

Tidings of Peace



September 2022



Worship in September

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

Sunday, September 4

13th Sunday After Pentecost
Choose Life

Welcome Field Ed Student Daniel Marrone

Sunday, September 11

14th Sunday After Pentecost
God Changed God's Mind
God's Work Our Hands Sunday
9/11 Memorial

Sunday, September 18

15th Sunday After Pentecost
Justice
Joyful Noise Worship Begins

Sunday, September 25

16th Sunday After Pentecost
The Root of Evil

Also in September

Thursday, September 8th
Book Group

Sunday, September 11th
God's Work Our Hands Project

September 18th & 25th
Adult Class

September 21 & 28
Pastor Class

On the Road Again

I am channeling my inner Willie Nelson. Not that I am a huge fan, though you might remember singing a rendition of *On the Road Again* as our offertory hymn during a past Stewardship campaign.

I read an article on Willie Nelson this morning, five days into a positive Covid diagnosis. I took interest in this article because Nelson tested positive for the coronavirus in May, and three short weeks later he was on the road again.

Nelson is 89 years old. He has been a chain smoker since he was a teenager. He suffers from emphysema. He had a collapsed lung in 1981. Nelson is at high risk for severe Covid. But Covid didn't slow him down. He continues to tour and write songs and will keep doing so 'until,' as he says, 'the lights go down.'

I find inspiration in this.

We have an ambitious fall planned at Prince of Peace and I want to be on the road again. Don't we all after falling ill? I realize, however, that this will take navigation.

I have been fascinated with the progression of the pandemic. Right now, as cases seem to be as common as ever, society is opening wide up. I remember hearing at the beginning that the pandemic will end much sooner in society than it will end medically. In fact, medically, we wonder if it will ever end. Bill Maher calls this 'the forever flu.'

This last week, as I've been quite sick, I've asked myself if it was worth leaving home for vacation. Dale got sick three days before coming home, and I got sick a day after returning home. The answer is an unequivocal yes. It was worth it. The reason for going in the first place was the memorial for my godmother who died this past Christmas. The family reunion that resulted will be treasured forever.

And so we keep going. Maybe we all need to channel our Willie Nelson. We have to admire his will to live and his determination to get on the road again.

In Christ, Pastor Froehlke

Brandi Hebert to be Ordained Saturday, September 17

Brandi Writes: I look forward to seeing my PoP family there and am grateful for your support and the journey we have been on together in ministry.
Peace+Grace, Brandi



*requests your prayers and presence
at the Service of*

*Ordination and Installation
of*

Brandi Jean Hebert

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
10:00AM

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

791 NEWTOWN YARDLEY RD
NEWTOWN, PA 18940

*Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.*

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 October issue is Sunday, September 25

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Welcome, Daniel Marrone Princeton Seminary Field Ed Student

Prince of Peace welcomes Daniel Marrone as our Field Ed student for the coming academic year. Daniel is a second year Master of Divinity student at Princeton Seminary. He is pursuing ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA.

Daniel is a New Jersey native, a graduate of Rutgers University, and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Holmdel. Prince of Peace is very excited to have Daniel join us this year. He will begin on September 4th.

CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

+Retreat Days at Cross Roads+

Wednesday Away: Blessed are the Peacemakers

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')

Wednesday, October 5 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lunch included

Led by Josh Kelly

Register at www.crossroadsretreat.com

Fall Women's Retreat: Who Do You Say That I Am?

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.

In person: October 21-23

Virtual option: Friday, October 21

Led by Laurie Matarazzo and Dale Selover

For more information and to register go to
www.crossroadsretreat.com

Cross Roads is located in Lebanon Township, New Jersey



The September Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Elbow Macaroni

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

September News

St. Bart's Community Barbecue

All are welcome at St Bart's festive Community Barbecue on Saturday, September 3rd. For more information, see the flyer on page 6).

Book Group

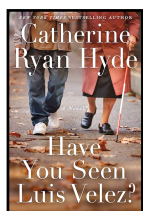
*If interested in joining the book club,
please contact Phyllis Church at
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com
Meetings will be held at 1:30 pm until further notice.*

Thursday, September 8th

*1:30 pm in the Church Lounge
Participants are asked to bring a snack to share.*

Have You Seen Luis Velez?

By Catherine Ryan Hyde



This is the touching story of the unlikely friendship between Raymond Jaffe, a black teenager who feels like an outcast both in school and at home, and Mildred Guttermann, a blind old lady who is also alone in the world. Mildred is 92 years old, a Jew who narrowly escaped the Holocaust. She is bereft because Luis Velez, a friend who supplies her with groceries, has disappeared. Raymond is determined to find him.

Thursday, October 13th

*1:30 pm in the Church Lounge.
Participants are asked to bring a drink or snack to share.
Book title to be determined.*

New Joyful Noise Worship Service Kicks Off Sunday, September 18th at 1 pm

A big thank you to the Clarkes who have been busy planning for the launch of Prince of Peace's new Joyful Noise Ministry.

Please spread the word in your social networks and neighborhoods of this lovely opportunity for families with and without disabilities.

See the flyer on page 6 or download a shareable version at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ePj9c2yoYRwc19jFir_8GI92e7bBLUe3/view?usp=sharing

Adult Class September 18 & 25

The Adult Class begins September 18th. Arundel Clarke, a voting member to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Columbus in August will give a report on all that transpired.

On September 24th Pastor Peter will present the process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

The Adult Class begins at 10:45 in the Double Classrooms in the Education Wing.

Interested in a Fun & Rewarding Musical Experience?

The Bell Choir and the Adult Choir will resume on September 8. If you are musically-inclined and would like to consider being part of the Bell Choir or Adult Choir, you're invited and encouraged to reach out to Minister of Music Doug Helvering:

ministerofmusic@rdouglashelvering.com

God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 11

For Prince of Peace's service project on *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday we will be sprucing up the flower beds at St Bart's and constructing and installing two raised beds for the Head Start School there. For more information about how you can help, see the flyer on page 7.

God's Work Our Hands is an annual event in which ELCA churches across the country participate in volunteer actions in their communities. It is a way to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. For more. Information, visit <https://www.elca.org/dayofservice>



More News

Pastor Class

Wednesday September 21 & 28

Pastor class begins Wednesday September 21st at 7:00 pm via Zoom. On the 21st and 28th, Pastor will base his discussion on the *Book of Job* and an article that claims the book was written as a tool of humor.

In October, Pastor will lead a discussion on a sermon based on Mary Magdalene by Diana Butler Bass. In the sermon Bass elevates Mary to a position of authority, whom she calls Mary the Tower.

Lutheranism 102

Coming in October

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
Paul.rorem@ptsem.edu

Princeton Tour Coming Sunday, October 2 at 1:30 pm

Interested in learning more about the history of Princeton that few people know?

Join Shirley Satterfield, retired educator and founder of the Witherspoon-Jackson Historical Society as a historian, activist, speaker, and resident of Princeton whose family has been part of that neighborhood's history for six generations.

This walking tour won't cover all the history but will give you the basics of how our African-American neighbors grew Princeton and the University.

Ms. Satterfield led the efforts to put historical markers in 29 locations in Princeton and has provided a self-guided tour online, but you'll learn much more and get all your questions answered on October 2.

Did you know that Paul Robeson went to Rutgers because he was denied admission to Princeton University although his father, pastor of the Witherspoon-Jackson Presbyterian Church, personally petitioned and persistently begged Woodrow Wilson to admit him?

Did you know that even when Black students were finally allowed to enroll, they were restricted from eating or living on campus for many years and the church and Witherspoon-Jackson neighbors became the village they needed to survive?

Come find out so much more from the local expert. Look for sign-ups this month, or contact nancyherrington9@gmail.com.

World Holidays & Celebrations

September 2022

September means the end of summer and the start of autumn. Students return to their classes and summer vacations come to an end.

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 oftentimes 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
9/5	Labor Day	USA	Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States.
9/10 - 9/12	Mid-Autumn Festival	China	One of the largest festivals in Mainland China and East Asia. This festival began as a celebration of the moon and has a tradition of deity, but it is also a time to reconnect with family members. Many traditions of the Mid-Autumn festival are centered around family reunion and happiness.
9/15	National Hispanic Heritage Month	USA	Annually celebrated from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.
9/16	Mexican Independence Day	Mexico	Commemorates September 16, 1810, when Roman Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang his church bell and gave the call to arms that triggered the Mexican War of Independence.
9/19	Respect for the Aged Day	Japan	On this holiday, people return home to visit and pay respect to the elders. Some people volunteer in neighborhoods by making and distributing free lunch boxes to older citizens.
9/23	Autumnal Equinox Day	Japan	On this day, people will reconnect with their families by tending to the graves of ancestors, and visiting shrines and temples. People also celebrate the good weather and autumn harvest by enjoying outdoor activities and eating Shūbun no Hi snacks such as botamochi— a ball of sweet rice in azuki paste.
9/25 – 9/27	Rosh Hashanah	Hebrew	Marks the beginning of the civil year, according to the teachings of Judaism, and the initiation of humanity's role in God's world.

Provided by Con Sweeney
Racial Justice Team

Filled Backpack Collection for St. Bart's to Distribute Is A Wonderful Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed filled backpacks for St. Bart's to distribute to the school children in their surrounding community during their Community Barbecue and Fun Day on September 3. Your response is most gratifying and much appreciated!

We are delighted to be giving St. Bart's 30 filled backpacks toward the 250 that they are expecting to give out. Other churches and groups in the Mercer County area are also donating. The children and their parents will be most grateful for the fruits of this sharing opportunity. It demonstrates in a very concrete way the love and caring of people engaged in God's ministry for others. Thank you again!

You are also invited to attend the Community Day. It's at St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church, 1748 Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ, from 11 am to 2 pm on September 3, 2022. See the flyer below.

All are welcome.

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

JOIN US FOR A
Community Barbecue
AND FUN DAY

HOPE FOR
TRENTON

BEATING GUNS
DISARM HEARTS
FORGE PEACE
CULTIVATE JUSTICE

September 3rd, 2022
11:00AM - 2PM
Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church
1748 S. Clinton Ave, Trenton, NJ
www.stbartlutheran.org

BACK TO SCHOOL
BACKPACK GIVEAWAY
Must bring a Child to receive a backpack.

GAMES MUSIC

food

MOMS DEMAND ACTION
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

FAITH
IN NEW JERSEY

ELCA

End Gun Violence
NOW

Join us in a Joyful Noise Christian Worship Service *All Are Welcome!*



- This "Joyful Noise" service will be appropriate for children with Autism, PDD-NOS, ADHD, Down's Syndrome, any other developmental/physical challenges and families with young children.
- This joy filled service will bring 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.
- This 30 minute Christian service will be 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.



- Join us for this beautiful worship service and help us share God's love with all his children as we:

Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
177 Princeton Hightstown Rd - Princeton Jct, NJ 08550
When: Third Sunday of the Month - Starting September 18th
Time: 1-1:30p



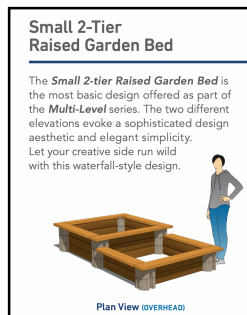


Sunday, September 11 at 11:30 am to 2 pm (or so)
Two Projects at St Bart's in Trenton
1746 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton

Flower Garden Clean-up

Activities will include pulling weeds, pruning shrubs, and mulching the beds.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own weeding and pruning tools. Gloves and sunscreen are recommended.



Raised Garden Beds

Volunteers will install and prepare two 4-foot square raised beds for the Head Start Center at St Bart's. The raised beds will provide space for the pre-schoolers to plant, raise, harvest, and eat vegetables they've grown themselves, and will enrich the educational, health, nutritional, and social services aims of the Head Start curriculum.

Other Ways to Help

Cash donations for materials. The project will probably cost about \$500. Any surplus will be donated to the teachers at the school for future costs.

Help with picking up materials, including bagged soil, mulch, compost, etc., as well as some lumber.

Food and Drinks will be Provided.

For more information, or to offer help picking up materials, contact Lois Case (loismcase@gmail.com).

Racial Justice News — September 2022

*Racial Justice Team: Your Chance to Help Indigenous People
and Two Save the Dates*

Orange Banner and Indigenous Peoples Emphasis

Have you forgotten why the Orange banner is hanging in our sanctuary? In September, Canada celebrates Orange Shirt Day to remember and honor the first day of school shirt taken from one little indigenous girl on her first day of residential school.

That color has become a symbol of so much more, especially the over 225 lives known to have been lost in such schools in Canada. By the time it comes down in mid-October, the banner will have been hanging for that many days as a reminder of our part in that history. The number will be so much higher if and when all those lost from indigenous families at such schools in the U.S. — mostly run by religious groups, including at least one school run by Lutherans — are included. Families were forced to send their children, many never to be seen again and all abused, mentally if not physically, as these institutions did their best to strip them of every bit of their cultural identity.

Please continue to pray for the families of these lost children and all indigenous people since they are still impacted by such abuse and ongoing demeaning racist treatment to this day.

But let's do more. This banner and the acknowledgement in our bulletins and website that our church sits on land unfairly taken from Native Americans are just the beginning of reconciling the wrongs done in the past.

Reparations Project

As a step toward reparations for wrongs against indigenous peoples, the Racial Justice Team asks that you contribute to Prince of Peace's Reparations Fund. Funds raised this fall will be sent to the Lutheran Navajo Mission to help them build a safe playground for the school. Look and listen for more information coming shortly.

Special Adult Education Experience

On October 9, the Racial Justice Team has also arranged for us to learn more about the culture of Lenni Lenapes and other Native Americans in New

Jersey through Claire Garland, director of the Sand Hill Historical Society in New Jersey. She is part Cherokee and part Lenape and will bring artifacts as well as first-hand knowledge of her Lenape ancestors.

Mark your calendar and invite your friends and family to this special Sunday.

Black History Walking Tour of Princeton October 2

Sign up starts September 4th

The expert on Princeton's Black History, Shirley Satterfield, whose family has lived in the Witherspoon Jackson neighborhood for six generations, has reserved that Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 for us.

Prince of Peace members are invited to join Shirley as she shares little-known history of places you probably pass quite often without knowing their significance. Through the historical society she has raised money for 29 plaques and a website identifying the importance of places where the tour will stop. Reading them will never give you the wealth of knowledge shared on this 1 1/2 hour outdoor walking tour.

Watch for sign-ups starting in September, or contact Nancy Herrington at

nancyherrington9@gmail.com

with any questions.

More To Come

This is just the start of the coming school year's Racial Justice activities. We truly welcome more diverse participation in planning awareness, education, and advocacy for racial justice and antiracism work at Prince of Peace and need your voice. Interested members and friends can attend for our virtual meetings, usually on the first Tuesday of each month, from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Contact Nancy Reyes or Con Sweeney
for more information.

(nancyauerreyes@gmail.com)

(conpatricksweney@gmail.com)

Parish Care News — September 2022

*Amazing — September 1st is here and Back to School
The start of our church year
As our Church Year begins
Here are a few Parish Care needs and projects
This will be a year of "new" and creative ways to share our Care*

Back to School Time

When, where and how to contact you
Parish Care keeps in touch with our young adults away at school. *Please send us updated contact information.*

Rides Needed

Rides are needed during the week to appointments and some food shopping. If you have some time during the week to help with rides, please let me know.

On Going Projects

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. If you would like any materials and the church is not open, arrangements can be made to get the materials to you.

Phone Calls

A 'good morning/day and how are you doing' phone call. We would like to reach out to our church family who cannot be with us on Sunday morning. The call is a simple 'Hi, we are thinking of you, hope all is going well, and is there anything we can do to help'. If you can help with making a few calls once a month, your care is greatly appreciated by many. With several folks involved, a phone call could be a great way to stay connected. Want to help, call me.

Calendars, Greeting Cards

We are gathering 2023 calendars and greeting cards. They are shared with several of the senior residences in the area. We need help with sorting and delivering them to the residences.

There is a gathering box in the breezeway. Watch for dates to sort and deliver these items to our senior residences.

Questions or how to help, contact me

Martha Winder

609-799-7280

maw14jpw@aol.com



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Princeton Junction NJ 08550

Church Office: 609-799-1753

E-Mail: email@popnj.org

Website: popnj.org

Sunday Schedule

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

Office Hours

During the summer, office hours vary.

Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin

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