
P.O.P. Monthly News

August 5, 2026

BIBLE STUDY: How is it possible that we are already at the end of the summer? **“The Psalms”** Bible study concludes in a few short weeks, August 18/20.

The Fall/Winter session will begin September 8/10 and will resume the weekly Tuesday morning 10am/Thursday evening 6:30pm schedule. Our topic will be **“The Letter of 1 Peter”**.

Bible Study packets are available on the Information Table in the Sanctuary.

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

August 19 – Anderson Backyard and Firepit (4205 Peterson Rd. Sturgeon Bay) @ 6:00pm

September 2 – Snacks/Games/Devotions

September 16 – Snack/Games/Devotion

September 30 – Mission Project

Confirmation Schedule:

September 9 – *Confession* @ 6:00pm

September 23 – *Confession* @ 6:00pm

September 30 – Interviews @ 6:00pm

Special Event – Date TBD For Youth and For All!

Greg Gast is cordially inviting the POP Youth Group (plus all members & families!) to an evening pool party & cookout at the Clubhouse & Pool at Bay Marine (155 E Redwood St. Sturgeon Bay)
You will be able to see the marina, tour the docks, do some swimming, and enjoy an evening on the water. Stay tuned for more information for this late-August event!

COMMUNITY DINNER @ 5:30pm

AUGUST 6 – served by Team C:

- * Hibachi-Style Shrimp
- * Stir-Fry Vegetable Medley & Fried Rice
- * Melon Soda Floats
- * Beverages: Coffee, Lemonade, and Water

AUGUST 20 – served by Team D:

- * Swiss Chicken Casserole
- * Salad & Rolls
- * Jocelyn’s Irresistible Insatiable Indulgences
- * Beverages: Coffee, Lemonade, and Water

SEPTEMBER 3 – served by Team A:

- * Smoked Shredded Pork Sammies w/Toppings
- * Coleslaw & Cowboy Beans
- * Chocky Chip Cooookies
- * Beverages: Coffee, Lemonade, and Water

There are 4 ways to make your reservation:

Click <https://bit.ly/ComDin>

Call church office at

920.743.7750 or

Text 920.226.2868 (Your name & # attending) or

Use the QR Code



TAP BROTHERS will meet August 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm, Carl’s Rauch’s Blazing Pit of Hellfire (6524 Barrick Rd, Sturgeon Bay). Food: Hobo Dinners*
Topic: Language and Culture

**Apparently Hobo was not in season back in July.*

SAVE-THE-DATE ACTIVITIES

(Hard copies available on the Information Desk, now located back in the Coffee House!)

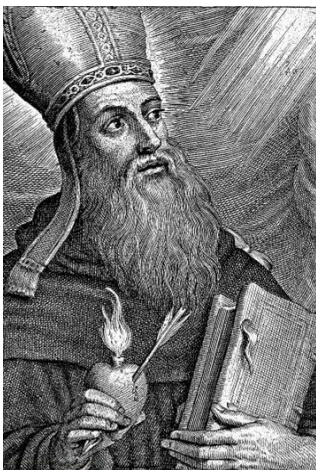
- August 9 Open House @ 10:30am-1:00pm
- August 10 Board Meeting @ 5:30pm
- August 30 Youth Sunday! @ 9:30am
American Heritage Girls Informational Meeting & Ice Cream Social @ 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- September 9 Women's Ministry & Potluck @ 5:00pm
- September 13 Rally Day: Sunday school begins/teachers installed during service
Pack the Pantry Kick-off (runs through 10/4)
- October 11 Pack the Pantry Celebration after Worship
- October 14 Women's Ministry & Potluck @ 5:00pm
- October 24 LWML Fall Rally @ POP
- November 1 Hymn Festival @ 2:00pm
- November 12 Peninsula Symphonic Band Concert @ 7:00pm
- November 25 Thanksgiving Service, Pie Fest & Packers Watch Party @ 6:00
- November 29 Youth Sunday! @ 9:30am
- December 4 Rogue Theater Kids' Christmas Show (in the Sanctuary) @ 7:00pm
- December 5 Rogue Theater Kids' Christmas Show (in the Sanctuary) @ 2:00pm
- December 13 Family Christmas Service @ 9:30am
Carols & Ale @ 2:00pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 5:00pm

This is by no means an exhaustive list of the upcoming events, rather a quick glance that will be fleshed out for the next monthly newsletter. 😊 More information will be available soon.

CHIEF OF SINNERS, LEAST OF SAINTS

Saint Augustine of Hippo

Patron Saint of Brewers, Printers, and Theologians



St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron saint of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround has been an inspiration to many who struggle with habits or vices they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in 354 AD in Thagaste, a Roman-Berber city in the province of Numidia (present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria). Augustine grew up in a Christian household, but as a young man he drifted into sin and false beliefs. His sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind so much that he could not see the Divine Truth, despite his brilliance.

Through the prayers of his holy mother and the preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine came to see that Christianity was the one true faith. Still, he hesitated, thinking he could never live a pure life. One day he heard the story of two men suddenly converted after reading the life of St. Antony of the Desert. Deeply ashamed, he cried out to his friend Alipius: "What are we doing? Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, remain bound in the mud of our sins!"

Full of sorrow, Augustine rushed into a garden and begged God for help. Suddenly he heard the voice of a child singing, "Take up and read!" Believing these words were from God, he opened the Letters of St. Paul and read the first passage he saw—a call to abandon impurity and live in imitation of Christ. That moment changed his life forever.

Augustine was baptized, became a priest, and then Bishop of Hippo Regius (modern Annaba, Algeria). He spent the rest of his life serving the Church as a preacher, defender of the faith, and one of the greatest Catholic writers in history. He founded a religious community, supported the poor, practiced great humility, and fought against powerful heresies. On the wall of his room he had written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone."

When the Vandals laid siege to Hippo in 430, Augustine was on his deathbed, praying and entrusting his flock to God. His feast day is celebrated on August 28th.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

COMING SOON – PARISH NURSE, CLINICS, AND GRIEF SUPPORT

Prince of Peace is thrilled to welcome new member LouAnn Brown as our parish nurse. LouAnn is eager to utilize her decades of nursing experience to provide clinics, advice, and an extra set of eyes and ears to your medical concerns.

Starting Sunday, September 6, LouAnn will host a Blood Pressure Clinic prior to morning worship. The clinic will be held the first Sunday of each month from 8:15-9:30am in the Health & Wellness/Parish Nurse's office (formerly Paul Thierfelder's Office). She will provide confidential screening and patient education for those who are interested. Everyone in the community is welcomed to take advantage of this offering.

LouAnn will be joined by Mary Lou Plummer to lead "Surviving the Loss of a Spouse," a specialized grief support group in the Olive Branch Room beginning September 10. This group will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month from 10:00-11:00am. This is provided to Door County residents and members of the surrounding communities. Light refreshments will be served.

Parish Nurse Office Hours will be held on Thursdays from 10:00am-3:00pm and by appointment. You can leave a message for LouAnn with the church secretary by calling 920.743.7750 or emailing baypopppn@gmail.com. Email will be checked during her office hours.

PANTRY HOURS

Through August, the food pantry will be available when the building is open. In September and going forward, it will continue to be open during office hours, with special attended times during the week later in the afternoon, after work hours.

Note: ***Pack the Pantry*** is coming up in September, 2026!!

HOT LUNCH FOR TEACHERS

Save the date, if you'd like to help serve! We've been providing a meal for the Sturgeon Bay School District for 11 years and will continue this fall with lunch on their in-service day.

Supported by a Thrivent Action Team grant, we'll prepare and deliver a Noon meal for the District on Thursday, August 27. If you'd like to be a part of the prep on Wednesday, August 26, or assembly/delivery on that Thursday, call the church office and let us know!

HELP WANTED/CLASSIFIEDS

SEEKING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Sunday School will be back in session before we know it. We need to find one more teacher to complete our “round-robin” roster. We try to make each individual/team responsible for one session each month and this method also allows for more flexibility and an easier time finding a substitute if needed. If you feel called to join this formative ministry, please contact Pastor Gomez.

SEEKING SANCTUARY STYLIST

If your ministry of choice is more behind-the-scenes, we are looking for an individual or small team to take on the task of changing out banners and church décor to match the current season and liturgical calendar. Timeline and directions for proper items will happily be provided.

SEEKING COFFEE HOUSE HOSTS

We are blessed to have 3 dedicated hosts who cover brewing coffee, general tidying, and preparing the Coffee House for visitors Tuesday through Friday mornings. We would love to get a few people on a “sub” list to step in if available on days when our regular openers are not available. This would allow our hosts more flexibility with their weekly schedule and gives others who can’t make such a commitment to jump in on an “as needed” basis.

Interested people can contact Darlene Kellow to learn the ropes. We will create a contact list for our hosts seeking the occasional reprieve.



AUGUST EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE AND ROOM CHRISTENING

We finally made it! The bulk of reconstruction is complete, the Coffee House is reopened and ready for use, and we are easing into our new normal following the December 2025 flood that took out a good chunk of our campus for over half a year. Our meeting spaces are taking shape, our new pantry area is set to serve those in need, and our coffee bar is getting an upgrade! Oh, and our old classrooms will hereby be known as Mustard Seed, Olive Branch, and Willow Tree.

Join us Sunday, August 9 between 10:30am and 1:00pm to see the (mostly) completed spaces for fellowship and a much deserved “thank you” for your prayers, patience, and flexibility through the last several months.



KIDDIE POOL KICKBALL

We had a small, but mighty, showing for our July game of Kiddie Pool Kickball. If you missed it, never fear! You can still participate in tomorrow's event. This crazy game



includes slip-and-slide running paths and kiddie pool bases. This event is free and open to all children and youth who are

entering 2nd grade through adults. The playing field is on the grassy field behind the church, along 18th Ave.



Please join us Friday, August 7.

**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. Bring a towel and clothes you don't mind getting wet!! Permission from parent is required before participation – forms are available 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 the 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>

JULY RECAP

RECORD OF GIVING

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 August 2, 2026
GIVING	\$2,408.22	\$151,014.84
	WEEKLY (needed)	YTD (needed)
BUDGET	\$5,228.10	\$156,843.00

The Board had a well-deserved break in July, so minutes and reports will resume in the September monthly newsletter.



NOT THE WORST PASTORS PODCAST (A COLLECTION): Episode 129: Not the Worst Synod – First, the Southern Baptist Convention and now the guys talk about the recent vote within the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Episode 130: Not the Worst Diet – The guys focus on what it means to balance physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Episode 131: Not the Worst Mission Trip – This week the guys talk about the missions team that visited Matt’s church and the impact it made on the participants and those they encountered each day.

Thank you for tuning in and thanks for listening. You can find us on Spotify, Apple, Google, Amazon and more!

<https://nottheworstpastorspodcast.buzzsprout.com/>

COMMUNITY NOTES

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG)

An informational meeting for parents and girls (current or interested members) will be held on Sunday, August 30 from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Oasis. More information will be posted on the church bulletin board in the coming weeks.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF)

The 2026-27 BSF study of Romans begins Wednesday, September 16 and meets weekly at Prince of Peace from 9:30am-11:30am. Watch for information in the Coffee House (tables or Information Desk) or check it out at joinbsf.org.

POP TAB COLLECTION

Your humble church secretary once again asks you to save your “pop” tabs from aluminum cans (soda, soup, veggies, etc.) to help her upcoming 5th grade class collection for Ronald McDonald House. Are we jumping the gun on this? Yes. Isn’t this a year-long contest? Also, yes. 😊

 **Rogue Theater Presents...**



Four Old Broads

by **Leslie Kimball**

Directed by Lola DeVillers

Four senior women, at an assisted living facility, are dying to go on a vacation. Unfortunately, things have not been very pleasant at Magnolia Assisted Living since Nurse Pat began working there. The women must go undercover to solve the case of what's happening to their friends.



August 13-30

Thurs. Fri. Sat. 7:30
Sun. 2:00

DC Arts Center

917 N. 14th Ave.
Sturgeon Bay

920-818-0816
roguetheater.org



SABOR DE LA DOOR

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Join us for a vibrant day of music, dance, food, and culture!

LIVE PERFORMANCES | TRADITIONAL FOOD
ARTS & CRAFTS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
2:00-7:00
JOHN MILES COUNTY PARK

Free Entry • All Ages Welcome

MORE INFORMATION:
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920-493-6075



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