

God's story is shaping our life together.

“As we deepen our sense of how God's story and activity shape life.”



The above quote comes from [our mission and vision statements](#), and they describe one of the ways to see if we're making good on our mission to “build the church and love the world.” But how do we actually go deep into God's story?

This is a question Pastor Peter and members of the Worship, Adult Education and Children's Ministry Committees have been exploring as they have set about to make plans for our upcoming program year.

One place to start is to consider how we engage God's story through scripture within our worship life. Most Sundays, the readings that we hear during worship, and the ones around which our pastors craft their preaching, comes from the “[Revised Common Lectionary \(RCL\)](#).” A lectionary is a predetermined set of scriptures chosen for each Sunday and festival of the church year. The RCL uses a 3-year rotation that focuses the assigned Gospel readings from either Matthew, Mark, or Luke and builds upon seasonal themes. Supporting readings from the Gospel of John, the old testament, the psalms, and the new testament are paired with the chosen text as well, bouncing around throughout the biblical narrative in support of the Gospel text.

For all of its gifts, the RCL also has some limitations; and a little more than a decade ago, two scholars from Luther Seminary began experimenting with a new lectionary, one that crafted in such a way as to help tell God's story through scripture with greater clarity. While the RCL bounces around between books and doesn't maintain a consistent trajectory, the readings of “[Narrative Lectionary \(NL\)](#)” remain chronologically intact while still following the rhythms of the church calendar. The NL is also structured around the traditional program year of churches in North America, starting in September and finishing in early June. This is especially helpful for communities that want to draw out common themes between worship and other faith formation activities like Sunday School and Adult Education.

While the lectionary is still snapshots of scripture, the chosen readings flow chronologically, beginning with creation, properly placing Jesus' incarnation, teachings, death, resurrection, and ending with the foundations of early church.

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August Worship Schedule:

August 5th:

Traditional with communion
Men's Group

August 12th:

Traditional with communion
Barb Lyman & Kim
Wetteland

August 19th:

Traditional with communion
Erika Warkentien & Now
and Then

August 26th:

Traditional with communion
Antonio Marino, violin

September 2nd:

Outdoors with communion

Ryan Miller and friends-
Guitar led service

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At its June meeting, the Prince of Peace Congregation Council endorsed the recommendations of Pastor Peter as well as the Worship, Adult Education and Children's Ministry Committees to begin following the Narrative Lectionary starting with the first Sunday in September.

One of the developers and authors of the Narrative Lectionary, Professor Rolf Jacobson, will be with us on Rally Sunday, Sept. 16, to help introduce us to the lectionary as a whole and help us imagine some of the ways this will help to shape our life together over the coming months. Each week of the coming year, we'll focus on only one story from the biblical narrative and this will guide our efforts across each aspect of our ministry life. If you'd like to read ahead, please go to the Working Preacher website to find the lectionary beginning Sept. 9th. www.workingpreacher.org/content/narrative_lectionary_matthew_2018-2019.pdf?rev=5

Feel free to contact Pastor Peter if you have more questions about this or how else you might be able to support this initiative.



Rolf Jacobson,
Narrative
Lectionary Author
& Luther Seminary
Professor will be
our guest on
Rally Sunday,
September 16.



Pastor Peter: Minus one gallbladder!

Two significant events shaped my ministry over the number of weeks, one unexpected and one long-planned for. My gallbladder reached its expiration date and required a quick response. I'm so grateful for all the support I received on short notice. So many were accommodating with all the shifts and changes this required.

I'm also thankful that I was still able to accompany the youth group to the National Youth Gathering in Houston. It was an amazing experience shared amongst a great group of kids. Erika's leadership brought us there and back safely. We were the beneficiaries of so much congregational support, especially Marge Beauvais' leadership and support, which allowed for something truly transformative to take place for our youth group. Amidst both events, some wonderful ministry at Prince of Peace continued to happen.

Staff Transitions

- Call Committee for Associate Pastor: I met individually with all four candidate forwarded from the Synod prior to the first round of interviews with the committee. I did not sit in on the group interviews but joined the committee in their deliberation and supported them in their discernment. I met again with final candidates following their second interviews, focusing on collaborative working style. I'm impressed with the work of the committee and have every confidence that we're on track to receive a wonderful new pastoral colleague in the near future.
- The Interview Committee for Visitation/Congregational Care: Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch was hired and began working July 17th. It's a joy and a relief to have her already in place.
- Youth Director Search Process: Two strong candidates were forwarded to the interview committee formed by the Youth Committee, both of which I have met with individually. In addition, the entire(!) youth group met with the final candidate to gauge their sense a capacity for future relationship. This has been a great process and we'll be excited to be announcing this placement very soon.
- Funeral Coordinator: Advertising for applicants has closed and we're continuing to seek members to serve on an interview/selection committee.

Program Notes

- "Drinking Deeply from the Psalms" was a delightful series for the first half of our summer. It was serendipitous to have the series author Rolf Jacobson cover for me on the kick-off Sunday. Thanks, too, to Scott Tunseth and Steve Sveom for their help in my absences.
- "Tasting the Bread of Life" series begins on July 29 and continues 5 weeks, through August.
- The Adult Ed committee has endorsed the plan to use the Narrative Lectionary beginning in September. Rolf Jacobson has agreed to come introduce the lectionary for the benefit of the whole congregation on Sunday, Sept. 16 (Rally Sunday). I will be working with the Worship and Children's Ministry committees in the coming weeks to finalize the planning around this shift.

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- The proposed change to Narrative Lectionary will require some redesign of existing curricula. Sunday forums are being planned with this shift in mind and some great sessions are in the works.
- In addition to the seven high school youth that attended the National Youth Gathering, we had a number of young campers at Camp WAPO this month. Two of our youth are also heading to Montana to attend Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp. And finally...



- I attended "Love Let(s) Go!" a Stewardship training conference, July 9-11 sponsored by the Saint Paul Area Synod and will be attending another stewardship retreat in Montana while I'll be there on vacation. As you might expect, re-energizing our stewardship initiatives are the next big project on my horizon and I look forward to sharing more about this initiative very soon.

Though the many staff transitions are still underway, the light seems to be peeking out from the end of the tunnel. I look forward to welcoming these new colleagues and inviting them into the delight that is the ministry we share with all of you.

Thanks for all your continued prayers and support.

Photo Note (right): I'm lucky to be able to spend some of these summer days at our family cabin, sometimes returning back to Roseville early on Sunday mornings for worship. This was a recent sunrise that sent me on my way.

Welcome Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch

The Visitation and Congregation Care Pastor Interview committee interviewed three very qualified candidates for this position. After prayerful discernment, the committee unanimously recommended and the Prince of Peace Council moved to enter into a covenant agreement for pastoral ministry with Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch. Pastor Ruth will be with us 15 hours per week. She will worship with us three Sundays of the month and provide pastoral care with Pastor Peter and the new Associate Pastor to those in need. In addition, she will be the ministry liaison to Senior Ministry. Please extend a warm PoP welcome to Pastor Ruth when you see her. If you would like a pastoral call, please call Pastor Ruth at the office 651-484-4144, or email at Ruth.SP@princeofpeaceroseville.org.

A note from Pastor Ruth:

Hello! My name is Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch and I am excited to be joining you as your Pastor for Visitation and Congregational Care! A little bit about what I will be doing: I will be taking the lead on visiting those who are homebound, sick, or in need of a little extra care. I will be supporting those who serve as Befrienders, as well as your existing senior ministry.

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I will be available for emergency pastoral care, as well as appointments with anyone who wants to talk through faith and life issues or for prayer and support. You will see me around on most Sunday mornings for conversations with all ages so please introduce yourself!

A little bit about me: I am a Roseville native and still live in Roseville in a three generation household (plus four pets!). Most recently I served for 12 years at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Paul, as their associate pastor, and before that was a chaplain resident at Fairview University Medical Center.

In my work as a pastor I am continually in awe of how God works through us as we walk with each other through difficult, crisis, or transitional times. I love how our scriptures, music, and spiritual practices help us lament, rejoice, and expand our theological imagination as God continues to create, love, and show us what resurrection is all about. As a person of faith I treasure curiosity, creation, and relationships as ways to grow in faith and love.

I look forward to bringing my gifts to join with all of yours at Prince of Peace.
In Peace, Pastor Ruth

President's Update from Deb Cordes

08/01/18

The Youth Director Interview committee interviewed two very qualified candidates for this position. The youth were actively involved in the selection process interviewing the final candidate. They recommended Corina Forcey for the position.

Corie will be starting Luther Seminary this fall to begin her education for pastoral ministry.

She currently works with the YMCA of the Greater

Twin Cities as a program manager in aquatics. In addition, she volunteers with the youth at Roseville Lutheran. Previously she was camp instructor/program coordinator for the Boy Scouts of America and team lead with the Luther Park Bible Camp. We are excited to have her join us.

Corie will be with us 10 hours per week. She will engage the youth on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evening and other times of service and fun. She will begin work with Prince of Peace the week of 08/16/18.





From Milt: "This Changes Everything"

"This Changes Everything" was the theme of the ELCA Youth Gathering, and I know our youth and chaperones experienced an amazing time. I've been transformed many times by the youth gathering and many other chaperoning opportunities.

What I've always realized when I got back from these experiences is that if each person I was chaperoning got as much from me as I did from them, they'd have received a lot.

Why do I bring this up? Because we are in the midst of changes; but no matter who comes in as staff, they can only add so much. We have so much to give to them and together we can make wonderful things happen. Christ lives in all of us.

As it says in the Gathering Thanksgiving for Baptism:

"Rejoice that God has claimed you in his baptismal grace,
Not by your own doing or believing,
but by God's mercy and love alone.
This changes everything."

And so as we begin "our lives together," we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism, that joins us together in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

During the Youth Reflection Service, Sunday, July 22nd, we sang "Open the Eyes of My Heart." What a great song to think about as we move forward and say good bye to some staff. Pastor Lynn has already left, and it was Erika's last day with the youth, but as we say good-bye, we also say Hello. We have welcomed Pastor Ruth, and I know the call committee and youth leader search committee are working hard to fill other positions.

We all need to Open the Eyes of OUR Hearts! How are we each called to serve? Do we have more to give monetarily or time-wise? Do we need to cut back for the moment? How can I make each of our new staff feel welcome and what can I do to support our remaining staff? How can I make new and old members feel welcome? Just because someone has been a member a long time doesn't mean that they still feel needed and welcome.

Open the Eyes of OUR Hearts!

If we all Open the Eyes of Our Hearts we can live the theme of the Gathering, for I believe this CAN change everything. We may just be a small part of the community, Twin Cities, ELCA, and world, but we ARE an important part of the community, Twin Cities, ELCA and world. My prayer for us is that we Open the Eyes of OUR Hearts and that This Changes Everything.

May God bless, Milt



It's That Time of Year...!

The members of Chancel Choir and director, Kathy Tunseth, invite you to sing with us during the 2018-2019 season! We rehearse Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9 pm, from September 5 through May 15 and present anthems for worship services three times each month. New members may join for the full year (September-May) or commit to a more limited portion of the season depending on your schedule. We have room for new members in each section so don't be shy~your services are needed and you will be warmly welcomed!

See you Wednesday, September 5 at our first rehearsal (refreshments after!).

August Birthdays

Aug. 2	Lee Poppe	Aug. 14	Hadley Verwest
Aug. 3	Melba Sanderson	Aug. 18	Isabella Kimmes
Aug. 4	Dee Schewe	Aug. 18	Paul Thompson
Aug. 9	Warren Lehman	Aug. 21	Bill Ficocello
Aug. 9	Judy Hinrichs	Aug. 21	Benjamin Lehman
Aug. 9	David Weiler	Aug. 22	Madison Wisher
Aug. 10	Joyce Arver	Aug. 23	Bill Miller
Aug. 10	Erika Warkentien	Aug. 24	Sarah Rawitzer
Aug. 10	Peggy Wiltse	Aug. 26	Dennis Christ
Aug. 11	Ryan Miller	Aug. 27	Peter Haugan
Aug. 12	Ann Ham	Aug. 29	Asitha Sandanayake
Aug. 12	Eleanora Thornton	Aug. 30	Roger Lundeen
Aug. 13	Maren Grafstrom	Aug. 31	Jerry Murch
Aug. 13	Megan Rennerfeldt	Aug. 31	Joanne Odegard

August 2018 Calendar

Wednesday, August 1st

7:00pm Men's Choir Practice

Friday, August 3rd

9:00pm Eternal Life Church
International -- Tarry Night

Saturday, August 4th

6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, August 5th

8:30am Worship Service
10:00am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church

Monday, August 6th

9:30am Monday Morning Crew
5:00pm Worship Committee
Meeting

Tuesday, August 7th

9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins

Sunday, August 12th

8:30am Worship Service
10:00am Worship Service
10:00am Baptism-- Turnquist
1:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church

Monday, August 13th

9:00am Vacation Bible School
at St. Michael's Lutheran
thru Thursday, Aug. 16th
9:30am Monday Morning Crew

Tuesday, August 14th

6:00am Primary election
9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins
6:00pm Jr. High Gathering
7:00pm Congregation Council

Wednesday, August 15th

7:00pm Band-led rehearsal

Saturday, August 18th

6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, August 19th

8:30am Worship Service
10:00am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church

Monday, August 20th

9:30am Monday Morning Crew

Tuesday, August 21st

9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins

Wednesday, August 22nd

3:30pm Boy Scouts Eagle Party

Friday, August 24th

7:00pm Eternal Life Church
International--Revival

Saturday, August 25th

7:00pm Eternal Life Church
International--Revival

Sunday, August 26th

8:30am Worship Service
10:00am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church
4:00pm Eternal Life Church --
Musical Concert

Monday, August 27th

9:30am Monday Morning Crew

Tuesday, August 28th

9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins

Message from our Kenyan missionaries

Gus and Anne Haugan received a letter from Julia Leiyoole, who wrote that torrential rains flooded much of the village of Arsim in Northern Kenya, where their mission station is located. They went to Arsim from Nairobi in the Landcruiser (that Prince of Peace had provided) with relief supplies for the flood victims: food, clothing, household items, blankets, school uniforms, and much more including funds to purchase 23 goats. The rain provided an enormous population of mosquitoes, and malaria was becoming a threat. They plan to go back to Nairobi to fetch antibiotics, malaria medicines, and mosquito nets. They thank Prince of Peace for prayers and for standing with them in their ministry.



*Vincent and Julia Leiyoole,
missionaries in Kenya*

The Leiyoole's work with the World Mission Prayer League. In 2016 the couple formed an NGO called Outreach Mission Team (OMT). (www.outreachmissionteam.com). OMT has allowed them to expand their work and see positive results in the church, community, and lives of the people they serve. It works in partnership with World Mission Prayer League and allows them to invite other volunteers and missionaries to become involved with their work.

They are involved in bringing "The Jesus Film" as translated in the local dialect to remote areas as a tool for evangelism, engaging in medical work through mobile clinics, expanding AA recovery work, assisting with educational support, and delivering food and water to drought stricken areas. Vincent continues his Business as Mission program through OMT. Business as Mission's goal is to bring sustainable change through micro loans, business education, and spiritual guidance. Vincent learned firsthand that faith and hard work lead to success and a deeper relationship with God. His passion is to empower the Samburu people to prosper spiritually and financially. The end result is a reduction in poverty rates and people who come to develop a healthy dependency on God

The field address for personal correspondence is
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Request regular prayer updates or make a secure contribution online at wmpl.org/Julia L



“Gathering Together” mini-retreat

introducing the 2018-19 “Gather” Bible Study
Saturday, Sept. 15th, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

8:30-9:00am - Registration 9:00-12:30pm - Program Lunch to follow

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 2499 N. Helen St., No. St. Paul

Presenter Lindsey M. B. Bina
Pastoral Associate, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North St. Paul

Nursery services available - if bringing children,
please bring along a bag lunch for each. Milk will be provided.
Cost: \$16.00 (includes registration, speaker, breaks and lunch).
Payable to Women of St. Mark's. \$ 8.00 (Bible Study Only, no lunch)

A New Look for The Vine

As we continue to transition our efforts around communication to more digital means like emails, the website and Facebook, we also recognize the need to simplify how we produce printed versions of the same content. All of the “articles” included in this printed version of The Vine can be found on our website with links found in our emails and on our Facebook page. The articles and updates are published online throughout the month. While it may not be quite as colorful as it has been in the past, **we will still produce printed versions like this one once a month** (occasionally two months at a time). It can be picked up at the church and mailed to those who have requested.

SAY HELLO
— TO OUR —
NEW LOOK

If you would like to request a hard copy, please call or email Tara in the office:
651-484-4144 or tara.emerson@princeofpeaceroseville.org.

Parking Lot Update by Matt Hogen, Congregation Council August 10, 2018

The project to resurface the parking lot is proceeding and I'd like to share some highlights of what we can expect:

- The selected contractor is Asphalt Restoration Company (ARC), a locally-owned paving service based in Little Canada, MN. More info on ARC can be found at arcpavinginc.com.
- ARC Co-Owner Ben Philipson met with Matt Hogen and Dan Neujahr on August 8 for a final project review and site inspection.
- Weather permitting, the project will commence on Monday, August 20. The first 4-5 days will involve removal and reclaiming of the existing asphalt and re-working the gravel sub-surface.
- Traffic access to Prince of Peace will be maintained throughout the project length though contractor may occasionally close off one driveway and building entries as necessary. We are preparing signage that will direct visitors to the accessible driveway, parking and entries.
- A temporary parking lot for church and day care staff will be located on the south lot near the gardens. Staff and regular visitors are asked to use this lot throughout the duration of the project. Visitor and handicapped parking access will be available near church entries but will move throughout the project period.
- ARC is responsible for trenching under the new surface in two locations. A new power conduit will be run from the southwest corner of the building to the garage. Irrigation pipe will be laid under the south drive to allow for water to be brought to the garden area.
- On Sunday, August 26, the parking lot will be compacted gravel and there will be some temporary markings to help provide parking guidelines. Parking in the south temporary lot will also be available.
- ARC has scheduled paving to begin on Monday, August 27 and will be completed within 3-4 days. Once complete, a subcontractor will come in to paint the lot to mark traffic lanes and parking spaces. This work may occur in the evening or on the weekend following.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Matt Hogen
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Prince of Peace volunteers completed our assigned days to work on the 2018 Habitat house. The Holy Hammers consortium has completed their 10 weeks of work. We began the project on April 16, the day after the April snowstorm, and completed the project on July 9, with heat and high humidity.



Thank you to the Prince of Peace work volunteers: Dave Olson, Steve Sveom, Bill Thornton, Heather Thornton, Chris Thornton, Lea Thornton, Wanda Shelton, Peter Haugan, Russ Wilkinson, James Ericksen, Caryn Josephson, Jim Josephson, Dan Wagner.

Thank you to the volunteers who provided lunch and snacks: Jean Knaak, Judy Florine, Anne Haugan, Kay M. Johnson and Linda Olson.

Thank you to all who contributed to Ash Wednesday offering – a total of \$1,179 was contributed. With thanks, Chris Henningson

