

Tidings

Love God - Follow Jesus - Invite All

All Saints' Eve Party & "Trunk or Treat" Sunday, October 25th



11:00 - 11:30 Chili Lunch
11:30 - 12:15 Party
12:15 - 12:45 Trunk or Treat

We'll begin with lunch. Chili and fixings will be provided. Then we will have the games and activities in the great room, followed by the Trunk or Treat. Children aged 10 and under are invited to attend with their parents. They may dress up in costumes and participate in all the activities and games.

Admission for the event is one bag of candy per family.

The **CONGREGATION** is invited to participate in a designated area in the parking lot by decorating their cars and distributing treats from their trunks to the children who will be "trunk or treating" from car to car in the parking lot. (sign up will be coming, candy is provided for the cars distributing candy)

Everyone is invited! - Join this big block party in the church parking lot.
Please help the youth celebrate this holiday safely!

Baked Goods Needed for the All-Saints' Eve Cake Walk

Please bring cookies, cupcakes or small cakes to the church kitchen on October 25th marked "Cake Walk". Place them on small disposable plates, 6 or 8 items to a plate.

Any questions, please contact Katie Dau at Katie.dau@gmail.com

SPECIAL FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT IN THE CLC:
Illusionist/Magician
Bill Cook
Friday, October 23, 2026
6:00 - 7:00 pm:
Beverages and Appetizers
7:00 - 9:00 pm:
Bill Cook Magical Performance
(15 minute Intermission)
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
Bill Cook's high energy magical show combines comedy, drama, and interactive audience participation. His ability to entertain audiences both young and old alike make him one of the most versatile performers working today. Bill has performed and headlined on many of the world's largest stages across North America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Central, and South America.
"Get ready to have your minds BLOWN. Absolutely incredible - Amazing!"
Al Roker - Host of NBC's "The Today Show"
For Questions, Please Contact:
Church Office: 847-885-7010
Mark Walther: 224-281-1166
930 W. Higgins Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60195
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

\$30 for Adults
\$10 for High School and College Students
FREE for Elementary and Junior High Students attending with parent/guardian
Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church, through QR code, or at the door.

[Click here for tickets to Bill Cook](#)

Pastor's Perspective - Something New

Pastor Erin Clausen (she/her)

*Be alert! Be present! I'm about to do something brand-new.
It's bursting out! Don't you see it?
There it is! I'm making a road through the desert,
rivers in the badlands. -- Isaiah 43:19 MSG translation*

You will discover in the pages of this month's Tidings that we at Prince of Peace are engaging in all kinds of new things this fall. From beginning a new program year for Sunday School and Confirmation, to a reorganized Passages Bible Study, to an Alternative Worship Experience, to a newly structured strategic plan, to a Ministry in Context Student, and so much more! All of this invites us to take the prophet Isaiah's words to heart: "Be alert! Be present!" Be alert to what is new. Be present to this moment that is blessed by God.

The prophet names this newness as a gift; God provides a path for the journey and water for the weary. However, any of us who have tried to drive on Summit Road this summer know how disruptive building a new road can be. The new road requires care and attention, sometimes detours and extra traffic. We know too how destructive water can be when it shows up in places that it didn't previously occupy. The flooding in central Illinois and northern Indiana offers proof of this destruction. We need new roads and waterways, but adjusting to the newness takes time and care.

The same will likely be true for our congregation as we adjust to the newness. Discipleship and Youth Ministries are being reorganized as volunteers step up to lead Bible studies and youth groups. The Alternative Worship Experience needs volunteers to set up the space, cook meals, and serve our guests, as well as plan these services. We also hope that many of you will plan to attend (on Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30!!) as we get this worship service off the ground. More than anything, we need your presence and prayer as we respond to this need in our community.

A team of lay leaders have been commissioned to guide our Ministry In Context student. The congregation council was intentional about inviting leaders who do not serve on council to join this team. The Bingo Team helps these events go smoothly with great joy! The Community Meal team offers another way to be involved with our ministry to the community.

We hope that these new experiences will offer people new ways to be involved in Prince of Peace's ministries. Could it be that God is calling you to help cook or serve at one of these events or services? Might you experience God's invitation to play in the handbell choir or Crossroads Band? Is God calling you to get involved in a Bible Study or Sunday School? As you read and hear about all God is doing at Prince of Peace, I invite you to consider what God invites you to be a part of and then let me know!

Be alert to discover a ministry that will nourish your soul as you offer your talents to this community. Be present to God's invitation to connect in a new way. Something new might be uncomfortable at first, but God intends the newness as a blessing. Notice the newness of PoP's ministries and plan to be a part of it. Be a part of something new as we move into God's future together!



Prince of Peace Suggestion Box

by Terri Lamberti



Have you had a suggestion for the Prince of Peace Council or Staff and are not sure where to direct it? In a recent Coffee with Council, a member suggested we have a "suggestion box"...how ironic!

We heard you, and you will now find a Suggestion Box in the Fellowship Hall near the mailboxes. Feel free to fill out one of the forms with your suggestion(s) and we will do our best to address it as quickly as possible or get back to you with any questions. (For that reason, we respectfully ask that you include your name and contact information.)

We also considered having an electronic version of a "suggestion box" but have recently experienced a great deal of spam coming to general PoP email sites so are only providing a physical version of the "suggestion box."

Of course, you can always ask Pastor Erin or Terri Lamberti, council president, if you prefer an in-person initial contact about your suggestion.

Thank you for sharing your ideas, comments, and suggestions. Together we make a stronger church to do the work of our Lord and live out our ministries every day.

We Listened...Now Here We Go!

by Terri Lamberti

The congregation council has been working with Pastor Melanie Potuznik, as a consultant to Prince of Peace, for the past four months as we have been formulating our strategic ministry plans and working with various task forces to plan for our future. You will have the opportunity to hear her preach on Sunday, November 8th as we end this consulting relationship and begin our fall program.

This work is the result of what we heard in the cottage meetings. Strategic plans were formed, assessed, revised and a "roadmap" task force worked to assign specific responsibilities to boards or particular people to complete with start and end times assigned. We have a lot of work ahead of us in the coming church year and look to everyone to be a part of the growth we plan at PoP.

We have an electronic chart (officially called a Gantt chart), with everything listed, labeled, and assigned. (You may have seen the first attempt to plan the goals, objectives, and tactics on the wall in room 213...thankfully, the Gantt is a much better way to focus and organize our efforts!) We do not want to overwhelm everyone with the details but count on us to share our progress on the many important goals throughout the church year.

Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Boards and various teams and task forces meet throughout the month (there's a meeting almost every day or evening at PoP!). But we don't just plan to "meet," we expect to see actions from this work. We listened to where you said God is leading us. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways at Prince of Peace. Let's gather together around this and move in one direction, together!



Alternative Worship Service

by Kathy Tweeten, Director Board of Worship

I am excited to announce that we will be starting a monthly Alternative Worship Service on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm!

The first service will be **October 21st** in the CLC. The Focus Team has been working diligently to plan this service. We don't have an official name for the service yet, but we hope you will put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

The evening will begin with a meal at 5:30. At approximately 6:00 the service will begin.

The theme for this first service is "New Beginnings" based on Isaiah 43:10. There will be a short Bible reading, some easy songs, a message and activity and Communion given at the tables. The service should last approximately 30 minutes. Our plan is for this service to be a thoughtful, spiritual experience for all who attend.

Of course, a new worship service requires the congregations help. Please consider if you can volunteer to help. We need people to cook the dinner, clean the tables before worship, help with and plan the activities for attendees, play or sing music, publicity, etc.

You can contact Kathy Tweeten (847-971-00192 or kat8@aol.com), or Pastor Erin (847-885-7010 or clausen@princeofpeace.net) if you feel you can help and be part of the implementation team.

It is our dream to attract families, kids, and adults not only from our membership but from the community. This is part of our Mission to "Love God, Follow Jesus, and Invite All" Come join us!



Join us for the 16th annual

Northwest DuPage United

CROP HUNGER WALK

to raise funds to help alleviate hunger worldwide

Sunday, October 19, 2026

at Little Home Church by the Wayside
32W128 Army Trail Rd, Wayne, IL 60184
(about 25 minutes from Prince of Peace)

~ Arrive at 12:30pm for registration ~

Walkers are needed, so please consider joining our team!

You can donate or join the PoP team online at <https://tinyurl.com/PoPCROP26>

More information is at the CROP Walk Table in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting Andy Schuetze at ajschuetze2001@gmail.com

Youth News

Imagine More at the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be from Saturday, June 27 to Friday, July 2 in Minneapolis, MN. All youth entering 8th through 12th grade are invited to attend.

The Gathering is more than an event — it's a movement where young people and leaders come alive in faith, grow in hope, and move with purpose. This is where the church comes to life. The theme is "Imagine More" from Ephesians 3:20: "to God - whose power now at work in us can do immeasurable more than we ask or imagine."

Will you imagine more with us in Minneapolis? [Registration](#) and deposits are due Oct 1st. Scholarships are available.

If you have questions, or are interested in being an adult leader, please contact Jacqi at emerge@princeofpeace.net

Did you know...15 things you may not know about the Board of Youth (BOY) and our youth:

by Tom Lamberti, Director Board of Youth

1. BOY is mostly self-funded...we do not receive budgeted monies for our activities/events.
2. Several BOY members have been on the board for 20 years or longer, providing expertise and guidance for all activities.
3. Your support made it possible to send our youth to the last three youth gatherings.
4. Your support will make it possible for our youth to attend the next youth gathering in Minneapolis in June/July 2027.
5. That all the fundraising we do supports all of the youth programs.
6. There is no fee for youth for Sunday School, Confirmation or Emerge.
7. Our youth have helped usher on Sunday.
8. Our youth have helped with communion on Sunday.
9. Our youth have performed with their musical talents.
10. Our youth have helped in the kitchen.
11. Our youth have helped with a variety of church activities.
12. No child is denied participation in Mission Trips, Youth Gatherings, etc. because of lack of money...scholarships are provided to help with affordability.
13. BOY worked at a booth at the Schaumburg September Fest, September 7. We worked at the Roasted Corn Booth to earn 50% of the profits that day.
14. AND I repeat, BOY is mostly self-funded.
15. Did you know that the youth at Prince of Peace are forever grateful and want to say "thank you" for all your support, both past, present and future.

We are Growing Young with your help and support. God's blessing to you all!





Music Notes...

by Scott Uddenberg

October is a special month. The weather changing, the leaves on display, football season, so many wonderful things. We have Reformation Sunday coming at the end of the month and the special appearance of Celebration Brass with us in worship that morning.

Additionally, Prince of Peace is hosting the Purdue University Glee Club! On October 11th. The director, William Griffel, is a dear long-time friend of mine and it will be so special to have him here to share these fine students and their program. Tell your friends they cannot miss this!

Here is further information about their tour:

Since 1893, the Purdue Varsity Glee Club has stood as a symbol of excellence at Purdue University. Both onstage and off, the group embodies that legacy through its close-knit brotherhood, longstanding traditions, and outstanding performances.

This fall, the Glee Club will take its show on the road, bringing its signature blend of showmanship and musicality to audiences throughout Wisconsin and Illinois.

The tour begins Friday, Oct. 9, with a performance at Luther Memorial Church in Madison, Wisconsin. The Glee Club will share the stage with the University of Wisconsin–Madison Concert Choir for an evening of collaborative performances.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the ensemble will travel to Monroe, Wisconsin, for a concert at the Monroe Arts Center featuring a mix of classic Glee Club favorites and newer repertoire.

The tour concludes Sunday, Oct. 11, in Schaumburg, Illinois, where the Glee Club will present a sacred concert at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

The tour is also a special opportunity for Glee Club Director Bill Griffel, who sees the performances as a chance for students to build connections with fellow musicians while sharing their passion with new audiences.

"I am incredibly excited to return to Wisconsin and Illinois for the Glee Club's fall break concert tour in October this year. Our concert tours give our students opportunities to share their passion for singing with new audiences and share experiences with their peers in other choirs that will be remembered for years to come."

The Purdue Varsity Glee Club, one of the nation's premier collegiate men's choirs, has performed across the United States and around the world. Known for its versatility and dynamic repertoire spanning classical, gospel, jazz, contemporary hits and Purdue classics, the ensemble continues to foster traditions of brotherhood and service while representing Purdue University with pride.

Performance is at 4:00pm. Tickets are \$30 and available from Mark Walther or at the door!

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AT
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

**PURDUE
VARSITY GLEE
CLUB**

**Sunday
October 11, 2026
4:00pm**

Founded in 1893, the Purdue Varsity Glee Club has inspired audiences across the globe, representing the University through music. The Glee Club performs an array of musical styles including contemporary hits, classical pieces, jazz, gospel, and patriotic songs often enhanced by unique vocal arrangements. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity!

**\$30 for Adults
\$10 for Students
(High School & College)**

**FREE for Elementary and
Junior High Students attending
with parent/guardian**

*Tickets may be purchased in
advance at the church, through
QR code, or at the door.*

For Questions, Please Contact:
Church Office: 847-885-7010
Mark Walther: 224-281-1166

**930 W. Higgins Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60195**

**Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church**



[Click here to purchase
tickets for Purdue
Varsity Glee Club](#)



Stephen Ministry Autumn or Fall?

by Janet Ichida



I love this time of year. Those hot and humid days have left, and the winter parkas are not yet needed. Just a comfy sweater or special sweatshirt works just fine. The television flashes between football and October baseball. Just driving from home to church, you can't miss the glorious foliage shouting in praise to the heavens. A myriad of colors meet your eyes. This year it meant that Teddy was off to college with his younger brother Oliver entering his senior year of high school. (You did know I was a grandma, didn't you?)

Writing this article made me ponder about the difference between fall and autumn. Could the words be used interchangeably as it seems like most people do? Am I messing up, consistently using the wrong word? Can I blame it on my old age or throw Bob under the bus? I instead looked it up on my handy phone to find there really is no difference both indicating the third season of the year.

We Americans chose fall starting in the 1600's. It begins September 1 or when the temperature begins to feel fallish; it is temperature based. It lasts until December 1 or when it gets cold. Autumn is used in Great Britain and became popular at first in the 1300's. The British hold off from starting autumn to September 23 and it's astronomically based. It lasts until December 20. The crazy part is that Great Britain and America both used the term "fall" until the Revolutionary War. Britain was supposedly mad about the loss and went back to using autumn.

Now why in tarnation did I devote so many words on something that really doesn't impact us? The cost of gas is still astronomical, and you need a bank loan to go grocery shopping. We do crazy things in a way of passive aggressive response. I'm queen at that. For instance, (I opened the bedroom drapes once when my hubby got home too late. Boy, that made a big difference. I kept serving ham for dinner until Stephanie would eat it.) Did you ever get mad at a spouse, sibling or child and they treated you way differently? Did your boss want you to work another weekend? Did your neighbor use the word autumn (Ha ha - little joke there.) Did you overhear a sibling's uncomplimentary conversation? Did a close friend not invite you to their child's wedding? Too much hurt.

Let's talk! Call one of us up to arrange a Stephen Minister before winter comes sneaking in.

Janet Ichida
630-650-8336

Pam Johnson
847-382-7521

Glenda Klein
847-519-3933

Tom Pfeiffer
847-313-5702

Mary Simonis
847-571-2541

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Update

On Saturday, September 12, our Stephen Ministers—along with several members of the congregation—gathered for an uplifting and informative presentation from our neighborhood partner, Schaumburg Township. The room was filled with energy as we learned about the many services available to support individuals and families in our community. I think it's safe to say each of us went home with a nugget of information we didn't know, and with renewed appreciation for the resources right at our doorstep.

We now look forward to our next continuing education gathering.

On Saturday, October 10, we will again welcome the Kenneth Young Center, who will share insight into the vital support they provide across all ages and stages of life.

Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, October 10 - Kenneth Young Center Presentation
10:00 a.m. | Prince of Peace

We warmly invite the entire congregation to join us. Come meet our Stephen Ministers, get to know them more personally, and learn about the remarkable resources available in our own backyard. You may discover a nugget of care or wisdom you didn't even know you were looking for.

May these gatherings strengthen our shared ministry of compassion, hope, and Christ-centered care.

Grace and peace, Tom Pfeiffer

Board of Serving Ministries

Your Voice is Needed!

by Chris Chason

We at Prince of Peace have a strong commitment to feeding hungry people. We collect food for the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry and raise money during the annual CROP Walk for local, nationwide, and global anti-hunger causes. But as we have heard, churches, charities, food banks, and nonprofit organizations can't solve hunger alone.

There is a new policy requiring states to pay part of the costs of providing SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. It has not taken effect yet, but when it does, most, if not all states, will be unable to afford that extra expense. Without a delay in the start date of this new policy, the states will most likely have to cut back on how many of their residents can receive the food assistance.

For years, we have been encouraged to request our legislators to end food insecurity and malnutrition, especially for women and young children, by passing a new Farm Bill. The old one expired a few years ago, and when Congress did not agree on a new Farm Bill, parts of the old plan were extended.

This year, The House passed their version of a Farm Bill in April. Hunger organizations feel that the House version does not provide enough funding to combat hunger. Since the Senate is still working on their version, it's not too late to tell our Senators what we want in the Farm Bill.

Please choose one or more of these ways to make your values known to your legislators:

- ask your Senators and Representative to delay the start date of the cost-sharing that states will have to pay for the SNAP food assistance program.
- send a message to Senators Durbin and Duckworth and ask them to vote for a Farm Bill that will include full funding for domestic programs, including SNAP; GusNIP (The Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program), which gives income-eligible consumers funding to increase their purchases of fruits and vegetables; and WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), which gives extra support to pregnant women, mothers and their children up to age 5; it provides healthy foods and nutrition education.
- send a message to Senators Duckworth and Durbin and ask them to include the restoration of global food aid programs in the Farm Bill. Specifically, Food for Peace, which provides emergency food assistance in areas of famine, food crises, and acute food insecurity.

Use these links for more information and for ways you can advocate for hunger-related legislation and policies:

[Advocate to End Hunger | Bread for the World](#)

[Take Action: Farm Bill in Senate - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

[Urge Congress to Support Essential Hunger and Agriculture Funding - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

[Food for Peace | USDA Foreign Agricultural Service](#)

Questions? Contact Chris Chason at 847-882-0982

Missionary Update

The Board of Serving Ministries is pleased to announce our new ELCA missionary support for Daudi and Kellen Mseemmaa in Tanzania. They are friends and colleagues of our previous missionaries Bethany and Steve Friberg. Daudi is the health focal person for ELCA companions in Africa and is the regional representative for East Africa working in Tanzania, South Sudan, Kenya, and Rwanda. Kellen is the focal person for youth projects and is the founder of Empowered Girls, using life skills and women's health to empower and equip girls from within and shape their communities. We will share more information on their important ministry and work in future issues of Tidings.

News from our Mission Partner Viator House of Hospitality

by Chris Chason



The Taste of Viator House fundraiser dinner on September 12th was an inspiring event. Father Corey skillfully told stories of the young men who are seeking asylum. He talked about the abuse, persecution, death threats, and violence that caused them to seek safety in the U.S. While he was talking, the screen showed a pair of shoes—the shoes that one of the guys was wearing on his long walk through Central American and Mexico; the shoes that he will keep as a reminder of all that he endured during his journey.

Three young men spoke about how the care, tutoring, and mentoring they received at VHH helped them determine and achieve their educational and career goals. Another speaker was a woman whose parents, as a young couple, were refugees from El Salvador, and were resettled in the U.S. She was grateful for her father's employer, who gave them extra help (flexible work hours, a car, etc.) even though they were from different religions and cultures.

The latest statistics are that 130 young men from 30 nations have benefitted from the generosity of VHH donors. In the VHH 2026 Annual Report, Prince of Peace and several of our members were thanked for their financial support.

We will be helping them this fall by providing winter coats. All coats must be new and unused; heavyweight/winterweight, water repellent, machine washable, and with hoods. Dates and details about sizes needed will follow in Wednesday emails and Sunday announcements.

Supporting our Mission Partner - Lutheran Social Services of Illinois



For our school supplies collection in July, the final number is 93 backpacks. LSSI has opted to receive the last 2 backpacks in November when we send down our coat collection. They will be given to kids who enter foster care in the middle of the school year.

A thank you note from the officer manager stated, "The children and parents were happy to receive the school supplies. We were able to use the gift cards to purchase additional supplies as some youth in care had school supply lists from their school that needed to be fulfilled. I'm so happy Prince of Peace members are such givers. Blessings to you and your congregation..."

For our winter coat collection this fall, shoppers can choose any size, gender, and color from infant through adult XXL. All donations must be new and unused. Coats should be heavyweight/winterweight, water repellent, machine washable, and have hoods. Dates and other details will be found in weekly emails and Sunday announcements.

Pads Update



Our church was able to sponsor a dinner for PADS clients staying at Journeys overnight shelter on September 3rd. Pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, carrots, watermelon and mini cream puffs were enjoyed by the guests that evening.

Journeys continues to provide safe, overnight shelter and support services for people who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in the Northern and Northwest suburbs of Chicago. This past year over 1000 individuals and families have been served- our food donations make a difference in people's lives!



Early Childhood Programs at Prince of Peace

By Michelle Heberling, Director

Greetings from the Preschool!

Our school year is off to a great start. Children arrive with smiles ready to start the day. I want to give a big shout out to our preschool staff. Starting a new school year takes an incredible amount of preparation, teamwork, and heart.... Our staff has brought all three. They pour so much love, patience, creativity, and joy into their classrooms every day and it shows. They create an environment where every child feels loved, special, and excited to come to school. Their interactions with parents are so special too. As I walk through the classrooms throughout the day, I thank God for this incredible team. Please join me in thanking God and them! This preschool would not be what it is if it weren't for each of them.

Thank you so much for supporting the preschool with your mum purchase. You may pick up your mums on September 25 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the back parking lot. You may also pick up your mums at church on Sunday, September 27.

Discipleship

Passages

Passages started up again with Joella (Morris) Riskus as the facilitator on Thursday, September 17th. We will still be meeting on each 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We will be going through the Max Lucado book titled "Ten Women of the Bible." For questions or more information, contact Joella at 4muneca2@gmail.com or Pastor Erin at clausen@princeofpeace.net.

Prince of Peace Book Club Selection for October



The PoP Book Club will meet on Wednesday evening 10/28/26 at 7 PM and Friday morning 10/30 at 10 AM in room 213 at the church. Our selection for this month is "Culpability" by Bruce Holsinger.

When the Cassidy-Shaws' autonomous minivan collides with an oncoming car, seventeen-year-old Charlie is in the driver's seat, with his father, Noah, riding shotgun. In the back seat, tweens Alice and Izzy are on their phones, while their mother, Lorelei, a world leader in the field of artificial intelligence, is absorbed in her work. Yet each family member harbors a secret, implicating them all in the tragic accident.

During a weeklong recuperation on the Chesapeake Bay, the family confronts the excruciating moral dilemmas triggered by the crash. Noah tries to hold the family together as a seemingly routine police investigation jeopardizes Charlie's future. Alice and Izzy turn strangely furtive. And Lorelei's odd behavior tugs at Noah's suspicions that there is a darker truth behind the incident—suspicions heightened by the sudden intrusion of Daniel Monet, a tech mogul whose mysterious history with Lorelei hints at betrayal. When Charlie falls for Monet's teenaged daughter, the stakes are raised even higher in this propulsive family drama that is also a fascinating exploration of the moral responsibility and ethical consequences of AI.

Culpability explores a world newly shaped by chatbots, autonomous cars, drones, and other nonhuman forces in ways that are thrilling, challenging, and unimaginably provocative.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Tweeten at 847-971-0192 or kat8@aol.com. This is the time of year we put together our 2027 reading list. If you have suggestions, please send them to Kathy. We'll have a good discussion with this month's selection. Come join us.

Board of Stewardship

Giving Later in Life

by Will Damico

This article is intended for those who are in their retirement years. It could also be of use to those who are close to retirement or possibly those who have investments.

I want to make sure you are aware of giving options for those with individual retirement accounts (IRA's) or other investments; especially those subject to required minimum distributions. You can make donations directly to Prince of Peace from your account that are completely tax free and don't show up as potentially taxable distributions in the statements sent to the IRS by your broker.

The process of making a donation directly from a retirement or brokerage account to Prince of Peace is not hard as long as you have the needed information. There are three steps:

1. Decide what assets you want to donate (you may want to discuss this with your financial advisor to make the most advantageous choice).
2. Contact the Prince of Peace treasurer at treasurer@princeofpeace.net to get the account information for the receiving account.
3. Contact your account assistant at your brokerage to help you set up and complete a transfer of assets. These assets can be cash (not advisable), shares of stock, mutual fund or ETF holdings or any other negotiable instrument.

Why would you want to donate money directly from your brokerage or IRA accounts directly to Prince of Peace? The biggest reason is that you can save money on your taxes. Some tips: 1. If you are donating from a brokerage account, you want to donate stocks or mutual funds that have grown; 2. If you are donating from a traditional IRA, cash might be best but type of asset isn't that important. The biggest benefit is withdrawals required by RMD rules; 3. Roth IRA accounts would be my last choice behind my regular bank account. Donations to Prince of Peace are not taxed so you want to choose assets that would otherwise generate a lot of taxable income (remember 100% of traditional IRA withdrawals are taxable by the federal government).

You may want (or need) to donate money after you die. You do this through your estate plan, and the Chicago Synod has a professional who can help you with the planning for free. You may even need to do this if you have too much money. Wait, what is this concept of too much money? That is a personal decision but in Illinois, it includes dying with more than \$4,000,000 dollars but less than some larger amount I haven't calculated. Illinois charges estate taxes on all the money in the estate over \$40,000 if the estate is worth more than 4 million (specifically \$128,000 in taxes on the amount from \$40K to \$4 million). You can address this by distributing more money while you are alive or by working with a professional to use tax planning strategies to avoid leaving more than \$4,000,000 taxable in your estate. The ELCA planner can help with this.

Kids Hope is moving!

by Mary Simonis

Starting in October we will be at Ridge Circle Elementary in Streamwood, 420 Ridge Circle, Streamwood. Because we are changing school districts all of our volunteers will need to redo a background check. This is an easy and cost-free process. Call the school at 630 213-5600. Get and complete the background check form, make an appointment and the process starts. There will be more information coming in the weekly emails.

If you haven't been involved in Kids Hope previously, Prince of Peace is partnering with this school that identifies students who could benefit from a one-on-one mentorship with our volunteers who meet weekly with their student.

The team at Kids Hope USA is dedicated to connecting and equipping church partners to cultivate meaningful relationships with students who deserve caring and consistent adults in their lives to help them thrive.

More information is available at <https://kidshopeusa.org/about-us/team/>



Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed

by Sue Patt

The school year is in full session, and the pantry requests lunch box items for all the children. They report that they are still serving over 1400 clients a month. The need never goes away, so I thank you for your continued support of the pantry.

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.

lunch box items
lentils – canned and dry
granola bars
spices - any
muffin mixes
vegetable broth
personal hygiene items – shampoo, conditioner, soap
tampons and maxi pads
adult incontinence items
baby diapers – sizes 5, 6, 7

canned peaches
household cleaning products
ramen noodles
low salt items
fruit snacks
jelly – any kind
mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce
tomato paste, tomato sauce
beef stew and SpaghettiOs
coffee and tea

High School Hospitality on Display



While many of us were crawling out of bed early in the morning on Thursday, September 10, a hearty group of Board of Evangelism members were enthusiastically reaching out to Hoffman Estates High School students. We currently have about 65 Hoffman Estates High School students who are using our parking lot daily from 7:00 am -3:00 pm.

We are grateful for our partnership with our High School neighbors, and we like to help our friendly students get off to a great start to their school day.

We often do this by providing breakfast treats to HEHS students in the spirit of invitation and appreciation. Please extend a heartfelt THANKS to Chris Urban, Linda Lau, and Renee Lucas for their recent warm and caring outreach with our HEHS students!

Warmly, Mark Walther, Director – Board of Property, Community Engagement

Steady and Faithful....

When Naomi Osaka entered Arthur Ashe Stadium for her opening match at this year's U.S. Open, fans did a double take. The four-time Grand Slam winner was wearing a short-sleeved gray hoodie atop a billowy, full-length, white skirt. (She shed her "Met Gala look" just minutes later when it came time to play tennis.). Sewn into the fabric of the hoodie – in case you missed the scene – were custom newspaper clippings highlighting headlines and achievements of her own career. I want to ask: If she was so eager to display news and commentary in print format, why did she waste space on self-advertising? Her skill on the court would easily take care of that promotional thirst.

I wish Naomi or her wardrobe designer had consulted our congregation members or our Tidings Editor, Beth Bogner. We would have gladly sent pages from recent issues of The Tidings, and a seamstress could have sewn them in. The Tidings would have been on the big screen at Arthur Ashe. Imagine that! Talk about fans doing a double take!

Well, our newsletter isn't destined for any big screen. That may never happen. We're not organized around flashy media appearances or self-promotional hype. All we aim to do is to keep you informed and bless your life with steady, faithful, and intellectually thoughtful news. We don't have stadiums full of supporters to make this publication possible. We have you and some other people just like you. You're our bench of support! We are grateful, Prince of Peace family, for your submissions and feedback...and thank you, Beth Bogner, for your tireless efforts to keep us all informed in a steady and faithful way!

Mark Walther, Director- Board of Property, Community Engagement



Second Saturday Date Night Halloween Party at the Bogners October 10th @ 6:30 pm



This month Jason and Beth Bogner are hosting a Spooktacular Party at their home! They will provide Sloppy Joe's and invite you to bring a spooky side dish, devilish dessert to share and your own "Boo's" or beverages to enjoy!

As a bit of seasonal fun, all are encouraged to dress up as your favorite musical group or artist. The more clever the better, it's less about looking like the artist and more about a hint that will clue us in to who you are! For example, someone might show up all dressed in brown with the Jacks from a deck of cards on them. Who might they be??? Jacks on Brown aka Jackson Brown! This is optional but we are hoping to have some fun with this creative "dress up" opportunity.

Please RSVP to Beth Bogner at bogner.beth@gmail.com or through Realm. Please share what you plan to bring as well!

BINGO NIGHT
FRIDAY OCTOBER 2
Doors OPEN at 6PM
Games BEGIN at 7PM
\$500 in Bingo prize money
\$30 / 10 games
\$2 / Dabber (or BYO)
\$10 / Dinner:
Lucky Number Meal Deal includes
Breaded Chicken Sandwich / Coleslaw /
Chips / Water or Soda
\$5 / Dinner:
Lucky Number Meal Deal includes
Large Slice of Pizza / Water or Soda
\$3 Ice Cream Sundaes
\$1 Popcorn
\$1 / bottle: water / soda
No alcohol allowed.
Must be 18 or older.
"Split the Pot" Raffle: \$1 / each or \$5 / 6
Bring a friend!
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
930 W. Higgins Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60195
Our next Bingo Night will be held on Friday Nov. 6, 2026
Questions? Contact Mark Walther 224-281-1166

Adult Learning Opportunities

(Meeting locations may change)



Passages meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.

Please contact Joella (Morris) Riskus @ 4muneca2@gmail.com or Pastor Erin with questions.

Men's Bible Study Group meets on Mondays at 7:00pm in Room 213 and virtually.

Please contact Tom Pfeifer @ jets820@comcast.net with questions.

Rebekah Circle - meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Please contact Pam Johnson @ pamjohnson30@earthlink.com with questions.

Vine & Branches—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Please contact Renee Lucas @ RALfarmgirl@gmail.com with questions.

Please contact the church office at 847/885-7010 for more information.

Prince of Peace Mission Statement
Love God – Follow Jesus – Invite All

2026 – 2027

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED. JULY 22, 2026 COMPLETED Author Kit Sergeant	TUES. DEC. 8, 2026 7PM – 9PM ESO Holiday Brass / Percussion Ensemble	SAT. APRIL 24, 2027 6PM – 9PM The Tony Ocean Show
FRI. SEPT. 18, 2026 COMPLETED ARTsong: A Vocal Recital & Art Exhibition	SAT. JAN. 30, 2027 7PM – 9:30PM The Semple Band	SAT. MAY 22, 2027 7PM – 9PM Elmhurst Choral Union - Mozart Requiem
SUN. OCT. 11, 2026 4PM – 6PM Purdue University Glee Club	SAT. FEB. 20, 2027 6PM – 9PM Denny Diamond - Neil Diamond Tribute	FRI. MAY 28, 2027 7PM – 8:30PM ESO String Quartet Concert
FRI. OCT. 23, 2026 6PM – 9PM Illusionist Bill Cook	FRI. MARCH 19, 2027 7PM – 9PM The Last Supper Chronicles	SAT. JUNE 5, 2027 7PM – 10PM Fifty/Fifty Nostalgic Rock Band Concert
FRI. NOV. 20, 2026 6PM – 9PM Josh Scholl Queen Tribute Performance	SAT. APRIL 10, 2027 7PM – 10PM Trivia Night for the Board of Youth	All tickets will generally be \$30 but may be subject to change
For Questions, Please Contact: Church Office: 847-885-7010 Mark Walther: 224-281-1166		

930 W. Higgins Rd.
 Schaumburg, IL 60195



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Deaf Ministry
Wednesday October 7, 2026
 20 percent of your meal cost will be donated to the Deaf Ministry

Dine-In or Carry-Out!
 2346 W. Higgins Road
 Hoffman Estates, IL
 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

When ordering in person, show / mention this flyer.
 Thank you for your support!



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Upcoming Events

September 29—The Community Meal
 October 10 - Kenneth Young Presentation
 October 11 - Purdue University Glee Club
 October 18—CROP Hunger Walk
 October 21 - Alternative Worship Service
 October 23 - Illusionist Bill Cook
 October 25 - All Saints' Eve & Trunk or Treat
 November 10—The Community Meal
 November 15—Coffee with Council
 January 12—The Community Meal
 February 7—Coffee with Council
 March 9—The Community Meal
 April 10—Trivia Night for the Board of Youth
 May 2—Coffee with Council



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

A Reconciling Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

930 West Higgins Road
 Schaumburg, IL 60195

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

Prince of Peace Staff - Here to Serve!

Pastor	Erin Clausen (she/her)
Director of Worship and Music	Scott Uddenberg (he/him)
Organist	Collin Crowl (he/him)
Preschool Director	Michelle Heberling (she/her)
Office & Ministry Operations Coordinator	Jessica Mejia (she/her)
Volunteer Tidings Editor	Beth Bogner (she/her)

Prince of Peace Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Phone: 847/885-7010 Preschool Phone: 847/885-7036

Email: church@princeofpeace.net Web Page: www.princeofpeace.net

Editorial Note: The November 2026 Tidings deadline is

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at Noon.

If you would like to receive your monthly Tidings Newsletter via email, please submit your email address to the church office, 847-885-7010 or

church.news@princeofpeace.net
tidings@princeofpeace.net