

July & August 2019 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Summer Worship Series Begins August 4

- August 4 You can run but you can't hide.
- August 11 When you hit rock bottom, look up.
- August 18 God loves to give people a second chance.
- August 25 God loves everybody and wants people to know it.

The book of Jonah is not like most other books in the Old Testament. It's listed among the books of the prophets, but it's more like a short story. Jonah, our title character, is never called a prophet but, God calls him to deliver a word to the people in the Assyrian city of Nineveh. Jonah is less than thrilled about following through on this task and tries to run away from God. That's where the big fish comes in.

Ultimately, we learn from Jonah's story that God is full of surprises and being in relationship with God means placing a whole lot of trust in God's love for the whole world, even for people we can't imagine ever loving ourselves. We think most of us agree that following God is not always easy; so come discover some of the wisdom God revealed to Jonah and just might reveal to us. Join us each Sunday in August.



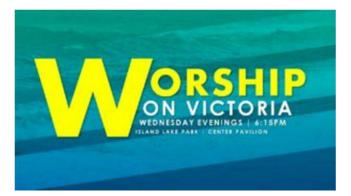
Summer Outdoor Worship

Next outdoor worship services: July 7 & Sept. 1 1 service at 10:00 am

Invite a neighbor!

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket if you'd like. Note: Chairs will be available.







From the Pastors

Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Join us for a 30 min. outdoor worship experience at Island Lake Park. Worship will be followed by a community pot-luck dinner every Wednesday night this summer thru August (except July 3).





If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Note: We will always be at Picnic shelter #2. (If the weather is bad, we'll meet at Shepherd of the Hills.)







Emptying the Nest

Peter Christ, Lead Pastor

What a beautiful home, God-of-the-Angel-Armies! I've always longed to live in a place like this,
Always dreamed of a room in your house, where I could sing for joy to God-alive!
Birds find nooks and crannies in your house, sparrows and swallows make nests there.
They lay their eggs and raise their young, singing their songs in the place where we worship.
God-of-the-Angel-Armies! King! God! How blessed they are to live and sing there!

Psalm 84, The Message by Eugene Peterson

Our son Bjorn just graduated from high school and our daughter Della did the same two years ago. Later this summer, after working at their summer jobs and taking off a little time to play, both kids will leave home for their respective colleges. This is a moment my wife Anne and I have been thinking about for some time now. It's called the "empty nest" and it's a moment all together joyful and terrifying. We're so proud of the smart, funny, capable and kind young adults our children have become, but we're also more than a little nervous that we haven't taught them *everything* they need to know to navigate the world on their own.

It's important to remember, of course, that learning *everything* is an impossible standard. Perhaps it's better to wonder if they've learned *enough*. Enough to not be too scared of the world to see the possibilities. Enough to make more smart choices than dumb mistakes. Enough to know that they have something unique to offer and it's time that they share the gifts God has given them.

It's also important for us to remember that they aren't alone. God will be working through them, their teachers, fellow students and coworkers to move the world ever closer to the vision God has in mind for all of creation. And, as parents, we're still a part of that vision, even if it means we don't have to make sure they're awake, out of bed, and out the door in time for the next thing.



One part of Anne's and my strategy for adjusting to the empty nest is to get a new nest; we're moving into a new home later this summer. As we were touring the new home, I discovered a bird's nest with a couple eggs just outside the front door, the mother singing loudly nearby. By the time we move in, those eggs will have hatched and those chicks too will have flown away, adding their song to the rest of creation's. That empty bird's nest will be a good reminder that God has provided our kids and us with just enough of what we needed to take this next big step in our lives. And that now their song belongs out in the world too. "How blest they are to live and sing there!"



Seniors Supporting Seniors

Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch Pastor for Visitation and Congregation Care

Every age has its challenges and blessings. Seniors Supporting Seniors is a new group for older adults (age 70 and up) to meet to talk about the joys and hardships of aging. Topics will include transitions, loneliness, creativity, health concerns, spirituality, and questions of purpose and using our gifts. This group will be facilitated by Pastor Ruth and Esther Tatley. Bring your questions and your experiences to this safe space for holy conversations. Please contact Pastor Ruth for more information. The first meeting time will be <u>Thursday, July 18</u> <u>at 1:00 pm in the library</u>. The group will determine frequency and next meeting date.



Drivers & Ride Coordinator Needed!

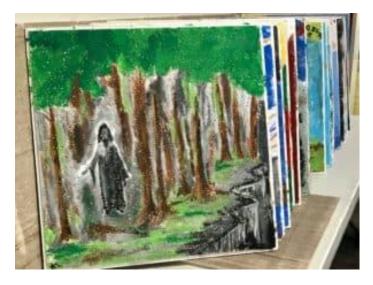
We have some older members who are in need of rides to appointments and to church events and worship. If you are able to give rides occasionally, please contact Pastor Ruth to be added to our drivers list. Your help means the world to those who are not as independent as they once were and keeps our community connected.



Telling Our Story: Bible Art

Betsy Hoium Pastor for Faith Formation

Telling Our Story: Bible Art is a series of 40 paintings done by 41 artists illustrating the biblical story from God's creation through the story of Pentecost.



People got excited about bringing these stories to life, using their own creativity. "I want to paint the lost sheep!" said Elliot Miller. "I want to paint the story where people have fire on their heads!" said his brother Ben. Isabella Kimmes, who played Mary last year in the Christmas Play, painted Mary holding Baby Jesus. "I want to paint giants!" said Warren Lehman, age 3. He painted David and Goliath. Kids are not the only ones who got involved. Linda Olson's painting depicts the 23rd Psalm -"although my kids did not initially know what it was!" she said. Barb Lyman's painting of a rainbow with a dove illustrates God's promise to Noah and compliments Caitlin Kimmes' painting of Noah sending forth the dove.

I've been asked where did the idea come from? My first call as a pastor was in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. One of the Children's Hospitals had ceiling tiles painted by their long-term patients. It seemed like a great idea!

We adapted it into painting Bible stories as the culmination of our year of Telling Our Story. Beginning in September, we began a 9-month walk-through of the Bible beginning with the Noah story in Genesis. We focused on Old Testament stories through Christmas, and then spent January through Easter in the Gospel of Matthew. Our first year in the Narrative Lectionary ends with Pentecost on June 9.

Many of the paintings are from stories that we heard this year in worship, Sunday morning Faith Formation, Confirmation and Adult Education. This includes a detailed series illustrating the story of Noah and God's promise to us. Other favorite stories from the Bible are also depicted.



The Confirmation students, their siblings and leaders painted the first group of paintings at their end of the year celebration. Then people of all ages were invited to paint bible stories as part of our Intergenerational Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

The artists range in age from 3 years old to retirement age. Several people who could not be here that day took the "ceiling tile canvases" home to paint.



Does this look like fun? Do you have an idea for a story you'd like to paint that is not yet represented in our biblical timeline? You are invited to paint a picture. This can be an evergrowing collection of stories.



So next time you're at church, be sure to look up!



Curious about who painted a picture? Stumped as to what story it is? There are signs with photos of the artists and their work, including the Bible reference for their story in the narthex.

Congregational News



On Sunday, June 23, we held our Semi Annual meeting. The following decisions were made:

- Adopted the 2019-20 Budget.
- Formally elected Asitha Sandanayke to serve as Congregation President.
- Decision to list Rose Diestler's home for sale.
- Elected a Call Committee to facilitate extending a call to Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch, as Visitation & Congregation Care Pastor

For more details, visit our website: www.poproseville.org/2019/06/sa-meeting/



PoP Happenings:



2019 Mission Micro Grants

On May 16th our Micro-Grant submitters met to determine how to divide up \$18,200 in Micro-Grant funds. The funds represent a percentage of Prince of Peace capital campaigns. Members of Prince of Peace submitted proposals for grants that would further Prince of Peace's mission in the community - whether for local, state, national or international communities. Persons who submitted a grant agreed to be on the committee to determine the grant awards. We had 17 proposals relating to a variety of projects that help people on a local and international level. A complete listing of all the projects can be found on our website:

www.poproseville.org/2019/06/mission-grants/



Vacation Bible School

August 12-15, 2019 - 9:00 to Noon "To Mars and Beyond" will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe.

They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. They'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Experience an amazing adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine! Register on our website.

Camp Christikon in Montana

Two of our youth, along with Pastor Peter, will travel to Montana to experience God's presence in the high alpine landscapes of the northern Rockies. UMD student Della Christ is serving her second year as a counselor at Christikon this summer. We ask that you pray to keep these mountain-bound pilgrims safe on their journeys.

New York City Mission Trip

Eight of our youth will be traveling to New York City July 27-August 5, accompanied by our Youth Director Cori Forcey and Pastor Betsy. We are partnering with St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bloomington and together we will run Vacation Bible School for two churches - one in Queens and one in Manhattan.

One is an older congregation that has few youth and is trying to rebuild their congregation. They have not had VBS for several years and we are hoping that our efforts will help reenergize the congregation. The other congregation is a vibrant, ethnically diverse congregation. We will both teach and learn from each other. While in New York, we will also have the opportunity to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the 9-11 Museum and see a Broadway Show.

Holy Hammers

The Prince of Peace participation in the building of our 2019 Holy Hammers Habitat for Humanity twin home at 593/595 Whitall St. has been completed. After eight weeks of construction, the twin home is progressing. It is up, roofed, with windows and exterior doors are in. Three sides are sided and painted and the plumbing, heating and electric are all roughed in. Holy Hammers has two weeks of work remaining and then Twin City Habitat volunteers will be assigned the remainder of the work. Front porch, front side windows, trim, siding and painting, backside steps, garage, insulation, dry wall, interior painting, flooring, cabinets, trim, interior doors, appliances, landscaping and sidewalks remain to be completed.



Fifteen volunteers from Prince of Peace provided twenty-three work days on the project!

We are grateful for the following volunteers that helped with this project: Anne Christ, Peter Christ, James Ericksen, Peter Haugan, Caryn Josephson, Dave Olson, Sarah Rawitzer, TJ Rawitzer, Russ Stolle, Steve Sveom, Bill Thornton, Chris Thornton, Heather Thornton, Lea Thornton and Chris Henningson.

Special thanks to the volunteers who provided food for two of the work days: Anne Haugan, Audrey Henningson, Maria Larson, Mary Palumbo, Jean Knaak, Judy Florine, Linda Olson and Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch.

Prince of Peace congregation contributed \$3,985 to this year's project (\$2,500 from the budget and \$1,485 from the Ash Wednesday collection). For more information about Habitat for Humanity, visit: www.tchabitat.org



Tanzania Trip 2019



Prince of Peace traveled to visit our brothers and sisters in Bomalang'ombe, Tanzania, June 11 through June 28. This year's travelers include Jim and Caryn Josephson, Pastor Betsy Hoium, and Lea Thornton. They had a chance to stay in Bomalang'ombe, to worship with them, build relationships, and to see the good work that God is doing through our partnership. They also visited the Huruma Center orphanage, the offices of Iringa Hope and other Iringa Diocese offices. The group finished their trip by visiting Ruaha National Park and the coastal town of Bagamoyo.

Special thanks to the members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for your support of this trip by making bookmarks, donating ties and attending fundraising efforts!

The group has so many stories to share from this experience. The photos on the next several pages are some highlights. They will be leading worship & sharing stories on Sunday, July 21st.









































Thank You

Thank you for a wonderful year of songs and smiles shared on Sunday mornings. I hope you all enjoy the warmer weather and I look forward to seeing everyone in September!

God's Blessings, Melissa Burke, Joyful Noise Director



Thank you for supporting the Rose Diestler Estate Sale!

We raised over \$5,000 for Youth Ministry and the summer Mission Trip to NYC!



Special thanks to Andrea Clepper, Tammy Jackson, & all the volunteers!

Thank You.... Again and again!

Socks and underwear for women and children were collected in April for the material offering given at the St. Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention. And again - Prince of Peace folks gave generously. Many pairs of socks and underwear were contributed to Lutheran Social Services. The Lydia Bible Study Circle also gave \$50.00 for the Convention offering.



Upcoming Women Events Mark your Calendar!

Saturday, September 14 morning

Annual mini-retreat for the introduction to the 2019 - 2010 GATHER Women's Bible Study. Location: St. Mark's Lutheran in North St. Paul

<u>Saturday, October 5</u> at 9:30 am East Central/North Central Fall Cluster Location: Holy Cross Lutheran in Oakdale Speaker: Carolyn Klaver from Lyngblomsten "Healthy Brain: Maintaining Mental Fitness."



Milt Warkentien Music Ministry Coordinator and Lightshine Youth Choir Director

Who Is My neighbor? I hope you've enjoyed this series as it has really made me think about things. When I think about neighbors I usually think locally; so to think globally stretches my understanding of neighbors.

It's really amazing to me how things have changed over the years as it used to be you'd see youth hanging out playing, but that isn't as frequent of a sight as it used to be. It used to be you'd know a lot of the people on your street; but that, I fear, is sadly becoming less and less. How many times does someone say hi, or even make eye contact, as they pass on the street, or in a store, etc.? Sadly, I think fear has taken a lot of the "local neighbor" out of the equation. What ways are possible to be a "local neighbor" now?

While being a "local neighbor" may have shrunk in many ways, the "global neighbor" has taken off. It is so much easier to communicate globally now, than it used to be; so that has opened up so many more ways to interact globally. When people from PoP go to Bomalang'ombe we get updates every day. That wouldn't have happened too many years ago. We can now see what is happening instantly all over the world. Remember when getting a letter from overseas was about the only way to learn what was going on? Instant access to global news makes being a "Neighbor" easier, or does it? While we can get information instantly, it's easier to stay in touch with people, and it also magnifies the problems going on around the world. Being a "PEN PAL" used to be a way to be a neighbor globally, but it was hard to know how to help those in need around the world. Now it's an everyday occurrence to feel the need to help out globally, which can make choices difficult. How are we supposed to be good neighbors locally and globally?

Josh Wilson has a song called "Dream Small" in which the refrain says "Dream small. Don't bother like you've got to do it all. Just let Jesus use you where you are, one day at a time. Live well, loving God and others as yourself. Find little ways where only you can help. With His great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall. Dream small." There is a bridge in this song that says "Keep loving, keep serving, keep list'ning, keep learning, keep praying, keep hoping, keep seeking, keep searching. Add up the small things and watch them grow bigger. The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers. So dream small." This song reminds me of Mother Teresa's quote "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Being a "neighbor" isn't easy globally, or locally, and if you're feeling overwhelmed, by the magnitude of it all, remember to start out small, doing things with love, for sometimes that is all we can do.

I believe that if we all do small things, they'll add up to something much greater than we ever imagined. I challenge everyone to just start out sharing a smile with those they meet every day; for who knows what that smile may mean to that person. When you're ready for bigger things there are many local groups to volunteer with that help people in need locally and globally. Maybe a mission trip is in your future, but whatever your call may be, share God's love with those around you. If we aren't God's love to the world, who will be? My prayer is that we all at least do small things with great love.

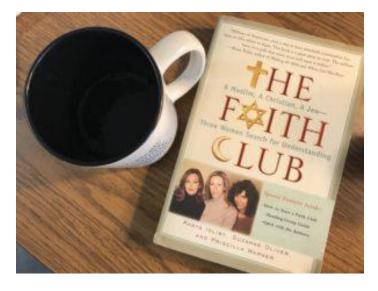


July & August Worship Schedule:

- July 3rd <u>NO</u> Worship on Victoria
- July 7th One Service Outdoors at 10am (Weather permitting) with communion Cheri Sykes Trio
- July 10th Worship on Victoria
- July 14th Traditional Cori Forcey
- July 17th Worship on Victoria
- July 21st Traditional with communion
- July 24th Worship on Victoria
- July 28th Band led Worship Team
- July 31st Worship on Victoria
- August 4th Traditional with communion
- August 7th Worship on Victoria
- August 11th Traditional
- August 14th Worship on Victoria
- August 18th Band led Worship Team with communion
- August 21st Worship on Victoria
- August 25th Traditional
- August 28th Worship on Victoria

September 1st - One Service Outdoors at 10 am (Weather Permitting) with communion Ryan Miller and friends leading the service

Faith Formation



Books with Betsy & Reading with Ruth

Summer is a great time to grab a good book and sit outside to read. This summer we are going to read and discuss a book that complements our summer sermon series "Who is My Neighbor?" The book is called *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew -Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

It is a first-person story of three women who meet after 9-11 and come together to write a children's book about their three faiths to help their own kids understand what was going on in New York City where they live. The women, who became good friends, discovered that was a nearly impossible task. As they began exploring their own faith and learning about the other religions, they discover that they had more questions than answers. The result was the book *The Faith Club* that chronicles their journey together.

You are invited to read *The Faith Club* prior to July 14, when it will be the basis for the sermon "Who is My Neighbor? People of Many Faiths."

Then you are invited to a two-part book discussion that we're calling Books with Betsy & Reading with Ruth.

Because summer is such a busy time, we have several options. Come to one (or more) as your schedule allows:

Daytime option: Tuesdays, July 16 and 23, 10-11:30 a.m. Evening/Weekend option: Sunday, July 14, 11:15-12:45 and Tuesday, July 23, 6:30-8 p.m.

Books may be purchased at church for \$5.50. Books are also available from your favorite bookseller and from the Ramsey County Library.

You can learn more about the book at: www.thefaithclub.com Books with Betsy & Reading with Ruth is a new event that we hope to do several times throughout the year.



Sermon Series Continues:



Join us as we finish our "Who is My Neighbor?" Sermon Series in July.

July 7 - Public Servants July 14 - People of Many Faiths July 21 - Our Brothers & Sisters in Bomalang'ombe July 28 - Landscapes & Cityscapes



Church Calendar

July 2019

Monday, July 1st 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, July 2nd 9:30am - NO Old Guys TODAY! 2:30pm - YogaDevotion class Thursday, July 4th Independence Day - Office Closed 6:30pm - Cookout and Fireworks Saturday, July 6th 6:30pm - Meditative Drumming Sunday, July 7th 10:00am - Outdoor Worship Service 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 8th 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, July 9th 9:30am - Old Guys 2:30pm - YogaDevotion class Wednesday, July 10th 1:00pm - Staff Meeting 6:15pm - Worship on Victoria Sunday, July 14th 8:30am - Worship Service 10:00am - Worship Service 11:15am - Books with Betsy & Reading with Ruth 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 15th 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, July 16th 9:30am - Old Guys 10:00am - Books with Betsy & Reading with Ruth 2:30pm - YogaDevotion class Wednesday, July 17th 4:00pm - Visitation for Elly Osterhoudt 5:00pm - Memorial for Elly Osterhoudt 6:15pm - Summer Worship on Victoria Thursday, July 18th 1:00pm - Seniors Supporting Seniors Saturday, July 20th 6:30pm - Meditative Drumming Sunday, July 21st 8:30am - Worship Service 10:00am - Worship Service 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 22nd 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, July 23rd 9:30am - Old Guys 10:00am - Books with Betsy & Reading with Ruth 2:30pm - YogaDevotion class 6:30pm - Books with Betsy and Reading with Ruth Wednesday, July 24th 1:00pm - Staff Meeting 6:15pm - Summer Worship on Victoria Saturday, July 27th 12:00am - Youth Mission Trip - NYC Sunday, July 28th 8:30am - Worship Service 10:00am - Worship Service 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 29th 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, July 30th 9:30am - Old Guys 2:30pm - YogaDevotion class Wednesday, July 31st 6:15pm - Summer Worship on Victoria

August 2019

Saturday, August 3rd 6:30pm - Meditative Drumming Sunday, August 4th 8:30am - Worship Service 10:00am - Worship Service 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, August 5th 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, August 6th 9:30am - Old Guys Wednesday, August 7th 1:00pm - Staff Meeting 6:15pm - Summer Worship on Victoria Sunday, August 11th 8:30am - Worship Service 10:00am - Worship Service 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, August 12th 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew 9:00am - VBS "To Mars and Beyond" 7:00pm - Generosity Committee Tuesday, August 13th 9:00am - "To Mars and Beyond" 9:30am - Old Guvs 7:00pm - Council Picnic Wednesday, August 14th 9:00am - VBS "To Mars and Beyond" 6:15pm - Summer Worship on Victoria Thursday, August 15th 9:00am - VBS "To Mars and Beyond" Saturday, August 17th 6:30pm - Meditative Drumming Sunday, August 18th 8:30am - Worship Service 10:00am - Worship Service 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, August 19th 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, August 20th 9:30am - Old Guys 6:30pm - League of Women Voters Wednesday, August 21st 1:00pm - Staff Meeting 6:15pm - Summer Worship on Victoria Sunday, August 25th 8:30am - Worship Service 10:00am - Worship Service 1:00pm - Eternal Life Church

Monday, August 26th 9:00am - Monday Morning Crew Tuesday, August 27th 9:30am - Old Guys Wednesday, August 28th 6:15pm - Summer Worship on Victoria Blessing of the Animals Bring your pets!

Communication at Prince of Peace:

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. Most 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. We will still produce printed versions once a month (occasionally two months at a time, like this edition). It can be picked up at the church and mailed to those who have requested.

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