



Tidings

Love God - Follow Jesus - Invite All

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 14th at 11:15am

In person (Fellowship Hall) and online (via Google Meets)

Lunch will be a fundraiser for the Mission Trip.



Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!!

All youth are invited to participate, as an attendee or as a volunteer. Registration will be \$35 per participant, or \$100 for a family of three. Be sure to invite friends and family to attend with you on **June 22nd-26th from 9am to noon**. Registered participants will also have the chance to be a song leader - watch for an email at the end of May!

Register now at—<https://www.princeofpeace.net/vbs>

Too old to be a participant but want to join the fun? Have no fear...VBS is still for you! Volunteers are essential to guide our children deeper into their friendship with God! Older youth and adults of all ages are needed for a successful program. There is a wide variety of ways to serve from sharing Bible stories, leading crews, playing games, and preparing snacks!

Register or contact the VBS Director Katie Giegler at vbs@PrinceOfPeace.net or 224-587-4788 to find out how you can be part of the fun and deepen your own faith at the same time!

Looking to serve in other ways?

Donation Slips have been posted! We are looking for snacks and craft materials.

Setting the scene! The weekend of June 20-21 we will be transforming the church into Rainforest Falls. If you are interested in helping to decorate, please contact VBS@Princeofpeace.net

Thank you in advance!

Pastor's Perspective—A Time of Transition

Pastor Erin Clausen (she/her)

[God said to Joshua] “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” –Joshua 1:9

By now you have heard that Prince of Peace is entering a time of staff transition. Prince of Peace's staff have been faithful servants of the congregation for many, many years, and the Congregation Council's decision to restructure how we staff our ministries was not made lightly or without concern for what these decisions will mean for Prince of Peace's ministry. We hope that these decisions will enable us to find a more secure financial footing, leading us toward different possibilities for how we live as church for one another and for our community.

Of course, this new reality poses challenges for both the congregation and for our beloved staff, especially those whose roles are being eliminated but also for those who remain. I encourage you to pray for each of them regularly through these next days. I also encourage you to share your own support and stories of the love and esteem with which you hold them.

Sonia has dedicated nearly 40 years of her life to serving Prince of Peace in an administrative capacity. She has been a consistent presence through many iterations of ministry and pastoral and staff transitions. Her smile and quick wit keep the office a friendly and welcoming place to be. Sonia's care for the congregation seeps into every ministry through both the administrative support she provides and through a thousand little details and small touches around the church facility. I trust I am not the only one who will miss Sonia's laugh and care when she retires on June 30.

Karen too has dedicated many years to serving Prince of Peace. From caring for children to adult Bible studies to behind the scenes administration to locking doors and taking late phone calls, Karen's fingerprints are on generations of families that have been a part of this congregation. Karen's steadfast care has helped teens weather the storms of life and the congregation weather transitions of all kinds. Her memory for people, stories, and details is unparalleled (and something I will miss greatly!) Karen loves through acts of service, ensuring everyone knows they have a place in this congregational community. I trust that the love she has given this congregation will continue to permeate this congregation for generations to come.

Emily grew up as a child of this congregation, and when she stepped into the role of Director of Youth Ministries, she had a clear vision of what she wanted this program to be. She has loved the youth of this congregation with both grace and accountability. Under her care, youth have found their voices and a safe place to land when they fall. Emily stretched to learn new things and to invite our youth to do the same – ensuring that youth find a place not only with each other but also in service with the congregation in worship and meals.

All of our staff are beloved and important, and their ministries have shaped the congregation that we are now. As we say goodbye to those who must depart, we know that we can all be of good courage with the God who loves us and is always with us. Please join me in praying for Sonia, Karen, and Emily, that they too might feel God's presence with them in every moment.



Taking Action After the Cottage Meetings

by Terri Lamberti

In the February/March Tidings I wrote an article sharing what a Cottage Meeting was and encouraging everyone to attend one of the scheduled meetings to express your opinions and share your ideas for the future of Prince of Peace. In the April Tidings my article was titled “After Cottage Meetings...Now What” and shared that council would be meeting to review the comments that had been compiled from all 11 meetings. That’s a lot of information to digest and find focus for next steps, but that’s the reason these meetings were held... what’s important for the life of Prince of Peace!

Church council met on Saturday, April 25th to review the information at hand and start this journey forward. We identified four areas for focus:

- Pre-School and Youth
- Community Outreach
- Inward Reaching Care (for members)
- Stewardship

Each of these areas needs to have the proper attention of leadership, clear communication, and consideration of the financial impact.

We also determined there are three timeframes for any work to be done:

- More immediate areas/ideas for action (“low hanging fruit”!)
- Mid-term planning (6 months to 3 years)
- Long range planning (3-6 years)

Council will be meeting again soon to continue with the work that needs to be done but we want you to know we are listening to your ideas and working to incorporate them into the life of Prince of Peace. We now have ideas and the energy to help PoP grow to become “something” again!

We are no longer trying to preserve the church we were...we need to be investing in becoming the church our community needs. One of the most incredible assets we have is the pre-school...they are not a tenant of PoP; they are the front door! We will be working on how to open that door wide for all.

We are also taking steps to reimagine our staff model and sometimes that can be very difficult. We will need to say “good-bye” to valued staff members who are also friends. How can we honor these individuals? Perhaps by lending our support to fulfill our mission, and that may mean volunteering only once to help a board with an event or volunteering to assist a board with an ongoing activity. As the first disciples showed Jesus in Matthew 4:20, they left their nets and followed Him. Saying “yes” may be easier than we thought!

SPECIAL EVENT IN THE CLC:

DIVA and the PREACHER

featuring Diva Montell and George Holmes

Saturday June 6, 2026

Cocktails / Appetizers: 6:00 pm
Act I Performance: 7:00 - 7:45 pm
Intermission: 7:45 - 8:00 pm
Act II Performance: 8:00 - 8:45 pm

Back by popular demand, please come and enjoy this eclectic encore performance by Diva Montell and George Holmes. Whether it's pop, rock, jazz, opera, blues, Broadway, or Hollywood show tunes, you'll soon find yourself tapping your feet and singing along to the special gifts of these uniquely talented and well known performers! Tickets will go fast for this enchanting event that you will not want to miss! Bring your friends!

TICKET INFORMATION:

Ticket Price: \$30

Advance purchase through QR code, at the door, or by contacting the church office at 847-885-7010



Questions?
Contact Mark Wallther
224-281-1166

930 W. Higgins Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60195

 Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church

[Click here to purchase tickets for Diva and the Preacher](#)

Prince of Peace Financial Information for the ten months ending April 30, 2026

- YTD, our total expenses continue to exceed the funds received, resulting in a deficit. While we expected an overall deficit of \$62.2 thousand at this point in the year, we have only incurred a loss of \$15.8 thousand. The year-to-date loss for church operations stands at **\$50.9 thousand**. In contrast, the preschool has achieved a positive year-to-date result of **\$35.1 thousand**, which is helping to offset some of our overall losses. Although our current cash reserves and investments are sufficient to cover all expenses, we remain concerned about the depletion of these reserves over the past four to five years. To address this issue, we are actively evaluating measures such as increasing fundraising efforts, seeking alternative revenue sources, and carefully reviewing our spending to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Tithes and offerings have fallen short of budget by **\$49.1 thousand** for the ten months ending April 30, 2026. If this trend continues for the next two months, we could end the year with only \$410 thousand in total offerings, compared to the expected \$474 thousand. This would reduce overall operating results by an additional \$15 thousand.
- Facility usage and Other Board revenue is higher than budget primarily due to investment income and additional facility revenue as the Church focuses on alternative sources of revenue and promoting Prince of Peace as a location for meetings and events.
 - We have used **\$16.8 thousand** of unrestricted funds during the past ten months.
- Executive/Shared Services expenses are under budget \$62 thousand, due primarily to reduced costs resulting from Pastor's leave of absence. From mid-November until January, her salary and benefits were covered by her disability insurance. Starting in February, we began paying a pro-rated salary based on hours worked.
- Property expenses are higher than budget primarily due to unplanned fire alarm maintenance, worship center lighting, boiler maintenance, and other urgent repairs (drainage /roof leak issues).

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the numbers, please come to our congregational meeting June 14 or contact any council member/Carol Pfeifer (jets820@gmail.com)/Lisa Benson (treasurer@princeofpeace.net).

Prince of Peace
Revenue and Expenses
Ten Months ending April 30, 2026

	4/30/26	4/30/26	2025/2026	6/30/25	6/30/24
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Year-End Actual	Year-End Actual
Tithes and Offerings	352,280	401,373	474,230	469,820	479,218
Facility Usage/Other	53,555	31,133	37,520	57,344	53,032
Board of Preschool	276,431	257,210	285,700	253,161	202,391
All Other Boards	64,459	37,000	75,110	72,589	65,234
Total revenue	746,725	726,716	872,560	852,914	799,874
Executive/Shared Service:	272,056	334,088	400,156	379,101	361,885
Board of Property	137,244	125,080	146,000	152,772	137,857
Board of Finance	24,109	23,953	28,920	28,721	27,455
Board of Preschool	241,263	231,600	269,490	240,186	199,655
All Other Boards	87,807	74,190	91,423	115,482	120,366
Total expenses	762,480	788,910	935,989	916,262	847,218
Net	(15,755)	(62,193)	(63,429)	(63,349)	(47,345)
Board of Preschool	35,168	25,610	16,210	12,975	2,736
Church Operations	(50,923)	(87,804)	(79,639)	(76,323)	(50,080)

Prince of Peace
Cash and Investment Balances

	4/30/26	6/30/25	6/30/24
Unrestricted*	276,449	293,296	356,554
Restricted**	221,364	198,898	174,761
Undesignated***	206,105	193,258	146,796
Total	703,918	685,453	678,111

*Can be used for any expenditures.
 **Must be used for specific purposes.
 ***Can be used at Council's discretion.

Recommended cash reserves:	333,000
<small>(6-mths non-Preschool expenses)</small>	
Cash available for operating ex	149,554

Board of Finance

Are We a Church or a Business?

by Carol Pfeifer

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” — Psalm 32:8

In this season of change, especially after difficult decisions and staff transitions, it's natural to wonder what truly defines us. We talk about budgets and resources, and it can sound like business language. But our identity has never rested on finances or staffing levels.

A business measures success in profit. A church measures faithfulness in love, service, and the hope we share in Christ. Even as circumstances shift, our mission remains steady: to proclaim the Gospel and care for one another — to **Love God, Follow Jesus, and Invite All**.

Good stewardship and thoughtful planning help us move forward with faithful conviction. Stewardship is not simply about money; it includes the time, talents, and passion our members offer every day. These gifts support the ministry God continues to shape among us.

We remain the Church — Christ's Church — trusting that God is guiding us, healing us, and opening new possibilities for our future together.

Board of Stewardship

Competing for your Giving Dollars

by Will Damico

My wife and I were given the opportunity to take an impromptu trip for Mother's Day week (you did know Mother's Day is five days long). The book I brought to read is titled *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*. The premise of the book is that churches, like all other charitable organizations, need to give people a reason to believe that the church will be effective in using the resources, financial and otherwise, they give to effectively accomplish goals the people support.

The Church Council is committed to better explaining what is done with the resources the congregation supplies, especially the financial resources. I am also studying the notes from the cottage meetings to see what themes are important to the congregation.

However, Chuck and I are both older white men and we can't incorporate perspectives of younger families, younger single people, and the views particular to women of all ages. I get that the prospect of being on the board that is responsible for asking for money isn't very exciting and that people of all ages have limited time. Therefore, I am willing to try a different approach to getting the input we need. Chuck and I will brainstorm on some of topics we need input on and then put them out there for a group of volunteers to contribute their thoughts on.

For starters, I will ask for contributions on the topic of what service or addition to the Sunday morning activities do you think would help you succeed in inviting friends or neighbors to service? If you have suggestions or would like to be part of a group to brainstorm and vet suggestions, let us know using the email below.

If you are willing to help or have any questions or suggestions, email bdstewardship@princeofpeace.net.



Music Notes...

by Scott Uddenberg

He Is With Us Always

A Reflection on Matthew 28:20 “*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*” — Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

These are among the final words Jesus spoke to His disciples before ascending into heaven — and they ring just as powerfully today as they did on that Galilean hillside two thousand years ago. In a single sentence, Christ dismantles our deepest fear: that we are alone.

The Promise in Context

Matthew 28 closes with what we call the Great Commission. Jesus calls His followers to go into all the world, to make disciples, to baptize and to teach. It is a breathtaking charge — one that would have felt overwhelming to a small band of fishermen, tax collectors, and ordinary men and women. But Jesus does not send them out empty-handed. He seals the commission with a promise: I am with you. Always.

The Greek word translated “always” is *pasas tas hēmeras* — literally, “all the days.” Not just the good days. Not only the days when faith feels easy and the path is clear. All the days. The hard Mondays. The uncertain seasons. The grief-filled winters. Every single one.

What This Means for Us

We live in a world that can feel isolating and unpredictable. Many of us carry burdens we don’t speak aloud — worries about health, relationships, finances, or the future. It is easy, in those quiet and heavy moments, to feel as though God is distant or silent. But Jesus’s promise cuts through that feeling with grace and authority. He is Emmanuel — “God with us” — not just at Christmas, but on every ordinary Tuesday. Not just in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, but in the hospital waiting room, in the difficult conversation, in the middle-of-the-night hour when sleep won’t come.

His presence is not conditional on our performance. It is not earned by our faithfulness or forfeited by our stumbling. It is a promise rooted in His unchanging character.

A Call to Live Differently

Because Christ is with us, we can step boldly into the places He calls us to go — into our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our families — as people who carry His presence with them. We need not be paralyzed by inadequacy, because the One who commissioned us also accompanies us.

And because He is with us, we can also extend that same comfort to one another. When a fellow member of this congregation is walking through a dark valley, we become the hands and voice of a present Savior. We remind each other: you are not alone.

A Prayer for This Week

Lord Jesus, thank You that Your presence is not a feeling we must conjure, but a promise You have kept. Help us to walk in the confidence of Your company this week — in our work, our relationships, and our service to others. May the awareness of Your nearness make us courageous, generous, and full of peace. Amen.

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” — Deuteronomy 31:8

ELGIN SYMPHONY TRIO

Friday, May 29

7:00 PM

Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church
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TELEMANN | Trio Sonata in E minor
MOZART | Trio No. 1
HAYDN | "London" Trio No. 1
MOZART | Trio No. 3
J.S. BACH | Trio Sonata in G major, BWV 1039

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Carol Dylan, violin
Sara Sitzer, cello

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Stephen Ministry
I Scream, You Scream

By Janet Ichida



So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"

Matthew 6:31

There's nothing like a cold dish of ice cream on a hot, summer day (*or cold winter day or rainy spring day, or any day really*). It's something this family has enjoyed over many years, thus the round bellies on the two senior Ichida's. There are a multitude of flavors available in the many ice cream shops. I prefer anything with chocolate; the Chocolate Peanut Butter is my go-to scoop. I asked my other family members for research for this article. Bob likes Baskin Robbins Baseball Nut while his runner-up is the basic Butter Pecan. Now you can tell Stephanie is my daughter because she immediately answered the Chocolate Peanut Butter from Baskin Robbins. *You can tell where we hung out when she was a child.* My son-in-law Chris answered the fastest with Cookie Dough. *That adoration of ice cream and his love of the Cubs is why we let him in the family.* My grandsons prefer Oreo for Teddy and Cookie Dough for Oliver. *You did know I was a grandma, didn't you?*

The one trouble with ice cream is the brain freeze if you gobble it down too quickly. Due to this cause we all are recipients of this malady. It isn't fair that something so yummy can create any pain. Yet this is true for many good things in life. A happy marriage can sometimes lead to an ugly divorce. The long-awaited pregnancy sometimes leads to an awful miscarriage. A happy life will occasionally end with a bout with cancer. Even the perfect job can have layoffs. An occasional drink can lead to alcoholism. I am 100% positive that the majority of you personally know many of these examples, if not for you personally, then through a close relationship. The pain from these is extreme, often causing severe depression. Some people need to talk about it. If so, Stephen Ministry may help.

Please pray about it while considering this important ministry. If you chose to have a Stephen Minister, you would meet weekly for about an hour at a place of your choosing. There is absolutely no cost, and it is completely confidential. We don't preach the Bible, instead we just listen - listen to YOU. You are bound to want more information, then contact one of the leaders listed below. You can also talk to a current Stephen Ministry. We wear adorable blue pins on Sunday mornings. Take care of yourself! Happy eating! Maybe have some ice cream while you are thinking about it.

Janet Ichida	Pam Johnson	Glenda Klein	Tom Pfeiffer	Mary Simonis
630-650-8336	847-382-7521	847-519-3933	847-313-5702	847-571-2541

Ladies, please join us for:

*"A Walk Down Memory Lane,"
 a Celebration of Love, Marriage, Laughter & Forever After's.*

We are reminded God gave us memories so we can have "Roses in December." This program aims to bring us joy and beautiful memories.

Saturday, June 27, 1-3pm in CLC

Cost \$20/18 & better, under 18 free - **This is a Mission Trip fundraiser.**

An elegant dessert and punch will be served. Invite family & friends. Attire - dress up!

We will have music & singing, a delightful talk on love/faith/humor in marriage, bridal fashion from the 1900's to today, a love letter shared and poem read, and a parade of wedding dresses.

We are looking for your wedding dresses to display & share a brief fact about your wedding.

Contact Renee Lucas at RALfarmgirl@gmail.com if you have a dress to display or any questions. All brides please bring a wedding photo to display.



Board of Serving Ministries

by Chris Chason

The above logo depicts two travelers on a long journey to escape persecution. The one on the left is looking downcast. The one on the right is looking up with hope. He represents the hopeful young men who have sought safety in the U.S.; the hope that became reality when they were welcomed at Viator House of Hospitality.

As a Faith Community Partner, this congregation is committed to supporting Viator House as a safe place for the young men while they receive the education, mentoring, physical and emotional health care, etc. that will enable them to grow into self-sufficient adults.

You can help supply what they need most this spring by purchasing items on this list. All donations must be new and unused. Our Spring Collection will start on Sunday May 24th and end on Sunday June 7th.

Dish Towels

Dish Cloths

Dish Soap

Floor Cleaner (e.g., Fabuloso)

Inexpensive Silverware

Boxers size Men's Medium

Boxers size Men's Large

T-shirt size Men's Medium

T-shirt size Men's Large

Men's ankle length black socks

Aldi gift cards—it takes a lot of food to feed 20+ guys who are 18-24 years old!

Shell gas cards

Or you can donate money so that the items needed can be purchased. Write a check payable to Prince of Peace and annotate it "Viator House collection;" or put money in an envelope labeled "Viator House collection;" or donate online and designate it for "Viator House collection."

The collection dates are May 24 to June 7th. There will be a bin in the Fellowship Hall for donations on Sunday mornings. If you are bringing in donations on weekdays, please bring them to the office.



Mission Trip Update

Plans are well underway for the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission trip to Kentucky. Participants have taken time to learn about the history and culture of Appalachia and how ASP is serving the community. Soon participants will have an opportunity to practice their construction skills as they build a picnic table or step stool for the church.

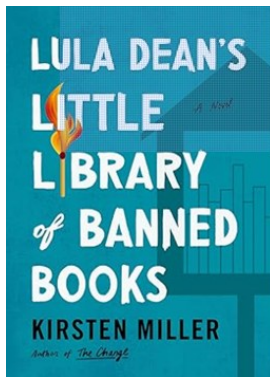
Thank you to everyone who has supported the trip through the Envelope and Flamingo Fundraisers!

The Mission Trip Participants will be preparing and serving a lunch before the annual meeting on June 14th. Please donate generously as you fellowship to enable all trip costs to be covered.

Feel free to ask participants what they have learned and what they are anticipating!



Prince of Peace Book Club Selection for June



PoP Book Club to meet Wednesday, June 24 at 7 PM and Friday, June 26 at 10 AM in the conference room across from the office. We'll be reading "Lulu Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kirsten Miller.

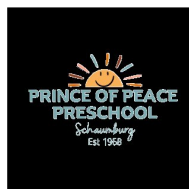
The provocative and hilarious read that will have book lovers cheering and everyone talking! Kirsten Miller, author of *The Change*, brings us this bracing, wildly entertaining piece of humorous fiction and satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything.

Beverly Underwood and her arch enemy, Lula Dean, live in the tiny town of Troy, Georgia, where they were born and raised. Now Beverly is on the school board, and Lula has become a local celebrity by embarking on a mission of censorship to rid the public libraries of all inappropriate books—none of which she's actually read. To re-

place the "pornographic" books she's challenged at the local public library, Lula starts her own lending library in front of her home: a cute wooden hutch with glass doors and neat rows of the worthy literature that she's sure the town's readers need.

What Lula doesn't know is that a local troublemaker has stolen her wholesome books, removed their dust jackets, and restocked Lula's library with banned books: literary classics, gay romances, Black history, witchy spell books, Judy Blume novels, and more. In this unforgettable work of women's fiction, neighbors who borrow books from Lula Dean's library find their lives changed in unexpected ways. Finally, one of Lula Dean's enemies discovers the library and decides to turn the tables on her, just as Lula and Beverly are running against each other to replace the town's disgraced mayor.

That's when all the townspeople who've been borrowing from Lula's library begin to reveal themselves. That's when the showdown that's been brewing between Beverly and Lula will roil the whole town...and change it forever. Sounds like a hilarious read. Join us for a spirited discussion at either of our meetings. Questions, call Kathy Tweeten 847-971-0192 or kat8@aol.com.



Early Childhood Programs at Prince of Peace

By Michelle Heberling, Director

Greetings from the preschool!

We had a wonderful end to our school year filled with fun including dress-up days, celebrating our moms, releasing our butterflies, beach day, and our year end celebration. I really love our year end celebration which brings all our families together to celebrate the fantastic year. Families begin the day in their child's classroom to hear a few words from the teachers and the kids sing a few songs. Next the adults head outside while each class runs through their class banner. We took an all-school picture, and the staff performed a dance. We followed that with a tasty visit from the Kona Ice truck while everyone played and visited with each other. Seeing the relationships that have formed over the years is really special. The celebration was a blast but, as always, hard to say goodbye to our graduates and their families. I want to thank our amazing staff, boosters, and board for all the love and support this school year. They are what makes our program so special!

We are looking forward to our 5 weeks of summer camp. It is so great to see current students at camp as well as some alumni. Camp is not only super fun, but it also helps us start the year financially strong. We are also looking forward to partnering with VBS this summer!



Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed

by Sue Patt

Believe it or not summer is almost upon us. That means kids are home from school and needing more at home meals for families. Marianne at the Food Pantry says feeding our children and families makes them feel safe. I hadn't thought of it that way before, so let's do what we can to make our families feel safe. Thank you!

Please continue to donate as you can with actual food donations or possibly a monetary donation to www.schaumburgtownship.org and scroll down to the Make a Donation button.

salad dressing – all kinds	canned fruit – all varieties
vegetable soup	household cleaning products
gluten free pasta	ramen noodles
spices and seasonings	low salt items
salt and pepper	fruit snacks
baking mixes – cake, brownies, muffins, etc.	jelly – any kind
spam, canned chicken	mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce
personal hygiene items – soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner	tomato paste, tomato sauce
feminine hygiene items	Pasta Roni and Rice A Roni
adult incontinence items	Hamburger Helper
baby diapers – sizes 5, 6, 7	cooking oil
	coffee and tea

A Final Message to my Home Congregation

by Emily Uddenberg

For those who are not yet aware, the Congregational Council is presenting a budget next month that does not include my current position of Director of Youth Ministries, or any paid staff youth position. In anticipation of this change, I went looking for another job. I have been offered and accepted a full-time position in Elmhurst, and my final day at Prince of Peace will be May 17. This final Sunday is also the celebration of the Affirmation of Baptism, because I wanted to be sure to complete my part in the faith journeys of the youth and families I've been able to spend time with during my time in this position. It is important to me that the congregation know this change was not initiated by me; that I was prepared to continue in my role. There is an ease and joy that I have found in helping youth create a relationship with God and demonstrating the importance of church being a part of a young person's support system. That being said, I will no longer be attending or participating in worship at Prince of Peace after my final day of being on staff.

I have some thoughts, hopes, and prayers for this congregation as volunteers adopt the responsibilities of guiding the youth and families of Prince of Peace. I think that Karen Wagner and I have laid a solid foundation of relationships with the families of Prince of Peace. All kids simply want to be seen, feel safe, and know they are loved. I hope that this congregation does not forget the youth and families that are within the walls at Prince of Peace, as I've noticed the instinct to look outwards into the community is more common than supporting current ministries. In *Growing Young* fashion, give kids jobs to do. Taking responsibility and ownership of events like VBS create the habits of taking care of their church now and for years to come. Several youths now know what it means to share musical talents in worship, serve communion, read scripture, and be an usher. Kids also teach Sunday School, assist in the kitchen, and take sessions at Feed My Starving Children very seriously. I pray these efforts are noticed and encouraged by all.

Prince of Peace has been here for me through some of the trickiest parts of life.

This congregation taught me a lot of things: how to use proper construction tools on Mission Trips, the books of the Bible rap, and the importance of having a church family. Many of the people and the ministries that have shaped me still exist at this church, even as things are changing. I am not the only one who considers Prince of Peace their home church. There is no reason for this congregation, who I know to be united in our mission of faith, to disappear. Church is about people, about kids, and about families. I pray Prince of Peace keeps its best qualities to continue being a supportive community for many years to come.

With blessings,
Emily



Second Saturday Date Night

Pollyanna Brewing Company

June 13 @ 6:30 pm



What's says summer better than a beer or cocktail on the patio, music playing, and a food truck?? That's right, an evening at Pollyanna's is the perfect summer date night!

Plan to gather at 6:30pm. You can bring an appetizer or dessert to share! Beverages are available for purchase, Uncle Cam's Sandwich food truck, or plan to order or carry in dinner of your choice.

We will try and reserve a few tables for our group on the patio or outside in the picnic table area. RSVP is helpful but not required.

Hope to see you there! RSVP via Realm or text Jill at 847-754-7657.

Adult Learning Opportunities

(Meeting locations may change)

Passages meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Contact Karen Wagner at wagner@princeofpeace.net for questions.

Men's Bible Study Group meets on Mondays at 7:00pm in Room 213 and virtually. Contact Tom Pfeifer at jets820@comcast.net.

Rebekah Circle - meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. Please contact [Pam Johnson](mailto:Pam.Johnson@princeofpeace.net) with questions.

Vine & Branches—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Please contact [Renee Lucas](mailto:Renee.Lucas@princeofpeace.net) with questions.



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Prince of Peace Mission Statement

Love God – Follow Jesus – Invite All

SAVE THE DATES:
2026 Deaf Ministry Fundraiser Events

 Jersey Mike's SUGAR FREE SUBS Monday May 4 All Day Jersey Mike's 108 East Golf Rd Schaumburg	 Red Robin GOURMET BURGERS & BEERS Wed. May 20 All Day Red Robin 2742 N Sutton Rd Hoffman Estates	 Portillo's HOT DOGS, BEEF, BURGERS, SALADS Tuesday June 9 5pm-8pm Portillo's 611 E. Golf Rd Schaumburg	 Panera BREAD Tuesday June 23 4pm-8pm Panera Bread 2415 West Schaumburg Rd Schaumburg	 GUZMAN Y GOMEZ Mexican Mexican Thursday July 9 4pm-8pm Guzman y Gomez 795 Golf Rd Schaumburg
 VILLAGE TAVERN & GRILL Mon. July 27 All Day Village Tavern 901 W. Wise Rd Schaumburg	 Lou Malnati's PIZZERIA Wed. Aug. 19 All Day Lou Malnati's 1 South Roselle Rd Schaumburg	 Culver's FRESH CUTTING BUTTERBREADS Mon. Sept. 14 11am-8pm Culver's 1800 Wise Rd. Schaumburg	 Garibaldi's CHICKEN & PASTA Wed. October 7 All Day Garibaldi's 2346 W. Higgins Rd. Hoffman Estates	 BUONA CHICAGO'S ORIGINAL ITALIAN BEEF Wed. Nov. 4 All Day Buona 2352 W. Higgins Rd. Hoffman Estates

Fundraiser event flyers will be made available on Prince of Peace's facebook page near the date of each event. Thank you for your continuous support!

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Upcoming Events

- May 19—The Community Meal
- May 20- Deaf Ministry Red Robin Fundraiser
- June 6—Diva and the Preacher
- June 9—Deaf Ministry Portillo's Fundraiser
- June 14—Congregation Meeting
- June 22-26—Vacation Bible School
- June 23—Deaf Ministry Panera Fundraiser
- June 27—Walk down Memory Lane Fundraiser
- October 18—CROP Hunger Walk



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Worship Schedule:

Sundays, 9:45am
 Sunday School, 9:00am, beginning in September
 Also available via Livestream on Facebook
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Schaumburg
 Services posted on our YouTube channel after Livestream:
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Schaumburg

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