

Tidings of Peace



April 2024



Worship in April

Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am

In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

April 7

Second Sunday after Easter
"Thomas"

Claudia Thompson Preaching

April 14

Third Sunday after Easter
"Touch and See"

Pastor Peter Preaching

April 21

Fourth Sunday after Easter
"Good Shepherd"

Pastor Peter Preaching

April 28

Fifth Sunday after Easter
"Vine and Branches"

Pastor Peter Preaching

Pastor's Page

Our Lenten theme for the Adult Forum and our Midweek services centered around a theology of creation. The class challenged Prince of Peace to see creation and nature as neighbor for us to love as Christ loves us. Sara Manning, this year's Field Ed student from Princeton Seminary, shared her passion on this topic and introduced us to the Farminary of Princeton Seminary. The Farminary is a twenty-one acre farm off of Princeton Pike that is owned by the seminary and has become a place where theological education is integrated with a small-scale working farm to train faith leaders in the areas of ecology, land sustainability, and food justice.

In addition to being a living classroom the Farminary is also one of hundreds of small scale faith based farms sprouting up in this country to counter big industrial agriculture models by seeking to grow food in a more sustainable environment while building a capacity for community.

To complement our Lenten theme and to learn more about faith based farming Sara and I want to invite Prince of Peace to the Farminary on Sunday afternoon, April 21st. We will gather at 5:00 pm with a pot-luck picnic, then Sara will give us a tour of the farm. We are hoping the director, Nate Stucky, will speak to give us a better understanding of the Farminary Project. The evening will end with a good old fashion campfire. We are hoping for nice weather but in the event of rain there is a barn at the Farminary so the event will happen rain or shine. I hope you can join us. Watch for the sign up beginning in early April. Again the date, Sunday April 21st, 5:00 pm at the Princeton Seminary Farminary, 4200 Princeton Pike, Princeton.

Pastor Peter

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 May issue is Sunday, April 28th

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Adult Class

April 7th	Study on John 20:19-31
April 14th	Native Truth Be Told
April 21st	Trip to Farminary
April 28th	Study on John 15:1-8
May 5th	Introduction to Eucharistic Ministry

Blessing of the Peace Garden

In keeping with the theme of the day and to familiarize the congregation of our own garden at Prince of Peace, we will bless the growing season in the garden during worship at the 9:30 service on April 21st. At service end the congregation will process out to the Peace Garden and offer prayers and pray for God's abundant blessing. Afterwards we will hear more about the garden ministry. The Peace Garden and the adjacent Cherry Tree Club Garden are a main supplier of fresh produce to the St. Bartholomew Food Ministry in the Trenton.

Both of these events are appropriate to recognize on this day as April 22nd is Earth Day. Come and celebrate the gift of creation at Prince of Peace.

8:30 Service Returns!

As the weather turns nicer the 8:30 outdoor service has returned. Join us for an abbreviated service every Sunday from now until Reformation Sunday in October. We will meet in the outdoor chapel weather permitting.

ELCA Youth Gathering

Two of our young people will be traveling to New Orleans in July along with Pastor Peter and Pastor Dale to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering July 13-16. Brody Moore will be attending Table, (a gathering that blesses and encourages young people who live with a wide range of physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities.)

Morrigan Clarke will be attending MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event.) Mo will then join Faith Lutheran Church in Hillsborough for the large gathering from July 17-21. Brody and Mo continue to fund raise for these events. A poster is in the narthex explaining how you can financially support them. We thank the congregation for their generosity in making this event happen for our young people.

Book Group

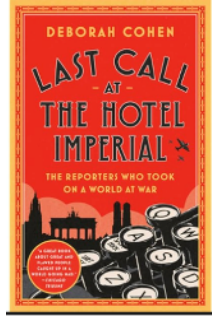
*If interested in joining the book club,
please contact Phyllis Church at
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com*

*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, April 11, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge

Last Call at the Hotel Imperial by Deborah Cohen

This is nonfiction that reads like a novel! The author has chosen four prominent American journalists- John Gunther, Vincent Sheean, Dorothy Thompson and



H.R. Knickerbocker to tell the story of the lead-up to WWII as well as the war itself. In the days before the internet, newspaper dispatches, radio broadcasts, books and lectures helped create a uniquely American form of journalism. These journalists were friends and rivals whose lively personal lives sometimes intertwined with their reporting.

Thursday, May 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge

The Huntress by Kate Quinn



When the Nazis attack the Soviet Union, Nina Markova joins the Night Witches, an all-female bomber unit tasked with

bombing the Germans. Stranded behind enemy lines, she is targeted by a Nazi murderess known as the Huntress. Eventually, she escapes to join forces with a British war correspondent who, like her, seeks to track the Nazi murderess. Later, in postwar Boston, 17 year old Jordan McBride becomes suspicious of her new step-mother, a soft spoken German widow. What can she be hiding? Another exciting novel by the author of *The Diamond Eye*.

Council Corner

At the March council meeting:

Pastor Peter reported on Global Refuge, the new name for Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services. Watch for more information this fall!

Pastor Dale reported on the many activities coming up at the House Next Door and the challenges this is providing. The joys always outweigh the challenges! The 2022 audit is complete and a positive report was provided. Finance continues the move to a new software platform.

The council discussed this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering and how our families are being supported. We also discussed how the reach of Joyful Noise could be expanded.

The NJ Synod Assembly will be held on May 11 at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. Dave Herrington will be representing Prince of Peace. Pastors Peter and Dale will be out of town at a family gathering. Visitors can register and attend - check the NJ Synod website. The assembly is a wonderful way to see God's Work, Our Hands in action across our state. It is very inspiring!!

Creating a revised Communications Committee was discussed. We are looking for disciples with skills and interests in social media, the website, and other ways of reaching out into our community. Please contact me if you are interested!

As always we start with prayers for disciples in our midst and end with gratitude and the Lord's Prayer.

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Joan New
Council President

The Prince of Peace Racial Justice Library has several new additions this month

18 Stones by Angela Shelf Medearis – donated by Nancy Reyes (adult book):

18 Stones presents the story of a Jewish family living in Holland before the Holocaust. Thought-provoking prose poems portray a family's everyday experiences, long ago in a peaceful time.

One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley – donated by Nancy Reyes (children book):

One World, One Day uses exquisite, moving photographs and poetic text to convey a simple yet profound concept: we are one global family. The book follows the course of one day in our world. Sunrise to sunset is captured in the essential things we all do daily, wherever we live in the world, and in the different ways we do them. The first meal of the day will take on a whole new dimension for American kids as an American pancake breakfast is contrasted with porridge in North Korea and churros in Spain.

Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco – donated by Nancy Reyes (children book):

Larnel doesn't know his neighbor, Mrs. Katz, very well, until he asks her to adopt an abandoned kitten. Mrs. Katz agrees on one condition: that Larnel helps her take care of the kitten she names Tush. When Larnel starts spending more and more time with Mrs. Katz to help with Tush, Mrs. Katz tells him stories about coming to America from Poland and about the good times she spent with her late husband. As Larnel grows to love Mrs. Katz, he also learns about the common themes of hardship and triumph in each of their cultures.

The Korean Cinderella by Shirley Climo – donated by Nancy Reyes (children book):

This is an enchanting and magical variant of the favorite fairy tale. Like the tree planted to honor her birth, Pear Blossom is beautiful, and the pride of her elderly mother and father. But then her mother dies, and her father remarries. Pear Blossom's stepmother resents her new daughter's beauty.

Out of jealousy, she makes Pear Blossom perform impossible chores while her own daughter, Peony, watches idly. But fortunately, Pear Blossom is not alone. With the help of magical creatures—togkabis—she can accomplish each task, and triumph over her stepmother's cruelty.

Big Mama and Grandma Ghana by Angela Shelf Medearis – donated by Nancy Reyes (children book):

The sweet bond between an African-American boy and his Big Mama is explored as he plays cards, visits, and talks with her. His apprehensions at meeting his visiting Grandma Ghana disappear as he finds that all grandmothers have some important things in common.

Before She was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome – donated by Nancy Reyes (children book):

We know her today as Harriet Tubman, but in her lifetime she was called by many names. As General Tubman she was a Union spy. As Moses she led hundreds to freedom on the Underground Railroad. As Minty she was a slave whose spirit could not be broken. As Araminta she was a young girl whose father showed her the stars and the first steps on the path to freedom. A lush and lyrical biography of Harriet Tubman.

Babushka's Doll by Patricia Polacco – donated by Nancy Reyes (children book):

Natasha isn't really a bad girl. It's just that she wants to play on the swing now, not after the wash has been hung up to dry. And she wants her soup now, not after the goats have been fed. Looking after Natasha keeps Babushka, Natasha's grandmother, very busy.

Then, after lunch, Natasha notices a doll sitting on Babushka's shelf...a doll Babushka tells Natasha she played with just once when she was a little girl. When Natasha plays with the doll while Babushka goes to the store for groceries, she discovers why once is enough with Babushka's doll...and finds out just how tiring it can be to take care of a child who wants everything now.

The Legend of The Indian Paintbrush by Tomie dePaola – donated by Nancy Reyes (children book):

In spring, the hills and meadows of Texas and Wyoming are ablaze with the reds, oranges, and yellows of the Indian Paintbrush. How this striking plant received its name is told in an old Indian legend.

Many years ago, when the People traveled the Plains, a young Indian boy had a Dream-Vision in which it was revealed that one day he would create a painting that was as pure as the colors of the evening sky at sunset. The boy grew up to become the painter of the tribe, but although he found a pure white buckskin for a canvas and made paints from the brightest flowers and the reddest berries, he could not capture the sunset.

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}.

SAVE SUNDAY, APRIL 14 for NATIVE TRUTH BE TOLD.....Don't Miss This Opportunity! RSVP for Sunday morning, April 14th!

NATIVE TRUTH BE TOLD
What we weren't taught in school

*Can you imagine being taken away from your family as a young child?
Do you know what happened to Native American children who died in boarding school?
Do you understand why some school mascots are offensive?*

Come hear two Indigenous Women share their personal experiences.

We welcome our presenters from the Coalition of Natives and Allies.



Donna Fann-Boyle (Choctaw/Cherokee)



Kelley Bova (Dakota Sioux)

They will share stories on-

- Donna's fight regarding the Native American sports mascot issue,
- boarding schools, including a Canadian Residential School and returning remains from the Carlisle School,
- how Kelley, who was adopted off the reservation at 3 months old, found her birth family and birth mother in South Dakota.

The presentation will take approximately an hour and a half including time for Q&A.

Sunday April 14, 2024
10:45 am

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct
Hosted by the Racial Justice Team at Prince of Peace

A light lunch will be provided after the presentation.

RSVP appreciated - 609-799-1753 or Sign up via [SignUpGenius](#).



Racial Justice Team

Many of you do your best to learn about marginalized neighbors to treat them equitably or stand up for them when that's not happening. Sometimes it's hard to learn about those with whom we have little or no personal contact since they aren't living in our neighborhood or part of our church or community. That's why April 14 should be marked on your calendar already!

Your Racial Justice Team is hosting two Indigenous women from the Coalition of Natives and Allies (CNA) during the adult forum time that Sunday. These women will share their powerful personal stories while teaching us some of the true history of Native Americans we weren't taught in school. Hear about the ongoing battle to change offensive school mascots from one of the activists leading this for the past decade. Find out what it's like to know you were adopted outside of your tribe as an infant but feel the need to reconnect with your heritage and how difficult that was for this woman.

Remember last Lent when we learned about Indigenous struggles while praying for the many children killed in Indian Residential Schools represented by the orange banner now in our narthex? Here's your chance to hear what it took to reclaim the remains of two of those children and return them to their family and tribe...Can you imagine what that was like? You don't have to - one of our speakers will tell you from her own personal experience.

It's not often that such powerful stories are shared in a free program...Invite your family, friends, and neighbors, too! (Although the presentation isn't during church or about religion, take the opportunity to invite them to worship, too!) Let's start the spring with a greater understanding of what our Indigenous neighbors are going through so we can not only advocate for them but become allies working together for justice following their lead.

Since these presentations will take a little longer than our usual forums, we are providing a light lunch following the Q&A. With that in mind, it would be very helpful to have an idea how many are attending, so please RSVP by calling the church office or using the QR Code for the Sign-up Genius on the flier included in this newsletter.

As always, POP's Racial Justice Team welcomes new members. Join us in learning about the injustice in our world, educating POP about it and working for justice for all. Contact Nancy Reyes at 609-273-1239(C) or nancyauerreyes@gmail.com to get on our mailing list and/or to come to our virtual meetings from 7-8:30 on the first Tuesday of every month.

Social Outreach

Thank You from LSM/ NJ for the Easter Grocery Gift Cards and the Easter Greeting Cards

Many thanks to all of you who donated Grocery Store Gift Cards and Easter greeting cards for families and Seniors served by Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSM/NJ). Prince of Peace gave a total of \$340 in grocery store gift cards and 12 Easter greeting cards. These are very much appreciated by LSM/NJ and will help feed hungry folks in their care.

Beth Gebhart, our contact at LSM/NJ, sent this thank you:

Hello Berta and social outreach ministry,
I received the gift cards and greeting cards today
(March 19, 2024). Thank you so much. You all are
amazing. They will go to good use feeding folks.

Take care
Beth

Appreciatively,
Berta Schott for the Social Outreach Ministry Team
Beth Gebhart for LSM/NJ

REMINDER: St. Bart's Still Needs Food for Distribution to the Hungry

Thank you to all who have recently donated food or money to the St. Bart's Food Pantry. It is very much appreciated. Their need for food to distribute is still great. Please consider donating one or more of the following non-perishable items: tuna and/or other canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and the like. Contributions may be placed in the Food Bin to the left of the white doors near the Community Room at any time. The bin is checked frequently.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. Make checks out to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and earmark them "St. Bart's Food Pantry". They may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the Prince of Peace office at 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550.

Thank you for continuing to share your gifts with these fellow children of God,

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

Parish Care News - April 2024

Happy Easter
Our Easter cards for our homebound members were mailed early in holy week.

Sending Easter greetings to those who can not be with us in church brightens their day and lets folks know they are in our thoughts.

Thank you for your messages to our "young at heart" members and friends that cannot be at church regularly.

Just another huge Thank You for your generous support of the Valentine Care Box and bag Project.

Many thanks for all the monetary donations to make our Care box and bag project so successful. Thank you notes are still arriving.

We are gathering information about our graduating high school seniors. We would like to have a graduation blessing/celebration in June during our church service. Please let us know of who is graduating and what your plans are for the future.

We are NOT Gathering greeting cards at this moment but....

If you could share some time, the donated cards need to be sorted - get well, thinking of you, Happy Birthday, blank, etc. Cards will be sorted and delivered. You can help with this either at the church or in your home.

Transportation:

A few folks are in need of rides to and from Sunday church services. If you can help with driving please let us know.

Cards and Calls

We would like to keep in touch with our church family and friends (that may not be into all the social media) the old fashion way with cards and calls. Please let me know if you would like to help with phone calls or mailing cards.

Ongoing

We continue our monthly mailings to our families that have lost loved ones and to families with new babies. If you know of someone to include in our mailings, please let me know.

Care notes, pocket prayer cards, and knitted prayer squares are available in the breezeway. Many thanks to Chris Wethe and Ginger Reiersen for their continued support of this project. Take and share with others.

If you know of anyone to include in our projects let me know.

We would like to update our list of folks that can help with providing meals as needed, transportation, and to help with some receptions/events held at the church. If you can help please let me know.

Anyone interested in helping with any of our efforts please let us know.

Martha Winder

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CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024

1:00PM - 4:00 PM

***Items can be dropped off into the bin outside anytime from 3/30/24- 4/06/24**

Items that are accepted:

MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING | SHOES | HATS | BELTS | TIES |
HANDBAGS | COATS | JACKETS | BED LINENS | STUFFED ANIMALS

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Congregational News

BOYS SWIMMING SEASON REVIEW

Peterson closed out his career on a high note on final day of season

Hightstown senior placed third in the state in 200 freestyle

Tom Rimback For Times of Trenton

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Max Peterson wanted to step away from high school swimming on a high note and most certainly did.

The Hightstown senior was the lone Times of Trenton-area swimmer to finish on the podium twice at the season-ending NJSIAA Meet of Champions.

Peterson had a spectacular swim in the 200 freestyle, placing third in the state with a time of 1:38.91, just .11 seconds off the place for second place.

The United States Military Academy recruit followed that effort up by breaking 50 seconds with a 49.93 in the butterfly.

"That's the fastest I've been in almost a year," Peterson said. "I like where I'm at and I like how my season went. I'm really happy about that time. I didn't expect like a lot from (the M of C), so I'm really happy with how it went."

That effort made Peterson the clear selection for Times of Trenton Boys Swimmer of the Year.

COACH OF THE YEAR

There's a lot more to a swim meet than handing out caps and clicking stop watches. That fact was made abundantly clear this season by the Princeton swim team.

Never mind that the Little Tigers were among the deepest and most versatile teams in the Colonial Valley conference and the state. Keeping that many talented swimmers engaged and motivated



Hightstown's Max Peterson was the Mercer County champ in the 200 free and butterfly. NJ Advance Media file photo

through a near-perfect dual-meet season is no easy task.

Coach Carly Fackler debuted her new married name with a familiar coaching effort in leading Princeton to 13 wins to start the season before holding eventual NJSIAA Group B champion Chatham under 100 team for the only time this season in the North Jersey, Section 2 championship meet.

For successfully juggling the talent in her lineup while making Princeton the class of the Colonial Valley Conference once again, Fackler is the Times of Trenton Boys Swimming Coach of the Year.

ALL-AREA TEAM

Gavin Bossio, Notre Dame, junior, 50 freestyle: One of the area's top freestyle sprinters, the Irish junior was the highest finisher in the 50 free at the NJSIAA championship meet. Bossio placed 27th in the preliminaries with a time of 22.31. A versatile sprinter had first-place finishes in the

breaststroke, butterfly, individual medley with five first-place finishes in the 50 free during the dual meet season.

Gabe Czarnecki, Notre Dame, senior, 100 freestyle: A winner at the Mercer County Championships, the Irish senior placed 29th in the state at the Meet of Champions with a 48.62 clocking. Czarnecki added backstroke to his list of races. He also competed in every freestyle distance during the season, while lending his talents to the Notre Dame relay rosters.

Max Peterson, Hightstown, senior, 200 freestyle, butterfly: The Times of Trenton Boys Swimmer of the Year and West Point-bound senior was the most decorated area swimmer in the Meet of Champions, placing third in the 200 free (1:38.91) and eighth in the butterfly (49.93). Peterson was the county champion in both the 200 free and butterfly.

David Xu, Princeton, junior, individual medley, backstroke: No swimmer was more impacted by the decision to

forego B-finals in the Meet of Champions than Xu. The Little Tigers' junior placed ninth in the backstroke (51.49) and 10th in the individual medley (1:55.10), meaning he would not qualify for the state final heats. Xu missed the field for the backstroke by a single hundredth of a second. Xu won county titles in the IM and backstroke at the Mercer County Championships.

Henry Xu, Princeton, senior, breaststroke: The senior member of the Little Tigers' Xu family placed 11th at the Meet of Champions in the breaststroke, touching the pad at 58.04. Xu won seven backstrokes races in Colonial Valley Conference action during the dual meet season.

Jaiden Xu, Princeton, junior, 500 freestyle: This Little Tigers' junior specialized at long distances, placing 13th at the Meet of Champions in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:44.41. Xu also dabbled in the breaststroke and individual medley, making him a valuable asset that could be plugged nearly anywhere on a meet-sheet.

Princeton: medley relay, 200 free relay, 400 free relay: The Little Tigers flashed terrific depth all season so it's no surprise that they loaded up to compete in the Meet of Champions. The 200 free relay team qualified for the A-final by .27 seconds. The Tigers' medley relay, consisting of David Xu, Henry Xu, Guan and Liu, put together a 1:37.41, for 10th place, two spots out of the Sunday finals. With two near-misses in the relays, the 200 free relay opted to forego the Sunday finals.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 8:30 am (outside) and
9:30 am (in person/Livestream)

Office Hours

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

