

Constant Contact Survey Results - 1st Survey

(A 2nd survey was sent out

to those who didn't respond to the first survey.

The second batch of survey answers are below the 1st Survey results)

Survey Name: Prince of Peace Survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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Answer

It is also a time for me to sing. Also a time to be close to my family.

Draw nearer to God. Commune with the Holy Spirit. Be strengthened and renewed for daily ministry.

Set aside time to focus on my relationship with God

It presents a time for community for those attending.

All of the above.

I would say all of the above.

We prefer a more traditional service that allows all members to engage faith without a political agenda.

A time for me to talk to God

All of the above are equally important to us.

Be an example to my children as to the importance of faith

It is a time to connect with God

It is my time to reconnect spiritually and re energize myself for the week ahead.

Would like to have holy water available, at times, in baptismal font, or elsewhere, as a remembrance of Our baptism.

2. When you think of worship at Prince of Peace, what first comes to your mind? -

Comments

Answer

Until recently, refuge from worldly distractions.

Liturgy has been unchanged for the 20 years we've been attending. Certain parts are boring...easy to do by rote without meaning.

Needs updating, prefer the Pastor, not lay people, though

Peace

It should be inspiring and relevant, relating the lessons to our current life.

I would not mind less tradition and a more contemporary feel to the service.

Liturgy and lifting up of community voices and sharing at the Lord's table.

Sameness. Would like to use more of the settings available in Lutheran Worship.

Racism and hatred

"relaxed worship"

I have been a member of this congregation for over 30 years. I find the tradition of our fellowship there very meaningful.

4. What is the primary reason you select your typical worship time? -

Answer

So the rest of the day is open

We worship at times that coincide with our church responsibilities; singing, greeting, offering tellers.

Have the rest of the day to do whatever.

I am in the choir and we rotate services each week to sing.

Schedule with young children and having someone else be able to watch them

Husband needs me at home earlier

We enjoy the Saturday evening service.

I do enjoy the music at this service.

I start off the day in a spiritual frame of mind.

We often worship Saturday night as well. We thought at first that would be more of a vesper service, but that was not the decision made.

We don't enjoy the lovely music being spoken.

I am in the choir and it depends on when we are singing.

9:30 service on Sun. One service would be ideal choir

Although we like to attend the service with the music and liturgy that we enjoy most, there is something very uplifting and edifying in worshiping with many in attendance singing favorite hymns. So the second reason for choosing a worship time is the number of worshipers.

It is the most convenient time to get family there.

Family issues, prefer 8 cant transport others in time

Would like to have 1 Saturday service
continue, and one

Sunday service - perhaps at 10 AM . When we have greater numbers of congregants at service, i feel closer to mychurch community.

Works well with our life and family.

Travel

6. What drives your worship frequency/infrequency? - Comments

Answer

The need to draw nearer to God, to be spiritually fed through worship and praise with other Christians.

Going to church weekly is a habit but in the sense that it is an integral part of our lives.

Attending service opens our minds and hearts to new ideas and better ways to pursue our spiritual journeys. It's also a chance to be with others of like mind and to share our thoughts and experiences.

Timing really is not great. 8:30 is too early and the 11:00 gets out too late.

The Holy Spirit

Stated above

My desire to worship.

Sets us up spiritually for the week.

Frequently out of town; attend when we are home. Usually attend a Lutheran church when traveling.

Spouse: praise/thank God for our many blessings.

The pastors use of racial slurs in their sermons. Don't use a bad word when you can a good word.

It is hard with a 4 year old . Would like to come more often

Church is a time for Gratitude to God and Learn and be inspired to be my best self to serve Him

I find the necessity for spiritual encouragement and reconnection after a busy week filled with high expectations. I look forward to the socialization with the church community too!

Simply giving thanks

I feel regular worship is an important component of spiritual growth.

Do church weekly 3 times and pop 1 go with fiance

7. How important is it that the pastor intone/sing the liturgy? -

Answer

I like the singing but it is not essential.

I like it if it's very good. Otherwise speaking is preferable.

Just make an effort. We aren't expecting opera quality. Most of us don't have terrific voices.

It does not matter at all.

Spouse: not that important, but I like it.

We enjoy this special touch to the service. It adds a holiness, solemnity, and dignity to worship and the sacrament which our Lord gave us. Besides the chanting is beautiful.

It is a nice addition if He is comfortable doing it

Good robust feel alive songs are great, the liturgy speaks for itself

I believe having the liturgy sung adds meaning - it's not just a recitation of words.

8. Ought we explore other options to the pastor intoning/singing? -

Answer

As long as I can sing at church it doesn't matter to me if he sings

I can't sing well and it is a great deal easier to sing the hymns (especially less familiar ones) if there is a strong voice to follow.

If pastor feels singing is not in his wheelhouse, other options could be explored.

Why are we considering another option?

An accomplished solo singer would be nice! Other churches have that. A singer who can actually sing well is beautiful.

I think it should be comfortable for the pastor to sing or not sing. Whatever he chooses.

Maybe someone else such as communion assistants can do it? It makes the service nicer.

What would that be??

Speaking the liturgy is perfectly fine. Doing "more" is not necessary.

Choir and assisting minister can take a larger role in worship leadership, e.g. chanting psalms, antiphonally with congregation. Choir has an important role in introducing/teaching new liturgy and hymns.

Every pastor has their strengths and limitations. I come to church to hear the gospel and try not to let my human prejudices get in the way of that. Over my many decades as a member, all the pastors have done a good job at preaching the gospel.

Neutral to the question

Spouse: I am not sure either.

We should consider another pastor.

We have no idea what this would look like?

WE do not want to recite many meaningless words referring to the "spirit" or repeated phases by the congregation as has been done more recently. This does not add anything to our worship experience.

What ever way it is done have it done well enough that it adds rather than distracts from the worship experience

Use other settings in the Hymnal that call for congregational singing. Utilize assisting ministers who can sing. if a pastor is comfortable with that fine, if not go with the flow

Only if Pastor wants to. I am fine with him speaking it.

9. How important is it that worshipers of all ages participate in

Answer

Everyone should be welcome and encouraged to participate.

It's very important that the opportunity be provided for those of all ages who are led to serve in these ways.

I think offerings of any kind can make one feel
a part of the church family. As in any family,
it's always better when everyone contributes
to the greater good using their God given
gifts.

Proper training is very important for all ages.

We need to encourage this a little more.

10. What would enable you to participate in worship leadership --

Answer

For some reason when Rene asks me specifically to do something in say yes. But I rarely actually sign up on the sheet

Do assist at times

A calling from God to do so.

We already participate in several ways as we are able.

I already do altar guild and assisting.

I already participate in worship leadership but can see that if training was offered others may be interested in serving in worship roles.

I usually do most of these at the Saturday service

My schedule changes quite frequently and I cannot commit to a published schedule.

A more engaging process.

I am committed to another committee.

I already participate in service to our church.

Already volunteering.

I already participate but training would be important for others.

At this time our schedule is not always

predictable. We have served as assisting

ministers and communion assistants, but we

want to be able to serve reliably.

I already participate.

I participate in worship leadership when asked or my schedule allows me to commit to doing so on particular dates or times.

I am very active in the above

already participating Spouse: I can't stretch volunteering beyond what I do already.

Another pastor.

Already participate, will continue

I do not see it as feasible right now

Already participating

I have a hard time standing and I truly can not serve in that capacity any more But there are other ways I help in running programs etc

I already participate.

Availability/time

At the Sat. night service, we all work together to help out.

I already participate.

11. Our current two Sunday morning services are almost identical.

Answer

maybe alternate weeks one week 815 is the rock worship and the following week 11 am is the contemporary

No, no, no, no, and no.

2 Sunday services are unnecessary and
undesirable.

too costly, more help required,
more paper work required.

splits the congregation - undesirable.

makes the church population appear smaller.

Yes, but I typically go to the 5 pm service on Saturdays

Very important to keep most popular service
traditional. Maybe try a contemporary for
earlier/sat night service-but definitely not not
with big screens in main sanctuary
area...maybe fellowship hall.

It may be a "hard sell" for those pretty set in
their preferences. The Bishop's home church
and many others we've attended pack people
in--old timers and those who prefer a more
contemporary service. It would be nice to
have that option. We think it might draw in a
lot of unchurched people.

There should be a significant push to have 1 service on Sunday.

9:30 on Sun.....ideal. Less hymn singing. More instrumentals would make me happy

I like the 5:00 service.

We have attended jazz service at St. Peter's
in New York; we are open to this, if done well.

'Contemporary worship' covers a lot of
territory, of varying quality - ok with carefully
chosen selections.

Neutral to the question

I really do not like the pastor.I and his cavalier use of racial slurs.

Merge the two services and have one service
at 10 would be great to have more people in
attendance for worship! Just do not do away
with the Now the Feast and Celebration liturgy
in the summer that is my favorite!

One of the comforts of church is knowing what you can expect. Not like the rest of the world filled with so many uncertainties. So each service being similar makes it comfortable. With caution, trying a blended style could be appealing to some. As long as it is on an occasional basis.

I'd prefer to have one Sunday service. I see some obstacles to other styles. A jazz mass needs instrumentalists, some Contemporary music is poorly written, Taize is an option. Not sure what blended is.

this has been attempted in the past and little was done as some members strongly opposed It doesn't make a difference to us, we love our Saturday night service.

I see nothing wrong with using the traditional liturgies. Plus we use the Haugen liturgy during the summer months and occasionally during other part of the church year so there is variety over the course of a year.

13. Does the opportunity for faith formation for yourself or your

Answer

we worship before sunday school

Can't go to that class

I do not have any small children to bring to service.

Have not been attending Forum in recent years.

N/A

What ever service I attend I need it to be a chance to growth in my faith and connecting with God

I have no children in the Sunday School program.

14. Do you prefer Faith Formation opportunities

(Sunday School, adult forum, etc.) before
or after worship? - Comments

Answer

so its "over" by 11 am

Whatever best facilitates participation in the Choir program, both children and adults.

Can be flexible

Sunday school should be DURING worship.

Sunday School during worship. It depends upon the timing of the service and the opportunity.

Would prefer calling Sunday School, Sunday School and Adult Forum, Adult Forum!

I don't participate. Makes no difference to me.

Whatever works out best.

Sunday school maybe during

It needs to be a really inspiring program to get me to join it

AT CURRENT TIME. WE ATTEND NOW

Would be great to have more options

available for working people - bible study or

exploration of Non traditional prayer groups

such as centering prayer, or other

contemplative prayer.

? Offer spiritual direction

Between the two Sunday services seems fine.

15. What instruments do you find helpful for worship leadership? -

Answer

all kinds!

All of the above, but not limited to the listed instruments. This subject is largely personal preference. For instance, my personal preference regarding drums in worship would be hand drums over a drum kit (which is mostly due to the acoustical difficulties involved. Yes, we have tried this before). We have made good use of many instruments in worship, including but not limited to: cymbals, violin, various brass instruments, wind instruments, etc.

Prefer the traditional organ and piano but don't mind the occasional other instruments when appropriate to the music.

Handbells

All of the above. Also any instruments would be nice beyond these listed. Also beyond trained musicians the congregation participating -eg clapping hands, etc

There are too few musical offerings at the Saturday service. I would like to see more.

The organ POP was never that great... a
frankenstein from the start. Please consider
replacing it with a versatile electric organ. We
should be able to sell the old one for parts
and use the funds for a better instrument.

I like when people participate musically. It is enjoyable.

Bells chimes choir Any music is nice!

All the above. Make a joyful noise.

Nix the drums

We have had brass ensembles on festival days; and small string/woodwind ensembles accompanying choir or soloists (farther in the past).

Not an issue

We have had trumpets, flutes, drums and guitars, all of which enhanced the worship experience especially at Christmas and Easter.

Occasional we have had violin and flute performances. They are very nice.

I love all music elements at a church service!

We like traditional hymns, it doesn't matter organ or piano. As long as there is music.

I feel the current use of the organ/piano/instruments is suitable.

16. Would you be willing to consider a different Sunday morning

Answer

if worship plus Sunday school extended past 11 am wed likely participate less

Yes, I would love to see us grow and reach others.

The 11:00 service is late in the morning,
perhaps a 9:30, 10 or 10:30 service would
meet the congregation's needs better, with
"Faith Formation" afterwards.

I would not mind one service on Sunday. I think would be best for our church.

Many congregations have one Sunday service around 9:30. All worship together...that's nice.

I would like to see one service on Sunday morning.

9:30 on Sun.

The pastor is really my only issue. I feel his hateful evangelical Sermons are repulsive.

One service at 10am would be perfect I would love to have more people in church!

I prefer the summer schedule time as it is. It is easier for me to get to. 815 is too early and 11 is too late

Do prefer the early service time.

10 or 11 does work best for me

service should feel like a community for
communion, 25 people at a service does not. I
believe one 9:30 service is better with more
people. multiple services for Palm Sunday,
Easter and Christmas

Would like trial of one Sunday morning service, With continuation of Saturday service.

We really love our Sat. night service. We rarely go Sunday mornings so we will not comment on it.

Not without seeing what that schedule is and

how it benefits the entire congregation. Not
"change for the sake of change" or "let's try
something different."

17. How would you rate a meaningful worship experience? -

Answer

sense of welcome

It is not possible for me to "rate" a meaningful worship service. A meaningful worship service has much more to do with the engagement of each individual spirit than any of the separate elements. God can stir our spirits through any and all of these means, among others. It is not necessarily the same from week to week or person to person.

Sermons are very good recently, with new Pastor.

Music is always wonderful, when done well.

Choir has done some good pieces. New voices have made a difference.

Engaging sermon, uplifting music and Holy Communion.

Making sure everyone who attends communion gets communion... getting skipped for part of communion is polarizing especially when communion is opened by inviting everyone in the church to attend

See my friends there

A sense of community based on Faith.

All of the above!

A sense of community. There has been too much tension since May 2019.

Most times I enjoy the service.

All the above are equally important to us.

We find 'high church' practice particularly meaningful. We have attended churches (Lutheran and Episcopalian/Anglican) where processional/recessional, Gospel processional, reverencing the Cross, incense, kneeling for confession/prayers, are part of worship. Most such parishes also seem to value excellence in music as well - not simply as artistic performance, but as leading the congregation in worship and meditation. It is a more involving, participatory experience for us.

Number of worship participants does not affect my experience at all (That said, see Questions 19 & 20

A valuable and loving message from the pastor.

Staying true to our Lutheran roots

A service well thought out and taken seriously by those participating ie assisting ministers and musicians. there realy is no pecking order, Totality is the experience

I believe music is of utmost importance! It is another way we praise God and join in community . I would say music , sermon and communion are all 5! A meaningful sermon and sharing in Holy Communion

18. How would you describe the primary purpose of worship? -

Answer

To know God more deeply.

Worship holds different places in peoples hearts. For me it is a time of reflection, peace and introspection to guide me in my spiritual journey. It's also an opportunity to share and learn from others.

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If the Lutheran worship is alive then all the other choices given here will be there too.

God's people will feel encouragment, have time for reflection and be able to praise their Lord as intended in the Lutheran Worship.

simply to takr time to relish the blessings we have not those we do not

To hear the Word of God in word and song and to be nourished at Christ's table

19. What is your primary concern for worship at Prince of Peace? -

Answer

declining attendance

Losing members

tradition ranks over engagement leaving many to not feel welcomed or invited to bring forward an idea.

That the divisiveness springing up in our midst causes us to lose the focus of our stated mission: A loving and caring family of Christians gathered to hear the Christian story in word and song and to experience that story through the sacraments. A family involved in a mission of Christian unity empowered through worship and Christian Fellowship.

That people are leaving and the congregation will dwindle.

Diminishing population and participation. Very concerned about the move in general away from tradition into more progressive ways of thinking. The church in general is becoming too political for my taste. Church for me should be a haven away from the noise in the world. I don't want to come to church and hear that same noise from within.

Timing and length of services

Declining congregation

Continue to show tolerance to others who may not share my liberal beliefs. We need to stay together and not leave because there is disagreement. We need to respect others who are not like us.

Continue meaningful commitment to celebrating the Lord.

That all worship continue with reverence and order. Ushers need to be trained.

Shrinking congregation

sanccuary church influence coming from synod.

None

My primary concern for Prince of Peace is that we all strive to come together more as a faith community to the praise of God and to be about God's work in the world

No growth

Cultural liberalization of a traditionally more conservative worship service.

Music. And the good Pastor

Fellowship with Christ and the congregation.

Continuous decrease in worship attendance

That it continues.

The abrupt changes to the church service and programs, without the congregation's input, including controversial sermons that espouse a political position, are dividing the congregation. The sermons should engage and elucidate, allowing the members to draw their own conclusions, not preach on a single specific, often personal, viewpoint.

We are losing allot of people! and the budget concerns.

That we can grow and be financially solvent.

That it will continue as a faith community.

Currently it is serious decline. More than a dozen members have left since May 2019.

Driven away actually by the poor attitude one newcomer. They took their time, talent and financial contributions elsewhere. This started in May 2019 with the new pastor.

I feel unwelcome when I am at a service and someone introduces themselves to me and welcomes me as if I don't attend and/or they don't know who I am. I would prefer that they not make a big deal about me being there if they don't know who I am. I have been a member for over 20 years and try to worship once or twice a month. Sometimes, less is more.

Making a connection with the Bible and our lives today.

important to address concerns of the day And pray for peace etc. but very important not to bring politics in. People will not stay. This precious time is for praising God, not to influence political agendas. This is why some have left PoP within last year.

I am concerned that declining membership coupled with current members committing to less will be too great a challenge for our church at this time.

Wondering if one service on Sunday would be an option?

That we are able to grow in our faith (with no derogatory language spoken during the sermon).

Attendance continues to be problematic.

That we are able to worship as one body in Christ.

I really think one service on Sun. and Sat. pm is enough. 9:30 on Sun. If I heard correctly.....no sanctuary status for undocumented should be allowed

That it not become rote, so that we just 'go through the motions' without truly being engaged.

Dwindling membership over the years.

20. What is your one hope for worship at Prince of Peace? -

Answer

more families. not necessarily new families. to have the families we already have come to worship

Growing active members

My son asks to go to church because he enjoys it.

That we follow the instruction of Proverbs 3:5-

6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

That we can work together through the
changes to become stronger. It seems like
each time I come to church, I hear about
another person/family who has left. I don't
think anyone makes that decision lightly and it
saddens me that POP is no longer the place it
once was.

I would like to see the maintenance of
tradition with sprinklings of modernization to
draw young families into the organization.

Growth is essential to survival.

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We gain more members and continue to survive as a church

A full house

Give more energy, life to worship.

As mentioned above, and a welcoming experience for all.

That the role of our shepherd be respected. When there is discord there is no true worship!

The negativity in the congregation gets addressed
full church attendance.

That we continue to grow as a faith community.

That worship can grow and develop to meet our mission as disciples of Christ

Young people for the future

That it keeps up with the times and becomes more contemporary

That we maintain more traditional religious and biblical values.

Get a good organist

That it be inspirational.

That we work together to succeed and grow.

That it continues.

For the service to focus on The Word and to reunify the congregation with caring and consideration for each member's needs.

That it remains a functioning Lutheran Church.

To grow and bring more children and adults to worship.

That Pastor can change his attitude to become a team player. If not we should look for a new pastor giving a temporary contract that would become permanent only if he works out. We got bamboozled by sneaky Reverend Sinnot. Please cease with the weekly contribution appeals. If PL didn't push good folks away we would have had a balanced budget

I like that Pastor Paul is welcoming to all people. I enjoy his sermons and am glad he is with us. I wish that people would not leave the church as freely as they have been doing lately. We need to move forward as a church community.

Increase enrollment of our church. To leave worship feeling renewed and Inspired In order to make a difference through God's glory. To strengthen feeling of community and fellowship through Christ.

The worship and music committee has been committed to planning for inspiring music/hymns for our worship. Pastors, for the most part have prepared relevant/meaningful sermons. I feel we need the gathering together of more people to inspire us.

That our church community might be more inclusive. Would like to hear that organ played with zest for at least part of the service. Consolidate Sunday services - become 1 community.

Invite non-members and those who don't regularly attend services, to attend.

That it draw more people into the Church, and into community.

Growth in membership and participation

That it is able to continue as a church and congregation. The church I grew up with (in Philadelphia), one that was once a thriving church and congregation, recently ended. I would not like to see that happen to PoP.

Maybe Wednesday noon service once a week

Sermons should also be relative and inspiring

Spouse: more people take the opportunity to praise and worship God.

The focus on God's love and rejection evangelical influence.

That we can all rally around Pastor Lutz and see the gifts that he brings to us at Prince of Peace.

We would like to see more gathered together for worship for a single service Sunday morning especially with attendance more recently down at all services.

We also would like to keep the Sat. evening service especially during the summer months. It's a great option for families juggling sports or other children's commitments on Sundays.

To have more families join

I hope that we can come together as God's family, put our differences aside and grow the family. That members would be so driven to joyfully hear the word of God and to share it openly with one another. That membership and attendance increases so we will be able to face our financial challenges going forward without too much difficulty.

That the Congregation can survive. The congregation is dying. Many have left recently with the coming of the new pastor. He is 66 years old. We need new blood not old. There is not much to attract new members or keep the current members. Most weekends there no coffee or welcoming. It is no longer a joyous congregation.

Moments we can hear God speaking to me through word message music and quiet. That we can come back to a common ground which we previously had.

Less bickering.

That the worship inspires and uplifts if members with liturgy, music and the Word.

I hope that we can build a better sense of community at this church. It often feels like few people share most of the responsibilities. But it would be great if more could work together to share their time and talents.

I have multiple hopes! I hope we can grow in numbers- attracting all ages and backgrounds.

I hope we can remain open and flexible - listening to our congregants and community, and avoid rigidity and the inability to try new things!

I am not sure, but I really hope we keep
Saturday night service.

I know it will not happen, but We use to have
a Wed. AM service and a breakfast. That
was years ago and I am so grateful for that
service during my time of healing. I guess we
just like the closeness of a smaller group!!!!!!
That God's will may be discerned for the good of our common mission in Christ.
more people attending