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WORSHIP

Sundays at 9:00 am



- May 31- Choir sings + Noisy Offering
- June 7- Hunger Jars + Synod-wide Worship/Picnic
- June 14- Camper Blessings + Sugar Creek Breakfast
- June 21- New Member Sunday + Immigrant Min. Baskets
- June 28- Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
- July 5- Peace for New Neighbors Ministry Baskets
- July 12- Jazz Sunday + Workcamper Blessing (& Pool Party)
- July 19- Hunger Jars
- July 26- LuMin Campus Ministry Sunday
- Aug 2- Peace for New Neighbors Ministry Baskets
- Aug 9- Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
- Aug 16- Hunger Jars & Faith Webs Potluck following worship
- Aug 23- The One Where Pastor Anna Does It All
- Aug 30- Noisy Offering + Blessing of Visitation Ministry

Community Picnics at Wieser Pavillion
5:30 pm on June 17, July 15 & Aug 12

Blood Drive
June 18 & Aug 13
12-6 pm



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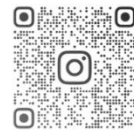
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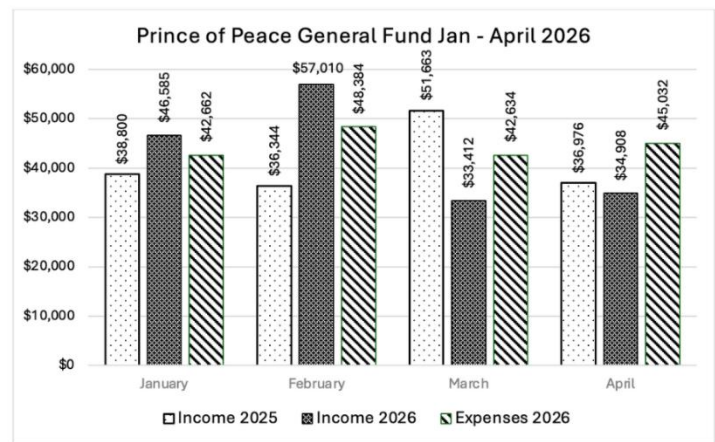
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PRINCE OF PEACE FINANCIAL UPDATE



A Q1 report is available on the information stand or from the office.

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

I think of this space as my opportunity to reflect on what I see happening in our congregation and how I sense the movement of the Holy Spirit among us - so here are some thoughts:

- Our Life Together book study recently wrapped up. A large core group of people have faithfully engaged with Bonhoeffer's words, but more importantly with one another in small discussion groups. I sense an exponential growth in our capacity to listen, question, and pray for each other. I'm excited to see where the Holy Spirit will keep taking us.
- It feels like Prince of Peace is in a "growth spurt" right now. Every Sunday new faces appear in worship. We are looking forward to officially welcoming several new households into membership on June 21st. Worship attendance overall has increased. More families with young children are consistently present in worship. Response to music and adult education opportunities has been strong. Energy in general feels positive most of the time.
- After a year and a half, people have started to share with me stories of how they have felt let down by Prince of Peace. In a sermon recently, I mentioned "church hurt." And I am wondering how we can seek healing together - repent of things that have caused harm - extend forgiveness - and call each other in to a better future together.
- The pulsing drumbeat of our congregation continues to be our desire to be a truly welcoming congregation - a community in which the extravagance of God's love is felt by all. Taking a page out of our recent study of Life Together by Bonhoeffer, how can we be more intentional with our listening to one another and our community? What barriers to belonging exist physically and socially? And how might we reduce or eliminate those barriers for the sake of loving all?
- During the summer I will be slowing down a little bit (hopefully) and focusing on tending relationships, especially with folks I have not had time to know yet, like our elders who are not part of the weekly activities at the church building and our teens when I go to New Jersey for Workcamp in July. WOOHOO!!
- I am grateful! I thank God everyday for the privilege to serve this congregation, work with a remarkably capable staff, and grow in faith alongside you.

Christ's peace be yours,
Pastor Libby

ADULT EDUCATION

Contact Pastor Libby at libbyhpopluth.org

So far in 2026...

We have held 3 formal opportunities for Adult Education - The Gospel of Matthew 101 in January, Passion Narratives during Lent, and the Life Together book study for 6 weeks during Easter. During the summer months you are invited to rest and reflect on the following:

- What have I learned that feels important to remember?
- What new questions or topics related to my faith would I like to pursue with others at PoP?
- What is God continuing to show me?
- How can I make a little more space for learning in my daily life?

What's next?

Several topics have bubbled up in the past few months, often starting with the phrase, "What does the Bible say about..." Sin? Judgement? Justice? Hell? Immigrants? Other topical studies mentioned include Christian Nationalism, Persuasion & Politics, and How to have good conversations when we disagree. Maybe folks would appreciate a series on "Great Stories of the Bible and Why they Still Matter" or a series called "Why do we do that in worship?" Perhaps there's a book you would like to read and discuss with others. Please Let Pastor Libby know what piques your interest so we can offer good opportunities in the Fall! Thanks!

YOUTH MINISTRY 8th-12th Grades+

Contact Beth Gonia at bethg@popluth.org



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

- **Lent Confirmation Mentors:** Our confirmation students spent the season of Lent meeting with a Prince of Peace member to discuss their faith. It was a great opportunity for the students to connect with other generations at POP.
- **Workcamp 2026** is fast approaching, and we will be selling our "Workcamp Stock" up until the trip in mid-July.
- **YNOW (Youth Night of Worship)** is held once a month during the school year in conjunction with La Crescent United Methodist and Crucifixion. These nights include praise music, food, and games.
- **Senior Events:** We celebrated the Class of 2026 with Senior Sunday and Baccalaureate and wished them blessings on this time of transition. (see photos above from Senior Sunday)

FAITH FORMATION

Contact Kendra Wieser at kendraw@popluth.org

SIGN UP BY JUNE 1



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP EXPLORER DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 7:45 AM- 4:30 PM

Bible Day Camp for kids entering K-5th

Lunch, Snack & Bussing Provided

IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME CAMPERS & FUTURE OVERNIGHT CAMPERS

Faith Connect YEAR-ROUND SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 31- Trinity Craft & Story

June 7- Take & Make Bandaid Craft+

*Build Your Own Worship Bag @ Synod Assembly Worship- Riverside Park 10 am

June 14- Camper Blessing & Sugar Creek Breakfast

June 21- Father's Day Crafts

June 28- Everyone Can Be A Helper

July 5- Take & Make Patriotic Faith Crafts

July 12- Jazz Sunday & God Says Sunflower Craft +

 **Baptism Pool Party at Best Western 11-1 pm** 
Lunch included, bring your floaties!

July 19- Jesus Loves You S'more Than You Know!

July 26- Mustard Seed Story & Necklaces

Aug 2- Feeding 5000 Story & Craft



VBS AUG 3-7

9:00 AM-NOON 520 N. ELM
WITH/AT UNITED METHODIST

Early drop-off with breakfast available

4K-5th Grade



SCAN HERE

6th grade students and older are invited to volunteer

Aug 9- Jesus Walks on Water Story & Craft

Aug 16- Faith Webs Potluck

Aug 23- TBD

Aug 30- Backpack Blessing

MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact Maria Higgins at mariahpopluth.org



Bells of Peace



Voices of Peace Choir

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." -Colossians 3:16

I'm so thankful for the music we have made together these last five months and how I have seen and felt the love of Jesus here among you.

Bells of Peace and Voices of Peace will resume in Sept. There will also be opportunities for special music throughout the Summer as well as **Drum Circle June 18, July 16 and Aug 13.**

Thank you!
Maria



Organist Alan



Cantor Maria



Easter Ensemble
Larson Family