

July 2018



Worship in July

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday, July 1

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Your Faith Has Made You Well*

Sunday, July 8

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
He Was Amazed at Their Unbelief*

Sunday July 15

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
The Seed of the Promise*

Sunday July 23

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Come Away and Rest for a While*

Sunday July 30

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Feeding of the 5000*

July Events

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Stitchers

July 12

Book Group

July 14

Hindu Temple Visit

Save Us From Our Fear

As we prepare to celebrate the 4th of July I came across this litany for a nation by Katherine Hawker. It speaks to our times. I hope it can help us bridge the divide. — Pastor Froehlke

Litany for a Nation

*One nation divided
Choose: blue or red
Where is the purple?*

*Remember us, O Lord;
make yourself known in this time of our pain,
and grant to us courage,
O King of the gods and Master of all dominion!*

*One people undefined
Choose: winner or loser
Where is the bridge?*

*Save us by your hand,
help us,
leave us not alone.*

*One leader elected
Choose: friend or foe
Where is the intermediary?*

*O God, whose wisdom is beyond compare
hear the voice of the despairing
and save us from the hands of ignoble.*

*One spirit alive
Choose: belief or no
Where is the faith?*

*Save us from our fear!
Save us from our fear!*

— K. Hawker

K. HawkerSelf, <http://liturgyoutside.net>)

A Mountaintop Experience



Over the weekend culminating with Sunday, June 24, eight singers from Prince of Peace's Adult Choir joined with ten other ensembles from around the country, totaling 185 singers, to sing Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* at Carnegie Hall.

The concert was sponsored by Manhattan Concert Productions. This organization is one of a few like it that offer special experiences for professional and amateur musicians around the world to come to America and perform at prestigious venues. We sang with choirs from Georgia, Maryland, Louisiana, Texas, and California, with professional orchestra and soloists to a large audience on one of the world's truly historic stages.

You all will remember that we prepared and offered this work during our Good Friday worship in 2016. We took video of the worship service and posted it on our Youtube page. A representative of this company came across our video and invited us to be a part of this concert. Given our proximity to NYC and a relatively nominal fee to participate, we said *yes!* We took the train into the city on Friday



and Saturday for 4 hour rehearsals. On Sunday, we had a short touch-up rehearsal before meeting at Carnegie Hall for a sound check with the orchestra. We had the privilege of being in the audience for the first half of the concert, which featured a wonderful women's choir from San Francisco and their National Children's Festival Chorus. Then, we got our chance to perform.

Our conductor, Barry Williamson, compared the weekend's activities to climbing a mountain. We assembled everyone together not knowing each other on Friday. And over the three days would learn each other's sensibilities and quirks and work to make the performance as wonderful as possible. Having attended Westminster, I've had the privilege of performing in Carnegie Hall multiple times before. For most of our folks, though, this was their first (and likely only) opportunity to experience being on the same stage as virtually every famous musician of the past 100 years.

The Hall opened in 1891 with Tchaikovsky himself leading the concert. On Sunday night, we added our names to the sea of humanity that has raised our voices in this hallowed space. For me, singing Faure's *Requiem*, a piece of remembrance and grace, had me thinking of my grandparents and Megan's grandparents as well as other friends and extended family who have influenced my life. Performing music is one of those experiences that can not only express emotion in the present but connect us to our past.

We have a special commemorative plaque and framed mini-concert poster that we'll be displaying at church. We will have an audio recording of the performance soon that we can share. And, I took a few surreptitious pictures and videos during the sound check that we'll share.

What a great way to continue to celebrate Prince of Peace's 50th anniversary: our Carnegie Hall debut!

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 August issue is Sunday, July 22

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor
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July Events

Stitchers in July

Joyful Stitchers is meeting through the summer with its ongoing projects, including hats, headbands, and lap blankets for cancer patients, and, for more experienced knitters — tiny, little hats for preemies. The group is also making *Mats for Cats* — simple mats for new kittens which we donate to a local animal rescue shelter.

Join us to learn a new skill in knitting or crocheting, bring your own project, or just sit with us and chat. For those who would like to learn to knit, Prayer Cloths are a perfect first project. Or come to our evening meetings to learn to crochet.

Stitching days alternate between Monday afternoons at 1:00 and Monday evenings at 6:30 in the lounge. We'll get you started with yarn and knitting needles or a crochet hook and give you all the help you need to continue.

All are welcome to drop in. Bente Ott, Kate Chen, and Ellie Crawford are experienced knitters and Kathy Morris is an experienced crocheter, and all are happy to help anyone learn. The Monday schedule for July is

July

2nd at 6:30

9th at 1:00

16th at 6:30

23rd at 1:00

30th at 6:30

If you're new to the Stitchers and would like instruction, please contact Kate Chen at kcmchen@comcast.net.



The July Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Men's Deodorant

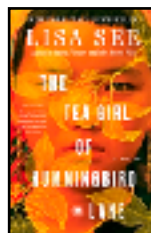
Please place donations in the wooden box in the breezeway.

Book Group Meets July 12

*At the home of Phyllis Church
11 Princeton Place, Princeton Junction
RSVP tp.church@mindspring.com*

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

by Lisa See



In a remote mountain village in China, Li-yan and her family center their lives around farming tea and following the rituals and customs the Akha people have adhered to for generations. However, when Li-yan bears a baby out of wedlock, she breaks with tradition and refuses to consider having the child put to death. Instead she leaves her baby near an orphanage, wrapped in a blanket with a tea cake tucked in its folds. Her daughter is subsequently raised by loving parents far away in California. Yet inevitably the daughter wonders about her origins and Li-yan longs to meet the daughter she gave away.

*The Book Group 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*

Note

The Book Group will not meet in August

50/50-Still Going Strong

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

Over the last two weeks in June, Prince of Peace has received nearly \$38,000 toward our 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.

Fence Building Project Coming This Summer

Materials and Volunteers Needed



The last major building project of the meditation garden, a fence shielding the garden from the street, is scheduled for this summer.

The fencing material has been ordered and will arrive in mid-July. Once it gets here, a workday will be scheduled.

The fence will be gray (to match the trim on the house) and made of maintenance-free textured synthetic materials.

The fencing materials have been donated but several items are still needed to complete the project. If you can donate materials or funds for any of the items below, please let Lois Case know(609-688-6861; loismcase@gmail.com).

Needed

*32 bags of concrete mix, delivered
Concrete mixer (or funds for renting one, about \$75)*

*Temporary use of 13 eight-foot 2x4s
?? yards of root mulch, delivered*

The mulch is needed to grade and mulch planting areas directly behind the fence before the fence blocks that area.

Volunteer jobs will include digging post holes, moving dirt and mulch, preparing the planting area, mixing concrete, setting the posts, and assembling the fence. Food, drink, and camaraderie provided.

Christmas in July Giving Tree: Backpacks and School Supplies

This year, the Christmas in July Giving Tree is highlighting the need for backpacks and school supplies for children and teens served by Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ). The items will be collected during the entire month of July. We will be collecting backpacks and items for both elementary and secondary school students.

Choose a star, or stars, from the Giving Tree in the Gathering Area, purchase the item(s), and place them, unwrapped, under the tree. You may donate a completely filled backpack, or any of the individual requested items. The Social Outreach Team will assemble the backpacks that are not complete and take them to LSM/NJ at the end of July.

LSM/NJ says,

Each year, generous donations of assembled backpacks enable hundreds of New Jersey children get a jump start on learning and succeeding in school. Many of our families cannot afford the added expense of school supplies. Through this initiative, we are able to alleviate this worry and distribute backpacks filled with important necessities, to the children at Lutheran Home for Children, Project Home, and our family housing sites.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

— The Social Ministry Team

Elementary Packs

1 Backpack
12 Pencils
24 Crayons
1 Gluestick
3 Pocket Folders
3 Spiral Notebooks
1 Pencil Case
1 Three-Ring Binder
Filler Paper
Binder Dividers

Secondary Packs

1 Backpack
12 Pencils
12 Blue or Black Pens
2 Highlighters
10 Pocket Folders
5 Spiral Notebooks
1 Three-Ring Binder
Filler Paper
Binder Dividers

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.

New Prince of Peace Online Directory Is Here

We have rolled out our new online directory available through our web-based congregational database.

Each household with a current email address was sent an email with login credentials for its household and the link to set up its password. There is one login per household. Be sure to look for the app for your phone that uses the same login information in order to access the directory.

Check with Kathy Nowak if you did not receive the login information email or if you have questions.

Resources on Refugees and Migrants Available on Church Website

As a follow-up to the adult forum on LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services), Elizabeth Wagner has provided a list of resources for diving deeper into this issue.

The resources can be found at <https://popnj.org/2018/06/25/follow-up-to-refugee-sunday/>

They include information about who refugees are, books and stories about refugees, legal issues involving refugees, current news and articles, how to contact legislators, and suggestions for continuing the conversation.

Bishop's Statement on Family Separation

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), recently convened ELCA ecumenical and inter-religious partners in a statement addressing concerns over a recent U.S. government policy calling for more stringent enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Recently, the Administration announced that it will begin separating families and criminally prosecuting all people who enter the U.S. without previous authorization. As religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, united in our concern for the well-being of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives, we are deeply disappointed and pained to hear this news.

We affirm the family as a foundational societal structure to support human community and understand the household as an estate blessed by God. The security of the family provides critical mental, physical and emotional support to the development and well-being of children. Our congregations and agencies serve many migrant families that have

recently arrived in the United States. Leaving their communities is often the only option they have to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Tearing children away from parents who have made a dangerous journey to provide a safe and sufficient life for them is unnecessarily cruel and detrimental to the well-being of parents and children.

As we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we pray for the children and families that will suffer due to this policy and urge the Administration to stop their policy of separating families.

— Signed by 19 American Religious Leaders

Crossroads Offers Summer Theatre Camp

Crossroads is offering *Curtains Up!*, a summer theatre camp for youth, August 12 to 18.

Guided by Pastor Mark Erson (St. John's Lutheran, NYC), participants will enjoy participating in traditional activities of summer camp plus writing and producing their own play, which they will present to other campers.

The drama activities are designed for children who love to perform and for children who are a little shy.

To register, go to <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/CrossRoadsRetreat#/selectSessions/2275904> and register for Youth Camp 5. Be sure to mark down your interest in Curtains Up.

Crossroads is run by the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA and the Newark Diocese of the Episcopal church. More information is available on its website, crossroadsretreat.com.

Dear Kathy and Members of Prince of Peace,

Thank you for including me in your invitation and the copy of the history of Prince of Peace from 1968-2018!

The recitation of events by Berta brought many memories. Norm and I shared much of the early years with you.

Though alone now, I still sing with Franke Chorus, sing the cantor parts of our weekly service on occasion, and am lector on third Sundays at our chapel service.

Recently (in March 2018) I was part of a mission group to Malaysia and Cambodia. The Holy Spirit is working well there.

— Barbara Nuding

The Nudings served as missionaries in Japan. Norm was responsible for designing and installing the Japanese garden by the big cherry tree behind the church offices.

Engagement Announced



Wendy and Michael Schutzer are happy to announce that their daughter Johanna Schutzer is engaged to Joshua Sharp. They will be married on May 10, 2019 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Prince of Peace & The Internet

Over the past few years, Prince of Peace has been adding to its internet presence. In addition to its website (popnj.org), the church now has three facebook pages.

The oldest of these is <https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>. There you can see many photos of church activities along with updates on coming events, statements from the larger church, quirky humor, news from organizations affiliated with Prince of Peace, and much more.

The House Next Door also has a facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HouseNextDoorNJ/>) with photos and news of events.

Last, the Peace Garden has a facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceGardenPrincetonJunction/>), which is active during the growing season to keep friends and volunteers informed about work hours and to share photos of the garden and its bounty.

You can help spread the word about Prince of Peace and its activities by liking these pages.

Parish Care Notes

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

2018 High School Graduates and Others Off to School This Fall

Congratulations to our 2018 high school graduates. They were recognized in church on June 17, 2018. Eight new names are being added to our list of young adults away at school.

All students: Please remember to get your 2018-19 school year contact information to us. We like to keep in touch with our young adults living away from home. Mailing, shipping, and email addresses along with your school are greatly appreciated. Please send details to the church.

Keeping in Touch

We are asking for families or individuals who would help us keep in touch with folks who cannot always get to church. Dropping off a Sunday bulletin, making a phone call to see how things are, going to see someone to share hello and prayer are just a few of the ways to help. Please think about a way that you can help to make their days much brighter. Details of who and where will be provided.

OMG!

It's only July and I have already received a 2019 Calendar in the mail! We will be gathering these calendars this fall to share with our local Senior Residences. They were greatly appreciated last fall. So look for a box in the gathering area or breezeway to drop off your 2019 Calendars.

Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards

Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards are on the table in the breezeway. Please share with Family, Friends and Others. Show folks your care.

Gathering Greeting Cards

We are gathering Greeting Cards — Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, Get well, etc. The cards are being shared with local senior living residences. If you live near or visit a senior living residence and would be willing to drop off a packet of cards, please let me know.

Rides Needed

Starting this fall we will need rides from the Monroe area to church for Sunday Service. If you would like to help, please let me 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.

Summer Caroling

We were not able to schedule our spring caroling in May. We have the opportunity to do some summer caroling. If you have a date where a small group can go sing, arrangements can be made for you to go sing. Christmas caroling will be on the schedule in December, so start thinking of your favorite carol.

Soup or Cookies

Looking a few folks to gather in the church kitchen and create some treats to share with others in our congregation. If you are interested, let me know so we can schedule a date.

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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
