

August 2018



Worship in August

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday, August 5

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Body of Christ

Sunday, August 12

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Speaking the Truth

Sunday August 19

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom

Sunday August 26

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Armor of God

August 5

Last Collection Day for LSM/NJ

Backpacks

Thank you to all who have contributed completed backpacks and/or items for the backpacks for Lutheran Social Ministry of NJ school children.

Everything is much appreciated and will be put to good use by the recipients. The last Sunday for collection is August 5. The backpacks will be delivered to LSM/NJ shortly after that date.

TASK

Recently Hannah and I volunteered at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. We went as a part of St. Bartholomew's assigned day for serving (the third Thursday of each month.) I've heard about TASK ever since arriving at Prince of Peace. I know we take a monthly donation of food, but I've never physically been to the soup kitchen or volunteered to serve. I wonder what took so long?

We talk a good game of serving the poor in the church, but our actual contact with the hungry is rare. My job yesterday was a wrapper. Some chose not to eat their meal on site, so they brought their tray to my table and I wrapped their meal to go.

I was humbled by this task at TASK. I wondered about each story. What brought them to TASK? What more can I do to address their need?

I was struck too, by the appreciation. Just about everyone said *thank you*. At the beginning of the meal, the host at TASK introduced the volunteers. I went as the interim pastor of St. Bart's, but Hannah represented Prince of Peace. So, Prince of Peace was named as a server as the guests broke into applause. Like I said, it was humbling.

I'm glad my responsibilities at St. Bart's finally got me to TASK. Their ministry is amazing, reaching much further beyond the daily meal. I look forward to returning. I invite you to join me, every third Thursday of the month.

— Pastor Froehlke

*The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)
provides more than 3,000 meals per week
to people in need in the Trenton area.
It also offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency
and to improve the quality of life of its patrons.
TASK's website is www.trentonsoupkitchen.org*

Redefining Family

I grew up in a very typical American family. Dad worked for the railroad. Mom was a teacher. I am the oldest, and I have one younger brother. We were a classic middle class bunch. We lived in a small three-bedroom ranch house with an open garage. There was a swing set and a basketball hoop in the backyard. My brother and I played basketball and baseball. We rode our bicycles in the neighborhood. We went to church most weekends. And, we could afford one relatively short vacation every summer.

As my brother and I grew into adulthood, we ended up on opposite coasts. And, as is the norm, life happened. Dad and mom grew further apart and divorced several years ago. They've now both remarried. My brother is contemplating a move and change of career. Megan's and my situation is tenuous, too. The economy, though reported as 'robust' and 'at almost full employment' feels as scary, unreliable, and as unable to allow the vast majority of Americans to meet their basic needs as any time I can remember.



I was reminded last week that family is much more inclusive than our nuclear 'blood' relatives. Often, we refer to the church as a 'family'. Many congregations refer to each other openly as brothers and sisters. I have to admit I always thought that was weird. But thinking of those close to us as family, in a real sense, is no longer an odd concept to me.

We had our summer music ministry party last week, and we got to see Tom Marvil and Rachel Tyler again before they head out to continue their studies. Seeing them again was almost literally like seeing a brother or sister again. And, it was great to welcome John Franek into the family.

This summer has been especially difficult for Megan and me. My teaching position at Westminster is currently not available due to declining enrollment (due, in a large degree, to the actions of our parent Rider University). While it remains possible that I can continue to teach there, there's no guarantee. And, so far, searches for other employment to supplement my church work have not yielded success.

Simultaneously, our elderly dog is in poor health, and we're preparing to move in August to save money in the rental market. Through it all, our church family has been a great source of encouragement, stability, and affirmation. We are very thankful for our family at PoP and count the people at this church among our closest on the planet. Continue to keep us in your prayers, please.

During August, the music ministry ensembles have the month off. So, now is a great time for you to offer special music during a worship service. If you'd like to sing or play an instrument, please let me know!

Peace, Doug

Tidings, the newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to loismcase@gmail.com.

Deadline for the September issue is Sunday, August 19

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehle, Pastor
Dr. Doug Helvering, Minister of Music
Kathy Nowak, Parish Administrator
John Franek, Church Musician
Tim Urbanek, Treasurer
Dorothy Safranek, Financial Secretary

Congregational Council

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Mary Ellen Glickson
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David Jeedi
Martin Rexroad
Wendy Schutzer
Diane Urbanek
Elizabeth Wagner
David New, Secretary (non-voting)

August Events

Council Secretary Position

After having served as Council secretary for a number of years, Dave New is seeking to step down, and so the congregation Council is looking for somebody to fill this non-voting Council position.

Responsibilities include attending the monthly Council meetings and taking the minutes, passing along approved Council minutes to Kathy Nowak, and taking minutes for Congregational meetings. The Council secretary may also attend the monthly Executive Team meeting; no minutes are involved.

If you are interested in this service opportunity, please contact Dave New by email at davenhome@gmail.com, or by phone at 609-802-8591.

50/50-Still Going Strong

It is not too late to participate in our 50th Anniversary fundraising drive to raise \$50,000 (50/50).

As of late July, \$44,000 had been donated toward the goal of reducing our historic deficit, providing funding for future church renovations, and supporting the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

If you have not made your commitment yet, please prayerfully consider doing so in celebration of 50 years of Christ's ministry here at Prince of Peace.



The August Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Men's Disposable Razors

Please place donations in the wooden box in the breezeway.

Book Group Meets September 13

*At the home of Martha Winder
14 Candlewood Drive, Princeton Junction
RSVP to marw14jpw@aol.com*

Note

The Book Group will not meet in August

A Gentleman in Moscow – by Amor Towles

The gentleman in the story is Count Alexander Rostov who, at the age of 30, is placed under house arrest for failing to accept the new state order.

Confined to a luxury hotel for the rest of life, the count somehow manages to live a meaningful life despite the obstacles and challenges he faces. Meanwhile the world continues around him as time passes on from Russian Revolution to the Cold War.



The Book Group usually meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

New members are always welcome.

*If interested, please contact Phyllis Church
RSVP to Phyllis at 799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com*

Can you Help with Materials for Fence and Garden?

The raised beds in the Cherry Tree garden are starting to rot out and need to be replaced. They are 1 x 6 non-treated wood and a couple dozen 6-footers are needed.

The materials for the fence have been delivered and the permit is pending. Once the postholes are dug and concrete mixed, we will need temporary use of thirteen 8-foot 2 x 4s to hold the posts in place while the concrete sets.

Other needs for the fence include

32 bags of concrete mix, delivered

Concrete mixer (or funds for renting one, about \$75)

If you can help with any of these, please contact Lois Case (loismcase@gmail.com) or Nancy Herrington (nancyherrington9@gmail.com).

Parish Care Notes

As we enjoy the summer, we continue to share our care with others.

OMG — Back-to School Time Already

It is hard to believe that it is time to be thinking of back to school. As I am seeing back to school supplies all over the stores, the parish care team would like to remind all families with young adults heading back to school that we would like to have our students contact information. So as you are packing up your college student for the fall semester, please make sure to get their correct snail mail and email information to us. We do keep in touch with our young adults who are away at school.

Looking Ahead to Christmas Caroling

We have been Christmas and spring caroling at local assisted living homes for the last few years. It has become a tradition for Prince of Peace to bring much cheer to folks who cannot get out into the community. We have taken our gift of voices, a small gift/treat, and a card. In the past, we have also taken small candies, bookmarkers, flowers, cards, knitted prayer squares. Many thanks to the Joyful Knitters for knitting prayer squares that we gave to the residents that we met this past spring.

We are looking for ideas for a small special project/treat that we can make and give away when we go caroling. If you have any project ideas that would be special, please let us know.

Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards

Look for a basket with knitted Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards in the gathering area. They are for you and to pass along to others who would like a little reminder that they are cared for by many.

Calendars & Greeting Cards

We are collecting 2019 Calendars. Last year the senior residences greatly appreciated them. I have already received a few in the mail, so if you have calendars there is a box in the gathering area to collect them. The same applies to greeting cards.

Senior Residence Liaisons

We are looking for some folks to help deliver the calendars and cards to the senior residences. If you live near one, please consider helping by dropping off these items.

Rides Needed

To and from the Monroe area to church for Sunday Service.

Many thanks to Dorothy and Peter Safranek, Chris Wethe and Jim Winder for providing rides over the last few months. If you would be willing to help with some transportation, please let us know.

Care Notes

We continue with our *Splash and Hope through Healing* monthly mailings along with the *Care Notes* in the breezeway. If you know of anyone to be included, please contact Parish Care.

Martha Winder
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Some Summer Photos

In late June Grant Gallagher traveled to Houston, Texas, to represent Prince of Peace at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, *This Changes Everything*. After a couple of days of orientation, he took on the role of overseeing volunteer crews as the youth went out into the city to do community service. He shared his experiences at an adult forum in July and provided the photos below.



Two groups of volunteers pose for a photo. Where's Grant? As one of the supervisors, he's in the green shirt to the left of the sign.



Some of the 31,000 youth who gathered in the arena in Houston.

Cherry Tree Garden



The Cherry Tree Garden is in the best shape in years thanks to these community volunteers from Allentown High and West Windsor/Plainsboro South High. The girls from Allentown High participate in the Leo Club there, which is advised by Nancy Reyes and sponsored by the Allentown Lions Club.

Summer Rains



Nancy Reyes caught this scene of the rain garden during one of the late-June rainstorms.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am
Education Hour at 10:45 am

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am to 2 pm
