



Prince of Peace News

Come... Be A Part Of Peace!

NOVEMBER 2020

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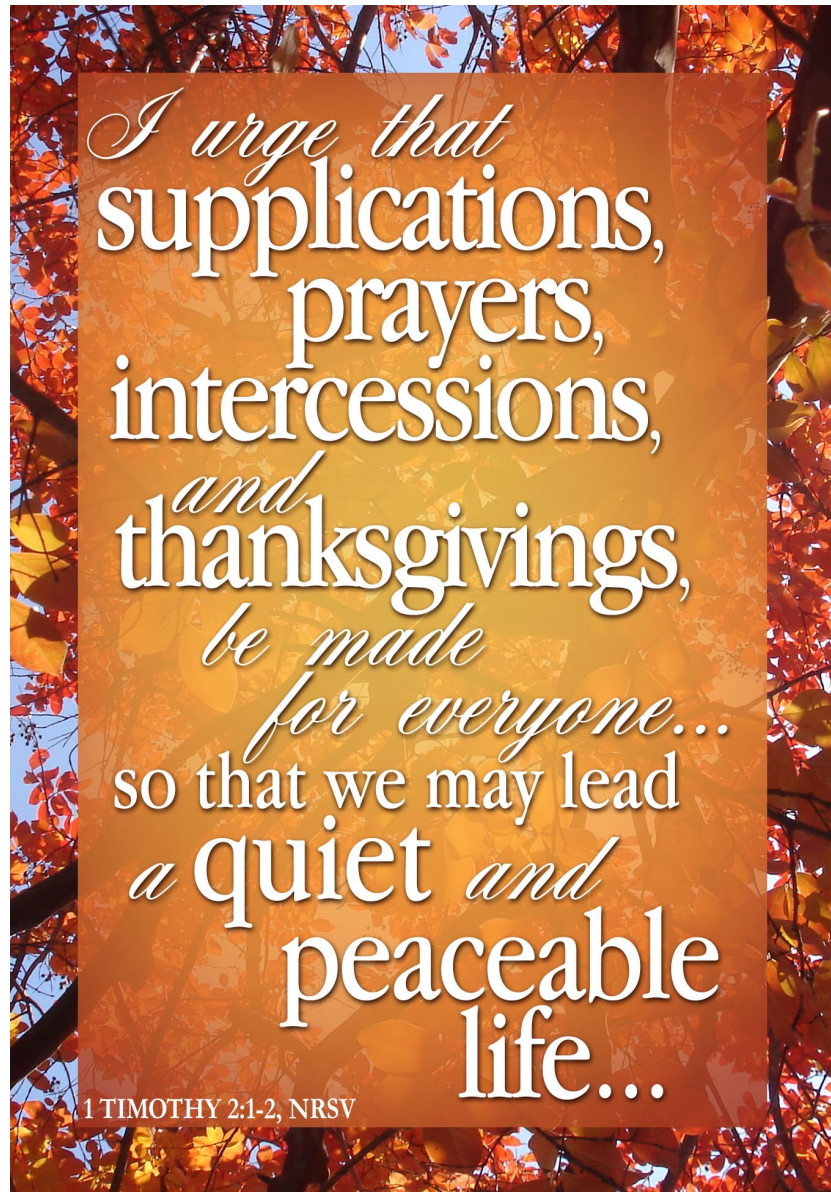
**Monday-Thursday
9AM- 4PM**



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www.instagram.com/poplc.office/



Our Mission at Prince of Peace

**To strengthen our faith in Jesus through Worship and Fellowship;
to be the face of Christ for others.**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**2600 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach Fl 32034
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November 22nd is Christ the King Sunday. It marks the end of the Liturgical Church Year A and the end of a year's our concentration on the gospel of Matthew. In Matthew we looked at the life of Jesus from his genealogy, the calling of his disciples, his healing of the sick, how he preached with authority, and the parables that he told. Of course, there were bits and pieces of the gospel of John over the year as well.

What started out so typically soon changed drastically in March as we had to stop worshipping in person. As I write this; I have to admit I was thrilled by the fact that at the end of May, on Pentecost Sunday so many of you felt that we safely opened our building for worship once again. It felt good to be among you all, even though the service was different from what we had been used to, but it had what we need. We confessed our sins and heard words of absolution. We heard the Word spoken, the message was shared, and in September we once again partook in Holy Communion. We have once again, been sent out to be the light of Christ for the world. I, like so many of you though do miss the singing of hymns, but I am sure that day will come again soon.

As I think about the three liturgical years of the Church it always seems like each time I have go through them in just over 21 years of pastoral ministry, they speak to me relative to whatever is happening in current times. They keep showing me how the Word of God is very much alive today, just as it was for those who lived it, wrote it and those who have read it before me and most importantly how it will continue to be relative for those who are yet to come.

Normally we all think of the beginning of the New Year as January 1, but in the church we do it a little differently and that is alright. On November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent when we will begin Liturgical Church Year B during which we will hear the gospel of Mark...and of course the gospel of John will be woven in as well. None of us can foretell what this New Year will bring, but what I will say is that God's Word will continue to speak to you and me and bring us the peace and hope that the world cannot give.

Here is to the New Year!

Pastor Ida

Coming Soon!....

Once the pandemic is just a memory we will be resuming regular missions and events.

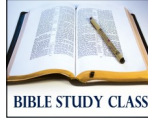
Stay Tuned for updates!



Movie & Discussion

Bible Study

Sunday School



Newsletter DEADLINE

Newsletter Articles are due

November 15th

(for **December & January**
Combined newsletter)

Please send to
poplc.office@gmail.com

Sunday Worship at Prince of Peace

Safely... Reunited Again!

**Join with your Prince of Peace Family Sunday's
at 10:00 am with Holy Communion**

Special equipment has been ordered so that wafers are not handled by anyone, but the recipient. We ask that you bring your own small cup for the wine to be poured into.



UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP IN PERSON?

ATTEND OUR STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY'S AT 10:00 AM

(PLEASE LOG IN AT 9:45 AM)

Step One

Download the Go To Meeting App on your computer, tablet, or smartphone by clicking-

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/800738861>

Step Two

Click on the link below to start streaming-

<https://www.gotomeet.me/LeslieBoette>

QUESTIONS, PHONE LES BOETTE AT 904-305-9618

Become A Part of Prince of Peace's Worship Teams!

Interested in Greeting Members, being an Usher or Reader?	Contact: Terry Smith @ 904-261-6306
Interested in serving on Lay Assistant & Altar Guild?	Contact: Eileen Klein @ 904-261-5675
Interested in helping as a Teller?	Contact: Barbara Ehrenberg @ 269-861-4104
Interested in Choir, Bell Choir & Casual Worship Music?	Contact: Diane Demeranville demeran@comcast.net
Interested in being an Assistant Minister?	Contact: Mark Foutz @ 904-557-8086

WORSHIP SAFETY MEASURES UPDATE



Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

These are very unusual times that we are living in and it has become day-by-day that we go on. We are checking numbers on Covid-19 and its spread. Numbers go up, but also the testing of individuals is going up.

We published the different phases and the guidelines for each phase in the newsletter. The major difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2, for worship is that in Phase 2 the wearing of masks is listed as optional. With the age of most of our members...including your pastor being in the at-risk category, we continue to wear masks and evaluate safety measures as we worship together.

You can review the measures in the attached, and it is important to keep the following in mind for the everyone's safety:

- Masks are required to be worn at Worship
- Pew seating will be directed by ushers
- Post worship, ushers will oversee the exiting of members
- Social congregating is not acceptable in the narthex prior and post-worship

We recently introduced Holy Communion back into weekly worship using the safest practices available. We are using an individual wafer dispenser, we ask you to bring your own small cup and wine is poured into it (we also have individual cups available) and we are using port wine only which has a higher alcohol content.

We are working hard to get through this time of uncertainty using the best methods available. Many changes have had to take place over the past few months, and we are doing our best to keep you safe and informed. With the help of the Holy Spirit we will get through this a stronger and healthier congregation serving our Lord and Savior and the community around us.

Working with you in Christ,

Pastor Ida

What's Next?

We have not lived through a time like this in our lives.

We do not know when things will get “Back to Normal” and what the “New Normal” might be. Our world is changing, and the Covid-19 reality has changed, albeit for the time being, the way we worship. We are utilizing care and safety protocols in worship at Prince of Peace.



We expect to follow Florida state time guidelines as conditions improve as displayed here.

Changes will be advised as they occur.

	Phase 1 Return to Worship <i>May 31, 2020</i>	Phase 2 Worship Changes <i>Effective - Florida Phase 2</i>	Phase 3 Worship <i>Effective - Florida Phase 3</i>
Worship Times	Worship Service 10:00 am	Worship Services 9:00 am & 10:45 am	Worship 9 am & 10:45 am Sunday School 10:15 am
Masks	Mandatory at Worship	Optional at Worship	Optional at Worship
Social Distancing	Required	Required	Relaxed
Communion	Not Offered	Not Offered	Offered
Fellowship Activities	Suspended	Suspended	Full Activities
Hymn Praise	Suspended	Suspended	Full Activity
Pew Seating	Assigned Seating Social Distancing	Assigned Seating Social Distancing	Normal Seating Preferences
Sanitation	Intense Methods Utilized	Intense Methods Utilized	Normal Methods Utilized
Meetings	Remote Participation	Remote Participation	Resumed Onsite

Worship is not limited within a building. Streaming of our services and Worship In Home materials will continue during this time, allowing vulnerable people the opportunity to worship in the safety of their homes.

We are not going to miss terms like “self-quarantine,” “social distancing” and “shelter at home” once this finally passes. As our world changes, we will advise members of changes in protocols as we are *Safely Reunited again* worshipping God at Prince of Peace.

Come... Be A Part of Peace!



November

Eric Stommel-1st
 Diane Demeranville-4th
 Lew Miller-6th
 Bryan Steele-6th
 Rosemary Mandrick-7th
 Jo Kruer-7th
 Wyatt Steele-7th
 Joel Stockstill-10th
 Madisyn Collins-11th
 Lisa Angil-11th
 Roy Cook-17th
 John Michael Angil-18th
 Sigrid Ivanovic-19th
 Rene Pittman-23rd



November

Nick & Sigrid Ivanovic-19th
 Garrett & Dawn Price-22nd
 Rick & Jessica Miller-23rd
 Bart & Donna Cormier-26th
 Glenn & Norma Beyer-27th

Handy Links— *Need help or interested in information? Click on the links to assist you.*

Barnabas Center

Services to help neighbors in crisis so they can become healthy, productive citizens. Services include Crisis Assistance (neighbors face unexpected illness, unemployment, fire, or a change in living status, with nowhere to turn), Food Pantry, and Health services. <https://barnabasnassau.org/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with about 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations across the 50 states, Caribbean and U.S. Virgin Islands <https://www.elca.org/>

Florida-Bahamas Synod

Is one of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is one of 65 synods of the ELCA carrying out Christ's mission in the world <https://fbsynod.com/>

Interfaith Dinner Network—IDN

IDN's mission is to feed the homeless, hungry, and lonely. Dinner Service at: Salvation Army's Hope House. 410 9th Street (9th & Date) Fernandina Beach <http://www.idnweb.net/>

Luther Springs

Luther Springs Camp and Conference Center offers programs year-round for children, youth, adults, and families. <https://www.luthersprings.org/>

Nassau County Council on Aging

The Nassau County Council on Aging serves as an advocate and resource for those age 60 and older seeking information, counseling, assistance and referral to available services <https://www.nassaucountycouncilonaging.org/>



*Daylight Savings Time
ENDS
Sunday, November 1st*
*Don't forget to turn clocks
back 1 Hour
Saturday Night*



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**&
CONSECRATION SUNDAY**

"NOTIFICATION"
**Sunday, November 8th
following 10:00 AM worship**

Please come in prayer and let your voice be heard as to how you want God's church planned for 2021 and to vote on: next years budget, new council members and nominating committee. Please also remember to bring or mail your Pledge Cards and Time & Talent brochures to the church by November 8th. Thank You!



"DECKING THE HALLS"

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING
of
CHURCH**

**Sunday, November 22nd
at 2:00pm**

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT
WORSHIP**

December

2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd

at 5:00pm Outside

We will have our normal advent services, but no dinners due to Covid. We will also have the services outside on the lawn so bring a lawn chair.



**2020 NASSAU COUNTY
GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION**

DATES:

Early Voting 9am-6pm—November 1st

Election Day—November 3rd

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:

Atlantic Recreation Center

2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach

Hilliard Community Center

37177 Pecan St., Hilliard

James S. Page Governmental Complex

96135 Nassau Place, Yulee

Callahan Library (New)

450077 S.R. 200 #15, Callahan

Yulee Sports Complex (New)

86142 Goodbread Rd., Yulee

Just a reminder that the
Church Offices will be Closed

Thursday 26th Thanksgiving
Day & **Friday 27th**
due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We wish everyone a *HAPPY
THANKSGIVING* and for those who may be
traveling we pray for your safe travels!



Will need help putting together the Backpacks for the Banabas Food Shelf after the church service
Sunday, November 29th at 2:00pm. Please
come help if you are able. Thank You!



FACEBOOK

Please ***“Like”*** & ***“Share”***
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church’s
Facebook page.

This way it will popup on your
personal Facebook news feed so you will be
informed of what is happening here at the church.

Then share it so others will know.



Call our Church Office When ...

**You become Hospitalized,
Sick or Shut in.**

Have a spiritual question or need prayer.

**Moving, getting married or other life change.
Need information about events.**

Call the Church Office at 904-261-6306

What Talents

Can You Share?

Committees & Teams provide a great place to
meet people and provide vital service to our
mission for God and our community.

**Our Evangelism Team, Tellers, Readers &
Ushers, Property, Worship Committee and
other Committees** need your help and are
looking for people to share their time and talent
to do God’s work.

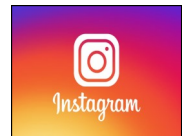
Join the fun by serving!

Interested???

**Call the church office at 904-261-6306
and discover how you can -
“Come and Be a Part of Peace!”**

See Us On Instagram!

**Prince of Peace is on
Instagram**



It is all about social media today and this is
another way to let people in Fernandina,
and the world, know that we are here and
what our church is all about.

**Spread the word and go to our Instagram
page and like us by clicking on the heart
icon.**



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Please consider helping the people whose lives have been
disrupted by recent disasters in Iowa, California, Mississippi and
Texas to help bring God’s hope, healing and renewal.

You can donate by going to the Lutheran Disaster Relief website at: ***[https://
www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-
Response/](https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/)***



MISSION BOX—

(Through October & November)

Is for:

The Barnabas Food Bank— Weekend Hunger Backpack Program

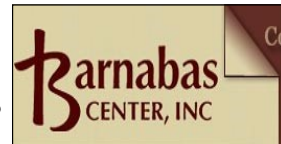
The pandemic has triggered an incredible spike on food bank demands, and also for the Backpack program where they send food for breakfast, lunch and a snack for students who receive free meals at the schools for the week-ends. We have done this in the past and now there is a great need to repeat it. Check out the list and let us help those in need.

You can make a difference!

If Worshipping In Home call the church office at 904-261-6306 to arrange a drop off or pick-up or if you want to make a cash donation and we can use the POP Costco membership to buy items in bulk.

BARNABAS FOOD SHELF

“ALWAYS NEEDS FOOD”



Please help fill the Backpacks with
Individual Non-Perishable food items.

Breakfast:

Individual packets of Oatmeal or Cereal

Lunch:

- small can of Ravioli
- box (microwavable) macaroni & cheese
- snack size container of peanut butter

Snack:

- container of pudding
- boxes of crackers, small pretzels, or Goldfish
- boxes of raisins, or small packages of mixed dried fruit & nuts
- granola bars

Fruit:

- juice packs
- container of apple sauce, fruit cups

***Be on the lookout for **BOGO's** at your
grocery store***



Interfaith Dinner Network-IDN

People Are In Need Now More Than Ever Before!

You Can make A Difference!

The IDN mission is to feed the homeless, hungry and lonely. A dinner is served providing a complete hot meal on Monday—Tuesday—Thursday and Friday evenings to area people in need. Prince of Peace has joined with 15 other local churches and organizations to serve God's children. Once **every other month** we prepare a meal and assist with cleanup.

Please help at our NEXT scheduled meal because **WE WILL NEED EXTRA HELP** on:

Monday, December 7th from 4:00pm—6:30pm

at -Salvation Army's Hope House-

410 9th Street (9th & Date Streets) - Fernandina Beach

2 ½ hours of your time can change a life. To be a part of this great work contact:

Gene Kilcawley at 864-590-0107 or gkilcawley@gmail.com



A Thanksgiving Message:

Thanksgiving and covid-19 have two concepts in common, but from opposite perspectives. Thanksgiving is all about gathering- oh how wonderful it would be if we could gather the family and any other guests together this November 26 around a big table filled with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and all those other yummy menu items, not to mention too many desserts for any one feast, to celebrate our national day of giving thanks. Covid-19 is all about gathering too - that is not gathering. The last thing we want to do is infect our grandparents, or even ourselves, with a virus that could be fatal. Unfortunately Thanksgiving 2020 is going to have to be a little different. That leaves us all in small units sharing a smaller meal and not nearly as much laughter. Some may actually be alone. We won't even be seeing the usual crowd at church before and after the 26th because of the virus. We need to reach out and share something at least. On the table in the narthex in November will be many addressed

Thanksgiving Day cards. Please take 2-3 cards, write a greeting in them and place them in the mail. Although the cards are made out only to Prince of Peace members, you may or may not know the names of the addressees; that is a good thing. Let us reach out to our friends to at least wish them a pleasant day of thanks. If you really feel up to it, you are encouraged to purchase additional cards and wish as many people as possible that they make the best of this time of crisis, especially those within our church family and their families. Sir Winston Churchill said "Never let a good crisis go to waste." This is a time of crisis, but we may just come out of this better than we started. Roll with it and see how it all turns out. Recall what the apostle Paul told us in Romans 8: **28** "we know that in all things God works for the good." Now, get your cards, send them out, pray for us all and let Him do His work.



Please tell the members that Mom is doing well in Colorado with my sister. She will probably be spending the holidays there. If anyone would like to write to her or send a card the address is:

Gertie Schreffler
c/o Sue Cobain
490 Celtic Ct.
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

She would enjoy hearing from you.

Thank You,
Patsy Llarena, Daughter



Sue Whitman is out of rehab and doing well. She is near family in an apartment, 119 Route 204, Apt. 11C, Selins Grove, PA 17870 if you'd like to send her a card.

In these months of isolation and lockdown I've thought often of these words of Charles Dickens in his book "The Tale of Two Cities"-----"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". We don't have to dwell on 'the worst of times'. I want to comment on 'the best of times'. It has been almost 8 months since I entered my 'worst of times', but with it, as I look back, I'm overwhelmed with my 'best of times'. I see God's loving arms holding and healing me and my family. I see his answers to the many prayers of my church family, my neighbors, my family near and far. We have been blessed with not only healing prayers but also food, flowers, visits, phone calls, yard work, etc. I am deeply humbled by your love and concern. There are no words-----God works through each of us to show His love and you, in turn have shown your love.

Donna & Orv Lind





2020 Congregational Financial Report

Dear Member,

This first quarter financial report for Prince of Peace shows your continued faithful financial support for the mission of our congregation. Because of that financial support, we have been able to keep our super staff working, stay current with our mortgage, and continue to support the various charities important to the Prince of Peace family. We all look forward to *"Safely....Reuniting Again"* in the very near future and sharing God's love. In the meantime, remember there are several ways to continue your financial support:

1. Mail your contribution envelope directly to the church, or
2. Drop your contribution by the church and place in the mail slot next to the front doors, or
3. Set Prince of Peace up as one of your vendors on your automatic checking account, or
4. Go to the website (www.poplcweb.com) and click on the "GIVE" tab. Follow the instructions to set up an automatic contribution from your checking, savings, or any credit card.

May you and all of your loved ones remain safe and healthy until we can worship together again.

Rich Ekwall, Church Treasurer

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SEPTEMBER PLEDGES VS. ACTUAL GIVING

MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 2020

Monthly Pledged Amt.	\$	20,618.00
Actual Giving for September		
Pledged Contribution	\$15,656.99	
Automatic Deposits	\$ 184.70	
Bailey Fund	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
Total Giving For September	\$	<u>16,841.69</u>
Difference (September Pledges vs Giving)	\$	(3,776.31)

Y-T-D JANUARY THRU SEPTEMBER 2020

Jan. 1st thru September 30, 2020 Pledged Amt.	\$	185,562.00
Actual Giving Year-To-Date (September 30)		
Pledged Contribution	\$ 157,674.04	
Automatic Deposits	\$ 1,618.17	
Bailey Fund	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	
Total Giving Jan 1st thru September 30, 2020	\$	<u>168,292.21</u>
Difference (YTD Pledges vs YTD Giving)	\$	(17,269.79)

IN NEED OF PRAYER

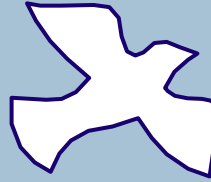
We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Osprey Village

Lloyd & Jane Cotner - Room 3106
Katherine Holmberg- Room 101

Savannah Grand

Jo Kruer - Room 332
Mary Jordan— Memory Care Unit



At Home

Emmy Lou Sorum / Billy Foster / Gertie Schreffler / Michele Pester / Clay Chaffee / Dorothy Schwager/ Lloyd Cotner / Orv Lind / Rosalie Wessel/ Jo Kruer / Lucy Creel / Tamara Nicholson / Judy Harris / Sue Whitman / Anne Marie Cole / Donna Cormier / Leon Cole



Lt. Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Valdez, AK (son of Glen & Norma Beyer)
Lt. J.G. Eric Strommel, Kings Bay, Subbase, GA
Lt. Col. Laura Laskowski, Air Force Intelligence, stationed in Maryland at Ft. Meade (daughter of Sue Whitman)
Sgt. Rob Kinnard (Afghanistan)

ACTS—Components of an Effective Prayer

“A”	ADORATION	Worship of God, First for who He is, Second for all His benefits
“C”	CONFESSION	If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from unrighteousness
“T”	THANKSGIVING	Gratitude to GOD for His blessings
“S”	SUPPLICATION	Expressing our petitions to GOD for individual and specific needs and desires

Keeping Our Prayer List Up-to-Date ...

Thank you for advising the church to add friends and family to our prayer list. We often can all use as many prayers as we can get.

Please remember to advise the church office people who no longer need to be on the list. Life gets busy and it's easy to forget. We want to be able to offer room to those who truly need to be in our prayers.