

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

November 2026

MONTHLY

PRINTS OF PEACE











WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5:00PM	9:00AM
• SEPT 26/27	17	93
• OCTOBER 3/4	24	95
• OCTOBER 10/11	15	90
• OCTOBER 17/18	30	97
• OCTOBER 24/25	17	111



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Pastoral & Lay Leadership Monthly Services Schedule

Pastoral Leadership: Pastor Jim Lehmann & Pastor Donna Smith

Lay Leadership: Dave Cluver, Jasson Emmert, Dwayne Gilliland, Todd Goetting, Cindy Goetting, Roger Koss, Zack Wingler

1st Saturday and Sunday: Pastor Jim Lehmann
2nd Satuday and Sunday: Lay Leadership
3rd Saturday: Pastor Donna Smith (also blessing commnion for Sunday)
3rd Sunday: Lay Leadership
4th and 5th Saturday and Sunday: Lay Leadership

• NOVEMBER 14 PARKING

If you come to Satuday evening worship on November 14, please park in the South parking lot, off Douglas Street. The North parking lot will be full due to the Community Thanksgiving Meal going on at the same time. Thank you!

November 1 - All Saints Day
Rev 7:9-17; Ps 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12

November 8 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 5:18-24; Ps 70; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:14-30

November 15 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Zeph 1:7, 12-18; Ps 90:1-12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

November 22 - Christ the King
Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 95:1-7a; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

November 29 - 1st Sunday in Advent
Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

• SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday Funday is November 1. Join us during Sunday School for a fun craft. If you would like to volunteer to lead a craft, please contact Chase Gilliland at



• CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in recognition of Thanksgiving.

• MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Sunday, November 8 at 3:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville. Organist Mark C. Tucker and Pianist Faye Ballard will present a musical program to include both Classical and Theater Organ music, Ragtime, Blues, Jazz, and Congregational singing. Please plan to attend, and invite your friends, family, neighbors, etc.

• MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will begin a new study called "Overcomer: 8 Ways to Live a Life of Unstoppable Strength, Unmoveable Faith, and Unbelievable Power" by Dr. David Jeremiah. If you are interested in joining us, we meet every Saturday morning at 7:00am.

• POPS PLUS

POP's Plus will meet at 11:30am on Thursday, November 19 at Monical's in St. Joe. For questions, contact Linda Green at 217-417-7360.





Dear Prince of Peace Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers, participation, and encouragement as we prayerfully seek the pastor God is preparing to serve among us. Your support and involvement are a meaningful part of this journey.

In September, we believed our POP Church Profile was complete. Since then, two valuable sources of congregational input—the second workshop and the compiled survey responses—have provided an opportunity to strengthen and enrich it. This 22-page document introduces prospective pastors to our congregation, our ministries, and our hopes for the future.

Thirty-seven members participated in our second congregational workshop with Pastor James Lehmann and Pastor Donna Smith. The survey responses have also been compiled, and the results are being prepared in an easy-to-read format for the Call Committee and congregation. Throughout November, the committee will prayerfully review this information and ensure that our profile faithfully reflects what you have shared through both the workshop and the surveys.

Our church video is also moving forward! On October 25, the videographer returned for a second morning of filming, capturing life at POP before, during, and after Sunday worship. Earlier filming included our church, Early Learning Center, grounds, local schools, and surrounding community. Together, these scenes will help prospective pastors get to know our congregation and the community we call home. The committee expects to receive the first edited draft around the first week of December.

The NALC has encouraged us to approach the call process with patience, reminding us that it can take anywhere from six months to five years. Calling a pastor is a process of prayerful discernment by both the congregation and the prospective pastor, and it follows a different path from hiring in business, education, or other professions. We trust that God is present in every step and will guide us in His perfect timing.

As we continue this important journey, we are deeply grateful for your involvement, encouragement, and faithful prayers. Please continue to pray for our congregation, the Call Committee, and the pastor God is preparing to call to Prince of Peace. May we remain united in faith, hopeful in spirit, and attentive to God's leading.

If you have other questions, ask Katelynn Gilliland or Lois Hewerdine.

With gratitude and hope,
The POP Call Committee

- **PRAY & PLAY**

WHO: POP MEMBERS
WHEN: The second Thursday each month
TIME: 1:30pm
WHERE: West Fellowship Hall
This is a gathering for those who like to play board games or card games. Come join the fun!

- **FEED THE NEED**

Thank you so much for all of your donations of peanut butter and jelly! There is no distribution in November. The next distribution will be Thursday, December 3 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

- **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

It is that time of year again that we will be taking donations for poinsettias and wreaths to beautify the church for the Christmas season. Coming soon, we will have reminders placed in the bulletins for several weekends. If you would like to take part in doing so, we ask that you place your donation in a pew envelope and to be sure and mark it "Christmas" to be specifically set aside for this request or give it to Erin in the church office. Your donations are very much appreciated!! Thank you!
- The Worship Committee

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family





Council Meeting October 20th, 2026 6:30 PM

Present: Katelynn Gilliland, Devin Althoff, Chase Gilliland, Janice Koss, Mernice Wakefield, Dave Cluver, Zack Wingler, Pastor Donna Smith
Absent: Sandy Ferguson, Rob Benoit

Opened with prayer Reviewed and accepted minutes from September meeting; Mernice Wakefield made the motion; Devin Althoff second; All in favor so passes the motion

Treasurer's Report:
- Highlights:
- Total Designated Funds: $281,685.54
- Total General Funds: $113,239.74
- Actual Income Exceeded Actual Expenses by $25,209.09
- No further questions for Janice

Youth and Education Report:
- Workcamp Mission Trip destination for 2027 will be Mexico, Missouri
- Baked goods auction will be December 6th
- Sunday School needs teachers!
- Men's group is starting a new Bible study
- Chase has been exploring the idea of an Advent series; Wednesday evenings through Advent; format will be a 15 minute video followed by a whole group or small group discussion
- Christmas Program is December 13th
- No further questions for Chase

Stewardship Report:
- Janice did not have a report; No new business
- They meet again October 27th
- Notes from August meeting:
  - Encouraging members to share their faith stories during worship service; 1 scheduled for January 2027
    - 5 minute time-frame - Non-communion weekend
    - Those who are interested are encouraged to write a story that will also be shared in the monthly newsletter
- No further questions for Janice

Outreach & Evangelism Report:
- Preparing for trunk-or-treat event on October 31st; some have made candy donations also
- No further questions for Katelynn

MRD Report:
- Rob did not have a report; No new business
- No further questions for Rob

Fellowship Report:
- Fall Festival was a good turn out; 45 people attended
- Possible movie event in 2027
- Chili cook-off and Lent soup suppers are next on their schedule
- No further questions for Mernice

Worship Report:
- Planning for the explanation of the Chrismons
- Sue is preparing the Christmas Eve liturgy
  - Question was posed about Christmas Day service and who would bless communion; Possibly moving communion to Christmas Eve service
  - Mernice Wakefield made the motion to move Communion to Christmas Eve service; Katelynn Gilliland second; All in favor so passes the motion
- No further questions for Zack

POP CELC Report:
- Sandy did not have a report; No new business
- Janice Koss had a few updates
  - Enrollment is at 95% capacity; steady through May 2027
  - Prof it through 9 months was $87,500.00; Cash position is $259,712.00
- No further questions for Sandy

Properties Report:
- Devin is waiting for the quote for painting the sanctuary
- The windows in the east fellowship hall are next on the list; They leak water and need to be replaced
- Lights in the back parking lot are not working; Devin will look into it
- No further questions for Devin

Call Committee Report:
- Congregational Workshop was held on October 17th; Positive reviews from those who attended
- Call Committee is meeting again on October 22nd; They will review the profile and make adjustments where needed
- Once the profile is finalized and the video is complete, it will be submitted to the NALC
- No further questions for Katelynn

New Business
- Blueprint for those who want to become members; Dave and Pastor Donna will meet to discuss this further

Old Business

Closed with the Lord's Prayer Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gayle Bartell	**Lyn DeWeese**	**Molly Fenters**	**Mardella Jannusch**
Dale Kopmann	**Steve LeRette**	**Pastor Dennis Meyer**	**Brad Mohr**
Jeff Mohr	**Mary Rolfe**	**Judy Rothermel**	

Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's
Kim Brooks-Allen; friend of POP
Tim Brooks; friend of POP
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler
Dustin Buford; friend of Greg & Becky Mills
Mike Cooper; friend of Brad & Sherrill Mohr
Tammy Croe; cook at POP Early Learning Center
Kay Fiscus; neighbor of Kenny & Donna Weaver
Susan Fiscus; friend of community
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Pam Furrer; friend of community
Bobbi Grigsby; daughter of Terri Modd
Ed Grindley; brother of Tom Grindley
Wendy Grunwald; mother of Ryan Munsterman
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Seth Hatchel; cousin of the Winglers
Donna Huls; friend of Tom & Sue Grindley
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Lora; friend of Erin Smith's sister-in-law

Jesus & Elena Lucio; parents of Miguel Lucio
Sandy Maury; friend of POP
Danny Meece; uncle of Katelynn Gilliland
Nancy Merz; friend of Terri Modd
Chris Miezio; friend of POP
Jennifer Mitchaner; friend of Carmine Dwyer
Sharon Mowry; friend of POP
Jesus Olmedo; nephew of Miguel Lucio
Michelle Orvis; friend of Terri Modd
Amy Parry; niece of Terri Modd
Bryan Perkins; brother of Erin Smith
Sue Phillips; friend of POP
Linda Rasmussen; mother of Tracy Wilson
Kayla Sabin; daughter of Stephanie Wingler
Mitch Schoolcraft; friend of Tom & Sue Grindley
Larry Sparks; friend of the community
Casia Veeck; granddaughter of Terri Modd
Chad Walker; family friend of Goldensteins

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Buch	Nephew of Todd and Cindy Goetting
Matthew Collins	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Middle East
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in Decatur, IL
Tyler Haake	Illinois Air National Guard
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Eielson, AK
Paul Wubker	Brother of Amy Hager – Stationed in United Arab Emirates



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center

BIBLE VERSES OF THE MONTH:
PSALM 118:1, LUKE 11:28, JOHN 3:16, JAMES 1:17, 1 JOHN 3:23

NOVEMBER 2026

WEEKLY THEMES

- W1: Colors
- W2: Disney
- W3: Thanksgiving
- W4: Thanksgiving
- W5: Christmas

LETTERS, NUMBERS, COLORS & SHAPES OF THE MONTH

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov 26-27:** Thanksgiving. Center Closed.
- **Dec 15:** Christmas Program - 6 PM
- **Dec 24-25:** Christmas. Center Closed.
- **Dec 31:** Center closes at 12 PM.
- **Jan 1:** Center Closed.

REMINDERS

Cooler Weather Clothing: As temperatures drop, please send your child with weather-appropriate clothing, including a warm coat, hat, and mittens as needed. Please also check your child's cubby to ensure they have a complete change of clothes suitable for the season.

Upcoming Holiday Closings: POPCELC will be closed November 26th-27th for Thanksgiving, December 24th-25th for Christmas, and January 1st for New Year's Day. We will also close early at 12:00 PM on December 31st (New Year's Eve). Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly!

THANKFUL HEARTS

November is a wonderful time to reflect on the many blessings God has given us! From family and friends to the little joys we experience each day, we have so much to be thankful for. As we help our children learn the importance of gratitude, we can remind them that every good thing in our lives is a gift from our loving God.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — Psalm 118:1

"Every good and perfect gift is from above." — James 1:17

In All Things Give Thanks

This Thanksgiving season, may we encourage our little ones to recognize God's goodness, thank Him for His many blessings, and share His love with those around them. We can show our gratitude through simple acts of kindness, helping hands, and thankful hearts. Even the smallest gestures can be a beautiful way to share God's love with others. May our hearts be filled with gratitude this November and always!

Happy Thanksgiving

FUNDRAISERS

Keep those ***Yoder's fundraiser*** orders coming! Orders will be available for pickup on **Friday, November 20th from 4-5:30 PM**. Please plan accordingly to ensure your items are picked up during this time. Thank you for supporting our Center and staff!

Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair will be December 7th-11th. Just in time for some new books for Christmas!

Follow PoPCELC and join the PIO page on Facebook!

November Ministers

October 31/November 1 All Saints Day
Preacher/Lay Minister: 5:00pm Pr Jim Lehmann
9:00am Pr Jim Lehmann
Assisting Ministers: 5:00pm Lois Hewerdine
9:00am Dwayne Gilliland
Greeters:
Lay Readers: 5:00pm Lois Hewerdine
9:00am Jodi Gilliland
Alter Flowers: OPEN

November 7/8 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher/Lay Minister: 5:00pm Norris Schlueter/ Todd Goetting
9:00am Norris Schlueter/ Todd Goetting
Assisting Ministers: 5:00pm Linda Green
9:00am Darren Franzen
Greeters:
Lay Readers: 5:00pm Linda Green
9:00am Darren Franzen
Alter Flowers: OPEN

November 14/15 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher/Lay Minister: 5:00pm Pr Donna Smith
9:00am Jason Emmert
Assisting Ministers: 5:00pm Lois Hewerdine
9:00am Aaron Hager
Greeters:
Lay Readers: 5:00pm Lois Hewerdine
9:00am Carmine Dwyer
Alter Flowers: Norris & Bunny Schlueter in celebration of their 60th anniversary; Ann Freeman in memory of Don

November 21/22 Christ the King Sunday
Preacher/Lay Minister: 5:00pm Zack Wingler
9:00am Zack Wingler
Assisting Ministers: 5:00pm Linda Green
9:00am Katelynn Gilliland
Greeters:
Lay Readers: 5:00pm Linda Green
9:00am Lori Stewart
Alter Flowers: OPEN

November 28/29 1st Sunday in Advent
Preacher/Lay Minister: 5:00pm Cindy Goetting
9:00am Cindy Goetting
Assisting Minister: 5:00pm Linda Green
9:00am Todd Goetting
Greeters:
Lay Readers: 5:00pm Linda Green
9:00am Mike Voges
Alter Flowers: Gary & Sandy Ferguson in memory of Helen Rhodes

Ushers
Darren & Pam Franzen

Offering Counters
Kelsey Munsterman

Sacristans (Communion Prep & Clean-up)
5:00pm Lois Hewerdine
9:00am Scott & Lori Stewart

Fellowship Servants
November 1: Carmine Dwyer & Susan Ross
November 8: Tom & Sue Grindley
November 15: Rob & Mary Benoit
November 22: Mike & Tami Voges
November 29: Dwayne & Jodi Gilliland

Thank You!

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints' Day** 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship - 1st Sunday Funday 6:00pm Confirmation at St. John, Royal	2 9:00am Quilts of Valor 5:30pm Fellowship	3 1:00pm Home Extension, 3 Crosses Room 5:30pm Christian Education	4 6:30pm YGG	5	6	7 7:00am Men's Group 5:00pm Worship
8 **24th Sunday after Pentecost** 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship 6:00pm Confirmation at St John, Royal	9 **BILLS DUE IN OFFICE** 2:00pm Ladies Outreach	10 6:00pm ELC Board	11 6:30pm YGG	12 1:30pm Pray & Play 6:00pm Volunteer Meeting	13	14 7:00am Men's Group 4:30pm Community Thanksgiving Meal 5:00pm Worship
15 **25th Sunday after Pentecost** 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am SS & Fellowship 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Worship 6:00pm Confirmation	16	17 6:30pm Council	18 6:30pm YGG	19 POP's Plus, Monical's Pizza, St. Joseph	20 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** **BILLS DUE IN OFFICE**	21 7:00am Men's Group 5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion
22 **Christ the King** 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship 6:00pm Confirmation at St. John, Royal	23	24 **BILLS DUE IN OFFICE** 6:30pm Prodigals Suupport Group 7:00pm Stewardship	25 6:30pm YGG	26 **OFFICE CLOSED** 	27 **OFFICE CLOSED** 	28 5:00pm Worship
29 **1st Sunday in Advent** 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship No Confirmation	30					

Notes

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."
Psalm 107:1, ESV



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