

October 2021



## Worship in October

*Indoor & Online Worship at 9:30 am*  
<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

*8:30 am Outdoor Worship*

### **Sunday, October 3**

19th Sunday After Pentecost

*Bring the Children*

*Celebration for Kathy Nowak*

### **Sunday, October 10**

20th Sunday After Pentecost

*Give the Money to the Poor*

*Dedication of the Tree of Life Chapel*

### **Sunday, October 17**

21st Sunday After Pentecost

*Knowing What to Ask For*

### **Sunday, October 24**

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

*Your Faith Has Made You Well*

*Ending of the Garden Season*

### **Sunday, October 31**

Reformation Sunday

*Saved by Grace*

## Outdoor Worship

The 8:30 Outdoor Worship will continue through the fall as weather permits. Join us in the Outdoor Chapel.

*For October Events*

*See Pages 3 - 6*

## *Imagining Our New Chapel*

I've been somewhat surprised that in the last few years there has been an uptick in public discourse around pregnancy and infant loss. I've seen my friends on social media be honest about their loss, and virtual support groups have been created to ensure accessibility for all families. Even the Duchess of Sussex wrote an op-ed for the *New York Times* in November 2020! Yet for each story that a family shares, there are so many more who are not ready. I've wondered how The Tree of Life Chapel will bless those people.

I imagine someone, perhaps a woman like myself, walking into the garden to see the names of other children on the stones in front of the fountain; a reminder that she is not alone. I imagine a family opening up the resource box to find pamphlets on grief groups in the community, perhaps even written stories and prayers from others who grieved in this space. I wonder how this ministry of sacred space will deepen a sense of community for a grief that can be so isolating. It is my prayer that this may be so.

When you imagine this space we're providing, I wonder what the Holy Spirit puts upon your mind. How do you see us blessing our community with this Chapel? I'd love to hear your thoughts, and I'd love for you to join us as we mark this new ministry together:

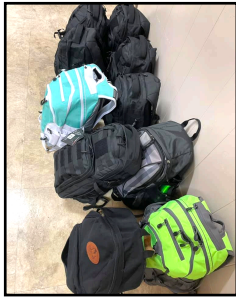
- On October 9th, we'll have a wine/cheese fundraiser located near our outdoor chapel, an event which I hope will attract folks from outside our church community;
- On October 10th, we'll focus on this chapel in our worship service together; and
- On October 15th, we will gather around our soon-to-be chapel for a Service of Remembrance.

One of the holiest witnesses we have as Christians is to stand with those who are suffering. Indeed, in our solidarity we are providing a powerful message of resurrection. A love so powerful that it can withstand grief. A Love so strong that it reached beyond the grave and points us to new life.

Imagining with you, Vicar Kayla

*See flyer on page 5 for a schedule of events surrounding the dedication of the Tree of Life Chapel.*

## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday a Wonderful Experience



Thank you to everyone who participated in any way, both before and during the event, to making God's Work, Our Hands (GWOH) Sunday the success that it was. Many folks donated requested items for the Welcome Home Backpacks that will be given to persons being released from prison to help them transition back into society, and we assembled 12 backpacks on Sunday. Thanks to a generous Thrivent Action Team Project allocation of \$250, and with extra donated items, we were able to assemble 3 more backpacks later, for a total of 15.

From the worship service to the presentation from our special guest Charlene Walker, Director of Faith New Jersey, to the assembling of the backpacks and the writing of welcome notes to include in them, to the luncheon following (thank you, Doug, for presiding over the grill), the day was upbeat, joyful, and fulfilling.

We now look forward to other ways of ministering to those persons in prison and those who have been recently released. Again, many thanks to all who made this event possible.

*Tidings*, the newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to [loismcase@gmail.com](mailto:loismcase@gmail.com).

***Deadline for the November issue is Sunday, October 24***

### Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor

Rev. Dale Selover, Director of The House Next Door

Vicar Kayla Hopgood

Dr. Doug Helvering, Minister of Music

Victoria Chow-Torres, Church Musician

Dorothy Safranek, Financial Secretary

### Congregational Council

Elizabeth Wagner (President)

Kim Contini (Vice President)

Nancy Durie

Charlie Frantz

Tim Gjenvick

Mary Ellen Glickson

Martin Rexroad

Wendy Schutzer

David New, Secretary (non-voting)



### The October Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

#### *Canned Fruit*

*Please place donations in the  
wooden box in the breezeway.*

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# October Events

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## Kathy Nowak Celebration

**October 3**

Our long-time Parish Administrator and Office Manager Kathy Nowak is retiring on September 30. To thank Kathy for her many years of service to Prince of Peace and to celebrate the new chapter in her life, a special reception is scheduled for Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Community Room following the 9:30 service.

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## Confirmation

Confirmation class begins October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. We are partnering with St. Bart's and Pastor Erich will be joining Pastor Peter along with Vicar Kayla. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> the class will meet at St. Bart's and volunteer at the St. Bart's Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

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## Pastor Class

Pastor Class begins October 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will lead a discussion on the events of 1521 and the Diet of Worms. This was a pivotal year in the Reformation as Luther was excommunicated from the church and forced into exile at the Wartburg Castle. Join pastor via zoom at 7:00 pm.

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## Adult Class

Join the adult class in October. Pastor Peter will lead a study October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> on the *Book of Ruth* with a discussion on the book *Borders and Belongings: The Book of Ruth, A Story for our Times*.

On October 17 Dr. Paul Rorem will lead a discussion on Ethiopian Christianity. On October 31 Vicar Kayla will lead a Reformation Day discussion on Katie Luther.

All classes begin at 11:00 am and will take place in the sanctuary. The class will also be available on Zoom.

## Book Group

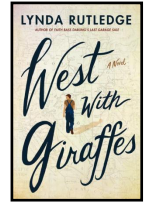
*If interested in joining the book club,  
please contact Phyllis Church at 609-799-0723  
or [p.church@mindspring.com](mailto:p.church@mindspring.com)  
We meet at 7:30 pm once a month.*

**October 14**

At the home of Phyllis Church  
11 Princeton Place, Princeton Junction

***West with Giraffes*** by Linda Rutledge

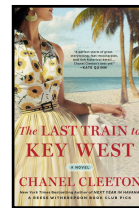
In 1938 the Great Depression lingers; Hitler threatens Europe and Americans long for wonder. They find it in the story of two giraffes who survive a hurricane crossing the Atlantic before beginning a 12-day road trip to the San Diego Zoo. Part history, part adventure, part love story, the novel explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals.



**November 11**

Time & Location to be Announced

***The Last Train to Key West*** by Chanel Cleeton



The author tells the story of three different women who come together to survive the horrific 1935 Labor Day Hurricane in the Florida Keys. Helen is nine-months pregnant with an abusive husband. Mirta is on her honeymoon, wed to a man she barely knows. Elizabeth, a beautiful socialite, has come to Key West looking for her brother. The three women meet in the café where Helen works as a waitress. Their stories weave together as the novel progresses.

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## New Spiritual Directions Groups Forming

New Spiritual Direction groups will be forming in September. Groups gather once a month for two hours. Both afternoon and evening sessions are available. The cost is \$25/session. If interested, please email Pastor Dale at [hnd@popnj.org](mailto:hnd@popnj.org).

*Group spiritual direction is likely the most rewarding hour I spend every month in my faith journey. The bond created by the group, under the incredible leadership of Pastor Dale, creates a safe, prayerful space to honestly find God in our everyday struggles and triumphs.*

— Nansi

**Multi-Faith Festival**  
**Celebrating the Joy of Our Traditions**  
**in Music and Story**

*Sunday, October 17 (rain date Oct. 24)  
2 to 4:30 at Prince of Peace*

Bring your family, friends and neighbors of all faiths as we learn about each others religions and celebrate together at this outdoor event.

**Free vaccines will be available** by appointment or walk-up, all approved boosters included.

**Volunteers needed** to help with set-up, directing traffic during the event (to the park and back to our property). Please contact Nancy Reyes at [nancyauerreyes@gmail.com](mailto:nancyauerreyes@gmail.com).

See flyer on page 6.

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**Stewardship**  
***Sprouting New Life***

Our Stewardship emphasis begins Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is *Sprouting New Life*.

Much has changed in the church and in life during the pandemic, but God defies this reality and counters with sprouting new life. We encourage the congregation to watch for new life at Prince of Peace. On Sunday, November 21 the congregation will receive seeds to plant during the winter months as new life sprouts, even in winter. We also will offer our giving plans for 2022 on this Sunday.



**Trunk or Treat**

*October 31st, 2 to 4:30 pm  
St. Bart's*

St. Bart's will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat events in their parking lot on October 31st.

If you would like to help, they are welcoming candy donations, and folks who would be willing to decorate their cars, dress up, and have some fun passing out candy to the kids.

For more information, contact  
[stbartlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:stbartlutheran@gmail.com)

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**Office Manager Position Open**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and the House Next Door in West Windsor are actively seeking candidates for their new role of Office Manager.

The position averages 20 hours a week and offers flexible hours and options for remote work during the pandemic. The role requires one to feel a calling to serve the POP/HND community as we serve one another and our community.

For more information and to request a detailed job description, please contact Martin Rexroad at [martin.rexroad@gmail.com](mailto:martin.rexroad@gmail.com)

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*Dear Members of Prince of Peace,*

I was recently a guest at your church. I went for a walk out back of the church to the labyrinth. Then I asked where the Tree of Life Chapel was going to be. I believe it was a nice woman, Nancy, who took me back out to show me.

Too many live in silence on this subject. A beautiful idea, which should really help those who suffer to bring or continue healing.

Your friend in Christ,  
Jerry



**PRINCE  
of PEACE**  
Lutheran Church

*The  
House  
Next Door*

# Tree of Life Chapel

A MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR  
PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS

*Join us*

## Wine & Cheese Open House Fundraiser

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 4PM – 6PM

*Located outdoors at Prince of Peace.  
All funds raised will support the chapel*

## Tree of Life Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9:30AM

*Join us in Sunday worship, virtually or in the sanctuary*

## Service of Remembrance

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 11AM

*On National Day of Pregnancy and Infant Loss, we will gather  
near the Tree of Life Chapel to remember those we've lost*

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in partnership with The House Next Door

[www.popnj.org](http://www.popnj.org) + 177 Princeton Hightstown Road



# MULTI-FAITH FESTIVAL

**Celebrating the Joy of Our Traditions in Music and Story**

**Totally outside event but face mask strongly encouraged**  
**Vaccinations available -- first, second, booster shots**  
**Food Bank donations appreciated, but not necessary**  
**for admission.**

**October 17, Sunday**

**2:00-4:30pm**



**Rain Date**  
**October 24, Sunday**



[Multi-Faith Festival](#)



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

**177 Princeton-Hightstown Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550**

**Faith-based Organizations please RSVP to set-up info tables,**



**Contact:**

**Rev. Nancy Truscott,**

**[ntruscott@comcast.net](mailto:ntruscott@comcast.net), 856-745-0080**

**The AV provider is NMR (NMR Events): <https://www.nmrevents.com/>**

The New Jersey Synod ELCA MultiFaith Ecumenical Team will be sponsoring this event. Performances include Hindu Dancers, Muslim and Christian storytelling and music, and much more. Mark your calendars, bring your friends and family, and enjoy an afternoon outside. Maybe get your booster vaccines as well.

Also, Please consider volunteering to help with setup, cleanup, or assisting during the event directing traffic to the park so that others in

Central Jersey can enjoy our campus, hear about Prince of Peace's ministries and tradition, and make new connections as we welcome people of all faiths.

For more information  
or to offer your help,  
Contact Nancy Reyes  
[nancyauerreyes@gmail.com](mailto:nancyauerreyes@gmail.com)  
609-273-1239

## Parish Care — October 2021

*Sharing our care and concern with those in our community in times of need and joy.  
Now that our new church year has started, we are getting our projects up and running.  
We need your help.*

### Care Callers

So 2021, we are back to indoor and outdoor church worship services. This totals about 50 people each week with several others watching online. We would like to continue to reach out to those we can not see in person. If you would be willing to make a few phone calls, please let me know. Just a simple 'hi how are you doing' will work.

### Young Adults

We are gathering mailing, shipping, and email addresses for our young adults (college students who are learning remotely or traditionally at school or at home). We keep in touch with our students throughout the year. Please make sure we have a current 2021-22 addresses. Our first mailing is going out in early November, so please make sure we have the information. Please leave in church office or send me an email with the contact info.

### Care Note Ministry

In the breezeway you may have noticed a display of *Care Notes*. These are pamphlets with spiritual messages to help with our everyday life events. They are for all to take and benefit from their messages. It is time to think about restocking our supply. In the past we have had donations made to help cover the cost — between \$100 to \$150. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, donations can be made to the church with a memo: *Care Notes*. Many thanks to Ginger Reiersen for keeping the display full and current.

### Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards

On the table in the breezeway are Prayer Squares, knitted by Joyful Knitters, and Prayer Cards. They are there to be used by yourself and to share with others.

### Gathering Confirmation Class Pictures

We are gathering photos of our confirmation classes to display in the church. Please look through your photos of your family confirmations. Share a picture of the class with us. If it is a photo, we will scan and return your photo. If you would like to send a digital copy, let me know. Thanks.

### Church Young Mother Loss

In July our church lost a young mother, Lillian Danielle Minetti. Danielle, her mother, and her daughter are all members of our church. Danielle was an active participant in church activities and was confirmed here and attended West Windsor High School. Her death was unexpected and she leaves behind her 4-year-old daughter, Catherine. As her church family we would like to make a contribution toward Catherine's future needs. There is an account set

up for these funds. Donations can be made through the church offering with a memo *For Catherine*.

### Sharing Our Faith With Our Local Community

We hope to be Christmas caroling in December following our morning worship service. All ages and voices are welcome. This has been a very heartwarming project for all — our singers and those we are singing too. We will be taking a small gift and card for all. Watch for details on how you can help with this ministry. Stay tuned for updates. Plan on taking our Holiday care to others who cannot get out. All voices are welcome, all ages, no rehearsals. Let us know your favorite carol to sing.

### Calendars - Greeting Cards - Christmas Cards

We are gathering 2022 Calendars, greeting cards, and Christmas cards to share with senior residents in local Assisted Living Facilities. So, if you are receiving more calendars, greeting cards, and Christmas cards than you can use, bring them to church. There is a box in the breezeway. If you need access to breezeway, contact me and we can work out a safe time to drop off items.

### Christmas Messages

Soon we will be writing Christmas cards to share with the community during the Holiday season. We can still send cards if we cannot go into the building. Let me know if you are willing to add a message to the cards. If you would like to do this from your home; cards will be bundled in Ziploc bags to pick up. Complete cards with a message and return to church. Watch for more details about when and where we will be writing the cards. Take a few minutes and help send some Christmas cheer.

### Rides Needed

- Rides on Tuesday afternoons to doctor appointments from Princeton Junction to Princeton.
- Rides to local grocery and shopping venues in our area — as needed.

### Ongoing Projects

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

*If you would like to help with any of our projects  
or be part of our team, please join us.*

*We are always looking for new ways  
to share our care with others.*

Martha Winder — maw14jpw@aol.com



***Practicing Resurrection with  
Gratitude and Grace***

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Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday 9 to Noon

Thursday 1:30 to 3:30

***Sunday Schedule***

Worship at 9:30 am (Indoor and Livestream)

<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Outdoor Worship at 8:30 am

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