

August 2014



## Sundays in August

One Service at 9:30

### August 3

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*The Feeding of the 5000*

### August 10

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Walking on Water*

### August 17

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*A Canaanite Women's Bold Faith*

### August 24

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

*Peter's Bold Confession*

### August 31

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Take Up the Cross and Follow*

## Upcoming Events

### August 11-15

*Vacation Bible School*

*Weird Animals*

*More details on page 3*

### September 7

*One Service at 9:30*

*Rally Day*

*With Sinfonietta Nova*

*For more information about Sinfonietta Nova, see Doug Helvering's article on page 2*

### September 7

*Summer 2015 Youth Trips Meeting*

*6:00 pm*

### September 14

*8:30 & 11 am Worship Returns*

*Sunday School at 9:45*

### September 17

*Wonderful Wednesdays Resume*

*For more information and schedule, see page 7*

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Perhaps the most profound experience on our recent trip to China was our visit to Sara's foster family outside of Nanning, Guangxi Province.

When we adopted Sara we visited their home where Sara lived for six months. They lived in the country. On the drive I remembered a herd of cows that blocked the road into their neighborhood. Outside of their building roosters strutted. The foster family basically had a three room apartment. A living room on the first floor, a bedroom on the second floor, and a kitchen in the back. It was sparsely furnished.

It was surreal to return with Sara. Nanning City has caught up to the neighborhood. The cows are gone but the roosters were still outside. Except for all of us showing the effects of sixteen years of life and the flat screen television in the family's living room, everything was just as I remembered.

We met Sara's foster father in this visit. He appeared stern when we first walked in, but as we settled in I detected a gentle spirit. Sara's foster mother shared how he use to sing to Sara. Also, she had to tell us that her husband was so excited about our visit that he was unable to sleep for two nights prior to our arrival.

But the father suffered from an ailment. Because of the language barrier I wasn't sure the cause though I wondered if he suffered a stroke since he didn't have use of the one side of his body. Who knows what kind of medical care he has received?

As our visit continued Sara's foster mother encouraged us to eat of the abundant bowl of litchis that sat on the table in front of us. Next she came out with a big watermelon that we all enjoyed. No seedless watermelons in China. The melon was flavorful, but spitting out the seeds was a bit awkward without a napkin.

Sara prepared a photo album for her foster mother so most of the conversation focused on her pictures. Still the family was interested in the rest of us, particularly our jobs. Dale and I were instructed to play down our professions as clergy. The Chinese government was suspicious of proselytizers. But when asked by the foster family what we do we were honest and explained that we were pastors in the Lutheran Church.

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## Community Partners



One of my favorite aspects of the congregation here at Prince of Peace is the atmosphere of community. Every time we meet, whether it be for a worship service, team leader meeting, Bible study, or fellowship, there seems to be a true sense of compassion, love, and concern for every person. We are truly a faith community.

Since my arrival at PoP in September 2009, I have sought various ways to extend our sense of community through my passion, music. Our ensembles have performed here at PoP and in our community. And we have had some wonderful musicians perform at PoP. Just to name a few, the William Baker Festival Singers, Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Madison String Quartet, Zorzal Music Ensemble, the Antioch Chamber Ensemble, and the Sinfonietta Nova orchestra have all brought wonderful music within the walls of our worship space. In every instance, I was gratified to see PoP congregants in attendance, enjoying the music.

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

**Deadline for the September issue is Sunday, August 24**

### Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

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Last year, the church council agreed to extend an agreement to our local community orchestra, the Sinfonietta Nova Orchestra, the ability to rehearse and perform in our worship space without fee. It was easy to see the great results. This community group, made up of our neighbors, who play without getting paid just because they love to play, was able to divert their limited resources to their programming ... to their art ... without the worry of paying rent. The audiences were larger, and their musicianship blossomed. PoP hosted three concerts by Sinfonietta Nova last season, each with very large attendances. In addition to PoP becoming even more of a safe place for our community to gather to experience music of timeless beauty, our congregants were allowed to attend the concerts free of charge if desired.

The musicians of Sinfonietta Nova are giving back to PoP early next month. On Rally Day (September 7), the orchestra will be present during our worship service. We are hard at work preparing a service that will include orchestral accompaniment for our hymns as well as a few special offerings with our choir. I can't wait to share in this worship experience! I have sung sacred music with orchestras in churches before ... but never as a part of a liturgical, communion worship service. I hope you will join us! And ... I hope that you will take advantage of all the musical offerings at PoP in the coming months and years. Every event is truly a gift!

Peace, Doug

### Ensemble Schedule

9:30 am Service

August 3	New Family
August 10	Summer Bells
August 17	TBA
August 24	Lisa Schott
August 31	TBA

### Parish Care Requests Contact Information

It is hard to believe that I am going to say this, but as I am seeing back-to-school supplies all over the stores, the parish care team would like to have our students' contact information. So, as you are packing up your college students for the fall semester, please make sure to get their correct snail mail and email information to us. We do keep in touch with our young adults who are away at school.

Martha Winder

## Vacation Bible School To Be Held August 11-15

Vacation Bible School will be held at Prince of Peace the week of August 11th through the 15th from 9 am-12 pm. The theme this year is weird animals.



People can sign up by filling out the paperwork in the narthex; by accessing the form on the church website (popnj.org); or by emailing Megan Peterson at mlss@yahoo.com.

Teachers and helpers are needed. Please contact Megan Peterson 609-504-6665 or mlss199@yahoo.com.

For more information on the *Weird Animals* curriculum, go to the church webpage (popnj.org), click on the Vacation Bible School link in the sidebar on the left, then click on the Weird Animals logo.

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## Book Group Resumes September 11

*At the home of Martha Winder*  
14 Candlewood Drive, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550  
RSVP at 799-7280 or [www.maw14jpw@aol.com](mailto:www.maw14jpw@aol.com)

### ***The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin**



This historical novel describes the marriage of a famous couple, Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Charles A. Lindbergh. Anne married a popular hero but she was an aviatrix and writer in her own right. The couple's story has many ups and downs including the kidnapping of their first child and Charles's flirtation with Nazi Germany. As the mother of six children and wife of a celebrity, Anne struggles throughout her marriage to find her own identity.

*The Book Group meets the second Thursday  
of each month unless otherwise noted.*

*New members welcome at any time.*

*Please call Phyllis Church at 799-1793 with questions.*

**Note: The Book Group does not meet in August.**



*Sunday School students and teachers enjoyed a beautiful spring day making a scarecrow for the church Peace Garden. They will be incorporating work with the garden in lessons this year.*

## ***Sunday School Starts September 14***

Registration for the Fall Sunday School session begins September 7th. Registration forms will be provided in the narthex prior to that date for parents to complete and leave in an envelope on display.

The first day of Sunday School will be September 14th at 9:45 am during the Christian Education hour. This Fall we continue our Christian Education journey together studying the parables from the Gospels.

We will also be incorporating work in the Peace Garden with some of our lessons. We have an ELCA Group Service Project planned for Sunday, November 9th, and our Christmas Celebration is planned for Sunday, December 21st.

All children age preschool through 5th grade are welcome to attend. We encourage all children to welcome friends and bring them to Sunday school.

Additionally, there are lots of opportunities for parents to get involved in their child's faith development. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school or participating as a parent in any way, please reach out to Brandi Hebert at [brandiandnoel@gmail.com](mailto:brandiandnoel@gmail.com) or 609-647-4393.

The Christian Education Team  
Nancy Durie, Shari Rexroad, & Brandi Hebert

*To learn more about Sunday School, including upcoming events, what it's like to teach Sunday School, or a great list of ten things parents should know, visit the Sunday School section of the church website: [http://popnj.org/sunday\\_school.html](http://popnj.org/sunday_school.html)*



*Lois Case and Nancy Nicosia (second and third from left) are shown with three Crisis Ministry staff members and an early donation of produce from the Peace Garden. In the background are shelves containing some of the food the Crisis Ministry provides to Mercer County residents experiencing food insecurity.*

## Crisis Ministry is Recipient of Peace Garden Produce

For the past few weeks, Peace Garden volunteers have been making regular deliveries of produce to The Crisis Ministry of Mercer County.

Begun 34 years ago as a response to the 1980 recession, the program has grown to include not only hunger prevention, but also programs for housing stability and workforce development.

The church recently received this thank you from Carolyn Biondi, executive director of the Crisis Ministry:

*We are so grateful to receive and then share this bounty, as the Crisis Ministry is dedicated to ensuring that all who come to us for assistance have fresh, wholesome products to choose from. Offering fresh produce contributes to healthy eating, in addition to staving off hunger for those who struggle to feed their families.*



### *Another Way to Help the Crisis Ministry*

If you shop at McCaffrey's in Princeton or West Windsor, you can send in your cash register receipts and McCaffreys will donate 1% of the total of your purchases to the Crisis Ministry.

Receipts must be less than three months old. They can be mailed to the Crisis Ministry at 123 E. Hanover St., Trenton, NJ 08608.

## How To Help Hannah Help The Cherry Tree Club

July 20, 2014

Dear Prince of Peace,

I am a member of Girl Scout Troop 497 in Long Valley, and I am in the middle of working on my Silver Award. For our Silver Award my troop decided to help children, and so I am helping the Cherry Tree Club. As you already know, the Cherry Tree Club helps homeless children learn how to read and write and teaches them other skills to prepare them for kindergarten.

I want the children to know the joys of reading, so my project is to collect new toys and books to give to them. There are forty-three children in the Cherry Tree Club. Can you please help me?

Please consider buying one book and a small stuffed animal that is either a character in the book or that would help the children understand the story. Financial contributions are also appreciated because I will be buying and decorating cloth bags to put the books and stuffed animals in.

Throughout August there will be a basket in the narthex for your donations. Thank you so much for helping me and the children of the Cherry Tree Club.

*Hannah Froehlke*

### *August TASK Donation is Men's Disposable Razors*

The Social Outreach team has designated men's disposable razors as the contribution of the month for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Donations can be placed in the new wooden box in the breezeway.

95!

*On July 25 longtime member, Ralph Kjorlien, celebrated his 95th birthday! Many wonderful birthday wishes from his Prince of Peace Family helped make the day very special. A pillow of the church was signed by many and lots of his favorite, cookies, were baked and delivered to him. If you would like to continue the celebration, drop him a card, call, or email.*





The YouthWorks team poses in front of the van they traveled in to Philadelphia.

## Teens Return from Rewarding YouthWorks Trip

Ten teenage girls and two adult leaders (Lynn Lewis and Rachel New) traveled to Philadelphia for this year's Youth Works Trip. Joined with Prince of Peace was a church from Minnesota and a church from New York.

The topic for this location was food insecurity, so the group worked along with city farms, food pantries, and children's missions to help feed the hungry in Philadelphia.

The first two days were spent on a local farm planting scallions and flowers to attract bees that will pollinate the other plants. The last two days the groups split up and went to various work sites.

Our church specifically went to the Children's Mission, where they helped tutor underprivileged children in the area, and to *Philabundance*, a large food pantry that helps the Delaware Valley by sending food to multiple locations. The other work site that our church wasn't involved in was working with some elders at a senior center.

The teens at the Children's Mission were led by Ms. Melony as to what and how the children learn. At *Philabundance*, the teens worked by packaging food that will later be sent out to people in need.

These twelve returned home with a lot of stories, many new friends, a renewed sense of what they are putting into themselves, and were very thankful for the fact that they have food on their tables. Cassie Morris

## The Joy of Serving as Assisting Minister

I want to share with you and describe an opportunity for service to our God and to our church which provides spiritual rewards that really can't be measured. This service opportunity is worship assistant to the minister.

Currently, Prince of Peace needs more volunteers to serve in this special way, and I urge all who seek a spiritually fulfilling experience to consider stepping forward. If the prospect of helping to lead our congregation in worship causes you great trepidation, let me assure you, unequivocally, that if I can do it, you surely can. Was I nervous the first (or second, or third) time I assisted? Of course! Did everything turn out okay? Of course! I was thankful for Joan New and the thorough training she provided, along with a printed guide to rely upon. After praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance and presence with me, I realized what a humbling honor it was to lead God's people in this way.

Each time I serve as assistant, I become more at ease, allowing the Spirit to lead. At times in serving, I have found there comes a point where one can feel the great love of God surrounding us all and that love being gratefully returned by us all. That is truly awe-inspiring beyond words.

I am grateful to be able to help in worship in this way, and I encourage you all to prayerfully consider assisting the minister as a means to more closely approach God's throne of grace. Please contact Pastor Froehle or the church office to express your interest.

In addition to the available training, the church recently was given ten copies of an Augsburg Fortress publication entitled *Serving the Assembly's Worship: A Handbook for Assisting Ministers* which provides good background information and practical suggestions. These are available in the church office for borrowing by prospective and current assistants.

Please consider this rewarding service opportunity.

Jim Kisthardt

### Pastor's Message, continued from page 1

The foster mother understood our jobs, for later, when we all were going back to our hotel for dinner, she shared that she was a believer and would be grateful for any prayers we could offer for her husband.

Wow! I'm not sure what was meant by sharing that she was a believer (remember all conversations took place with our interpreter.) I doubt if she was Christian. But she had a belief in some religion and her request was genuine, as was our promise to pray.

Nanning is a distant city in more ways than just the miles that separate us. Returning home from the visit

with Sara's foster family seems like a dream. Were we really there? Well yes, we have the pictures. And we also have Sara's foster mother's request to pray for her husband.

We too are believers and we too believe that God transcends both distance and culture. Though an ocean separates us may I ask for your prayers on behalf of Sara's foster father. I don't even know his name, but the request comes from a family that holds a special place in my heart. Pastor Froehle

## TASK Donations Have a New Box

### *Share Your Abundance*

Have you noticed the new collection box for donations to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) in the entryway? It's a lovely, sturdy, pale green wooden box with its lid raised for your convenience. Written on the raised lid is the invitation, *Share Your Abundance*.

Each month there is a specific request for a food or other basic need item to be given to TASK at the end of the month, and we are encouraged to bring that item each Sunday and place it in the box. Our TASK coordinator, Karen Kuhn, sees that what is in the box at the end of each month is delivered to TASK.

How did the box get there? Carol and Frank Klein were on vacation in Georgia a while back and visited one of the churches there that had a box like this one for their donations. Frank looked at it carefully, then said to Carol, 'I could make one of these for Prince of Peace,' and he did!

Thank you, Carol and Frank for this gift, thank you Karen for your coordination of this ministry, and thank you, all of you who fill the box for those in need! As Jesus said, *As you have done it to one of the least of these . . .*

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### *Christmas in July Tree Items Are Greatly Appreciated*

Heart-felt thank yous to all who have responded to the opportunity to choose a star or stars from this year's *Christmas in July* Giving Tree and place the designated items under the tree in the Gathering Area during the month of July!

The book bags and school supplies are being distributed by Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ) to students from elementary through high school grades throughout New Jersey who have limited resources and can benefit from such gifts. Each student will receive a book bag filled with items appropriate to the child's age and grade. The layette items and diapers are being given to HomeFront for families in their care who have new infants.

Both LSM/NJ and HomeFront are grateful for our partnership in these endeavors, as is the Prince of Peace Social Outreach Team. It's *God's Work; Our Hands!*

## *Thank You for Rescue Mission Donations*

The June Rescue Mission clothing and small furniture items collection was a huge success! The floor of the living room at the Church House was covered with bags, boxes, and small furniture items, and the Rescue Mission (RM) is deeply grateful for all that they received.

Persons in need benefit from these items, either by receiving the items themselves at no cost, by purchasing them at a minimal cost at the RM store, or by being the beneficiaries of services provided from sales at the store.

Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of contributing to this ministry! Receipts for donations are available on the table in the entryway at Prince of Peace, or from Berta Schott or Susan Crossen.

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## *Bosnian Servant Trip Team Says Thank You for Sports Equipment*



*A camper makes use of sports equipment sent by NJ Synod churches in support of the Bosnian Servant Trip Team.*

*From a letter from Kent Klophaus, Christ Lutheran, Paramus NJ, a leader of the Bosnian mission trip:*

As you know, the Servant travel team has arrived in Bosnia and are holding Friendship camps - which means they have started to distribute the Sports Equipment which you and your congregations have graciously donated. Thank you for your work in coordinating, collecting, reporting, transporting and leading.

Thanks to your congregations, youth groups, Sunday Schools and members for their generosity and support. Because of you, we were able to completely support the Friendship camps and also have other equipment that will be given to other schools and groups the team will be in contact with. Your contributions are a meaningful part of the work of reconciliation and friendship being carried out right now. Thank you again for your support of this ministry.

*To learn more about the International Servant Trip visit <http://www.servantttrips.org>*

Some  
FAQs  
About  
*Wonderful  
Wednesdays,*  
Which  
Starts  
Wednesday,  
September 17

*For more information,  
contact Kate Chen  
kcmchen@comcast.net*

## What is Wonderful Wednesdays?

In a phrase, Wonderful Wednesdays is Prince of Peace's music ministry for children and youth. It's our time for rehearsals for youth and children's vocal and chimes/bells choirs, and our early childhood program *PoP Tots* along with a break for dinner. Confirmation Class also meets during Wonderful Wednesdays.

### Who can participate?

Children or youth who want to sing, ring chimes or bells, or just make a joyful noise! We have a place for every child in one of the following groups!

#### ***PoP Tots for Early Childhood***

*Birth – 4 year olds*

#### ***Children's Vocal Choirs***

*Joyful Noise*

*for children in Kindergarten and Grade 1*

*Kids of the Kingdom*

*for children in Grades 2 – 5*

#### ***Children's Chimes Choir***

*Chimes of Worship*

*for children in Grades 2 – 5*

#### ***Youth Choirs***

*Celebration Ringers and Singers*

*for youth, Grades 6 and up*

### What is the schedule?

Wonderful Wednesdays starts this year on September 17th, with each group meeting at the following times on (of course!) Wednesday evenings:

<b>5:15 - 6:15</b>	Confirmation Class (when in session)
<b>5:30 – 6:15</b>	Joyful Noise, Chimes of Worship
<b>5:45 - 6:15</b>	PoP Tots
<b>6:15 – 6:45</b>	Dinner!
<b>6:45 – 7:30</b>	Kids of the Kingdom, Celebration Ringers

### How does the dinner work?

We charge a small per person fee to have McCaffrey's cater the main course for our weekly dinners. A different family brings the side dish and dessert each week to help keep the cost low.

### Why join Wonderful Wednesdays?

There are as many reasons for joining as there are children and youth in our Wonderful Wednesdays program. Top reasons include:

1. The opportunity to be involved in and learn about worship and our Christian faith (each of the groups, except PoP Tots, leads in worship on select Sundays)
2. The opportunity to learn about music and participate in a musical group
3. The opportunity to be involved in POP's annual Christmas program
4. The opportunity to make friends at POP
5. The semi-annual Wonderful Wednesday Cookout and Potluck Dinner
6. Last but not least – not having to cook dinner one night each week!



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Worship: 8:30 & 11 am  
Educational Hour: 9:45 am

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*Summer Worship*  
One Service at 9:30 am

*Summer Office Hours*  
9 am - Noon

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## Prince of Peace Has a New Facebook Page



The Communications Team has decided to make a change in the church's social media presence. The Facebook Group has been beneficial to share and have conversations of our congregation's activities. But we are looking to have a more public presence in our community. The new Facebook Page will accomplish this!

If you haven't already, please log into Facebook and *Like* our new Facebook page. The direct weblink is [www.facebook.com/popnjchurch](http://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch) or you can click on the logo at the left to go directly to the page. The old Facebook Group will be discontinued by the end of August.

Our new page is up and running. And we already have lots of photos and information posted. We also have a direct link to our YouTube channel built into the Facebook page, and, in the future, we expect to be posting portions of sermons, selected audio from our services, important social media updates from the ELCA, and other interesting theological topics.

If you would like to be a moderator or helper with the Facebook page, please contact Doug Helvering ([doughelvering@popnj.org](mailto:doughelvering@popnj.org)).