

Prints of Peace



If you attend worship regularly, you may have noticed a minor change in our worship in the last few months. We now alternate between using the **Apostles' Creed** and the **Nicene Creed**. Prior to this change, we had been reciting the Apostles' Creed every week for many years. What's this change all about? Well, before I explain the change, let's talk about what these creeds are.

The word creed means "statement of belief," and it comes from the Latin word *credo*, which simply means, "I believe." When we recite a creed together in worship, we are together proclaiming the faith in God that we share. Because we proclaim God as Three-in-One, both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds are divided into three sections, or "articles," one about each of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Nicene Creed was first adopted at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 and modified at the Council of Constantinople in 381. It was adopted mainly as a way for the leaders of the church to state what was "orthodox" faith, as opposed to "heresy" that some were preaching. For instance, the Nicene Creed says that Jesus was "eternally begotten of the Father," and "begotten, not made," because there was disagreement between some people at the time as to whether Jesus was the Son of God from the beginning or was an everyday person who was "adopted" by the Father into his role as Savior. The Nicene Creed declared that, in accordance with the first chapter of John's gospel, Jesus was *eternally begotten* from the Father, and thereby settled this debate.

The Apostles' Creed has a more complicated history. Legend states that it was written by the Twelve Apostles themselves (hence its name), but there's no historical evidence for that. Rather, it existed in some form before the Nicene Creed, but doesn't appear in its current form until the fifth century. It seems that its original use was in baptism liturgies. Adults who were baptized would use this creed to state what they believed, just before their baptism. We still, in fact, use this creed today in that way. Watch for this next time we have a baptism!

In a way, the Nicene Creed (which begins, "We believe") establishes what we believe *as a church*, and the Apostles Creed (which begins, "I believe") confesses what we believe *as individual Christians*. Both creeds are accepted by Christians of many different denominations around the world (the Nicene Creed even more than the Apostles' Creed). Every ELCA congregation, in its constitution, accepts three creeds "as true declarations of the faith of this congregation": the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds.

The use of the Nicene and Apostles Creeds in Lutheran worship has varied over time. According to the usage of *Service Book and Hymnal* (1958), the Nicene Creed was to be used "on all Festivals and whenever there is a Communion;" the Apostles Creed at other times. *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978) recommended the Nicene Creed for the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons, and the Apostles Creed for the other

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“green” Sundays. Our current worship book, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), altered that slightly, and says, “The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles’ Creed during Lent and at other times.”

Okay. So now, what’s with the change here at Prince of Peace? Well, that’s on me. When we began having weekly communion about eleven years ago, I felt that it was important to keep worship moving as quickly as possible. One way to do that was to always use the Apostles’ Creed, which is somewhat shorter than the Nicene. And that just kind of stuck, until a few months ago, when someone asked me, “Why don’t we ever use the Nicene Creed anymore?” I thought about it and realized that I didn’t have a good answer for that. In fact, it would probably be good if we brought it back. I spoke with the Worship and Music Committee, and we agreed to start alternating for the time being. Perhaps down the road we’ll shift to the schedule recommended by *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

I always welcome your questions about worship! Thanks to the person who asked about the creeds!
In Christ,



Rev. Michael J. Scholtes



COME Worship WITH US

On-site (9:45 on Sundays)

Outdoor Worship:

Weather permitting, we will worship outside in our grove several times this summer! It will be the third Sunday in August, plus Labor Day weekend: August 18, and September 1. Worship will be at the regular time of 9:45 a.m. Bring your own chair or sit on one of the benches. If you prefer, you can park at the far end of the parking lot and remain in your car – speakers will be set up so you can hear everything from there, and communion will be brought to you. If the weather is not cooperative, worship will be held inside; these outdoor services will not be rescheduled.

Online / Facebook / Telephone

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor). You can also call in to hear our worship each week at 877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767).

New videos and audio files will be added each Monday.

July Key Council Meeting Highlights

1. Mark your calendar for the Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 17 @ 11:00 am
2. July 28th informational meeting to be canceled and rescheduled after the august council meeting
3. Pastors Vacation August 20 - September 2, 2024 including Sundays 8/25 and 9/1

Our Endowment Fund at Work!

We are now beginning to see Endowment Fund money which was distributed to approved Sub Funds during the past 2 years paying dividends. In June, \$375 in costs associated with our representatives attending the 2024 NEPA Synod Assembly were paid from our Wider Church Sub Fund. In July, \$2,400 for replacement of 2 HVAC units and \$14,267 for repairs to sidewalks at the church were paid from our Non-Budgeted Property Expense Sub Fund. We were able to cover these expenses as the result of your contributions to the Endowment Fund. Thanks for your continued support!

--Jim Jennings



Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!

- Taylor Baker, August 1
- Pauline Newell, August 2
- Wilma Hill, August 2
- Carol Gillow, August 2
- Leon Vanderpool, August 3
- Eric Fraunfelter, August 4
- Isabel Baker, August 5
- Maxwell Manicke, August 6
- Stephanie Steele, August 7
- Evelynn Diabo, August 7
- Craig Hughes, August 8
- Barbara Reimer, August 9
- Sharon Shook, August 10
- Lori Heitzman, August 10
- Donna Ott, August 12
- Betty Steinmetz, August 12
- Robert Duran, August 13
- Erica Schuette, August 14
- Lee Ann Lambert, August 15
- Diane Kimsey, August 15
- Trista Artley, August 15
- Autumn Williams, August 20
- Nolan Reinhart, August 21
- Kale Baker, August 22
- Cathy Mullen, August 22
- Lauren Flyte, August 23
- Eleanor Hill, August 24
- Petrina Billger, August 25
- Peyton Walters, August 25
- Thomas Rotzell, August 27
- James Poliskiewicz, Jr., August 28
- Natalie Fraunfelter, August 29
- Nathan Newhard, August 29
- Isaak Griggs, August 29
- Mark Grusso, August 30

Stewardship News



God gives us an opportunity to be generous this August with our time!

August is the time to use your hands to help at the Blue Valley Farm Show. There are plenty of open slots to come out and help serve the food or work the grill and have some fun. This is one of our major ways to add to our income used for the ministry at Prince of Peace. Look for the sign-up sheets on the counter in the Narthex.

Thank you for being a good steward!

The Joyful Noise donations total \$116.00 for June. So far this year we have collected \$562.11! Thank you for your continued support!

Social Ministry Update and THANK YOU!

Valley Youth House donations were delivered, they were thrilled to receive them. The director sent me an email stating they were already being distributed to those they serve. Social Ministry thanks you for your continued and generous support of all our projects. "We're using our hands to do God's work." —*Mary O'Meally*

Greeting Prince of Peace family,

Just want to express my sincere thanks for the cards, prayers and phone calls during my hospitalization and continued recuperation. Thank you to Council for the beautiful flowers and to Pastor and Larry Rissmiller for their visits. Continue to send prayers and I hope to see you soon! Fondly, —*Connie Itterly*

Dear Prince of Peace,

Thank you for your thoughts, cards and prayers I received from my home church! I truly appreciate them beyond words. Your kindness got me through my hospital stays and medical issues. I never lost my faith in God and my faith in my friends. Thank you to Pastor Scholtes for his kindness, calls and prayers. It is nice to be remembered. I miss my friends from home. —*Doris Bachman*

Dear Price of Peace,

I would like to reiterate how grateful I am for receiving this year's scholarship. Thank you for your generosity and the support I received from our church community. It really means the world to me to be able to pursue my college education with your help.

Sincerely,
—*Anthony Diabo*



JOIN US!

We
meet
at
2 p.m.

Real Readers Book List:

August 1 – “What the Fireflies Knew” by Kai Harris (Cindy)
September 5 – “A fever in the Heartland” by Timothy Egan (Cheryl)
October 3 – “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid (Maureen)
November 7 – “The Children’s Blizzard” by Melanie Benjamin (Wanda)
December 5 – “Mr. Dickens and His Carol” by Samantha Silva (Sherry)



**Weis 1 % Grocery Receipts
Program Update:**
Thank you to all who save
their Weis receipts for
Prince of Peace!

We have received **\$959.00** so far
in 2024 by returning **\$95,959.00**
in grocery slips.

—*Janet Martocci*

Can you help?

It’s mowing season! A sign-up
sheet of the lawn care schedule
is on the Narthex bulletin board.

If you have questions, please
contact John Martocci or
Denny Horn.



Join us for POPS (Prince of Peace Seekers):

Gatherings begin on September
12th, from 10 a.m. - Noon, in
the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea,
and snacks are available. We
meet for a time of spiritual
growth, discussion, and
fellowship. We have some
topics planned to spark your
spiritual imagination!

On September 12, 19 and 26,
Georgia Suranofsky will lead
sessions on Women in the Bible.
Pastor Scholtes will lead a book
study during the month of
October. Stay tuned for more
details.

Any questions, please contact
Karen Karner or Janet Martocci.



BackPack BUDDIES



Because Hunger Doesn't End on Friday

Social Ministry Update:

Slater Family Network has reached out to us regarding their "Backpack Buddy Program". They are desperately in need of the following items: juice boxes, jelly and healthy snacks. This will be an ongoing project for us since food insecurity among kids is at an all-time high. In the past this congregation has been very generous in making sure the backpacks are always full. There's a sample of items to donate on the counter in the Narthex, and a basket to place your donations in. Social Ministry thanks you for your continued support of this and all our ministries and projects. "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. Matthew 25:35" —*Social Ministry*

POP CELEBRATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF ELCA WORLD HUNGER:

In honor of the 50th anniversary of World Hunger, and since we just celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2022, council is challenging us to purchase 50 gifts from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Any gift of any price counts towards our goal. We have selected several animals/gifts for you to choose from, they are: Chicks \$10.00; Honeybees \$20.00; Piglet \$30.00; Goat \$50.00; Rooster \$15.00; Fish Farm \$250.00, and Feed 50 people at a soup kitchen \$100.00. Any one of these animals help a family in many ways, from providing a supply of protein rich meals, to help start a small business, and generate a steady source of income. There are several ways to purchase from the good gifts catalog, you may go to our website and purchase online, or use the envelopes on the counter in the Narthex. Pastor will also include an opportunity to purchase in his daily emails. POP's Treasures will match up to 50 gifts if we meet our goal. This is a challenge I know we can meet, and maybe even surpass! Why? Because we are a caring and generous congregation!

Questions: see Mary O'Meally or Tina Johns



Join us for Sunday Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall:

Coffee hour will continue after the church service on September 15. Come join us and bring someone with you! Coffee hours are hosted each week by two or more people. If you are interested in hosting coffee hours, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. Hosting involves setting up coffee and tea and supplying baked goods/snacks. Members of the Coffee Hour Team are available to help if needed: Karen Karner, Janet Martocci, Cathy Mullen and Sue Reinhart.



P.U.M.P. News:

Donations of cereal and mac n'cheese are greatly needed and appreciated right now. Thank you for your continued generous donations!

Join us for the Church



If you haven't already signed up for the picnic on Sunday, August 4th, please do so in the Narthex!
(August 11th rain date)



Volunteer Opportunities -- Blue Valley Farm Show and Jacktown:

Volunteers are greatly appreciated for both the Blue Valley Farm Show (August 13-17) and Jacktown (October 19 & 20). Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

Janessa Horn is the go-to-girl for this year's Blue Valley Farm Show stand. If you have questions about tasks or any other concerns, please direct them to her at 484-903-4600 or janessa.horn4600@gmail.com.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering, please be sure to ask Mark Grusso to answer any question that you may have.

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The Worship & Music Committee would like to create a new job title called: **Pew Tender**.

A pew tender will remain after worship for about 15 minutes to “TEND” or straighten up the pews. This includes making the hymnals all face in the correct direction with ribbons hanging to the side, and adding additional communion cards, welcome cards, offering envelopes, and pencils to the pew racks. They should also dispose of any discarded items that remain in the pews so the pews have a tidy appearance for the next service.

These tasks have been part of the altar guild’s job for a long time, but we would like to make it a separate job that someone else can do while the altar guild is taking care of the communion items.

If you would be interested in being placed on the worship schedule as a Pew Tender, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact me and I'll add you to the list. If you would like to sign up as a couple or a family to do the job together, that is okay too.

Kim Jennings will be offering a short training session in late July, and we will start adding Pew Tenders to our worship schedule in August or September. *–Pastor Scholtes*

LET'S READ THE BIBLE!

Thursday, August 1	Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:33-42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
Friday, August 2	Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:43-13:2; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Saturday, August 3	Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 13:3-10; Matthew 16:5-12
Sunday, August 4	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
Monday, August 5	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32; Ephesians 4:17-24
Tuesday, August 6	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
Wednesday, August 7	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Isaiah 55:1-9; Mark 8:1-10
Thursday, August 8	Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Samuel 28:20-25; Romans 15:1-6
Friday, August 9	Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Samuel 17:15-29; Galatians 6:1-10
Saturday, August 10	Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Kings 2:1-9; Matthew 7:7-11
Sunday, August 11	1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
Monday, August 12	Psalm 81; 1 Kings 17:1-16; Ephesians 5:1-14
Tuesday, August 13	Psalm 81; Ruth 2:1-23; 2 Peter 3:14-18
Wed., August 14	Psalm 81; Jeremiah 31:1-6; John 6:35-40
Thursday, August 15	Psalm 34:9-14; Job 11:1-20; Acts 6:8-15
Friday, August 16	Psalm 34:9-14; Job 12:1-25; Romans 16:17-20
Saturday, August 17	Psalm 34:9-14; Job 13:1-19; John 4:7-26
Sunday, August 18	Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
Monday, August 19	Psalm 36; Genesis 43:1-15; Acts 6:1-7
Tuesday, August 20	Psalm 36; Genesis 45:1-15; Acts 7:9-16
Wed., August 21	Psalm 36; Genesis 47:13-26; Mark 8:14-21
Thursday, August 22	Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Friday, August 23	Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:10-20; Romans 13:11-14
Saturday, August 24	Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:21-34; Luke 11:5-13
Sunday, August 25	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
Monday, August 26	Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:1-15; Ephesians 5:21-6:9
Tuesday, August 27	Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:16-31; Ephesians 6:21-24
Wed., August 28	Psalm 119:97-104; Isaiah 33:10-16; John 15:16-25
Thursday, August 29	Psalm 15; Exodus 32:1-14; James 1:1-8
Friday, August 30	Psalm 15; Exodus 32:15-35; James 1:9-16
Saturday, August 31	Psalm 15; Exodus 34:8-28; John 18:28-32

Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to DailyLectio.net, where you can sign up for daily emails or download the app for iPhone or Android!

Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counters
August 4	Brooks Baker, Sara Godshalk	Isabel Baker	Kale Baker	Marlene and Butch Stana	Kim Jennings	Alex Scholtes	Georgia Suranofsky
August 11	Sherk and June Jones	Kim Jennings	Marlene Stana	Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk	Tina Johns	Ben Scholtes	Tina Johns
August 18 Outdoors	Sue Reinhart, Vivian Fahr	Sara Godshalk	Tina Johns	Traci Rumsey, Brenda Hughes	n/a	n/a	Brenda Hughes
August 25	Wayne and Lisa Jones	Kale Baker	Larry Rissmiller	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Tara Flyte	Fabian Vargas	Jean Janosa
Sept. 1	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Shery Hock	Kale Baker	Sherk and June Jones	n/a	n/a	Jackie Horn, Jim Jennings

Communion Assistants:

- August 4 Diane Hahn, Tina Johns
- August 11 April Miller, Diane Hahn
- August 18 Laraine Brands, Brooks Baker
- August 25 Marlene Stana, Jim Jennings
- September 1 April Miller, Diane Hahn

- August Altar Guild: Cathy Mullen, Phyllis Bisher
- September Altar Guild: Connie Itterly, Diane Searfass

Bread Baker/Providers:

- August 4: Cathy Mullen
- September 1: Connie Itterly



Thank you for your willingness to serve!!

If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please find someone to take your place and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change as soon as possible. For last minute changes be sure to leave the message on Pastor Scholtes' voice mail at 610-588-2355 or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.

Our Volunteers

**Would you like to join the team of volunteers who endeavor to enhance our weekly worship time together?
Contact Annette Buss or Pastor Scholtes**



Trinity Lutheran Church Clothing Closet:

Trinity Lutheran Church is providing a free clothing closet on the first and third Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., with clothing for men, women and children, as well as socks, shoes and underwear. Customers may take four items at each visit. Please call their church at 610-588-2023 for more information.

Special Summer Worship Services:

Trinity Lutheran Church will be having four Holden Evening Prayer services this summer. They will be held on July 24, August 7 and 21 all at 7 p.m. Services will be held in the fellowship hall. Call the church office at Trinity— 610-588-2023 for more information.



Therefore
encourage one
another and
build each other
up as you are
already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

MARY & MARTHA

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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. – Join us!!

- **Pastor:** Rev. Michael J. Scholtes
 - **home:** 610-588-2314 - PastorMJS@gmail.com
 - **Volunteer Pastoral Assist.** Larry Rissmiller
610-588-4669
 - **Minister of Music:** Martin Yazdzik
 - **Bookkeeper:** Joyce Weishaupt
 - **Financial Secretary:** Mary O'Meally
 - **Custodian:** Brittnee Evans
 - **Parish Nurse:** Justine Saviet, 610-730-7895,
cesarijustine1080@gmail.com
 - **Administrative Assistant:** Annette Buss
 - **Admin. Asst's Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.–Noon
Thursday: 1 to 4 pm
- Admin. Asst's email:** poplcbangor@gmail.com

Congregation Council Members:

Larry Rissmiller – President	Brenda Hughes
Connie Itterly - Vice President	Jackie Horn
Tina Johns - Secretary	Traci Rumsey
Kale Baker	Kerri Miller
Sara Godshalk	Jean Janosa
Mary O'Meally	Allison Manicke
Rev. Michael Scholtes	John Martocci

Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank you? Make an announcement?

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE
APPRECIATED!**

September 2024 Newsletter is:

Tuesday, August 13 at Noon

****Please submit items in a Word Document
not PDF format, thank you!****

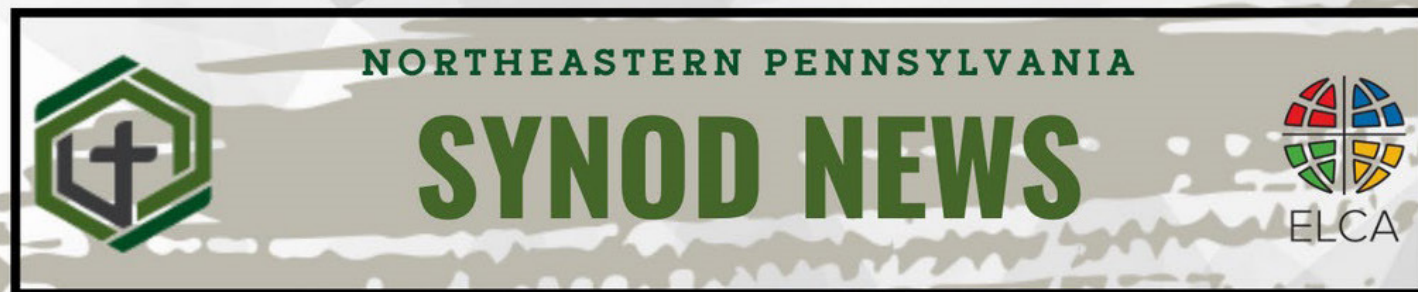
*You may email your submissions to
poplcbangor@gmail.com*

*Or give a handwritten items to
Annette Buss*

****Items received
after the deadline
will go into next month's
newsletter.****

**OUR PURPOSE
STATEMENT**

*We, the people of Prince of
Peace Evangelical
Lutheran Church,
will actively seek and serve
Christ in all people.*



Walking Together for a Cause: Celebrating 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger

On Saturday, June 22, 18 faithful folk gathered at Conrad Weiser High School stadium in Robesonia, PA, to walk the track as part of a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. In spite of the high temperatures, a lot of miles were walked and cycled to earn support dollars to feed hungry people. We had representatives from Grace, Shillington, Trinity, Wernersville, Zion, Spies, Zion, Womelsdorf, Grace, Macungie, Trinity,



Robesonia, New Life,

New Tripoli as well as Pastor Rachael Dietz and Deacon Travis Woodfield from the Northeastern PA Synod office, and Quentin Bernhard from Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa), who updated us on local legislation and advocacy needs as our state budget is crafted. We will have to await totals from the synod office to determine how much we raised, but it

was a blessing to be together with a community of compassionate, caring people to contribute to the work of the ELCA



to see that All Are Fed. The Hunger Ministries in the early planning stages for a choir festival, tentatively for May 2025 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration



Submitted by: Rev. Eileen Smith LeVan Co-Convener of the Hunger Taskforce

SoulShop-Part of a New Ministry to Celebrate 75 years

Submitted by Pastor Paul Metzloff

Reformation Lutheran Church in Reiffton is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. As a part of that celebration, our planning committee wanted to begin a new ministry, in light of the facts that we have always worked towards being active and engaged, and also that several of our active ministries ended during and shortly after the COVID pandemic. In our conversations, we realized that many of the families in our congregation had, in some way, been affected by suicide – far more than we would have guessed. Therefore, we decided to begin a ministry focused on mental health and, in particular, suicide prevention and education.

We chose, as our first major initiative, to provide a one-day faith-based suicide education program called SoulShop. With funding from our congregation, a generous Witness and Service grant from the synod, and additional financial and advertising support from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (the group that often organizes the Out of the Darkness Walks), we sponsored this training on May 4th of 2024. Attended by representatives of the congregation, other local congregations, health care professionals, and members of the community, this training was an opportunity to learn more about the stigma surrounding



suicide, how to help those who might be contemplating taking their own lives, and faith-oriented ways for openly discussing this often neglected or avoided subject.

Our trainer from SoulShop was himself a survivor of suicide, and guided the conversation appropriately and empathetically. Several of those who attended were themselves touched by suicide, including a family who had lost a son and brother to suicide. The group read scripture together, prayed together, ate together, and practiced

open conversation about mental health in general and suicide in particular. We left with information and resources from both SoulShop and the AFSP, as well as encouragement and

inspiration.

If you or your congregation would be interested in hearing more details about the SoulShop training, feel free to contact us at Reformation at 610-779-0534 or mail@reformationlutheran.org. Also, feel free to go directly to the SoulShop website at soulshopmovement.org. Much helpful information can also be found at the AFSP website at afsp.org/chapter/eastern-pennsylvania

[Click here to view photos of the event.](#) You can find information at godslove.org about the grants available from the Witness and Service Team. Your mission support giving makes these grants possible.

Thank you for your continued support!