



July 2021

Worship in July

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

8:30 am Outdoor Worship

Sunday, July 4

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sent Two By Two

Vicar Kayla Preaching

Sunday, July 11

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Suffering for the Gospel

Dr. Paul Rorem Preaching

Sunday, July 18

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Cross Roads Sunday

Pastor Peter Preaching

Sunday, July 25

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

The Bread of Life

Pastor Peter Preaching

Also in July

July 8

Racial Justice Meeting

July 8

Book Group

On Change

The 4th of July once was a target to 'be back to normal.' On one level we have hit that target. I noticed recently that I was one of just a few customers still wearing a mask in McCaffreys. On a second level, however, I wonder if there will be a 'normal' to get back to?

I recently read that church attendance will not recover after the pandemic because the habit of going to church has been broken. In fifteen months, people have developed new habits, habits that do not include church. Hmmmmm, do you think?

Maybe it is not broken habits keeping people away, but fear; not of the virus, but fear that everything is just different. Some have shared that even though they are fully vaccinated, they are still having a hard time with re-entry, not just at church, but other public venues. I still have not dined inside a restaurant. I wonder if we all have underestimated the effect this pandemic has had on us. It remains to be seen exactly where we will land after this is all over.

Still, this is what change is all about, and it is not necessarily bad. Landing in a new place can be life giving. It is hard to leave old ways behind, but often we need to move on. We call it death and resurrection in church.

Summer is a good time to discern all that is happening. Getting back to normal may not be the goal. God just might be calling us to new life through all of this.

— Pastor Peter

Pastor Erich's Mass Incarceration class + POP's Racial Justice Team = "Fall"

Plans for God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Participants in the course Pastor Erich Kussman of St Barts offered to members of his church, Abiding Presence, and Prince of Peace via Zoom were challenged to act, not just learn about, the injustice in our prison system.

Incarceration disproportionately disrupts the lives of more people of color than whites because of systemic racism and gives minimal support, if any, to those released, making recidivism common.

Between Pastor Erich's experience, related scripture, and the perspectives of various speakers, members of the Racial Justice team and others from POP and our partner churches learned that those accused of crimes need support both in prison, on release and after being released. We learned how some faith communities are attacking this problem by providing work skills and even culinary training to help returnees successfully enter the working world.

Welcoming those previously incarcerated into our communities and specifically into our churches without judging those who have served their time

but are now going through major transitions could make the difference between a successful re-entry and a bad decision leading one back into the legal system.

Though other programs were considered, the Racial Justice Team decided to act to help returnees this September for *God's Work Our Hands Day*, September 12. Mark your calendars now so you can plan to be in church to hear from Charlene Walker about what Faith New Jersey is doing. Stay after church and help with a project to welcome those being released. And stay tuned for more info later this summer.

Racial justice events continue even as the school year ends. This past month, WHAM (Windsor-Hightstown Area Ministerium) held a Juneteenth worship service commemorating the day when Black slaves in Texas finally found out they were legally freed several years after the Emancipation Proclamation. The service included both of our pastors and our vicar.

Recent Rally

The Coalition for Peace Action sponsored a rally, *Gathering of Symbols of Love*, which included local faith and community groups. The rally focused on encouraging love among all racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious groups in response to the hatred represented by the shocking discovery of a hangman's noose on a construction site on Princeton University's campus.

Prince of Peace and many other groups are working together as allies to stop such racist acts and to support our neighbors, no matter their color or orientation.

Books

On a lighter note, why not borrow a book or two this summer from the POP READS Racial Justice lending library? Pastor Froehlke included *Caste: The Origin of our Discontent* by Isabelle Wilkerson, in his sermon this past Sunday after borrowing the book. That's just one of many available for free to read at your leisure — no time limits.

Read about the newest additions in this newsletter, and remember, there are books for toddlers, children, teens and adults. Stop by the table and shelf in the narthex where books are spread out for the safety of borrowers. What better way to spend the summer than educating your family about one or more marginalized groups in our community? Asian or Indigenous, Black or Brown neighbors and the LGBTQ+ pride are included in the books donated or purchased through the latest Thrivent Action Team Project. Sign books in or out in the binder on the bookshelf near the main entrance or contact Nancy Reyes nancyauerreyes@gmail.com

for delivery. We encourage you to leave some comments for other borrowers on the included bookmark.

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 June issue is Sunday, July 25

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July Events

Welcome Boxes for Children Entering Foster Families and their Foster Families

New Jersey Angels is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support children in foster homes and their foster families by offering continuing support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship and is inviting faith communities to help.

They contacted Pastor Dale about partnering with Prince of Peace through The House Next Door, and now have a working relationship with The House Next Door in several ways.

One of the many things they do is to provide Welcome Boxes to foster children and their foster families when the child enters the foster home, in an effort to ease the transition into the new home. The contents are for all persons in the family.

Needed are items for the Welcome Boxes, and Prince of Peace is collecting these items (which are listed below) during June and July. (The last day will actually be Sunday, August 1.) There is a collection box outside the white doors, as we've done for other collections, and the box is being emptied frequently. (We won't let the chocolate bars or any other items melt.) You may provide one or more of the items, and multiples of any of them.

This is an excellent opportunity for summer ministry to children, youth, and adults who are in, or are providing, foster care in our communities. Thank you for your part in supporting this collection effort.

Appreciatively, The Social Outreach Ministry Team

Welcome Box Items

- Popcorn (Microwave)
- Plain Chocolate Bars (no nuts)
- Goldfish
- Uno (card game)
- Lip balm (like chapstick, etc)
- Blankets
- Socks for each child (all sizes are needed)
- Sketch book (no larger than 8 ½ x 11)
- Coloring books
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Hand sanitizer
- Hand Moisturizer

Book Group

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

Note: Outdoor meetings may be scheduled, weather permitting.

We are also considering meeting in the church fellowship hall if the weather is unfavorable.

July 8

Martha Winder's Home
14 Candlewood Drive, Princeton Junction
RSVP to maw14jpw@aol.com or 609-799-7280

The Diplomat's Wife by Pam Jenoff

1945: Marta, a member of the Polish Resistance, barely survives her imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp. She is restored to life and falls in love with Paul, an American soldier. They plan to meet in London, but Paul's plane crashes. All alone and pregnant, Marta marries a British diplomat. The novel becomes a real page turner when she is recruited by the British government to return to Europe as a spy.



August 12

Time and location TBA

The Grace Kelly Dress by Brenda Janowitz



This charming light novel connects the lives of three generations of women all with one thing in common, a wedding dress inspired by the gown Grace Kelly wore at her wedding. The story takes us back to France in the late 1950s, to Jersey in the 1980's, and to present day New York City. Most of all, it's a book about family.

Save the Date

The New Jersey Synod of the ELCA Interfaith Ecumenical Committee will be sponsoring an outdoor afternoon family event at Prince for Peace for people of all faiths in Central Jersey on Sunday, October 17, raindate October 24.

**Thank You For All The Items
For Foster Care Families
That Have Been Donated So Far!**

In true Prince of Peace fashion, many folks have already contributed a significant number of items for foster children entering foster families. Thank you so much for your generosity and concern for these members of our community.

New Jersey Angels is most grateful for everything received so far, and sends their thanks and deep appreciation.

Items are still needed, and the collection time continues through July 31. (Actually, the last day will be Sunday, August 1, 2021). You may provide one or more of the items, and multiples of any of them. Anything will be greatly appreciated.

See the page 3 Tidings article about the Welcome Boxes for the list of items needed.

Thank you again for your support of this summer ministry opportunity. It's another part of *God's Work, Our Hands* through Prince of Peace.

With gratitude,
The Social Outreach Team



**The July Donation Requested
for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is**

Men's Deodorant

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

Welcome, New Members!



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Liz Zarillo



**Arundel, Jessica, Morrigan, and
J'den Clarke**



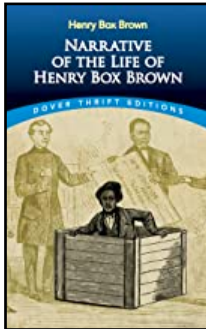
**Christian, Jing, Joanna Oehm
with Joanna's grandparents, Audrey
& Dennis Oehm**

New Books Added to Racial Justice Library

See page 2 for information about checking books out.

Narrative of The Life of Henry Box Brown

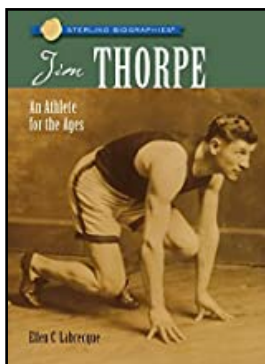
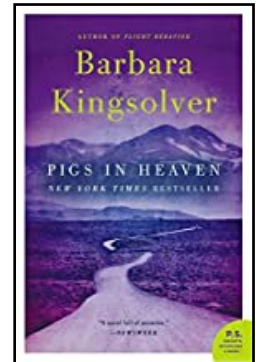
Written by Himself



Born a slave in 1816 in Virginia, Brown demonstrates that slavery was still unbearable even under the best of conditions. Following the sale of his family, Brown decided to escape. He had himself sealed in a small wooden box and shipped to friends and freedom in Philadelphia. This *Narrative*, as told to Charles Stearns, was published in 1849 to raise funds so Brown could purchase freedom for his wife and children. — Adapted from *Documenting the American South*

Pigs in Heaven by Barbara Kingsolver

Mother and adopted daughter, Taylor and Turtle Greer, are back in this spellbinding sequel about family, heartbreak and love which can be understood whether or not the original book was read. ... Six-year-old Turtle Greer witnesses a freak accident at the Hoover Dam. Her insistence on what she has seen, and her mother's belief in her, lead to a man's dramatic rescue. The mother and adopted daughter duo soon become nationwide heroes. ... But Turtle's moment of celebrity draws her into a conflict of historic proportions stemming right back to her Cherokee roots. ... Embark on a unforgettable road trip from rural Kentucky and the urban Southwest to Heaven, Oklahoma, and the Cherokee Nation. — From Good Reads



Jim Thorpe: An Athlete for the Ages

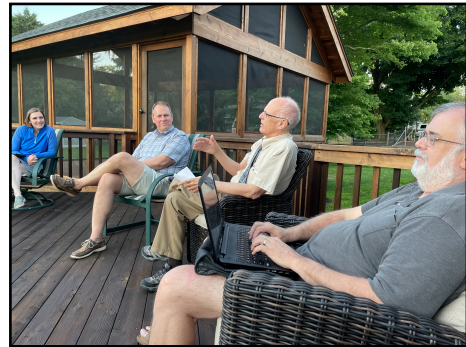
by Ellen C. Labrecque

Simply the best: those words perfectly describe the multitalented Native American athlete Jim Thorpe. Not only did he excel at baseball and football, but he also won gold medals in the pentathlon *and* the decathlon—the only person in Olympic history to do so. This fascinating biography discusses Thorpe's many family tragedies...Why he was temporarily stripped of his gold medals How he helped establish the sport of major league football... .and more. — from Amazon re Sterling Biographies

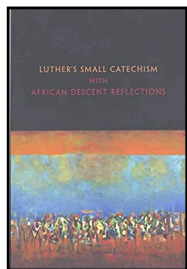
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Scenes from the 2021 Congressional Council's First In-Person Meeting

The meeting was full of joy and hope as the Council gathered in person for the first time and focused upon the future of Prince of Peace and all that God is inviting us to.



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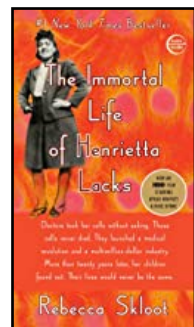


Martin Luther's Small Catechism with African Descent Reflections

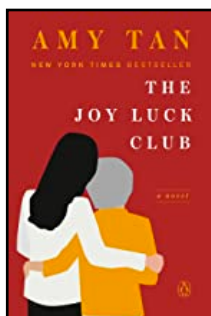
Using reflections by Lutheran scholars of African descent, this text allows for a helpful, broader interaction with Martin Luther's Small Catechism. As the introduction alludes to, these reflections aren't meant to be the only way to engage the Small catechism, nor represent any definitive view by African American Lutherans, but the reflections 'represent the various opinions of the individual contributors.' You will encounter helpful wisdom from African folk wisdom/culture and modern theological reflection that might help one look beyond one's own cultural context and previous worldview. — Good Reads Review

Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

This is a science biography like the world has never seen. What if one of the great American women of modern science and medicine--whose contribution underlies historic discoveries in genetics, the treatment and prevention of disease, reproduction, and the unraveling of the human genome--was a self-effacing African-American tobacco farmer from the Deep South?. ... What if her contribution was made without her knowledge or permission? Ladies and gentlemen, meet Henrietta Lacks. Chances are, at the level of your DNA, your inoculations, your physical health and microscopic well-being, you've already been introduced." —Melissa Fay Greene, Amazon Reviews)



The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan



The Joy Luck Club is a 1989 novel that focuses on four Chinese American immigrant families in San Francisco who start a club known as The Joy Luck Club, playing the Chinese game of mahjong for money while feasting on a variety of foods. The book is structured similarly to a mahjong game, with four parts divided into four sections to create sixteen chapters. The three mothers and four daughters (one mother, Suyuan Woo, dies before the novel opens) share stories about their lives in the form of short vignettes. ... Two different generations with different perspectives on their ancestry and culture are shared with the reader. — Adapted from Wikipedia

Parish Care — July 2021

*As we enjoy the summer, we continue to shall our care with others.
If you know of someone that would enjoy some POP care please let us know*

2021 High School Graduates and Others Hopefully off to School This Fall

Congratulations to our 2021 High School graduates. We are very proud of your accomplishment and look forward to your next adventures. We recognized our high school graduates at our outdoor service in June. Blessings to all.

We keep in touch with our young adults away at school, so please share your contact information — mailing, shipping and email addresses — along with your school as soon as possible. Please send details to the church.

Keeping in Touch

We are asking for families or individuals who would help us keep in touch with folks who cannot always get to church. Dropping off a Sunday bulletin, making a phone call to see how things are, going to see someone to share hello and prayer are just a few of the ways to help. Please think about a way that you can help to make their days much brighter. Details of who and where will be provided.

We are sorting and delivering greeting cards - Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, Get well, etc. The cards are being shared with local senior living residences. If you live near or visit a senior living residence and would be willing to drop off a packet of cards, please let me know. Also if you can help sort and package the cards, let me know. We can schedule some time for sorting.

OMG! It is only July and I received my first 2022 Calendar in the mail! We will be gathering these calendars this fall to share with our local senior residences. They were greatly appreciated last fall. So look for a box in the gathering area or breezeway to drop off your 2022 Calendars.

Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards are on the table in the breezeway. Please share with family, friends and others. Show folks your care.

Rides Needed

As more offices and businesses are opening, rides to local shopping areas and medical appointments are needed. If you can take a little extra time when you are going shopping to help someone get out and do a little shopping too, please let us know.

Hopefully we can co-ordinate a time.

Hopefully this Fall . . .

We will be able to use the church to bake/prepare some treats for our homebound members and friends. Not sure just when or what but if you are interested in baking or making something to share, please let me know so we can schedule a date.

Mailings & Care Notes

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.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at church!

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Monday & Tuesday 9 to Noon

Thursday 1:30 to 3:30

Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am (Indoor and Livestream)

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Outdoor Worship at 8:30 am
