



Tidings

Love God - Follow Jesus - Invite All

You are invited:

***Worship on Wednesday
at Prince of Peace***

***New
Beginnings***

Wednesday October 21, 2026
5:30pm to 6:30pm
Simple Meal with Worship following



**Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church**

When: Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30pm

All are invited, from young to young-at-heart to our first “Worship on Wednesday” worship experience.

This laid back **experiential service** will begin at **5:30 PM** with a **family style meal**.

The worship **service starts at 6:00 PM and concludes by 6:30 PM.**

Communion will be served. You can expect to contemplate, pray, sing, share, and enjoy spending time with everyone attending.

MENU: Tacos, Salad, Bread, Cookies, Cream Puffs

Questions: Call the Church Office 847-885-7010, Pastor Erin or Kathy Tweeten

What's Your "Why"?

by Terri Lamberti

Some of the most important information coming out of the cottage meetings has led us to work to create Strategic Ministry plans. You told us where you believe God is leading us as an organization. We listened...that feedback has helped create our theme for our Fall Stewardship program..."What's Your Why?". Let's gather around that and move in one direction together!

This is a bold initiative to define the "why's" behind the vision and mission of Prince of Peace in the coming year. Yes, our focus will be year-long, and not just one week or one month because our gifts are something we give to support the many great things we do at PoP all year long!

On Sunday, October 4th, Jill Wilkins introduced this initiative in a Mission Moment. Continuing to explore our "why", we will focus on the many gifts we have when we hear Pastor Melanie Potuznik preach on Sunday, November 8th. (Pastor Melanie has consulted with the congregation council to work to identify, create and achieve our Strategic Ministry Plans, with our stewardship and giving at the center of the success for these plans.) On Sunday, November 15th, Ruth Jonen will share her faith story and how it has led to her "why" to give to PoP. There will also be activities in the Fellowship Hall after church to help everyone discover their "why" and focus on our abundant gifts. On Sunday, November 22nd, we will hear another Mission Moment giving story and have the first opportunity to offer our gifts for the coming year.

We hope these events will inspire generosity and joyful support of the many ministries offered at PoP. (I have started to compile a list of these many ministries/gifts and so far have identified 31...which would not be possible without your ongoing support of the "why" we do!)

Many years ago, Tom and I attended a meeting at our past congregation that challenged us to make a sacrifice to increase our giving by one dollar a week (inflation not factored into this sharing!). When we did this, we found we did not miss that extra money and were excited to see how much more we could give to grow our congregation and our faith. We continue this excitement today at Prince of Peace...that is our "why"! We are continually amazed at the ideas and commitment we see from you, and that helps us grow our "why" we worship here to Love God. Follow Jesus. Invite All.

Throughout the church year you will have the chance to see the good work being done by each of the council boards. Your gifts make their work possible. Please take time to learn about their priorities for the year and become an active part of their ministries. Try something new or expand the work you already support. You can do something one time, commit to a short-term project, or join the ongoing work they are planning.

As I read in the book *Abundance – Creating a Culture of Generosity* by Michael R. Ward..."If God can empty a tomb, certainly God can provide for us with what we need for our mission and ministry" and "Let's be a church that believes there will be leftovers and that we can even put those leftovers to good use." This miracle is the answer to "why" we can do great things with our gifts.



Board of Stewardship

Why

by Will Damico

To set the scene, I had separated from my wife making the hard decision that even though I still loved her, making the break from a sick relationship was better than trying to put up with the pain. I was living in a studio apartment and hadn't yet gotten a phone line or even a television. Work and taking care of my children had taken up pretty much all my time so I didn't have friends outside of work.

I was in the habit of going out for a walk in the evening and would often sit down in a nearby park to pray. One evening, I was approached by a young man who talked to me and invited me to come with him to his church on Sunday. I started attending this church and spending time with members of the church. My birthday came around. A group of my friends in the church put on a surprise birthday party. It did worlds to make me feel better despite being separated from my wife and my children. Joining that church made a big difference to me at that time in my life.

This is but one of stories from my life that makes me, a) – not doubt the existence of God and b) – appreciate the value of a Christian community.

A big part of our campaign this year is collecting stories like the one I shared. Stories that tell what being a part of the Prince of Peace community has meant to you. Stories that tell why you come to church on Sundays, volunteer, give of your treasures etc. Stories of how being a Christian has impacted you or is important to you.

We will invite you to write out some thoughts on a letter Y about your whys. If you have a story you want to share or that could be inspiring to others, we want to collect it. We want both written and video stories. You can choose either or both. If you want to record a video, Jill Wilkins (Jwilkinsx2@gmail.com) is coordinating those. If you want to write down your story, you can send it to bdstewardship@princeofpeace.net.

We intend to publish some of these stories regularly in the Tidings newsletter. If you would prefer that we do that without revealing your identity or not at all, let us know when you submit the story.

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"



\$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.



For Questions, Please Contact:
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[Click here for tickets
to Bill Cook](#)



Music Notes...

by Scott Uddenberg

Join us on **Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Prince of Peace** for our community's annual Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Eve Gathering. Each year, neighbors from many traditions set aside what divides us for one evening to do something we all share: giving thanks.

This year we are honored to welcome **Rabbi Steven Bob** as our speaker. The evening will also include prayers, readings, and music from the participating congregations, offered side by side. You don't need to know the words or the customs to belong here. Come as you are, listen with an open heart, and you'll find that gratitude sounds familiar in every language.

Thanksgiving has always been about more than a meal. It's a chance to notice the gifts we've been given and to remember those still waiting at the edges of the table. This year's offering will support as always the Schaumburg Food Pantry.

Afterward, stay for our beloved annual **Pie Fellowship!** It's one of the sweetest traditions of the season, with plenty of slices, coffee, and conversation. If you'd like to contribute a homemade or store-bought pie, we'd be delighted to add it to the table.

In a season when so much seems to pull communities apart, this gathering is a quiet, hopeful witness that people of different faiths can sit together, pray together, and share pie together. Bring your family, invite a friend, and begin your Thanksgiving celebration with us.



Youth News

Did you know... from the Board of Youth (BOY)

by Tom Lamberti, Director Board of Youth

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a program designed to encourage and assist the children, students, and parents of Prince of Peace in their faith development. The current steps include:

1. Baptism.
2. 1- and 2-year-old faith steps with parents
3. Blessing of 3-year-old with first Toddler Bible, introducing Bible stories and entry into Sunday School.
4. Prayer Pillow Partners where 1st graders are paired with a Confirmation or Emerge student for the purpose of praying for one another.
5. In 2nd grade the child receives their own Bible.
6. In 3rd grade there is a first instructed communion retreat with parents.
7. 4th - 6th graders have a Family Retreat.
8. Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders where students learn the basic content of Christian faith and do service projects.
9. 9th graders prepare to affirm their Baptism
10. Emerge where 9th - 12th graders engage in fellowship activities, worship, and service projects.
11. Baccalaureate for graduating seniors.

Stepping Stones is always adapting/improvising the program. BOY with Pastor are continuously looking for new ways to improve and/or enhance the "growing in faith" of the children and young adults at Prince of Peace. It has been great seeing so many children at church. Yep, sometimes I hear their beautiful noise during service. It is beautiful indeed.

How wonderful also to see our youth active in church. God bless the children and young adults at Prince of Peace. God bless you all for your outstanding support for our youth.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John 1: 4)



WEAR YOUR PRIDE

Prince of Peace Shirts!



Share your church pride!
All purchases benefit the church youth programs.

Order online or pick up form from
Youth bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Deadline of Oct 30th!



→ Click Here to Order your PoP Apparel Today!

You're Invited to Prince of Peace's

All Saints' Eve Party!

Sunday October 25

11:00-11:30 Chili Lunch
*Donations benefit Youth Activities

11:30-12:15 Party + Prizes
*Games for kids 10 and under with parents

All are Welcome!

& Trunk or Treat

12:15-12:45 Bring a Bag of Candy for Admission

Wear your Best Costume!





Stephen Ministry
Hold on! AARP is on the Phone!
by Janet Ichida



"Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness."

Proverbs 16:31

My view of one's older years has had some dramatic changes once my own age hit those marvelous numbers. I viewed seniors as those grandparents with wheelchairs and walkers dotting the hallways of their homes. Dentures and hearing aids are scattered along the top of any flat surface. Talk is about the latest medications and newest surgeries. Now that I have reached my golden years, I realize my vision might have been correct after all with many of these stereotypes.

I was curious how my family members viewed seniors. I asked each of them, "How old is old to you?" My daughter said 50 and I almost cried. Her hubby said 85, a much better option. My grandson, Oliver, the high school senior, declared the 70's as old. (You did know I was a grandparent, didn't you?) Teddy, his older brother, has grown to be diplomatic now that he is a college student. His answer was that old isn't a matter of a number but more like "having more life experiences." Stephanie declared that as a cop out.

How close are you to the magical age of seniors? How does your body feel? Are you stiff and achy? What is the topic at your table in the Fellowship Hall? Do you remember to talk loudly, in order to be heard? Do you know the names of others' cardiologists and surgeons? How many doctor's phone numbers fill your contact list on your phone? When do you begin to search for gray hairs on your head and stiff hairs on your chin? Are you approaching AARP age now that the kids are off to college and you pop your meds each morning?

In western society each decade brings its traits of various ages. There are good and bad descriptors once one more candle is on your cake. Does anyone even try to top your dessert with the correct number of flames? Do you now call yourself old? Does your body creak when you begin to stand up? Do you get to the kitchen and forget what you were getting? Does your mind go blank when you talk with someone over the age of 6? Maybe talking about how you feel about your age would be a good idea. A Stephen Minister can meet with you on a weekly basis at a place and time of your choosing. There is no cost and everything is highly confidential. We don't give advice, instead, we just listen. No judgments are made. No AARP applications are provided.

For more information, call any of us up. We are here to help ease your mind.

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All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1 we will observe All Saints' Sunday.

We lift up in prayer those saints who were baptized and who died in the last year.

If there is a person you would like named in the prayers, please email or call the church office with their name.

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Board of Serving Ministries

Winter Coat Collection October 21st to November 4th!

by Chris Chason



Continuing our support of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, we will be collecting new winter coats/snow suits for children in the Foster Care and Intact Family programs. The children range in age from infants to older teens. The sizes needed are 12 months thru XXL adult. All coats/snowsuits need to be new, heavy-weight, water repellent, hooded, and machine washable.

You can shop for whichever size and color you like. There are so many children, no matter which size you choose, there will be a child who needs it. For the teens wearing adult sizes, solid colors are best.

Also, in continuing our support of Viator House of Hospitality as a Faith Community Partner, we will be collecting new winter coats and winter gloves. The coats need to be new, heavy-weight, water repellent, hooded, and machine washable. Solid-color puffer style coats are preferred.

They only need 3 coats this year—one small, one medium, and one large. If you are interested in donating a coat, please check with Chris Chason on which sizes are still needed.

There is no limit on the gloves. They must be new, in men's sizes small, medium, and large. Please put a note in the bag that the coat or gloves are for VHH.

If you prefer, you may make a donation to Prince of Peace, notated that it is for LSSI or VHH. Unspecified donations will be used where needed most. Please make your financial donation on or before November 1st.

There will be a collection bin for LSSI and VHH in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. If you are coming in during the week, please bring your donations to the office between 9:00 and 3:00.

Questions? contact Chris Chason at 847-882-0982 or email chasooki@aol.com

THE COMMUNITY MEAL

2026-2027 Dates:
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Tuesday, January 12, 2027
Tuesday, March 9, 2027

**A free meal is served to all who attend
from 5:00 - 6:15 pm**

All are Welcome!

www.thecommunitymeal.org

Questions? Contact:
Judy Farb or Mark Walther
at 847-885-7010

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Early Childhood Programs at Prince of Peace

By Michelle Heberling, Director

Greetings from the Preschool!

Thank you for having the preschool staff part of the service on October 4th for our commissioning. It was a blessing!

We are having tons of fall fun in the preschool - pumpkin math, corn science, fun songs, scarecrow art, and our barn dance. As the seasons change, may we be reminded that the one thing that remains is our Lord. May He teach us to enjoy the moment and not cling to it. To find hope in change, not resent it. To trust the one who holds the whole world in His hands.

We will be selling Lou Malnati's pizza coupons again this year. We will begin selling on November 2 and all orders are due on November 13. You will have an opportunity to order pizza coupons after church on November 8. You can also email us with your order - preschool@princeofpeace.net. Please reach out with any questions.

Prince of Peace Book Club Selection for December

by Kathy Tweeten



There is no Book Club Discussion in November due to the holidays. We will meet on Friday December 4 at 10 AM with a yearly luncheon event following the meeting. If you have suggestions for the luncheon location, please let me know.

The evening group will meet Dec. 9 at 7 PM at "Bella Napoli" at 1540 N. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL. We'll be discussing A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst at both meetings.

This is nonfiction that reads like fiction – the best kind.

Maurice and Maralyn make an odd couple. He's a loner, awkward and obsessive; she's charismatic and ambitious. But they share a horror of wasting their lives. And they dream – as we all dream – of running away from it all. What if they quit their jobs, sold their house, bought a boat, and sailed away?

Most of us begin and end with the daydream. But in June 1972, Maurice and Maralyn set sail. For nearly a year all went well, until deep in the Pacific, a breaching whale knocked a hole in their boat and it sank beneath the waves.

What ensues is a jaw-dropping fight to survive in the wild ocean, with little hope of rescue. Alone together for months in a tiny rubber raft, starving and exhausted, Maurice and Maralyn have to find not only ways to stay alive but ways to get along, as their inner demons emerge and their marriage is put to the greatest of tests. Although they could run away from the world, they can't run away from themselves.

Taut, propulsive, and dazzling, A Marriage at Sea pairs an adrenaline-fueled high seas adventure with a gutting love story that asks why we love difficult people, and who we become under the most extreme conditions imaginable.

For questions, call Kathy Tweeten at 847-971-0192 or kat8@aol.com.



Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed

by Sue Patt

The Food Pantry is getting ready for its busiest time of year. Please consider donating whatever your budget allows. I always look for the sales to purchase hearty soups and tomato products. It's the time of year for heartier meals. Thank you, as usual, for your continued support.

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.

snack size chips
granola bars
spices - any
muffin mixes
broth – all kinds
toothpaste and toothbrushes
tampons and maxi pads
adult incontinence items
baby diapers – sizes 5, 6, 7
canned peaches

laundry products
ramen noodles
low salt items
fruit snacks
jelly – any kind
salad dressings – all kinds
tomato paste, tomato sauce
beef stew and SpaghettiOs
coffee and tea

Board of Evangelism

by Chris Urban

Welcome Our New Member, Josh Brown.

We are delighted to introduce you to Josh Brown, a wonderful new addition to our Prince of Peace family!

Josh's journey of faith began at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cicero, Illinois, where he first built his spiritual foundation. After his time in Cicero, he headed to Pennsylvania to attend Penn State, where he received a degree in economics. After graduating he began a professional journey that can only be described as an adventure.

Josh's career path has been uniquely diverse. He started out in the fast-paced world of sales before following a creative calling into the arts, spending several years working as an actor and a traveling comedian. While he spent years bringing laughter to audiences, Josh eventually was called toward a different kind of service. In recent years, Josh has dedicated himself to behavioral health and supporting neighbors experiencing great emotional and spiritual need. He has been a vital part of the 988 National Suicide and Crisis Hotline since its very inception, providing a lifeline and a listening ear to those seeking help. His commitment to compassion and crisis support is a beautiful reflection of the servant's heart we cherish here at Prince of Peace.

At home, Josh is accompanied by his dog, Chewie (a name inspired by his love for Star Wars!). He is also an avid gaming enthusiast and a dedicated collector, enjoying everything from strategic board games and video games to classic family game nights.

We are so blessed to have Josh's unique experiences, creativity, and compassionate spirit among us. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome the next time you see him!





Second Saturday Date Night

Friendsgiving

November 14th @ 6:30 pm



In this season of Thanksgiving, we are excited to share in the traditional Friendsgiving potluck dinner followed by a rousing game Turkey Foot Dominoes, Saturday November 14 at 6:30pm.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a feast that features all your favorite traditional appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. Chicken will be provided, please BYOBeverage of choice.

Cost per couple is \$10.00 to cover costs, any additional funds will be donated to the church.

Please RSVP via Realm or text Jill at 847-754-7657.

BINGO NIGHT
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6
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
Tasty Sloppy Joe Sandwich and fixins' /
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!
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Our next Bingo Night will be
held on Friday Dec. 4, 2026

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

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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 Sempole Band	SAT. MAY 22, 2027 7PM – 9PM Elmhurst Choral Union - Mozart Requiem
SUN. OCT. 11, 2026 COMPLETED 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

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November 4th, 2026
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 (847) 490-4449

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Upcoming Events

October 21 - Worship on Wednesday
 October 23 - Illusionist Bill Cook
 October 25 - All Saints' Eve & Trunk or Treat
 November 10— The Community Meal
 November 20 - Josh Scholl Performance
 November 25 - Interfaith Service & Pie Fellowship
 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



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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

Prince of Peace Staff - Here to Serve!

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