P.O.P. Monthly News

June 4, 2025

SUMMER STUDY Part 1: Esther – The

Preservation of the Jews – This study will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00am or Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning on June 10/12 and running through July 8/10. Packets/schedule are available at the Information Table in the Coffee House.

THE AFTER-WORSHIP continues Sundays:

- June 8: Fellowship & Shavuot
- June 15: Q&A w/ Pastor James (CR-A)
- June 22: Q&A w/ Pastor James (CR-A)
- June 29: Youth Gathering Meeting (CR-A)



TAP BROTHERS will meet June 9, 2025 @ 7:00pm, Mark McCabe's Glowing Embers (5071 Bayshore Dr. Sturgeon Bay). Food: Hoffbrau Special – Steak sandwich on Sheboygan hard roll. Please bring a side to share. Topic: "Age of Accountability."

SAVE-THE-DATE ACTIVITIES

- June 8 Shavuot/Pentecost
- June 10 July 8 Bible Study Esther: The Preservation of the Jews
- June 17 New Women's Ministry Launch
- June 22 Congregational Anniversary Barbecue after worship
- July 29 August 19 Bible Study Ezra: Restoration and Reformation
- August 28 Hot Lunch for Teachers

COMMUNITY DINNER @ 5:30pm

JUNE 5 – served by Team C:

- * Chilled Soba Salad
- * Sesame Shrimp
- * Black Sesame Matcha Cookies
- * Beverages: Coffee, Water, and Lemonade

There are 3 ways to make your reservation:

Click <u>https://bit.ly/ComDin</u> Call church office at 920.743.7750 or Text 920.226.2868 (Your name & # attending)

JUNE 19 – served by Team D:

- * Breaded Perch (from Dan's Fish)
- * Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread

* Dessert: Jocelyn's Numerous Naughty Nom-Noms

* Beverages: Coffee, Lemonade, and Water

YOUTH GROUP (7th-12th): Meets the 1st/3rd Wednesdays of each month @ 6:30pm

June 4 – Snacks, Devotion, Games/Activity

June 18 – Snacks, Devotion, Games/Activity

July 2 – Snacks, Devotion, Games/Activity

Youth Gathering: July 17-23, 2025

Gathering Report: July 27 (Q & A w/ Students after service)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY –

New Women's Ministry Launch!

Ladies, you are invited to be part of something special! We are launching a new Women's Ministry at Prince of Peace—a place for faith, friendship, and fellowship.

Our first gathering will be a time to connect, share ideas, and an opportunity for you to help shape what our ministry will look like. We would love to hear your thoughts on what you would enjoy being part of! Come join us in the coffeehouse on Tuesday, June 17th at 5:30 PM for food,

fellowship, and a time to share your thoughts and ideas. And, as a special thankyou, each woman will receive a little something to take home—a reminder that you are a valued part of this new community.



Part of our ministry will look to support our larger community. On June 17th we will be collecting items to support local groups that provide services for people impacted by domestic violence. Please bring an item from the list below to donate. Thank you in advance for your willingness to be part of this collection!

Items needed: deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, etc.

This is a Thrivent Action Team-sponsored event that enables us to live generously.

Whether you are new to church or have been here for years, we would love for you to join us. Come as you are—and bring a friend!

Scan to access the RSVP form or contact the church office: office @princeofpeacesb.com (920)743-7750

CONGREGATIONAL ANNIVERSARY BARBECUE – There is a celebratory grill out planned for Sunday June 22 after worship. We will provide hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs. If you would like to bring a side/salad, dessert, or can volunteer time to set or clean up, please sign up at the Information table in the Coffee House. Join your fellow Prince of Peacers marking the church's 51st anniversary!

2025 RECORD OF OFFERINGS

The Weekly Financial Status shows "Total Budgeted Money" received each week. The weekly Designated Funds are recorded and made available upon request.

	WEEKLY (actual)	YTD (actual): as of June 1, 2025
GIVING	\$3,997.94	\$94,752.60
	WEEKLY (needed)	YTD (needed)
BUDGET	\$4,914.48	\$108,118.56

MAY RECAP:

THE MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE – Thank you to all that supported the Mother's Day Right to Life Rose sale. With your generous donations, \$250 was given to Door County Right to Life on behalf of Prince of Peace. The donations remain with the Door County chapter and are used to support the mission, and continue to raise awareness, promoting the sanctity of life.

Thank you, Peggy Westin

SWING INTO SPRING – Friday, May 16 – The Swingin' Door Big Band set up shop and the sanctuary was transformed into a concert/dance hall for an evening of Incredible music and equally incredible food. The sound was phenomenal, the food was insanely delicious, and the company was absolutely delightful.





Chef Lucas Lindow treated participants to a

Mediterranean-themed salad and appetizer buffet featuring orzo salad, falafel, lamb kofta, and (in my humble opinion) an absolutely to-die-for lamb and tzatziki slider. This is only a snapshot of what was available.

The meal was accompanied by a 2-hour concert by the incredibly talented Swingin' Door Big Band, directed and emceed with light-hearted banter by Jason Palmer. The set included some well-known favorite instrumentals and a handful of songs featuring local vocalists (Jamie Palmer, Mary K. Hall, and Kristin Malnory). And the sound... I cannot



overemphasize how amazing the sound was. A rich, full brass section dominated the music and showed it who's the boss. Percussion and guitar, bass and piano...everyone brought their A-game and delivered an unforgettable performance.

If you were unable to join this year, we hope to see you

next year, Lord willing. Proceeds from this event are going to the Youth

Activities associated with Prince of Peace Church, including mission trips, youth gatherings, camp, and other "extras" outside of regular monthly programming.





A CELEBRATION – We are delighted to announce that Pastor James Gomez is celebrating a significant milestone – his 10year anniversary at Prince of Peace. as

Pastor Gomez was officially installed as our pastor on May 17, 2015. To commemorate

his decade of devoted service, we hosted an extended fellowship with refreshments following the Sunday, May 18 service. We are grateful for the profound positive impact Pastor Gomez has had on our church and community. We appreciate having Pastor Gomez and Michelle with us for the past decade and look forward to many more years of spiritual growth together.

The Life Together Committee did a superb job organizing the celebration.



COMMUNITY:

DOOR DUO Piano concert, Sunday, July 13 at 2:00pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church: Local pianists Kathy Little and Sandy Stoneham will perform "A Concert of Four Hand Music for the Piano." Featuring pieces by Handel, Mozart, Debussy, and others, these talented ladies are bringing this concert home from successful performances in Florida.

A free-will offering will be collected at the door and will be donated to Prince of Peace.

BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT AWARENESS GROUP – There is a new group meeting at Prince of Peace providing support, compassion, and hope for adults in Door County affected by blood cancer: patients, caretakers, and family members. The purpose of this group is to share information through experience and connect with others to find strength and hope on this difficult and often uncertain journey. The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Library by the North entrance of Prince of Peace from 1:00 – 2:30pm. For questions or further information, please contact Pam at 920.495.4935.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK hosted by Sturgeon Bay Community Church, will be running from 4:00-5:30pm on Sunday 6/15, 7/13, and 8/10 at Martin Park (207 S 3rd Ave) in Sturgeon Bay. This series offers a time of extended worship, fellowship, and celebrating the Sabbath with one another. Bring a picnic lunch and games to play, SBCC will provide the beverages. There will be singing, testimonies and lots of fellowship.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES -



Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church VBS registration: https://www.sbmoravian.org/online-vacation-bible-school

First Baptist Church of Sturgeon Bay VBS registration: tinyurl.com/VBSatFBC2025

St. Peter's Lutheran Church VBS registration:

https://www.stpeterslutheran.net/_files/ugd/fde0a4_df6136c4b3d9428f815688586b29b34c .pdf

KIDDIE POOL KICKBALL – Grab a friend and enjoy a crazy-fun time playing kickball with a twist!! Kiddie Pool Kickball includes slip-and-slide running paths and kiddie pool bases. This event is free and open to all children/youth who are entering 2nd grade through adults. Hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on the corner of Michigan St. and 18th Ave, Sturgeon Bay (the playing field will be on the grassy field behind the church, along 18th Ave). Please join us this summer: Friday, July 5; and Friday, August 9. **12:00 - 1:00pm for children entering 2nd - 5th grade **1:15 -2:15pm for youth entering 6th - 12th grade ****Exceptions may be made for each of these levels**** A simple grab-and-go lunch (sandwich/hot dog, chips, fruit, dessert, and beverage) will be available from Noon – 2:00. Be sure to bring a towel and clothes you don't mind getting wet!! Permission from parent is required before participation – forms are available now and at the check-in table, or we can talk with parents via phone to confirm. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch the fun!! Volunteers are needed for check-in table, snack tables, crowd control, etc. Please contact the church office to volunteer help or with any questions.

Prince of Peace Kiddie Pool Kickball registration: https://forms.gle/qFFAXDWHAU7V8Gor6

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Board of Representatives Meeting Monday, April 14th, 2025

MISSION STATEMENT: To bring those around us to Jesus Christ, equipping them in the Word, so that they may know, love, and serve Him and become His committed disciples.

Members Present: Pastor James Gomez, Gregg Schuchhardt, Gary Stangland, Chris Borgmann, Jim Kellow, Deb Moore, Donna Try, Cassie Gast, Ron Kodras.

- Gregg Schuchhardt called the meeting to order with prayer
- Opening Devotion by Deb Moore
- Approval of January minutes Jim Kellow made a motion to approve, Gary Stangland seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports

- A. Elder (Gary Stangland): There was a meeting on March 30th. They discussed ways the Elders can best serve the church. Elders will be wearing name tags every Sunday. The annual review will now take place in October. The next Elder's meeting will be on April 30th.
- B. Missions (Donna Try): Two Community Dinners in March. Upcoming Events: Two Community Dinners in April, three in May. Teams have been secured for Community Dinners through May and Swing into Spring fundraiser event. Swing into Spring Youth Fundraiser will be on May 16th.
- C. Trustee (Chris Borgmann): The fire sprinkler inspection has not happened yet; it will likely occur by the end of April. Some of the furnace maintenance still needs to be completed. Unable to find parts for repairing the vacuum cleaner. Looking into purchasing a replacement.
- D. Education (open)
- E. Treasurer (Jim Kellow): Copy attached. Chris Borgmann made a motion to approve, Ron Kodras seconded. Motion carried.
- F. Financial Secretary (Deb Moore): Copy attached. Jim Kellow made a motion to approve, Ron Kodras seconded. Motion carried.
- G. President's Report (Gregg Schuchhardt): Nancy Hardesty has agreed to assist with the Education Committee. Toured Bayview Senior Care. Reviewing the church insurance policy with the goal of having the correct coverage (not over or under insuring) in mind. We can expect an increase in our insurance premiums of over 30%. Will be forming a committee to inventory items in the church to validate insurance coverage. Would like to consider adding a line-item for the Life Together Committee in the budget. Structured Funding, possibly increase giving from memorials and legacy gifts. Will look at what the funs in "Designated Other" account are designated for at the next meeting. Will be attending the District Meeting in Rothschild June 1-2.
- H. Pastors (Pastor Gomez): Worship notes March Sunday attendance is up. Service series on Biblical Feast Purim was on March 16. Holy Week services will be held this week. Will be gone next week for conferences. Gary Stangland will be giving the sermon on April 27th. Visits to members and prospective members are up. Lutheran Education Funds are available the committee needs to make a recommendation to the board, possibly add to the agenda for May.

American Heritage Girls might be interested in helping with Wreaths Across America, need to look for another partner in the community, might not happen this year.

Old Business

1. Homeless Council -Ecumenical Partnership for Housing discussion will continue, several more churches have gotten on board.

New Business

1.

Jim Kellow made a motion to adjourn, Gregg Schuchhardt seconded. Motion carried.

Gregg Schuchhardt closed with prayer

Next meeting: May 12th, 2025

Opening Devotion: Chris Borgmann

Respectfully submitted by Cassie Gast



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY, SESSION 1 – Esther: The Preservation of the Jews.

Have you bought it yet? You know, the paperback by John Grisham or Tom Clancy that you plan to read this summer at the beach or on the front porch of the cabin you always rent someplace up north.

How about adding another thriller to your summer reading list? The Old Testament book of Esther will be the focus of Pastor Gomez's next Bible study series. It has all the drama, intrigue, and suspense of any Grisham or Clancy novel. The hero – sorry, *heroine* – is Queen Esther. You will learn how she saved thousands of lives and is an amazing link to the lineage

of the Jewish nation.

Expand your biblical knowledge while also getting to know your fellow Prince of Peace members a little better. Classes are on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 (starting 6/10) and Thursday evenings at 6:30 (starting 6/12). Bible study packets and schedules are available at the Information Table in the Coffee House.



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