

August 2016



Worship in August

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday, August 7

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Faith of Abraham and Sarah

Sunday, August 14

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Advent in August

Sunday, August 21

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus on the Ground

Sunday, August 28

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Your Seat at the Table

*See insert between pages 2 and 3
for a full listing of
September to June
Christian Education offerings.*

The Heat is On

The beginning of August has arrived; that means that the summer has peaked, and we start turning our attention to end-of-summer getaways and the coming academic year, planning activities, events, school and community involvement, etc. It is normally this time of year that is the hottest, making us long for days at the pool or beach—finding some refreshing respite from the heat.

At Prince of Peace, in the music ministry, this is a time of behind-the-scenes work, as we are now finalizing plans for the ministry for the fall (and upcoming winter and spring, too). As of the time I'm writing this, I'm happy to report that our search team has met with candidates for the vacant position of Church Musician and that we have recommended a very fine candidate for final interview and discussion with Pastor Froehlke, myself, and members of the council. We feel very fortunate to have found such a qualified person to join us in September (assuming all goes as planned). Once everything is finalized, I'll share more information.

This coming month, we are having another PoP Philharmonic day on August 14. If you play an instrument, please consider joining us. I can make parts appropriate for all levels of musicianship from beginner to professional. Please let me know if you can play with us by August 7 so that I can finalize a selection and make the appropriate parts.

As I think back on the past several weeks, I am sad that Victoria has moved on to another church, and I know that all of you miss her as well. Just a few nights ago, I had dinner with Victoria, and she expressed sadness of not being at Prince of Peace any longer too and wanted me to convey her warmest wishes to all of you. But transitions are a part of life, and we are working hard to continue the important work of the music ministry with the highest attention to an integrated approach to faith and musicianship. As always, I and all in the music ministry thank you for your continued participation and support.

— Peace, Doug

August Music Schedule

August 7

Stuart Corby

August 14

PoP Philharmonic

August 21

Lisa Schott

August 28

Rachel New

Thoughts on Labyrinths

The first time I heard that our church was looking into installing a labyrinth, I was unsure. I had no experience with labyrinths, let alone their application within the Christian community. So when Nancy announced a five-day Labyrinth Ministry Arts Program, I thought that would be the best way to understand why we would want a Labyrinth at Prince of Peace.

I found three major points about Labyrinths that I want to share with you.

First, the Labyrinth is Physical

Labyrinth walking is a form of body prayer that keeps prayer from being just theoretical or mental. Saint Augustine said, 'It is solved by walking.' Labyrinth walking has been called the laying on of feet.

Second, the Labyrinth is a Spiritual Aid

It is much easier to drink water out of a container, such as a glass. The glass is only the aid, but it makes the water readily available. As with a glass, the labyrinth is a container. It is a road map, a menu. Drinking the water, taking the journey, or eating the meal is up to us. The labyrinth makes our spiritual quest possible through organizing us.

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 28

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It is common for us to criticize and find fault with our spiritual efforts. We see ourselves as falling short of the mark. The labyrinth, with its single path, offers a way that is certain. That doesn't mean, however, that it is easy. In a labyrinth there are no short cuts. We must walk the entire length of the path. If we persevere, the outcome is assured.

Third, Labyrinths Build Community

When walking the labyrinth with others, a joining takes place. Community is formed. I thought I would prefer to walk the labyrinth alone, and not be distracted by others, but after walking as part of a group, I was surprised at how meaningful my experience was. The group energy helped to create a space that enhanced each individual experience. A labyrinth challenges the image of life as being a lonely, hazardous journey through a maze. It is much more enjoyable and fruitful to pursue this journey with others rather than in isolation.

One of the most common observations during the sharing time after a labyrinth walk is the realization that we are all on the same path, even if it looks like people are all going in many directions. The people in the paths adjacent to the walker may be walking in the opposite direction. Even on a given path, some people are going in while others are coming out. Yet everyone is pursuing the same journey. Even then, there's room within unity for a considerable amount of diversity.

The community built by the labyrinth extends beyond walking it together. The labyrinth committee, in overseeing and maintaining the labyrinth, works and trains together, introducing others to the labyrinth. Often the committee involves others in the planning, fundraising, and even construction of the labyrinth.
— Abbey Aymes



A Reminder . . .

*. . . that Prince of Peace's expenses
continue through the summer
and your regular giving is
important and appreciated.*



Christian Education Calendar and Activities

September 2016 through June 2017

SEPTEMBER	JANUARY	
9/4: No Christian Education Hour	1/1: No Christian Education Hour	
9/11: ELCA Rally Day: Serving First Responders Brunch	1/8: Baptism Event - Baptism of our Lord	
9/18: A Celebration of the Cherry Tree Club Ministry	1/15: Small Group Study - Epiphany	
9/25: Small Group Study	1/22: Small Group Study	
OCTOBER	1/29: Annual Congregational Meeting	
10/2: Small Group Study	FEBRUARY	
10/9: Fall Worship Hike	2/5: Small Group Study	
10/16: Small Group Study	2/12: Small Group Study	
10/23: Small Group Study	2/19: Small Group Study	
10/30: Small Group Study	2/26: Small Group Study	
NOVEMBER	MARCH	
11/6: All Saints Day Event	3/5: Small Group Study - First Sunday of Lent	
11/13: Small Group Study	3/12: Small Group Study	
11/20: Small Group Study	3/19: Small Group Study	
11/27: Small Group Study - First Sunday of Advent Season	3/26: Small Group Study	
DECEMBER	APRIL	
12/4: Small Group Study	4/2: Scripture & Food Event	
12/11: Small Group Study	4/9: Labyrinth Meditation Program - Palm Sunday	
12/18: Christmas Caroling	4/16: Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt	
12:25: Christmas Day	4/23: Small Group Study	
<p>The Christian education hour will begin at 10:45 am following a 15 minute fellowship after worship.</p> <p>For more detailed descriptions of small group study topics, please see the back of this flyer.</p> <p>For additional descriptions on the congregation-wide Christian education programs listed on the calendar, please check out the display in the church narthex and online at www.popnj.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIRMATION CLASS</p> <p>Our confirmation students will be gathering for study during the Christian Education hour. Our confirmation program is a two year program for students in 7th-8th grade and includes Old Testament, New Testament and Lutheran catechism study. If you are interested in joining, this program, please contact Pastor Froehlke.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST COMMUNION CLASS</p> <p>First Communion class is open to all who are called to receive the sacrament. Classes will be held in January with Pastor Froehlke. If you are interested in receiving first communion instruction, please contact Pastor Froehlke.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p>The mission of Christian education at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to organize and support educational programs and activities that help children and adults become more knowledgeable followers of Jesus and active participants in our Christian community of faith.</p>	4/30: Small Group Study	
		MAY
		5/7: Small Group Study
		5/14: Small Group Study
		5/21: Easter Worship Hike
		5/28: Spring Caroling
		JUNE
		6/4: Small Group Study & Celebration of Confirmands - First Sunday of Pentecost
		6/11: Dedication of the Labyrinth - Holy Trinity Sunday
		Small Group Lay-Leaders & Guest Speakers:
		Adult: Mike Fabian, Charlie Franz, Karlfried Froehlich, Sara Lillie, & Newman Wilson
		Children: Nancy Durie & Meaghan Grim (Preschool); Josh Grim & Brandi Hebert (K-3rd); Tiffanie Pfaltzgraff & Megan Peterson (4 th -6 th)
		Confirmation: Kyle Kirchoff, Martin Rexroad & Wendy Schutzer
		All are welcome to attend the congregation-wide programs as well as the adult and children small group studies.
		
	Please note that all Christian education programs are subject to possible change throughout the year. Check your email regularly for weekly updates. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brandi Hebert at brandiandnoel@gmail.com .	

Small Group Study

Small Group Studies will be divided into the following classes:

- Adult
- Children
 - Preschoolers (ages 2^{1/2}-4); Kindergarten – 3rd grade; 4th grade-6th grade
 - Confirmation

Small Group Study Topics

September thru early June, our adults will be exploring a variety of topics through Biblical study lead by Pastor Froehle, lay-leaders and guest speakers. Our preschool age children will be exploring Heroes of the Bible every Sunday throughout the year with song and play therefore it is not listed individually below. Additionally, this year, we are embarking on an Old Testament Study with our children ages Kindergarten-6th grade. Our younger children will be exploring the Old Testament chronologically. Our older children will be exploring a lectionary based Old Testament study. Specific topics for each date for adults and children ages Kindergarten-6th grade are listed below.

September

- 9/25: Introduction to the Bible (K-3rd)
Introduction to the Bible (4th-6th)
Christianity in India (Adult)

October

- 10/2: Introduction to the Lutheran Hymnal (K-3rd)
Introduction to the Lutheran Hymnal (4th-6th)
Christianity in India (Adult)
- 10/16: The Book of Genesis: Adam & Eve (K-3rd)
The Prophet Amos: Social Justice (4th-6th)
Faithful Citizenry – Christians in the Voting Booth (Adult)
- 10/23: The Book of Genesis: Cain & Abel (K-3rd)
The Book of Habakkuk: Patience (4th-6th)
Christianity & Civic Responsibility (Adults)
- 10/30: Martin Luther & the Reformation (K-3rd)
Martin Luther & the Reformation (K-3rd)
The Reformation: 500 years (Adult)

November

- 11/13: The Book of Genesis: Noah
The Book of Malachi: Honoring God & Each Other (4th-6th)
Mass Incarceration in the US & Social Justice (Adult)
- 11/20: The Book of Genesis: The Call of Abram (K-3rd)
The Book of Jeremiah: Judgement & Forgiveness (4th-6th)
Mass Incarceration in the USA & Social Justice (Adult)
- 11/27: The Prophet Isaiah (K-3rd) & (4th-6th) – Advent 1
Mary Magdalene: First Witness to the Resurrection....and maybe more (Adult)

December

- 12/4: The Prophet Isaiah (K-3rd) & (4th-6th) – Advent 2
The Birth of Jesus in the Bible: The Long-Awaited Messiah (Adult)
- 12/11: The Prophet Isaiah (K-3rd) & (4th-6th) – Advent 3
The Birth of Jesus II: A Comparison of Matthew & Luke (Adult)

January

- 1/15: Book of Genesis: Sari/Sarah (K-3rd)
The Book of Isaiah (4th-6th)
The History of World Religions: Judaism (Adult)
- 1/22: The Book of Genesis: Isaac & Rebekah (K-3rd)
The Book of Isaiah (4th-6th)
History of World Religions: Judaism (Adult)

February

- 2/5: The Book of Genesis: Joseph (K-3rd)
The Book of Micah: Compassion & Forgiveness (4th-6th)
History of World Religions: Islam (Adult)
- 2/12: The Book of Exodus: Moses (K-3rd)
The Book of Deuteronomy: Moses (4th-6th)
History of World Religions: Islam (Adult)
- 2/19: The Book of Exodus: Moses (K-3rd)
The Book of Leviticus: Moses (4th-6th)
History of World Religions: Hinduism (Adult)
- 2/26: The Book of Exodus: Moses (K-3rd)
The Book of Exodus: Moses (4th-6th)
History of World Religions: Hinduism (Adult)

March

- 3/5: Christian Faith Practices & Lent (K-3rd) – Lent 1
Christian Faith Practices & Lent (4th-6th)
What Does it Mean to be Christian? (Adult)
- 3/12: Christian Faith Practices & Lent (K-3rd)
Christian Faith Practices & Lent (4th-6th)
What Does it Mean to be Christian? (Adult)
- 3/19: The Book of Exodus: Moses (K-3rd)
The Book of Genesis (4th-6th)
How Christianity Came to Be (Adult)
- 3/26: The Book of Exodus: Moses (K-3rd)
The Book of 1 Samuel: Hannah (4th-6th)
How Christianity Came to Be (Adult)

April

- 4/23: The Book of Exodus: Moses (K-3rd)
The Book of Ezekiel: Speak My Word (4th-6th)
Foundations of Christianity I: The Religious Melting Pot of the First Century (Adult)
- 4/30: The Book of Exodus: Moses (K-3rd)
The Book of Exodus/Leviticus/Numbers (4th-6th)
Foundations of Christianity II: What the First Christians Can Teach Us (Adult)

May

- 5/14: Morning at the Movies: The Prince of Egypt (K-3rd)
Morning at the Movies: Ten Commandments (4th-6th)
Women in the History of the Church: Saints, Benefactors & Witches (Adult)

Coming Events

Christian Education Forms Available in Late August

Registration forms for all children participating in Christian Education programming will be emailed to all parent members at Prince of Peace the last week of August and will be available in the narthex starting on Sunday, August 28th. A registration form should be completed for each child and returned to the church office before Sunday, September 25th.



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 wooden box in the breezeway.



Labyrinth Construction Set to Begin

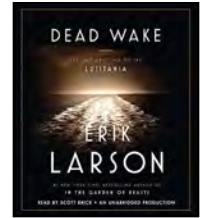
Many grateful thanks to everyone for the support and donations needed to make the labyrinth a reality. We have reached our \$10,000 goal and are now making arrangements for construction. Additional donations are appreciated and will allow us to install plants, landscaping and paths surrounding the labyrinth.

Book Group to Meet September 8, 7:30 pm No book group in August

September meeting will be at the home of Diane Urbanek
14 Monterey Drive, Princeton Junction
Please RSVP to 609-799-0723 or diurb@comcast.net

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

In this book Erik Larson, author of *The Devil in the White City*, tells the story of the sinking of the Lusitania by a German U-boat, an event that played a key role in changing America's view toward Germany and helped change America's 'neutral' position in World War I. In this thrilling work of narrative non-fiction, the author gives us a fascinating glimpse into the lives of Woodrow Wilson and Winston Churchill as well as the character of the two men captaining the luxury liner and the German U-boat.



The book group meets the second Thursday of the month.
New members are always welcome.

If interested, please contact Phyllis Church
at 799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com

Coming in September

September 10, 4 pm
Picnic at Pastor's

September 11
Rally Day

September 18
Celebration of Cherry Tree Club
Special Worship followed by Brunch

September 25
Adult Class: Christianity in India



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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am to 2 pm



On July 17th, a group from Prince of Peace traveled to St. Peter's Lutheran, Manhattan, to participate in one of the church's famous Sunday afternoon jazz services. Shown here (left to right) are Joan New, Rachel New, and Pastor Froehlke. Not shown, Doug Helvering.