera Timm
Braeden Wurzel

Youth Ministry (grades 8-12)
Highlights from the past few months

- **Rite of Confirmation** was celebrated Nov. 15 for our 10th grade students as they affirmed their faith and shared faith stories created with Pastor Libby and Beth as they created their stoles. Didn't get to hear the students' faith statements in worship? Check out the video on PoP's YouTube channel and pick up a printed booklet in the narthex.
- **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, 40+ students collected over 3,700 pounds of food! Wow!!*
- **YNOW (Youth Night of Worship)** continues to be a succesful monthly event of worship, fun, and food for students in grades 8-12!

Contact Beth Gonia at bethg@popluth.org

One Body Ministry

Contact Maria Henry henry.maria.a@gmail.com

Our Work: We held a couple of listening sessions after worship for folks to offer their thoughts about how PoP can become more accessible to people with varying needs. There is a box on the information stand where you can still submit ideas. We attended an area forum about church safety met with the leadership of Aptiv of La Crosse. On Nov. 19, we are presenting our recommendations for improvements to the building and worship space to the Church Council.

Progress made: We now have automatic door buttons on our south entrance and the bathroom next to the lounge & elevator! All communion bread is gluten free, and Food Ministry is developing a group of bakers who will keep strict protocols to ensure it's safe for all.

Hopes for the near future: An updated sanctuary sound system enabled with blue-tooth technology. Piloting new seating options for the sanctuary.

Music Ministry

Contact Maria Higgins – MariaH@PopLuth.org

Every song we sing, bell we ring, rhythm we share, is a reminder of how music unites our hearts in praise and fellowship!

Drum Circle -12/3, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4
All are welcome, in the music room, Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30

Voices of Peace- Rehearses Sundays 10:30 - 11:30
and will sing for Worship on Dec 6 (9 am) and Dec 24 (5 pm)

Bells of Peace - Rehearses Tues nights 6:30 - 7:45
and will play for Worship - Dec 13 (9 am)

P.o.P Rocks - Look for exciting things happening in Jan.!
Whether you want to join a group, play an instrument, try something new, or lift your voice from the pew, there is a place for you here. Thank you for a blessed first year! I look forward to making much more joyful noise with you in the months to come!