

July 2014



## Sundays in July

**July 6**

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 13**

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 20**

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 27**

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

## Upcoming Events

**June 29 - July 4**

*Youth Works Trip*

**July 14**

*Book Group*

*More details on page 3*

**August 4-8**

*Vacation Bible School*

*More details on page 3*

**September 14**

*Rally Day*

*With Sinfonietta Nova*

## From the Pastor's Desk

### The Greatest Gift

The greatest gift of God,  
I would think,  
is the gift of life.

The greatest sin of humans,  
it would seem,  
would be to return that gift  
ungratefully and unopened.

-- from *The Silent Holocaust*

We sometimes fail to appreciate life as a gift. We move from activity to activity, event to event, job to job; presuming life is a given, and life will always be there.

But life is a gift, a precious gift from our creator that needs to be received, opened, and appreciated.

Summer is a time to open that gift. Do not take life for granted. Never return God's greatest gift unopened. In this sabbath time of summer unwrap God's gift of life.

I pray that you will find rest for your souls in these summer days.

Pastor Froehlke

*Note: Pastor Froehlke and his family will return on July 4 from their two-week trip to China. We are grateful to Rev. Linda Thurston for presiding at worship in Pastor's absence and to Pastor Jim Egan, St. Paul, East Windsor, for being on call for pastoral care.*

## Discerning a Future for the Parish House

Prince of Peace continues the process of discernment in the decision of how to use the parish house.

On May 20 a group of ten met to discuss the house and, at the congregational meeting on June 1, they presented a report which included a list of needed repairs and possible uses as well as a questionnaire. The sense of both meetings was that the house should be used and that it is important that the house be repaired to a useable condition.

If you have not yet filled out a questionnaire and would like to, please use the form on page 7, pick up a questionnaire in the breezeway at church, or use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LLHXDMN>

### **Possible Uses for the Parish House**

- Spiritual Direction/Retreat Ministry/Wellness Center: a place where folks could come for spiritual growth;
- Housing for seminarians;
- Housing for those in the area needing temporary housing;
- Ministry Center: Sunday meeting space for education;
- Youth House: place for youth ministry to meet and carry out activities;
- Church Team storage and work space;
- Office annex for church business;
- Cherry Tree Club.

## Looking Ahead ...

We're into the dog days of summer ... hot days, swimming pools, trips down the shore, mosquitos the size of jelly beans, cookouts ... and, of course, the summer worship schedule at Prince of Peace. I really enjoy our combined summer services because, as a person that's most often at both services, I get to see the 'early' and 'late' folks mingle and reconnect. (I'll admit ... it's also great to have a shorter morning schedule!)

Even though it's summer, things are still happening in the music ministry. This month, we have our Summer Choir on **July 13**. If you'd like to experience what it's like to sing in the choir, just show up at 9:00 am on that day. We'll sing a selection that's not difficult that we can put together with just a pre-service rehearsal. Give it a try! All are welcome!

Later in the month, on **July 27**, we'll have our summer version of the PoP Philharmonic. All instrumentalists are invited! Please do, however, let me know if you'd like to play so that I can have a part ready for you. Parts will be distributed in advance, and we'll put together the selection on the 27<sup>th</sup>!



Next month, on **August 10**, we'll have the Summer Handbell group play. We'll likely have a short rehearsal during the week to prepare before that Sunday. Again, all are welcome, but please let me know if you'd like to play so that I can have a spot reserved for you.

Plans are also being made for our fall music ministry activities. This year, we're planning to kick things off with a bang on Rally Day, as we will be joined by members of the Sinfonietta Nova orchestra during our service. I'll have more information about that in August's *Tidings*.

I'm already looking at new music for the choirs and bell choirs for this fall and Advent. And, the music ministry team has already recently met to discuss fall plans for repertoire, curriculum, and overall improvements and ideas with regard to worship experience.

But, for the summer, I do still have some openings for special music. So, if you'd like to play an instrument or sing during one of our services, please let me know! I'd love to help you participate in service as a music leader!

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 20**

### Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor  
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Kathy Nowak, Parish Administrator  
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### **Ensemble Schedule**

*9:30 am Service*

July 6	TBA
July 13	Summer Choir
July 20	TBA
July 27	Summer PoP Philharmonic

### **Offering Reminder**

*Summer is often a time when church budgets run in the red as people are busy with summer activities.*

*With the church's deficit budget this year, it is especially important that offerings do not fall off.*

*Please keep the church in mind as you enjoy your summer.*

*Offerings can be sent to Prince of Peace at*

*177 Princeton-Hightstown Road  
Princeton Junction NJ 08550*

## Book Group To Meet July 14

At the home of Phyllis Church  
11 Princeton Place, Princeton Junction  
RSVP to 609-799-1793  
or [p.church@mindspring.com](mailto:p.church@mindspring.com)



### *The Perfume Collector* by Kathleen Tssaro

Grace Monroe is a young, newly married English woman whose life changes dramatically when a mysterious French benefactor leaves her a surprising sum in her will. Unhappy in her marriage, she decides to leave her overbearing husband and travel to Paris. Her story of self discovery is combined with that of Eva d'Orsey, muse to one of Paris' most famous perfumers. The tale weaves together two different time periods and evokes the scents of three distinctive perfumes.

*Note: There is no book group in August.  
We meet again in September.*

## Men's Deodorant is July TASK Donation

The Social Outreach team has designated men's deodorant as the contribution of the month for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Donations can be placed in the wicker basket in the breezeway.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen feeds those who are hungry in the Trenton area and offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of its patrons.

To learn more about TASK's award-winning programs, or to donate or volunteer to tutor or serve meals there, visit [www.trentonsoupkitchen.org](http://www.trentonsoupkitchen.org).

## *Christmas in July* Giving Tree Opportunity

Once again, the Social Outreach Team is sponsoring the *Christmas in July* Giving Tree project. During the month of July, the tree will be in the Gathering Area and will feature red, white, and blue stars to select from the tree with items on them to purchase and bring back, unwrapped, and place under the tree.

The items are backpacks and school items for the Lutheran Social Ministry of New Jersey's Backpack Collection, and diapers and layette items for families served by HomeFront.

See the poster near the tree for more information, and help celebrate *Christmas in July* by providing needed supplies for God's children who need them.

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### *Rev. Dale Selover Froehlke to Mark 25th Anniversary of Ordination*

Congratulations to Rev. Dale Selover Froehlke on the 25th Anniversary of her ordination this summer. We rejoice with her as she celebrates this milestone in her ministry and are delighted that she and her family are a part of Prince of Peace.

Dale grew up in Redeemer Lutheran, New Brunswick, where she was baptized and confirmed. She attended Gettysburg College. After a couple of years working, she entered Gettysburg Seminary. Her first call was to Abiding Peace Lutheran in Budd Lake, New Jersey. She later served at Zion Lutheran in Oldwick.

She is currently active in spiritual counseling and special retreats at Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center in Califon, New Jersey.

## *Vacation Bible School Coming in August*

Vacation Bible School will be held at Prince of Peace the week of August 4th through 8th from 9 am-12 pm. The theme this year is weird animals.

Sign ups came out in June. Teachers and helpers are needed. Please contact Megan Peterson 609-504-6665 or [mlss199@yahoo.com](mailto:mlss199@yahoo.com).

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



## Thanks for Supporting Youth Trip



The Youthworks team thanks everyone who helped make the car wash a success. The event received donations of over \$560, which will be augmented by about \$190 by Thrivent. The funds will help cover the expenses of the trip to Philadelphia, where participants are volunteering with the *Youthworks Beyond* program from June 29 through July 4.

The Philadelphia Youthworks program focuses on food sustainability. Participants work with local farmers and gardens, help food distribution centers package supplies, and learn why serving one's neighbors matters.

### *Thank You and Godspeed To Lynn Lewis*

This year's Youthworks trip will be the last at Prince of Peace led by Lynn Lewis, who will be moving to Illinois in August.

Lynn has been a vital part of Prince of Peace and an inspiration to the youth.

*For your ministry with us we gladly say,  
Thanks be to God.*



*On Rogation Sunday, May 25, the congregation gathers to bless the garden.*

## Peace Garden Receives Grant

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSMNJ) has awarded Prince of Peace a grant of \$2000 in support of the recently established garden. The funds come from LSMNJ's *Lutherans Feeding Friends* program.

LSMNJ is a not-for-profit organization and ministry partner of the New Jersey Synod. Its mission is 'to serve residents statewide who hurt, who are in need, or who have limited choices--regardless of religious background or affiliation.'

LSMNJ is one of New Jersey's largest providers of affordable housing and provides a wide range of essential programs, including immigration and refugee services, a homeless day shelter, special needs housing, adoption, food pantry support, and varying levels of senior care and retirement living.

LSMNJ receives support from several sources, including philanthropic contributions, event sponsorships, and grants. Prince of Peace regularly includes LSMNJ in its benevolence budget.

## PARISH CARE NOTES

**Many thanks to all that helped with the Memorial Service and Luncheon for Katy Sexton** on June 8. It was a beautiful day to remember a longtime member of Prince of Peace. Katy and Jay were very involved with the church for many years when they lived in the area. Once they moved to central PA several years ago, they were missed.

The day included a lovely service, a tasty reception, and a great place to gather with family and friends as we remembered Katy. Thank you to all that helped set up, cleanup, provide food and drinks. This is a great way for the church to provide support to those that are grieving.

### **High School Graduates**

Congratulations to our high school graduates. Please remember to get your contact information at your new school to us. We like to keep in touch with our young adults that are away from home for the school year.

### **Rides Needed**

One of our members has a broken foot and is not able to get around yet. Right now the only thing we need to help with is getting a ride to and from church for the next few months. If you are willing to help with rides on Sunday mornings from the Princeton Forrestal area, please let me know.

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 (Martha Winder, 609-799-7280, or [maw14jpw@aol.com](mailto:maw14jpw@aol.com)).



## *Hope and Faith died but Grace and Joy still live*

*Here's my story:*

A couple years ago we got four chickens as a 4H project for our daughter Abigail. She named them Faith, Hope, Joy, and Grace. They have been a great experience for the whole family and have provided plenty of eggs. But as with all pets, they grew old and this past year first Faith then Hope passed on.

This was also my own journey the past 3 years. My position with Kodak was downsized in November, 2010. After 37 1/2 years, my career was over. I had many wonderful memories, acquired many close friends and was given a very generous severance package. But I wasn't ready to retire.

I am the son of a small business man. My father owned a grocery store and at an early age I *worked* the family business stocking shelves, bagging groceries, sacking potatoes and even making hamburger. The summer of my senior year in college I worked in Riverton, Wyoming, as a Roustabout in the Amoco Oil fields. The month following my College graduation, I started working for Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, NY.

So for nearly 50 years I had a job; I ALWAYS had a Job. When Kodak let me go, I started a *careers in transition program* at Lee, Hecht Harrison; I began attending local job search meetings; I learned how to make a good resume, how to interview and how to search for jobs. Hope, Faith, Grace and Joy were alive and well in the chicken coop and in my job search.

But as time went on, I searched hard and wide but no one was interested in me as a technical professional. In frustration I signed on with AFLAC and got my Insurance License. When that wasn't working, I went to Mortgage Origination school and became a licensed Mortgage Loan Officer. I got a job with a Mortgage company in Moorestown and worked a total of 5 weeks before the company went out of business. Hope was dying. Faith was getting weak.

After six more months of empty job searching, I joined Prudential Financial Services. I passed my State and Federal exams and became a licensed financial professional. But once again, hard as I tried, I couldn't get my business started. Hope was nearly dead and Faith was going with her.

Frustration and anger set in. I prayed continually that God would lead me to the path he wanted me to follow. I was miserable and I didn't understand why God would not answer a simple prayer - 'All I want is job, God!'

Then I got an interview with an organization in Princeton who matched retired professionals with



corporations for contracted research and technical work. The position was a perfect fit and the interview went very well. All three people I spoke with said I was an excellent candidate. Hope was breathing again and I began to believe God was finally listening. I followed up a few days later and once again was told that I had everything they were looking for. But then a day later they told me that they had decided on someone else. 'God where are you??? Why did you build up my hopes only to crush me?' Hope died; Faith was fading.

After hearing the news, I was driving home trying to decide which telephone pole to crash into when I passed a sign on the road that said 'Now Hiring; Apply within.' When I got home I looked up the company site to see what jobs they were hiring for. One was Sales Manager - something I had background in. I sent them my resume and to my surprise received an immediate response - 'can you come in for an interview?'

On St. Patrick's day I interviewed. Following up a couple days later I was told they were still considering my candidacy. Then they called to say they really didn't want a Sales Manager but would I be interested in a Quality Management position? I started on April 7th in a job that wasn't posted; a job they didn't know they needed but a job that fits my background and experience perfectly. Unfortunately Faith and Hope 'the Chickens' did pass away but my Faith and Hope have come back to life stronger than ever.

I have always had a blessed life but I let three years of job searching consume too much. I don't know if this job is my final career or if there is something lying ahead.

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A Movie Recommendation



*Bears*

For many indigenous peoples, the bear symbolizes grounding forces and strength. It has been revered for centuries as a powerful figure, inspiring those who need courage to stand up to adversity. Some of these qualities are revealed in *Bears*, the fourth film in the Disney nature series.

Directed by Alastair Fothergill and Keith Scholey, this beautifully crafted documentary focuses on how a mother bear and her two babies successfully navigate the dangerous first year of the cubs' lives.

It's a delight to watch the playfulness of the two little ones, but all is not fun and games. The family has to avoid predators, including larger bears and a wolf, while hunting for enough fish to sustain them through the next winter.

This family film does justice to both the joy and suspense of their incredible journey through the wilderness (*Walt Disney Pictures, G*).

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The Peace  
Gardeners Say  
*Thank You,  
Sunday  
School*



... for the painted rocks



... and for the scarecrow

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***To the Disciples of Prince of Peace,***

It is difficult to find the right words to express our thanks for the outpouring of love for our dear dear Katy at her celebration on June 8. For your cards, calls, food preparation, serving and kind words. POP has been such a huge part of the lives of the Sexton family that began in 1967 with a warm welcome from Barbara Nuding (former disciple) at Maurice Hawk School.

It was gratifying to be among so many long-time friends in the sanctuary where we spent so many Sundays of our lives together.

In Christ,  
The Sexton Family

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*Hope, Faith, Grace, Joy, continued from page 5*

But God does have a plan and he watches over all of us. One of the blessings the past few years has been meeting new and wonderful people who helped, encouraged and supported me.

As our economy struggles many people are faced with the challenge of searching for a new career. My experience provided many lessons which I am happy to share. Sometimes just having a cup of coffee together helps brighten the spirit. If you know anyone who is in a

job search and could use a boost to their *Faith & Hope*, invite them to contact me. And tell them never to quit praying - answers will come in the strangest of ways!

FYI - Grace and Joy, 'the Chickens,' continue to live and lay eggs.

Rich Carlson  
rclarecarlson@aol.com

## Congregational Questionnaire on Church House

*For more information, see article on page 1.*

### Would you prefer the house be used

for ministry (e.g., spirituality center, youth space, parish life center)

or for housing (e.g., seminarian, low-income housing)

Are you willing to support improvements with sweat equity?  
dollars?  
work on task force for this project?  
prayer?

Other comments and ideas:

*Please return form to church office or place in offering plate*

*If you'd like to fill out the survey online, use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LLHXDMN>*

## Donations to ELCA Reach Around the World

### ELCA Gives Another \$1 million for Typhoon Haiyan Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has announced that the ELCA has provided an additional \$1 million toward LWR's response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. This gift, made through ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response, follows a \$1 million donation from the ELCA in November 2013, doubling the ELCA's support of LWR's typhoon response, and making it the largest contribution LWR has received for Haiyan response.

Typhoon Haiyan made landfall in the Philippines in November 2013. It was one of the strongest typhoons to make landfall anywhere. It affected more than fourteen million people and displaced about four million. 6200 people died and more than one thousand others remain missing. The storm also destroyed about one million houses.

### World Malaria Day Goal Reached

Thanks to faithful supporters, the ELCA Malaria Campaign raised over \$300,000 for World Malaria Day 2014, enabling the ELCA to launch work in Namibia this year. For more information about the malaria project, See [www.ELCA.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-Malaria-Campaign/World-Malaria-Day](http://www.ELCA.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-Malaria-Campaign/World-Malaria-Day).



### ELCA Thanks Prince of Peace for Tornado Relief Donation

Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$125 to Tornadoes - United States. Your gift means that our church can continue its effective and efficient response and can be ready for the next phase in the long process of recovery. Thank you.

... To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to walk with our neighbors all along the road to recovery.

... We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world -- together. Thank you for your support.

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift

*Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal*



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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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## Kids Go Springtime Caroling

After church on May 18, 2014, Jacob and Andrew Grim, Eliana Hebert, Ben, Clara, and Diana Jorgensen, Rebecca Nagin, and their parents along with Martha Winder went caroling. We visited members and friends of POP that cannot get to church as often as they would like.

We visited Marny Bergh and Sal Schutzer at Acorn Glen in Princeton and Ralph Kjorlien and Carolyn Aldridge at Stonebridge in Skillman. We delivered flowers in vases decorated by the Sunday school children, some sweet treats, cookies and candies, and sang a few of our favorite songs--*Jesus Loves Me*, *The Lord's Prayer*, and *This Little Light of Mine*.

We ALL had a great afternoon. Looking forward to doing this again. If you would like to join us, just let me know.

-- Martha Winder



*The carolers with Carolyn Aldridge (left)*