# **Tidings of Peace**



February 2024



### Worship in February

Worship with Holy Communion In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am

https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch

### February 4

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Church Council Installation
"The Whole City Was Gathered Around the Door"

### February 11

Transfiguration Sunday "Elijah Ascended in a Whirlwind into Heaven"



### February 18

First Sunday in Lent "I Will Establish My Covenant With You"

### February 25

Second Sunday in Lent
"Let Them Deny Themselves and Take Up Their Cross
and Follow Me"

### Pastor's Page

Climate science is not political. Science studies facts and the facts report that the climate is changing. Somehow, however, our divided society has made the climate controversial, and because of that we may want to stay clear of any discussion about the climate in church. There are enough heavy topics to take on without being divided over climate change. And yet climate change is an existential threat that demands a theological response. The creation story in Genesis commands humanity to till and keep the garden, we are the primary caretakers of planet earth.

This Lent our Field Education student Sara Manning and Pastor Peter will lead the Adult Forum they are calling "Building a Theology of Creation." The class will be based on the book by Debra Rienstra entitled Refugia Faith, Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth. Refugia comes from the word "refuge." It is a place of growth and hope as creatures seek survival in the midst of devastation. The Adult Forum will not shy away from the threat of climate change, but our discussion will be one of growth and hope, not despair. Join us every Sunday in Lent in the double classroom at 10:45.

February 18 - From Alienation to Kinship, Seeing Creation as Neighbor.

Sara Manning teaching.

February 25 - From Consuming to Healing.

Pastor Peter teaching.

March 3 - From Avoiding to Lamenting
Sara Manning

teaching.

March 10 - From Resignation to Gratitude.
Pastor Peter

teaching.

March 17 - From Indifference to Attention.

Sara Manning and Pastor Peter teaching

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

Deadline for the March issue is Sunday, February 25th

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January 12, 2023

Dear members of Prince of Peace,

Thank you so much for your generous gift. Your gift allowed Lutheran Social Ministries to provide



Christmas gifts for the

children and seniors living in our affordable housing. Santa made an appearance to deliver gifts. The property managers decorated the office to create a special party. The smiles on the faces tell you they appreciate the gifts. Our seniors loved the gift cards and gift packages. At LSMNJ we strive to create a home for all our residents. Being remembered at Christmas gives a true feeling of home

We could not do it without you.

I would love to come say thank you in person.

Happy New Year Beth Gebhart bgebhart@lsmnj.org 609-760-6073





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### **Shrove Tuesday**

Shrove Tuesday is February 13th. We again will gather for a pancake supper with St. Bart's. This year St. Bart's will host. We will meet again in the POP parking lot at 6:00pm if you would not like to drive. Supper begins at 6:30. We will enjoy pancakes and burn the palms from last Palm Sunday which will provide the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

#### Lent

Ash Wednesday is easy to remember this year, February 14th. Prince of Peace will offer a noontime Service of the Word with the imposition of ashes. Our traditional Ash Wednesday service begins at 7:30 with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

Midweek Worship and Soup Supper will be held with our Mission Partner St. Bartholomew's Lutheran Church in Trenton. We will alternate locations. Holden Evening prayer will guide our worship. Car pooling will be available the nights we drive to Trenton. We will meet in the POP parking lot at 6:00pm. Soup will be served at 6:30 with worship to follow at both locations. We will be looking for soup preparers and servers the nights we are at POP.

Wednesday February 21st Worship at Prince of Peace

Wednesday February 28th Worship at St. Bart's Wednesday March 6th Worship at Prince of Peace

### **Adult Forum**

Join us for Adult Forum every Sunday in February in the Double Classroom at 10:45.

February 4th To Baptize or Not to Baptize

Pastor Peter teaching

February 11th The Deaconate, What is a Deacon in the Lutheran Church?

Sara Manning teaching

February 18th Building a Theology of Creation Creation as Neighbor

Sara Manning teaching

February 25th Building a Theology of Creation From Consuming to Healing Pastor Peter teaching

### Valentine's Breakfast

Prince of Peace is partnering with POAC Autism Services to host a Valentine's event on Saturday, February 10 for individuals with special needs. We are asking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and assisting with arts and crafts. The event will take place from 9-11 am and will include breakfast. Please join us for this amazing event. If you have any questions please speak with Jess or Arundel Clarke. Please sign up using the following link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 30E0F4DA4AD2DA7F58-47023031-valentines

### **Book Group**

If interested in joining the book club, please contact Phyllis Church at 609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com

We meet once a month in the church lounge at 1 p.m. Please bring your lunch and/or snack for others to share.

### Thursday, February 8, 1:00 p.m. in the lounge



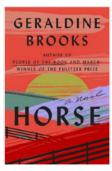
# Love and Other Consolation Prizes

by Jamie Ford

Here is another great historical fiction novel by the author of The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet. The story centers around the Seattle world fairs of 1909 and 1962, two very different eras in the life of the main character,

a young Asian-American boy who arrives as an orphan from China and discovers that his benefactor's plan for him at the first fair is not what he imagined. Much of action takes place in a brothel where young Ernest meets two young girls and forms an unbreakable bond.

### Thursday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge



### Horse by Geraldine Brooks

"Horse" by Geraldine Brooks goes back and forth from 1850 to modernday when art historians discover paintings of Lexington, a beautiful horse considered the greatest race horse of all times. Research reveals the story of Jarrett, the enslaved black man who trained him and

raced him during the Civil War period. In the present day a scientist studies Lexington's skeleton for clues about his speed and endurance. All of this combines into a fascinating mix of art, science, and racial history. Historical fiction at its best.

## **Finance Team Update**

A big thank you to all who pledged for 2024! It is a big help to the finance team when preparing the spending plan for the next year!

The final 2023 individual giving statements were mailed out by mid- January 2024 to all who made donations to POP in 2023. We thank you for your generosity throughout the year. If you have any questions on your statement, please feel free to contact Dorothy Safranek via the church office at 609-799-1753.

As a reminder, for those of you who prefer to do electronic bank transfers, we currently utilize VANCO for automatic electronic payments. There is a "Simply Giving " form available in the church office that would need to be completed to do this. The form does require an account number, bank routing number, start date and determination of when and how often you would like funds transferred to POP. Currently we have members donating weekly on a Monday and others donating monthly on the 15th of the month. If you have any questions or would like a form, please contact the church Office Administrator or Dorothy Safranek at safranek5@verizon.net. All new members will be assigned an envelope number and sent envelopes in the mail unless they request electronic giving. For those who are not members, but are donating on a regular basis, if you would like to have an envelope number so that you can receive a year-end financial statement for tax purposes, please contact Dorothy Safranek.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church held its annual meeting on January 28, 2024. We approved changes to our constitution to keep it in alignment with the changes made to the ELCA's model constitution, which they strongly recommend we adopt.

We also approved changes to our bylaws to make the team descriptions align with how they are currently structured.

The Spending Plan for this year was approved with a deficit as expenses are expected to increase while pledges and expected giving have decreased. The finance team will be updating us with quarterly reports on our financial status. Regular weekly or monthly giving as well as pledging if you have not done it will help close the gap, as will efforts to add new groups to the list of those who use our facilities.

Finally, Michelle Conk, Ellen McBrearity, Beth Mitchell, and Kathy Nowak were elected to the Church Council, and Janis Haddock, Dave Herrington, Peter Perkuhn, and Wendy Schutzer were elected to the Nominating Team. The Church Council will have its next meeting Saturday, February 3rd to elect this coming year's officers.



# Welcome Cheryl "Sherri" Daniels

Sherri Daniels is the new Parish Administrator at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Sherri will handle all office responsibilities, including assembling the weekly worship bulletin,

the Tidings newsletter, greeting visitors, and additional tasks that present. Sherri will also work with Prince of Peace team leaders to support their needs.

Sherri has recently retired from Rutgers Business School where she managed a globally recognized master's program in finance. Prior to RBS, Sherri worked at Dow Jones Indexes as a manager of business development in institutional markets. But Sherri's most significant and passionate work was with Emma's Law, a recently adopted law in New Jersey to expand newborn screening to include lysosomal storage disorders. Sherri resides in Bordentown and has 4 children and 10 grandchildren. She is an avid reader and quilter. To contact Sherri, please email <a href="mailto:csdaniels@popnj.org">csdaniels@popnj.org</a>.

### THRIVENT MEMBERS - IMPORTANT

If you are a member of Thrivent, the Lutheran fraternal benefit society, and own products such as Thrivent life insurance, health insurance or annuities, your financial products may build Choice Dollars during each calendar year.

If you want to influence how they distribute your part of their charitable funds at NO additional cost by designating where YOUR Choice dollars get donated, you have to do so by March 31 of each year.

To designate what nonprofit YOUR 2021 Choice Dollars support:

- Go to Thrivent.com and Log In
- Account Overview page should be showing
- On the left, scroll down to Direct Choice Dollars. This will tell you how many choice dollars you have for 2021. (Each family member has a separate login and amount.)
- IF you have any for 2023, choose one or more nonprofit registered as a 501C3 organization, such as our church or St. Bartholomew, for your designation. (You can get your favorite added to this list if not showing there).

NOTE: If you want the money to go toward a specific purpose or fund within a nonprofit, you'll need to notify that organization if there is no separate 501C3 status. Ex: Donating to "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Princeton Junction" sends money to POP that goes in a general church income. If you want it to go specifically toward House Next Door, Property Fund, Tree of Life Chapel, Refugee Fund, etc., you must email Greg Novak at gregsnowak@verizon.net to tell him your intention.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: As a Thrivent member, you also have the opportunity to make a personal tax deductible donation to your favorite cause at any time and they will pay the processing fees. See the website for more information.

Need Help? Call Thrivent or your Thrivent

## Parish Care News - February 2024 Sharing our POP Care with All

Reminder
POP Parish Care
It's not too late to Help
Valentine Care Box and Bag Project 2024
Details and How you can help

Our annual Box and Bag Project is happening 6 Boxes and 12 bags of goodies will be shipped and delivered the week of Feb 4, 2024 to our young adults away at school, in the military and to our "Seniors" Living in area residential homes.

This is a project that has been happening at POP for easily 30 years.

It started by sending boxes to our young adults away at school. Boxes are filled with treats, home baked goodies, school supplies and a few surprises.

Several years ago,

we started delivering a bag of Valentine treats to our 'Senior Adult Students"

We need your help to support our project:

- 1. We need the names and addresses DONE
- Bakers are needed to bake the homemade cookies, brownies or something yummy that will travel well. Baked goods can be bagged as individual portions (ie/2-3 cookies/bag).

They need to at the church by Sunday Feb 4, 2024.

I HAVE 3 BAKERS WE COULD USE A FEW MORE.

## If you could bake a treat to include, please let me know.

3. We are asking for Monetary Donations to cover the cost of supplies and postage.

Donations may be placed in the offering, dropped off at the church or mailed with a note for Val box project.

Thank you for all your financial support of this project.

- 4. Look for cards to be signed in the church gathering area on Sunday mornings. These will be included with boxes and bags.
- 5. Boxes and Bags will be filled on Monday Feb 5 at 10 AM.

If you would like to help with this **please let me know**.

#### **ASAP**

We have 12 Valentine bags to be delivered to our seniors in the area resident homes. We need a few

delivery folks. Please let me know if you can drop off a bag.

Thank you for your support of this project. It is fun for us to do and fun for those receiving a special valentine gift.

Questions: contact Martha Winder 609-799-7280 . maw14jpw@aol.com

### **Transportation Needs**

Some rides are needed to the church for services on Sunday mornings and to and from Church events/ programs. If you can help with some driving please let me know.

### Monthly Mailings

Splash packets, for families with newborns and Hope Through Healing notes, dealing with loss and grief, are mailed monthly.

Care Notes, prayer squares and Pocket prayer cards are in breezeway.

### **Greeting Cards**

We are not gathering Greeting cards at this time.

Help is needed with sorting, packing up the cards and delivering them.

If you have some time to help with this project, please let me know.

Please let me know if there are folks to include in our projects.

There are lots of opportunities to help share the care.

Martha Winder 609-799-7280 maw14jpw@aol.com

### **Racial Justice Team**

The Prince of Peace Racial Justice Library has the following new addition:

# <u>The Atlantic Magazine – December 2023: To Reconstruct the Nation</u>

A special issue of The Atlantic magazine that is meant to examine the enduring consequences of Reconstruction's tragic fall at a moment in history today when the cause of racial progress faces sustained pressure.

The centerpiece of the issue is a new feature-length play by the actor, playwright, Anna Deavere Smith:

This Ghost of Slavery. Set in Baltimore and Annapolis in the 1850s-60s and the present, the play explores the power of historical trauma to persist for generations. The play brings history vividly (and at times painfully) to life, makes plain the injustices meted out to Black Americans across centuries, and allows readers to see anew the connections between past and present.

Other highlights of this issue are the following pieces:

### Lonnie G. Bunch III: "The Archive of Emancipation"

In the papers of the Freedmen's Bureau, Lonnie G. Bunch III, the secretary of the Smithsonian, found the hopes and disappointments of a people on the cusp of freedom. Bunch explores a public transcription and digitization project that is making much of the Freedmen's Bureau documents available widely for the first time, and what it tells us about the lives of enslaved people, especially after freedom.

# David W. Blight: "The Annotated Frederick Douglass"

In 1866, at the dawn of Reconstruction, Frederick Douglass published an essay in The Atlantic wrestling with the promise of the moment and the shortcomings he could already anticipate. Reprinted in full for the December issue, the essay is newly annotated by Douglass's biographer David W. Blight.

### Jordan Virtue: "Kennedy and the Lost Cause"

In his 1956 book, Profiles in Courage, future president John F. Kennedy promoted the southern mythology of Reconstruction, praising a racist, slave-holding senator while tarnishing the reputation and legacy of his political rival, Adelbart Ames, an ardent supporter of Black suffrage and Mississippi's governor during Reconstruction. Virtue writes about the efforts of Ames's daughter throughout her life to correct the historical record and clear her father's name. Profiles in Courage remains, as of now, uncorrected.

### Adam Harris: "The Black Roots of American Education"

Adam Harris writes about how freedpeople and their advocates persuaded the nation to embrace public schooling for all.

Please also explore the binder that includes other articles of interest from other publications. And please add articles that you come across that may interest our community of faith.

If you have any suggestions or would like to discuss ideas or resources for the Library, please contact Kathy {kathynowak@verizon.net} or Greg Nowak {gregsnowak@verizon.net}.

### Photos from WHAM MLK Service





### **Racial Justice**

Many Opportunities to Learn and Participate between MLK Day and Black History Month

Wouldn't it be a dream come true to have all the schools in America teaching true and complete American history, including that of the many marginalized groups of Americans who make up our wonderfully diverse society? Someday, when that happens, there will no longer be a need for Black History Month or any other day or month designated to teach about the daily struggles of individuals in each group and the many significant contributions made despite being oppressed. For those of us in America today, our education has been lacking such truths, so we should be grateful for the special opportunities available to help narrow that gap in our learning and experience. Here are just a few of the events members attended this past month for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday:

NJ Synod's "Transforming White Privilege" facilitators hosted a watch party and discussion of the movie, "American Son", the film version of a broadway play running from 2016-2019. Set in a Florida police station, a mother is searching for her missing 18 year old son who never came home. "American Son is a gripping tale of two parents caught in our national divide, with their worst fears hanging in the balance" as described in the original playbills. If you haven't seen this, find it on Netflix...What a powerful experience!

"Albert Einstein: Champion of Racial Justice and Equality" is a small but informative display of 11 panels showing a little-known part of Einstein's life...He wasn't JUST a brilliant scientist! (If you missed it again, you'll have one more chance in March at Montgomery Public Library.)

For MLK Day of Service organized by West Windsor Arts and the African American Parents Support Group of West Windsor Plainsboro Schools, POP members donated items and worked in small groups as some of over 80 volunteers who put together 1,697 projects or kits that day. These included 1,211 utensil kits for TASK, 130 children's activity and 107 Mom's care kits for Womanspace, 81 young men's kits for PEI Kids, 71 healthy bedtime kits for RISE, 79 baby care kits for Mill Hill Child and Family Development Center, and 18 handmade scarves and hats for Children's Home Society of NJ as well as creating cards and letters against loneliness.

Members of POP and about 100 members of many different faith communities attended WHAM's Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Worship st Mt. Olivet Baptist Church which included prayers and readings from the Bible, Qur'an and Torah, vocal and instrumental music, and reflections by faith leaders (including both our pastors) from all over West Windsor/Hightstown and surrounding communities. We were inspired by 13 teenagers from 7 diverse faith communities reading or reciting King's "I Have a Dream" speech and attendees of all races and colors singing "We Shall Overcome" and the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (originally written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900). THIS is how to be part of the Beloved Community!

Missed the above events? There will be many other opportunities coming in February. Here are just two free events from the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum (SSAAM) which is now open for drop-in visitors from 11-3 several days a month. (Because it's small and space is limited, you must register at https://www.ssaamuseum.org/upcoming-events for the following special events.)
February 9 at 7 pm or Feb 10 at 11am will be an unforgettable performance by Dr. Daisy Century, showcasing the inspiring journey of Phillis Wheatley, the 18th-century poet who overcame slavery to become the first African American woman to publish poetry.

VERY UNIQUE EVENT - February 14th from 1-3 pm at the True Farmstead, honor Frederick Douglass's legacy and create Black history together. Bring your laptops as we transcribe Douglass's correspondence from the Library of Congress alongside volunteers nationally! Register now as space is limited.

And one more virtual talk at Pennington Library-Exploring Identity, Love, and Being Black in America in Fiction Writing: A Conversation with Award-Winning Author Jason Mott

New York Times Bestselling Author and National Book Award Winner

Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00 PM EST.

Interested in doing more for Racial Justice here at POP? Join the Racial Justice Team the first Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 on Zoom. (Email Nancy Reyes at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com or text 609-273-1239 for the invite or to join our email list.)

# The First Lutheran Woman Hymn Writer By Paul Rorem

Elisabeth von Meseritz (1500–1535) was a late medieval nun who heard about Martin Luther's new message of good news in Christ. Like Katharina von Bora, who left her own convent for the same reason and later married Luther, Elisabeth moved to Wittenberg to be part of this gospel movement. In 1523, Luther called for poets to write new hymn texts for evangelical worship, and Elisabeth submitted "The Only Son from Heaven" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* 309). In 1524 she married one of Luther's students, Caspar Cruciger, so we know her as Elisabeth Cruciger.

Her hymn text combines biblical allusions, poetic art, and profound "Lutheran" theology, but our hymnal is lacking two of her stanzas. It was quickly embraced by Luther himself and included in the very first Lutheran hymnals in 1524. (This is another guincentennial anniversary, celebrated by a new book from Fortress Press about Lutheran hymnals from 1524 to 2024.) From there Elisabeth's hymn was translated into Swedish and English, but some doubts arose. Could such a theologically sophisticated text come from a woman and such a young woman?! She was only 23 years old. Some hymnal editors started to credit a male poet as the author, but eventually everyone agreed that Elisabeth really did write this text. In fact, in the sixteenth century, some observers were convinced that her youth and gender *supported* the claims for authorship! Since Luther's movement, in their eyes, was a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit's gifts, it made sense that a young woman would be inspired too. After all, Acts 2 quotes Joel's words from God: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." Yet even this supportive perspective assumes that a woman writing such a thing was not natural but required some supernatural intervention.

In any case, "The Only Son from Heaven" really is by Elisabeth. Her Latin convent schooling shows up in the first stanza, signaling the Christmas/ Epiphany theme: "The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, by God the Father given, in human form appears." A better translation might indicate that she really wrote "Of the Father's heart," echoing the ancient Latin Christian poet Prudentius whose line "Of the parent's heart born" we sing as "Of the Father's Love Begotten." At the end of the first stanza, the "Morning Star" means not the star of Bethlehem but Christ as the leading or brightest morning star (really, Venus), as in Revelation 2 and 22.

Her last stanza is not in ELW 309 at all, but deserves our attention for its sharp condensation of Luther's thunderbolt message about Law and Gospel. I here quote a translation by another and living Lutheran woman hymn writer, Gracia Grindal. "O kill us with your goodness, And raise us to your grace, Make ill our old sick natures, And turn to us your face." God's Law slays us; God's Gospel raises us up again. The Ten Commandments mean judgment, sin unto death, but there is new life too. Luther had recovered St. Paul's teaching in Romans 6: we are buried with Christ in death but raised with Him to newness of life.

A young nun heard that message, changed her life, and closed her Epiphany hymn with a strong restatement of it. She was the first Lutheran woman hymn writer, but not the last. See, for example, "Children of the Heavenly Father" (ELW 781) by Lina Sandell and the many poems and hymns by Gracia Grindal herself: *Preaching from Home, The Stories of Seven Lutheran Women Hymnwriters*.

### Social Outreach

### Food Still Needed by St. Bart's This Winter

More and more people are coming to St. Bart's for food this winter, and the food donations are down. Please consider donating as much as you can for this community ministry. Suggested items are rice, beans, pasta, tuna and other canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and the like. Place the food in the bin provided to the left of the white doors to the community room at any time.

Monetary donations are also welcomed. Make a check out to Prince of Peace and earmark it "St. Bart's Food Pantry". The checks may be put in the offering plate on Sunday, on the Office Administrator's desk, or mailed to Prince of Peace, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550.

Reminder: St. Bart's can no longer accept clothing items.

Thank you very much for continuing to share your gifts with these fellow children of God!

With deep appreciation,

Berta Schott, for the Social Outreach Ministry Team and St. Bart's

## GARDEN HELP NEEDED THIS SPRING/ SUMMER/ FALL

Does it seem too early to be thinking of gardening? Not for the volunteers who raise produce for St. Bart's Food Pantry in the Peace Garden and Cherry Tree Garden! Plans are already underway as we order seeds and plan what goes in first.

WE NEED HELP! Lots of our volunteers have moved, have gone on to start gardens at other churches, or have other obligations. Can you help one or two mornings a week for a few hours? If not the whole growing season, come when you can! Shari Rexroad is our new Master Gardener, learning the ropes from our long time coordinator Nancy Nicosia. Berta Schott. Nancy Reves. and Liz Zarillo will continue

as dedicated volunteers, fertilizing and planting beginning in March and harvesting soon after, but WE NEED HELP! As you can imagine, rotating crops, weeding, harvesting, weighing and packing about 800 pounds of and working at ground level, let us know and we'll let you know when we have tasks to do at the table.

Are you looking to volunteer but not really into gardening? Could you help by making deliveries to St. Barts in Trenton (usually Fridays from 10:30-11:30)? During the busy harvest season we'll also need deliveries midweek (Tuesdays or Wednesdays, destination tbd).

We have the option of getting free plants, seeds and sometimes other garden materials for free through the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society IF we have volunteers who can drive to and from Philadelphia several times. Even if you aren't interested or able to help with gardening, but you like to drive and don't mind transporting plants in your car or truck three to four times this spring and summer, or would be willing to volunteer helping the society sort or pack seeds and plants in Philly once or twice, PLEASE let us know! Volunteers are gathering informally in February to celebrate last year's success and start planning for this spring. Want to be part of this from the start? Contact Nancy Reyes (nancyauerreyes@gmail.com or 609-273-1239) or speak to Shari Rexroad, Berta Schott, or Liz Zarillo to learn about our experience. HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF YOU IN THE GARDEN THIS SPRING!

# No Clothing Donations for St. Bart's Can Be Accepted

Prince of Peace is no longer collecting clothing donations for St, Bart's. They have had to close their clothing pantry because there are not enough volunteers to maintain it.

They have appreciated all of the clothing donations over the years and are very sorry that they are not able to continue this part of their ministry. The Social Outreach Ministry Team joins St. Bart's in thanking you for generously providing clothing in the past.

Berta Schott, for the Social Outreach Ministry Team and St. Bart's



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Sunday Schedule Worship at 9:30 am (in person/Livestream)

Office Hours Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin