

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA
Roseville, Minnesota



Friday, July 22, 2022

To the Members and Friends of Prince of Peace-

We have received Pastor Betsy Hoium's notice to resign her call as our Pastor for Faith Formation. Be sure to read the attached letter from Pastor Betsy in which she describes both her gratitude for her ministry among us and her sense of where God is calling her next. We join with her in giving thanks for the countless ways she has shaped our shared ministry and we rejoice in how the Spirit will continue to be at work in and through her in the months and years to come.

In response to this news, the church's first order of business is to properly mark this transition and honor Pastor Betsy by supporting her as she moves away from this call and into what awaits. During both worship services on Sunday, September 4, the congregation will combine its blessings with God's own as she concludes her service among us. Following worship, we'll have a time for fellowship and farewells.

As for the coming transition, the Personnel Committee and Congregation Council are already at work on developing a plan to adjust to the practical realities that will come with Pastor Betsy's absence. We will be installing an experienced Interim Children & Family Ministry Leader on a part-time basis to assist with the on-going redevelopment of our Children, Youth, and Family ministries. We remain committed to supporting the families of our community with vibrant faith formation opportunities, especially for our youngest members.

Pastor Betsy's departure creates challenges for us, but it also will push us to move forward more quickly with the process of redefining our vision for all the ministries of Prince of Peace. As first steps, we will ask the Congregation Council to create two new teams, a "Visioning Team" to lead community conversations about our vision and a new "Mission Staffing Team" to develop options for staffing aligned with this new vision.

Finally, as we face these challenges, we also see God working through us in new and exciting ways. Our vision for a daycare is beginning to take shape with Lakes Area Discovery Center renting space from us to begin developing a site at PoP. The Hearts and Minds Academy also plans to lease space for the coming school year. We have begun the process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Several of our committees and ministry groups are meeting again and finding new energy.

We give thanks for all the ways this church will continue to support our staff and leaders through this coming transition. We're confident that God will continue to work among us to reveal how we might best build up the church and love the world. We're grateful to have the Spirit's presence to help us rise to the challenges that await.

In peace and thanksgiving,

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Michael Stetzler, Congregation President

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Peter Christ, Lead Pastor