

Tidings of Peace



October 2022



Worship in October

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30
In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Sunday, October 2

17th Sunday After Pentecost
Rekindle the Gift of God

Sunday, October 9

18th Sunday After Pentecost
Indigenous People Emphasis

Sunday, October 16

19th Sunday After Pentecost
The Persistent Widow

Sunday, October 23

20th Sunday After Pentecost
The Humbled Will Be Exalted
Seminarian Daniel Marrone Preaching

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday
Justified by Grace

Also in October

Tuesday, October 4

Racial Justice Meeting

Fridays at Noon

Prayer Circle

Wednesdays, October 12 & 19

Pastor Class

Thursday, October 13

Book Group

Saturday, October 22

Confirmation

*For House Next Door and Cross
Roads Events, see page 5*

Ritual at Life's End

I'm not sure what I think of the British Monarchy, but I am drawn to the pageantry. I turned the TV on at 5:00 am for the Queen's funeral and didn't turn it off until the Queen was laid to rest around noon here on the East Coast. It was a spectacle that the world hadn't seen in 70 years. It oozed of tradition. The logistics were precise. The music was majestic. The funeral liturgy was inspiring. The processions made me want to visit London.

But I couldn't get over how the ritual captured the crowds. Why else would people camp overnight and wait up to twenty-four hours to pay their respects? Many were surprised at being drawn into the week, especially those whose loyalty to the Crown was less than ideal.

But that's what rituals do. The Queen's funeral not only allowed the nation to grieve the only monarch most ever knew, but it also was an occasion that defined the nation. Funerals are so much more than grieving the dead; funerals are life occasions that gather the family, that shape who we are, that give meaning to life, and, in the case of the Queen, they can even restore a nation's psyche.

I fear we are losing such opportunities as funeral rituals become less important in society. It is not uncommon to have no funeral at all. Certainly, it is sad for the life lived, but it is also a lost opportunity for the community to gather, to be reminded of their roots, their purpose, and their reason for being.

Perhaps the Queen's last gift was to remind us of the importance of ritual at life's end, for it is this ritual that can better equip us for life's journey.

— Pastor Froehlke

Adult Forum Schedule

October 2

*The Indian Mascot Controversy
And Showing of Fighting Indians*

October 9

Indigenous People's Day
Special Guest Claire Garland
Director, Sand Hill Indian Historical Association

October 16

On Becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

October 23

TBA

October 30

Lutheranism 102
Dr. Paul Rorem Teaching

*The Adult Forum meets
in the double classroom
in the Community Wing
after the 9:30 service on Sundays.*

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

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Deadline for the November issue is Sunday, October 23

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Thank You

Dear Prince of Peace,

I am truly humbled by the generosity and support of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. I sincerely appreciate everyone who was able to attend my ordination service and installation at Lutheran Church of God's Love in Newtown, PA this past September. Your presence meant the world to me. My sense of call was nurtured at Prince of Peace and I would not have been able to attend United Lutheran Seminary without your sponsorship. I am truly indebted to those who participated in the joint choir anthem during the service. The music was inspirational and the collaboration a testament to our Lutheran commitment to unity through Jesus Christ. Thank you to the choir and to Doug for his leadership. I am sincerely grateful for the mentorship and guidance of Pastor Peter and Pastor Dale through the ordination process and cannot thank them enough for participating in the worship service. It was a special day for me and my family made all the more so by the generous gift of the Tree of Life stole gifted to me by the congregation. The stole is beautiful and a reminder of my time at PoP where my children were baptized as babies and grew in faith and knowledge of God's love for them through Jesus Christ. Praise be to God and Thank you! Although I will be serving God's Love as their Associate Pastor, I look forward to continuing our partnership in ministry together through The House Next Door by participating on its Vision Team. And who knows? Perhaps Pastor Peter and I could do a surprise pulpit swap one day? I, Gehrig, Eliana and Noel carry the congregation of Prince of Peace in our hearts always. You have impacted our lives with the love of Christ more than you know.

In Christ, Pastor Brandi (Hebert)

October News

Pastor Class

Pastor Class continues on Wednesdays October 12 and 19. Pastor's topic is the recent scholarship surrounding Mary Magdalene. Join us on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Book Group

If interested in joining the book club, please contact Phyllis Church at 609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com. Meetings will be held at 1:30 pm until further notice.

Thursday, October 13th

1:30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Participants are asked to bring a drink or snack to share.

A Single Thread

by Tracy Chevalier



Violet Speedwell seems destined to a dull life as one of the 'surplus women' who populated England in the aftermath of WWI. Her brother and fiancé were both killed in the war and her father died soon afterward. Rather than continuing to live with her embittered mother, she sets off to Winchester to work as a typist. There she discovers sisterhood in the women who embroider needlepoint kneelers for Winchester Cathedral. She also finds love if not marriage.

Thursday, November 10th

1:30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Participants are asked to bring a drink or snack to share.

Lady Clementine

by Marie Benedict

Benedict's novel focuses on an extraordinary woman who exerted tremendous influence during WWI and WWII – Clementine Churchill. Winston's wife, like Eleanor Roosevelt, was an important influence on her husband. Her accomplishments were unknown for many years. The author does a wonderful job uncovering them as well as describing what it was like living and working with a difficult man like Churchill.



Monthly Joyful Noise Worship Continues on October 16th, 1 to 1:30 pm

This joy filled service brings together children with and without disabilities, giving them the opportunity to learn from one another about God's love for them, all in an atmosphere of understanding and acceptance.

The 30-minute service is lively with combinations of music, movement, prayer, Bible stories, and Holy Communion. Children and adults will learn about Jesus for them and all of God's people. All are welcome at this beautiful worship service, which is offered on the third Sunday of the month from 1 to 1:30.

Lutheranism 102

3 Week Series Begins October 30th

Many of us have had good first introductions to Lutheranism, perhaps more than once and by way of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. We can call it *Lutheranism 101*.

Starting in October into November, some sessions of the Adult Forum after the 9:30 service will be more like *Lutheranism 102*, namely, a dip into Luther's *Large Catechism*.

Specifically, for three weeks starting on Reformation Sunday, October 30, we will look at Luther's teachings about the Apostles' Creed in three articles.

All are welcome without any advance reading, but if you would like to join some others in doing a little reading between Sundays, please let me or Pastor Peter know. It is called *Large*, but this whole section is only ten pages long. The pages are packed and well worth pondering, especially for those who might like to read some Luther beyond the *Small Catechism*. Whether hard copy or online, it is readily available, and I can make sure you have a copy if you wish.

— Paul Rorem
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More News



Trunk or Treat at St. Bart's

St. Bart's hosts a trunk or treat for their neighborhood on Halloween, October 31, from 4 to 6. Prince of Peace is invited to participate.

If you cannot attend in person, consider donating a bag of candy or two. Last year they ran out of candy. Place the candy in the outside bins by the Community Room.

Financial News:

The Contribution Statements for the period 1/1/2022 through 8/31/2022 have been completed and are available in the narthex for you to pick up. Please review them for accuracy of your donations and your pledged amount. If you have any questions, or would like your statement mailed to your home, please contact Dorothy Safranek.

Statements are prepared three times a year (every 4 months) for your review. Please note that Individuals who do not have an envelope number and have made donations in the plate by check, will receive individual letters at year-end to recognize their donations for the current year.

Electronic Giving Opportunities

Also, Prince of Peace participates with VANCO for electronic giving opportunities. With the pandemic and people attending services at home, you may find it easier to use this method of donation. In order to participate, there is a registration form that you can obtain from Geeta in the church office. It can be emailed to you for completion. The information needed to complete the form includes name, banking institution, account number and routing number, a voided check and your signature. You may elect to have funds submitted on a weekly basis on Mondays or on a monthly basis on the 15th of the month. To have your donation electronically sent to Prince of Peace through VANCO, you must complete the form and return it to church for processing. All forms can be returned to the church office to the attention of Dorothy Safranek or emailed to her at Safranek5@verizon.net. All information is confidential.



The
House
Next Door

House Next Door Now Offering Care for Pastors

*Come to me, all you who are
weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. — Matthew 11:28*

Thanks to a grant from the ELCA, Lutheran Social Ministries and the House Next Door are partnering to provide respite and support for pastors throughout the year.

Weekly Prayer Circles, monthly Individual Direction and Group Direction, monthly Days of Respite, and seasonal retreats will be offered beginning in October.

The House Next Door and Labyrinth is also available for pastors to use for a personal day retreat or overnight. All of these opportunities are available at no cost to pastors or their congregations.

To find out more or to register for any of these offerings, please email Pastor Dale Selover, Director of the House Next Door, at hnd@popnj.org.

No Longer Requesting Monthly Donations for TASK

Because the number of donations has decreased significantly and also because there are no longer regular volunteers going to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK), Prince of Peace will no longer designate a monthly donation item. Special collections may be made periodically and will be announced at those times.

Thank you to all who have made monthly donations in the past and to the volunteers who have delivered them.



The House Next Door

Monthly Book Club

Second Tuesday of the Month

Beginning on October 11

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Led by Dale Selover and Christine Ruth

Taking it a couple of chapters at a time, over the coming year we will be focusing on *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience* by Brene Brown.

In her latest book, Dr. Brown writes: 'If we want to find the way back to ourselves and each other, we need language and grounded confidence to both tell our stories and to be stewards of the stories that we hear.'

While registration is not required, please let Pastor Dale know if you plan to attend, so that we have a sense of numbers, please email Pastor Dale at hnd@popnj.org. Thank you.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day

Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 am



Pregnancy and infant loss is a painful grief to bear, whether it took place recently or years ago.

We will gather on this day at the Tree of Life Chapel for a service of healing and hope.

Dinner Church

Sunday, October 30

5:00 pm

Join us as we gather around the themes of fall harvest and letting go as we enjoy a meal, share stories, break bread, and hear the good news of God's love for all God's people.

Invite a friend! All are welcome!

Please email Pastor Dale at hnd@popnj.org and let us know what food dish you will bring.

CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER



Wednesdays Away October 5 at Cross Roads

How can we, as children of God, receive peace, discover peace, live and love in peace, share peace, and at the end truly rest in peace? (Hint: Experiencing "the peace that passes all understanding.")

To register and learn more information visit:

<https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdays-away/>

Looking ahead: We gather again on November 2 for *On Purposeful Gathering* led by Wendy Abrahamson.

Fall Women's Retreat at Cross Roads

October 21-23 in person

October 21 virtual

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Led by Laurie Matarazzo and Dale Selover

Jesus wonders how his followers understand him. He knows that how we 'name' him is at the heart of our relationship with him and with others. Come and hear Jesus' query yet again. Hear it as an invitation to an ever deeper faith in him.

Register at www.crossroadsretreat.com

Food and Clothing Still Needed By St. Bart's

When the *God's Work Our Hands* team was working at St. Bart's, Pastor Erich told us that the Food Pantry is still in need of non-perishables — rice, beans, pasta, tuna and other canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and the like. Please consider donating some of these food items. Your contributions may be placed in the bins outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time.

The Peace Garden has provided many pounds of fresh produce this summer, which Pastor Erich said 'went' almost as quickly as it was put out on the tables for folks to take. He and they have been delighted with this fresh food. The season for the fresh produce is winding down now, but plans for next year's crops are already being made. Thank you to the Peace Garden volunteers for taking care of this part of our ministry.

To give monetary donations, make a check out to Prince of Peace and earmark it *St. Bart's Food Pantry*. Checks may be mailed to the church office at 177 Princeton Hightstown Road, Princeton Junction., NJ 08550, or put in the offering plate on Sunday.

St. Bart's can also still use clothing donations and small household items, which may be left in bags or boxes beside the food containers. Any clothing that is **new or gently used** will be appreciated, but as the weather is getting colder, warm clothing and coats would be particularly appreciated.

Thank you very much for continuing to share your gifts with these fellow children of God.

Berta Schott for St. Bart's and
the Prince of Peace
Social Outreach Ministry Team

Prince of Peace Celebrated *God's Work, Our Hands* Sunday September 11, 2022

Along with other ELCA congregations across the country, Prince of Peace engaged in a hands-on volunteer activity after the service on September 11, 2022, *God's Work, Our Hands* (GWOH) Sunday.

GWOH is an annual ELCA event in which congregations do action projects somewhere in their communities. This is a way to celebrate together who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — 'one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.'

For our activity, a number of Prince of Peacers went to St. Bart's and did needed yard work on the church property, including the area where the Head Start program that meets there is developing a garden for the children to plant, weed, and harvest.

Volunteers from Prince of Peace and from St. Bart's worked together to do weeding and pruning of the beds and the grass borders around the church property. All the volunteers shared a pizza lunch provided by Prince of Peace. It was a day of fun and fellowship spearheaded by working together on the outside projects ... truly *God's Work, Our Hands*.



Justin Allen and his assistant stand between the two raised beds that volunteers from Prince of Peace helped to set up on God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Justin directs the Trenton's Isles' Urban Agricultural program, which provides beds, seedlings, and other materials for growing vegetables in the city. Laura Poethke, volunteer at Prince of Peace's Peace Garden, will be working with the children at the Head Start School as they learn about growing and eating vegetables.

Racial Justice News — October 2022

All are invited to join the Racial Justice Team.

We are truly hoping for more diversity.

The next meeting is October 4th on zoom.

October Indigenous Peoples Emphasis



(Left) Claire Garland, Director of Sand Hill Historical Association, will speak at the Adult Forum on October 9.

(Below) Some artifacts from the Historical Society.



Orange Banner

The Orange Banner continues to be displayed in the chancel to remember and honor the orange shirt that was taken from one little indigenous girl on her first day of residential school. The shirt is a reminder to honor and uphold Survivors and intergenerational Survivors of the Indian Residential School System, and to commemorate those who didn't return home.

Claire Garland to Speak on Lenape Culture

On October 9, Claire Garland, Director of the Sand Hill Historical Association in New Jersey will lead the Adult Education Hour following worship. Claire is of Cherokee, Lenape, and Dutch Colonial heritage and will bring artifacts as well as first-hand knowledge of her ancestors.

Reparations Project

As a step toward reparations for wrongs against indigenous peoples, the Racial Justice Team asks for contributions to Prince of Peace's Reparations Fund. Funds raised this fall will be sent to the Lutheran Navajo Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. Funds will help the school to build a safe playground and expand its classroom space to allow for social distancing. The Mission has been hit hard by Covid.



Fighting Indians

Movie to be Shown October 2, 4:30 to 6 pm

As part of Indigenous Peoples Month, the Racial Justice Team has arranged to be part of the Coalition of Natives and Allies free zoom showing of the documentary *Fighting Indians* on October 2 from 4:30 to 6 pm. To receive the zoom invitation, please contact Pastor Froehlke at

pastorfroehlke@gmail.com

A trailer for the movie can be seen at

<http://fightingindians.com/trailer/>

The movie's website provides this synopsis:

On May 16th, 2019, The State of Maine made history by passing LD 944 An Act to Ban Native American Mascots in All Public Schools, the first legislation of its kind in the country. For Maine's tribal nations, the landmark legislation marked an end to a decades long struggle to educate the public on the harms of Native American mascots. *Fighting Indians* chronicles the last and most contentious holdout in that struggle, the homogeneously white Skowhegan High School, known for decades as "The Home of the Indians". This is the story of a small New England community forced to reckon with its identity, its sordid history, and future relationship with its indigenous neighbors. It is a story of a small town divided against the backdrop of a nation divided where the "mascot debate" exposes centuries old abuses while asking if reconciliation is possible.

World Holidays & Celebrations

October 2022

October marks the beginning of the year-end holidays with Halloween and the realization that another year will soon pass. Harvests are taken in and the chill of winter approaches for many.

There are cultural and ethnic holidays and observances which occur around the world and have been either brought to this country by immigrants or have significance for them, even if not celebrated here, and many other Americans are often unaware of their observance.

Also, not to be overlooked are the traditional festivals of the First Nations.

Several of these are listed below.

Date	Holiday	Affiliation	Notes
10/1-7	National Day Holiday	China	In China under imperial rule, National Day was a celebration of the Emperor's birthday or his rise to the throne. Today, National Day is held to celebrate the formation of the People's Republic of China.
10/10	Indigenous Peoples' Day	Native American/USA	A holiday that celebrates and honors Native American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. On October 8, 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden became the first U.S. President to formally recognize the holiday.
10/10	Sports Day	Japan	A public holiday held annually on the second Monday in October. It commemorates the opening of the 1964 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo, and exists to promote sports and an active lifestyle.
10/11	International Day of the Girl Child	International	An international observance day declared by the United Nations that supports more opportunity for girls and increases awareness of gender inequality faced by girls worldwide based upon their gender.
10/15-16	Hoshana Rabbah	Hebrew	Known as the last of the Days of Judgment, which begins on Rosh Hashana. The Zohar says that while the judgment for the new year is sealed on Yom Kippur, it is not "delivered" until the end of Sukkot .
10/17	Black Poetry Day	African-American	This is a day to honor past and present Black poets. Black Poetry Day celebrates the importance of black heritage and literacy and the contributions made by black poets.
10/24	Diwali	India	A festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs.
10/31	Halloween	International	A celebration observed in many countries on the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the departed.

Provided by Con Sweeney

Parish Care News — October 2022

*Sharing our care and concern with those in our community in times of need and joy.
Now that our new church year has started, we are getting our projects up and running.
We need your help.*

Care Callers

We are back to indoor and outdoor church worship services. This totals about 50 to 65 people each week with several others watching online. We would like to continue to reach out to those we cannot be there in person. If you would be willing to make a few phone calls, please let me know. Just a simple hi how are you doing will work.

Fall/Halloween Treats

We will be delivering some Halloween treats to our older members who can not get to church often. If you would be able to drop off a goodie bag, please let me know.

Young Adults

We are gathering mailing, shipping and email addresses for our young adults away at school or military. We keep in touch with our students throughout the year. Please make sure we have a current 2022-23 address. Our first mailing is going out in early November, so please make sure we have the information. Please leave in church office or send me an email with the contact info.

Care Note Ministry

In the breezeway you may have noticed a display of *Care Notes*. These are pamphlets with spiritual messages to help us with our everyday life events. They are for all to take and benefit from their messages. It is time to think about restocking our supply. In the past we have had donations made to help cover the cost — between \$100 and \$150. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, donations can be made to the church with the memo note *Care Notes*. Many thanks to Ginger Reiersen for keeping the display full and current.

Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards

On the table in the breezeway are Prayer Squares, knitted by Joyful Knitters, and Prayer Cards. They are there to be used by yourself and to share with others.

Gathering Confirmation Class Pictures

We are gathering photos of our confirmation classes to display in the church. Please look through your photos of your family confirmations. Share a picture of the class with us. If it is a photo, we will scan and return it. If you would like to send a digital copy let me know. Thanks.

Young Mother Loss

In late June 2021 our church lost a young mother, Lillian Danielle Minetti. Danielle, her mother and daughter are all members of our church. Danielle was an active participant in church activities and was confirmed at Prince of Peace. She attended West Windsor High School. Her death was unexpected, and she leaves behind her 4-year-old daughter, Catherine. We had lunch with Karen (Catherine's grandmother and Danielle's Mother) recently. We found out how everyone was doing and gave Karen the funds that we have gathered for Catherine's future. They are grateful to have a caring church family.

Sharing our Faith With our Local Community

Calendars — Greeting Cards — Christmas Cards

We are gathering 2023 Calendars to share with senior residents in our local Assisted Living Facilities. So if you are receiving more than you can use, bring them to church. There is a box in the breezeway.

Christmas Messages

Soon we will be writing Christmas cards to share with the community during the Holiday season. We can still send cards if we cannot go into the building. Let me know if you are willing to add a message to the cards. If you would like to do this from your home, cards will be bundled in Ziploc bags to pick up. Complete cards with message and return to church. Watch for more details about when and where we will be writing the cards. Take a few minutes and help send some Christmas cheer.

Ongoing Projects

We continue with our *Splash and Hope through Healing* monthly mailings along with the *Care Notes*, Prayer Cards, and knitted prayer squares in the breezeway. If you know of anyone to be included in any mailings, please contact Parish Care.

*If you would like to help with any of our projects
or be part of our team, please join us.*

*We are always looking for new ways to
share our care with others.*

*Contact Martha Winder
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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 8:30 am (In Person)
and 9:30 am (In Person/Livestream)

Office Hours

Office hours vary.

Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin

Or at <https://popnj.org/PDF/bulletin.pdf>
