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Join us at **Slate Belt ReformationFest: Celebrating Change Together** on Sunday, October 25!

Reformation Sunday is always celebrated on the last Sunday in October. It commemorates October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther is said to have nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. This event signifies the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, which changed the church, and indeed the Western world, forever. Reformation Sunday is a time to celebrate our Lutheran heritage, and a time to celebrate that the church is always reforming, always changing.

We are going to celebrate Reformation Sunday (October 25) in a very special way this year, with a “ReformationFest”!

Slate Belt ReformationFest will take the place of our regular worship that morning. The festival will run from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace, and will include a combined worship service, a luncheon, guided discussion, and Sunday School for children. Clergy from various churches will share leadership that day. Deacon Kat Tigerman, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northeastern PA Synod, will also join us.

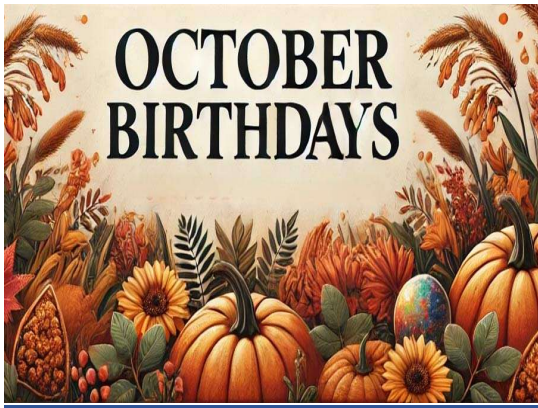
I am very excited about this opportunity. I believe that the future of the church involves congregations working together. And I want to be clear – this is **not** about merging or consolidating with other congregations. This is about **working together** with them. We have been working with neighboring congregations for years in various ways. My hope for this festival is that we begin to do so even more, and maybe even in a structured way. The world has changed significantly in the last few decades, and the church needs to change along with it. I believe this is the kind of change we’re called to – a change to become even more flexible, more open, more connected. This is the kind of “reformation” we need in the 21st century!

And this change is worth celebrating. Join us, and celebrate this change together, alongside our fellow Lutheran siblings in the Slate Belt. Who knows what might grow from it?

Oh – and this is important: the offering we collect at the ReformationFest will **not** go to Prince of Peace or to any of the other participating congregations. Instead, this offering will go to a local charity (to be determined). So **please** bring your regular 10/25 offering for Prince of Peace either the week before or after. (If your giving is done online, you don’t need to change anything!)

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes



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

Daniel Turtzo
 Paul Kuhs, III
 Kimberley Jennings
 Vivian Fahr
 Lewis Lambert
 Tara Flyte
 William Pensyl
 Louise Brown
 Jackson Gerlach
 Martin Yazdzik
 Neil Billger
 Fabian Vargas
 Cheri Confalone
 David Reinhart
 Carissa Nemeth
 Romeo Vargas
 Savanna Poliskiewicz
 Landon Horn
 Kathy Kreider
 Jennifer Phelps
 Craig Hower
 Jackson Hockenbury

Missing:

Several grey restaurant-style bus totes are missing from the kitchen. If you've moved their location or borrowed them, please contact the property committee.



Join us for Faith by Firelight

Faith by Firelight will be held in the grove on October 24. We will begin around 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs and s'mores will be provided. Feel free to bring your own beverage and a snack to share. In case of inclement weather or fire ban we will cancel. Questions? See Connie Itterly or Scott Schipps.



8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Join us . . .

for Worship with us on-site at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays

Except for Sunday, October 25, when our ReformationFest worship will be 10:00 a.m.!

Online / Facebook

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor).

September Key Council Highlights:

- Cookbooks are here! See Brenda Hughes to get your copy.
- Be on the lookout for our Grove signage coming this fall.
- Share your voice at the World Café on September 27th following a shortened worship service and end with Lunch.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22 immediately following worship so about 11:00 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend and vote. The business we will conduct will include election of congregation council members, consideration of a budget for 2027, approval of Endowment sub fund disbursements for 2027, and a proposed amendment to our by-laws.

Recent Pastoral Acts

Baptism: Cara Wren Schippers, September 5

THANK YOU Volunteers



October Altar Guild: Cathy Mullen, Phyllis Bisher; **November Altar Guild:** Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart

	October 4	October 11	October 18 Harvest Home	October 25 Reformation	November 1 All Saints
Greeters	Lisa and Wayne Jones	Holly Blakeslee, Tina Johns	Dave Karner, Mary O'Meally	Brenda Hughes, Traci Rumsey	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart
Lay Readers	Janet Martocci	Kale Baker	Connie Itterly	Sherry Hock	Quincy Miller
Assisting Ministers	Laraine Brands	Tina Smith	Alex Scholtes	Kale Baker	Marlene Stana
Com. Assts.	Tina Johns, Marlene Stana	Alex Scholtes, April Miller	Jim Jennings, Tina Johns	Laraine Brands, Marlene Stana	Tina Smith, Jim Jennings
Ushers	Tina Smith, Sadie Baker	Justine Saviet, Brenda Hughes	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Connie Itterly, Traci Rumsey	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker
Power Point Camera	Kim Jennings	Tara Flyte	Antonioli Family	Cathy Mullen	Tina Johns
Acolytes	Fabian Vargas	Ben Scholtes	Taylor Baker	Alex Scholtes	Fabian Vargas
Offering Counters	Connie Itterly	Jean Janosa	Georgia Suranofsky	Tina Johns	Mary O'Meally
Pew Tenders	Sherry and Maci Hock	Sara Godshalk	Rhonda Montgomery	June Jones	Traci Rumsey
Bread Baker	Alex Scholtes, Ben Scholtes	Alex Summy		Ingrid Levisay	Janet Martocci

Real Readers: Join Us! We meet at 2 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month...

October 1 – “Broken Country” by Clare Leslie Hall (Patti)
 November 5 – “The Secret of Secrets” by Dan Brown (Cindy)
 December 3 – “Atmosphere” by Taylor Reid (Janet)



How can I make a difference at Prince of Peace?

There are so many ways you can volunteer here at Prince of Peace and support our ministries.

It's not too early to think about the Jacktown events on October 17 & 18. Please prayerfully consider spending some time to help in this important ministry here at Prince of Peace.

As always please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

—April Miller, Volunteer Coordinator



Thanks to all for your continued support of our Weis 1% Rebate program. Please continue to bring your slips (including those paid with Weis gift cards - we can use these also for our 1% program). Thanks again! --*Janet Martocci*

POP'S Treasures:

Come, Shop, Donate

Our next sale will be on
Friday, October 9th
(10 a.m. -2 p.m.) and
Saturday, October 10th
(9 a.m. -Noon)

Donation Drop Offs

Mondays:

October 12, 19 and 26th,
(1-2 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.)



You're invited to Join Us

The Johnsonville Cemetery Association invites new members to join its committee. According to its articles of incorporation, members need to be members of Prince of Peace. If you are interested in being involved, please see Brooks Baker or Jackie Horn.



Coffee Hours have resumed in the Fellowship Hall after Worship! The Hospitality Committee will always be providing coffee and tea and will provide some treats on the first Sunday of the month. The Congregation is invited to provide some treats on Sundays that are open on the calendar. The schedule for coffee hour is in the Narthex.

From Pastor Scholtes: Text Messages

Did you know that Prince of Peace sends out text messages from time to time?

We send out texts letting people know when worship is canceled, and we also send out occasional texts reminding people of certain upcoming events.

You might already be receiving these texts. If you would like to be added to the list, just contact me with the following information:

- Your name
- The phone number where you'd like to receive texts
- Whether you'd like to be on the "CANCELLATION ONLY" or "ALL TEXTS" list

(If you don't specify, I'll put you on the "ALL TEXTS" list)



P.U.M.P

Special Request Update:

P.U.M.P. requests canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta and cereal. As always, staples are always appreciated too.



Thank you to everyone for the beautiful get-well cards. A special thank you to Jackie Horn for delivering the cards to me twice.

—*Vivian Fahr*

Join us on **Saturday, October 3**, for a special Blessing of the Animals service. We will gather at 10:30 a.m. in the church grove. (Just off the back of the church parking lot.) All appropriately leashed animals are welcome with their owners. If you would like your pet's name to be mentioned, but cannot attend, please get names to Pastor Scholtes by October 1.



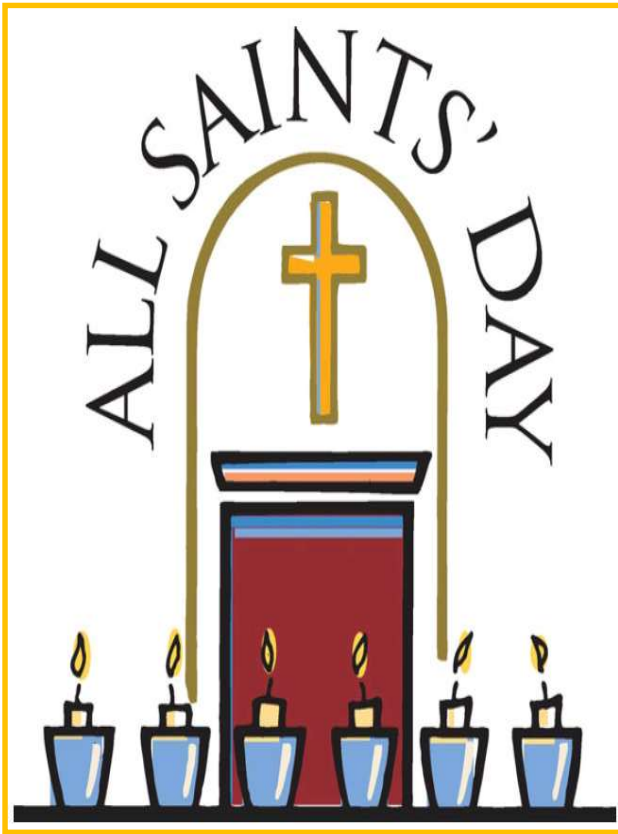
GOD'S

Words have power!



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!

Thursday, October 01	Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23;
Friday, October 02	Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a;
Saturday, October 03	Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52;
Sunday, October 04	Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philipp. 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
Monday, October 05	Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10;
Tuesday, October 06	Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Wednesday, October 07	Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57;
Thursday, October 08	Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14;
Friday, October 09	Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10;
Saturday, October 10	Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22;
Sunday, October 11	Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Monday, October 12	Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25;
Tuesday, October 13	Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1;
Wednesday, October 14	Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35;
Thursday, October 15	Psalm 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12;
Friday, October 16	Psalm 96:1-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5;
Saturday, October 17	Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12;
Sunday, October 18	Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
Monday, October 19	Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20;
Tuesday, October 20	Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24;
Wednesday, October 21	Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27;
Thursday, October 22	Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16;
Friday, October 23	Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15;
Saturday, October 24	Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47;
Reformation Sun. (10/25)	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36
Monday, October 26	Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13;
Tuesday, October 27	Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26;
Wednesday, October 28	Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22;
Thursday, October 29	Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29;
Friday, October 30	Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3;
Saturday, October 31	Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28;



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday, November 1, is a day we remember the faithful who have died in Christ in the past year, and the newly baptized. We are reminded that all the faithful are saints. Donations may be made in memory of any who have died at any time, or in honor of any who have been baptized at any time.

A special All Saints remembrance document will be prepared for our announcement folders and emailed to Pastor's email loop. The remembrances will be included in the December newsletter too.

(An envelope is provided in your offering envelope box, or you may use the form below.)

The gift and your information may be mailed to
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Attn: Annette Buss
2445 Lake Minsi Dr.
Bangor, PA 18013.

****Or, email the information and mail your donation.**

The following information must be received at the church office by Sunday, October 25 to be included.

Please print, use extra paper if more space is needed.

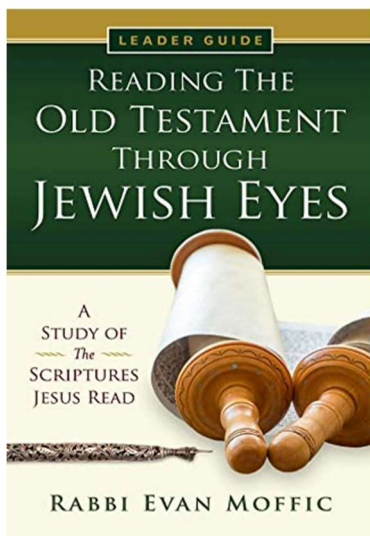
Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ Offering envelope # _____

Given by: _____

Address: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Prince of Peace Seekers (POPS):



Pastor Scholtes and Kim Jennings continue to lead a series titled: "Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes" now through October 22. The study written by Rabbi Evan Moffic who has a passion for sharing Judaism and its traditions with Christian audiences. A short video will accompany each session in which Rabbi Moffic explores the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, and highlights points of interest to Christians. He describes the role of the Torah in Jewish worship and practice and explores the key themes of each book guided by the wisdom of Jewish interpreters through the centuries. During the six sessions we will also be reading various passages and discussing how the Torah can be a source of wisdom, truth and transformation in our lives today. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner or Janet Martocci.



COOKBOOK UPDATE:

The cookbooks are HERE! To purchase your copy, see Brenda Hughes.

Worship Helper Training

Worship at Prince of Peace involves many people. In addition to many behind-the-scenes roles, there are a lot of people helping each Sunday morning to make worship come together well! I'd like to offer a training session for anybody involved in these Sunday morning roles. This training session will be for both new people and veterans who want a refresher! This will be held after worship on **Sunday, October 11**. If you would like to participate in this training, please sign up in the narthex. You'll notice that there are separate sign-up sheets for the different roles. If you want to be trained in more than one role, or get a refresher for more than one role, then please sign up for all of them! We need you to sign up by **October 4**, because we will have multiple training opportunities happening at the same time, and we need to know who wants what training. That way we can arrange the schedule so that everyone can receive the training they want, without having to wait around all day.

Slate Belt Veterans Breakfast

Beginning Tuesday, October 13, the Bangor Elks Lodge #1106, is assisting the Slate Belt Veterans Association and Mission of Love food bank, in providing a free breakfast for all Veterans, from 9-11 a.m., doors open at 8 a.m. at 120 Broadway, Bangor. This will be a monthly breakfast, the second Tuesday of every month. There will be guest speakers as well. Please call 610-588-3420, to make a reservation. There is parking behind the Elks.



Social Ministry Project:

Do you know what VALOR House is? No, then let me tell you. They provide assistance with accessing benefits, and help find shelter for our Veterans who, due to health reasons, are unable to find or keep shelter of their own. Homelessness among veterans is high, they live in tents right in our "backyards." The winter is approaching fast, and Valor House is putting together winter care kits for them. Our project for October and November will be collecting the following **TRAVEL SIZE ONLY** items of shaving cream, razors (men & women), toothpaste, deodorant (men & women), baby powder, shampoo, and body wash. These items go in a gallon size baggie and will be distributed to the men and women who are homeless. A member of the social ministry committee, Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock and Holly Blakeslee will be happy to shop for you. We thank you for your continued support of all our projects and ministries. Together, we can make a difference.



St. Francis by Joseph J. Scholtes, Jr.

October 4 is the date
we pause to commemorate
a man of fascination.
Who is this man of fame?
Francis is his name,
a source of inspiration.
Generations have told the story
of Francis giving God the glory.
To him we pay attention.

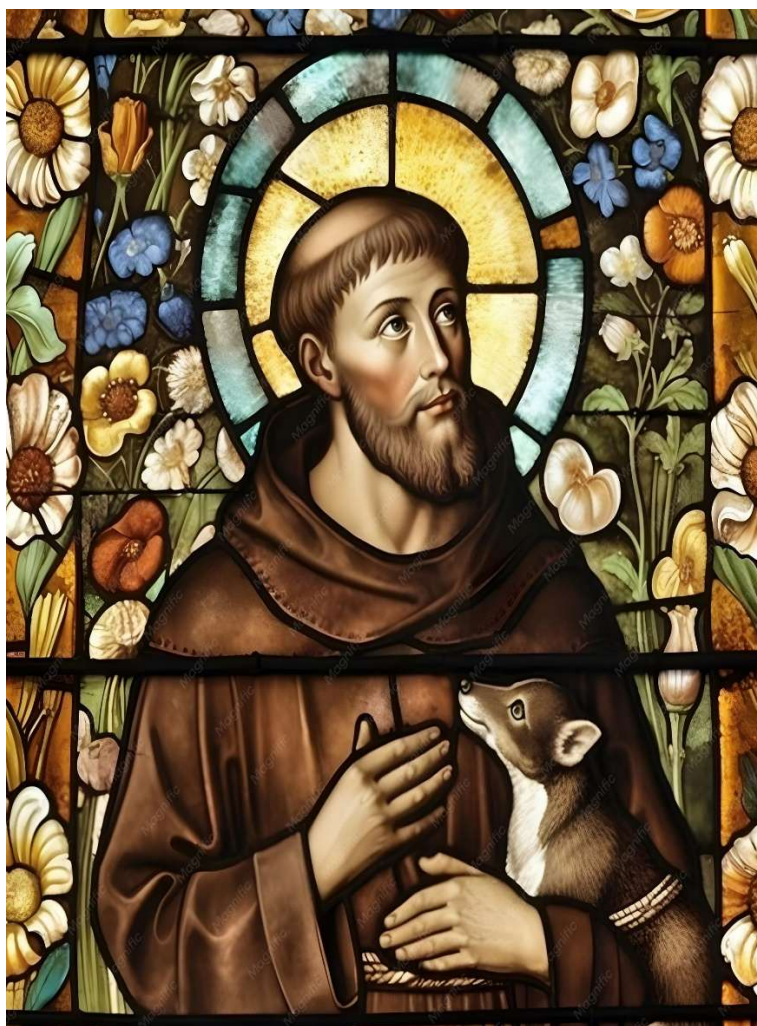
When he was young, he was uncouth,
something of a rowdy youth,
leading friends in play.
Born into wealth, he had the privilege
of fancy cloth and rich equipage,
turning eyes his way.
He went to war to show bravado;
instead went incommunicado,
in prison for many a day.

Released, he resumed care-free living,
but Scripture heard combined with praying
set a new direction.
Sunday by Sunday, week by week,
he heard the Holy Bible speak,
inspiring meditation.
The Word took hold, touching his heart;
then he knew he must play a part
in sharing divine instruction.

Hearing his Father's call from above,
he devoted himself to Gospel love,
trusting God's authority.
He took note of the poor man's need,
and thus forsook the way of greed,
choosing to live in poverty.
He never hesitated to give
so that others might prosper and live,
enjoying their humanity.
Reveling in all creation,
filled with joy and jubilation,
Francis lifted hymns of praise.
For the birds and for the flowers,
for the sun and for the showers,
grateful melodies he'd raise.
For the lambs that he would cuddle,
for the bovines in a huddle,
Francis sang most lovely lays.

When division tore community,
Francis worked for unity
in the name of the Trinity.
In the midst of separation,
Francis urged conciliation
in the spirit of humility.
When hatred reared its ugly head,
Francis modeled love instead,
in the hope of harmony.

Setting aside needless dross,
Francis lived the holy cross,
focused on what mattered most.
His example is a Godly one
for we who on life's journey's run,
and strive of Christ to boast.
So now let praise to God be given
for Francis and all gifts from heaven.
In the name of the Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost.



The Health and Wellness Committee announces some upcoming events!

If this event sounds familiar, you would be correct! The Health and Wellness Committee completed the following events many years ago and we felt it was time to take them off the shelf, dust them off and freshen them up a bit for 2026 and 2027!

Walk to Bethlehem- Feeling inspired by the recent One-Week Journey? Let's plan for Spring 2027! Have you ever thought about "visiting" the Holy Land? Well now you can have the experience of a lifetime without leaving the Slate Belt! The Health and Wellness Committee is planning a Walk to Bethlehem for the Spring of 2027! As a group, we will plan to use our time spent enriching our mind, body, and spirit through prayer, movement, reading the Bible, exercise, volunteering, good deeds, church activities and the like to record our "miles" as we "walk" the path to Bethlehem over a 12-week period! Just minutes a day from many people can make an impact on your health and wellness! Our vision is to do this in conjunction with other Lutheran churches in the Slate Belt to collaborate and grow with our neighbors. Want to learn more? Please join us for a brief brainstorming and planning meeting on Sunday, November 1st after coffee hour! Can't make it that day? Join our Health and Wellness Committee meeting on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Zoom attendees are welcome!

Please see any Health and Wellness Committee member or Justine Saviet, RN Parish Nurse if you have any questions!



POP's Treasures Moment

I recently was on a call with a person with whom I have no connection with, who lives in the Dallas Texas area. Of course, during our conversation POP's Treasures came up. I started telling her about how we started and all that we have accomplished since then. How volunteering many hours doing many different aspects of POP's, has become a full-time job. She was taking it all in. She was amazed at how we are touching the community and programs in the world, that can make a difference. Speaking about the mosquito nets, and animals to help families become self-reliant in their everyday lives, and how that will then create a sustainable life for those that were struggling. The focus soon turned to Valor, which is a program for veterans, and how donating furniture, clothing and financially helping an essential program to grow and help uplift a community that sometimes gets forgotten. Also, the meals that we prepare, feed those that come to Safe Harbor, etc. I also shared ideas of our year end giveaways that we will be announcing and how trying to hit the same goal (\$30,000) as last year may look like.

While I cannot share all that we discussed about POP's, it was becoming more apparent that our mission intrigued her. She started talking about trying to find time to be involved in something that "mattered". How to find the right program in her metropolis area, where spending a few hours could make a difference, would also make a difference in her.

Having this conversation was about sharing the good work that happens here at Prince of Peace. But little did I know, was how telling our story "hooked" this person enough to feel that she too, could make a difference. The smallest gesture, or conversation, can bring light to many possibilities. Being open to allowing those possibilities to flourish can be a remarkable journey for oneself to become enlightened with how, where and why helping others can also fulfill oneself.

POP's Treasure never ceases to amaze me. The simple premise of what we thought we were doing has become an amazing miracle of faith and resilience of how it is more than I could have ever hoped for. It has certainly made a difference for me and how I can live more purposely. —*Jackie Horn*



Endowment News

During August disbursements from the Helpers' Helpers Sub fund totaled \$500.00 to help the Texas flood victims and \$1,703.12 from the Outdoor Enhancement Sub fund to enhance the appearance of the storage containers with beautiful artwork.

DID YOU KNOW?.....Year to date releases from sub funds total \$53,985.45



Stewardship News

LOOK at the new information on God's Refrigerator Door when you are at church! You will see all the different ways we adorned the sanctuary for worship. The decorating committee and other groups create beautiful art to bring alive our worship space. Thank you to everyone who has used their hands to create!

A message from Sara Godshalk to understand why she is passionate about P.U.M.P.

What is food insecurity? Food insecurity is the limited or uncertain ability to access adequate, safe and nutritious food due to lack of money or other resources. Food insecurity is a major problem because it causes serious physical and mental health issues, hurts children's growth and traps families in cycles of poverty. My Sister-in-law, Sherma LaBarre Godshalk started the Portland-Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry (P.U.M.P.) in 1994. Sherma was then working at Pocono Hospital now LVHN-Pocono). She was the director pf purchasing. She had to attend a meeting at the hospital about the United Way. Sherma came out of that meeting with ideas on how to help her local community with their needs for food. She got support from her community and her church, Portland United Methodist. The church agreed to house the food pantry. As the needs of the community grew, they moved the pantry to its present location at the Portland Fire Hall. P.U.M.P. has survived on donations from the community and local churches. Sherma then reached out to Second Harvest Food Bank, Trader Joe's and other organizations for help to stock the pantry. She also spoke at local churches about P.U.M.P. to increase monetary and food donations. Federal Funding to food bank distribution like Second Harvest Food Bank, which supports over 200 pantries in the Lehigh Valley (includes P.U.M.P.) has decreased under the Trump Administration, further straining resources. P.U.M.P. is seeing an increase in clients and decrease in products. So right now, they need the support from the community and Prince of Peace. Will you prayerfully consider donating to P.U.M.P?

Thanks to Sara for sharing. Our outreach to P.U.M.P. with our continued donations is how "we are seeking and serving Christ in all people."

Joyful Noise Good News!
August collection totaled \$59.75
The year-to-date total collected is \$782.75
Thank you for your continued generosity!

By-law Amendment

Congregation Council recommends an amendment to our congregational by-laws. First, some background: Our constitution calls for four **officers** of the congregation: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. By-law B4 describes the roles of those officers in detail.

The proposed amendment concerns the role of **Treasurer**, and in particular what we do when we have a paid accountant, as we have for the last decade or so. When we have a paid accountant, we do not elect a Treasurer. **In practice**, the roles assigned to the Treasurer are split between the accountant and the Finance Committee. However, this split has not been clarified in our governing documents. This amendment addresses that.

The proposed amendment calls out that when we have a paid accountant, many of the Treasurer's roles can be delegated to that person. It also creates a **continuing resolution** where the **details** are laid out. (The current language of that continuing resolution is below.) Council feels these details are best kept in a continuing resolution, not a by-law, because Council can amend a continuing resolution at any time as needed, without requiring a congregational vote.

This amendment will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 22. If you have any questions, please contact a member of council.

MOTION: Congregation Council recommends the passage of the following amendment to By-Law B4 (Text to be removed in ~~striketrough~~, text to be added in **bold**):

Treasurer – The treasurer shall be responsible for the books of account of the congregation and shall see that all funds are received and disbursed on proper orders, making remittance of mission support to the treasurer of the Synod. The treasurer or designee from the Finance Committee shall make a written report of all financial transactions to the congregation council monthly and to the congregation, together with a satisfactory audit, at its annual meeting. All financial officers shall give corporate surety, in amounts determined by the congregation council, for which the premium shall be paid by the congregation. The treasurer shall be properly bonded. This bonding requirement can be satisfied through the purchase of the appropriate insurance coverage for this risk. ~~Many of these duties may be delegated to a paid accountant. In the case when the congregation has such an accountant, the chair of the Finance Committee shall be ex officio elected as treasurer. The treasurer shall be exempt from the constitutional expectation that “no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office” (C11.03).~~ **Many of these duties may be delegated to a paid accountant. Continuing Resolution CR4 clarifies procedures when there is a paid accountant.**

For information, the proposed continuing resolution CR4 (which does not require congregational vote) reads as follows:

CR4) In regard to Bylaw B4), this resolution details how the duties of the Treasurer are carried out with a paid accountant.

The accountant shall be responsible for the books of account of the congregation and shall see that all funds are received and disbursed on proper orders. The accountant shall be responsible for maintaining payroll and workers' compensation. The accountant shall make written report monthly to Finance Committee and congregation council. The accountant shall not be required to be in attendance at council meetings.

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for writing all checks, including remittance to the synod. The Finance Committee shall provide an annual report to the congregation. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for an annual audit.

The accountant and the Finance Committee will both be covered by appropriate insurance.

Autumn

Let the fields be jubilant, and
everything in them; let all the trees
of the forest sing for joy. *Psalm 96:12*



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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. – Join us!!

- **Pastor:** Rev. Michael J. Scholtes
- **Minister of Youth and Worship:** Tina Johns
- **Minister of Music:** Martin Yazdzik
- **Bookkeeper:** Rev. Joyce Weishaupt
- **Financial Secretary:** Brenda Hughes
- **Custodian:** Brittnee Evans
- **Parish Nurse:** Justine Saviet, RN
- **Administrative Assistant:** Annette Buss

Congregation Council Members

Kale Baker, President

April Miller, Secretary

Tina Johns, Vice President

Alex Scholtes, Youth Rep.

Jean Janosa

Mary O'Meally

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

Jackie Horn

Justine Saviet

Brenda Hughes

Connie Itterly

Kerri Miller

Brittany Walters

Holly Blakeslee

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!

November 2026 Newsletter is:

Tuesday,
October 13 at Noon

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

****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.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Mission Support at Work: Bringing People Together

Ministry across the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is made possible through mission support, staff and volunteer leadership, ministry teams, congregational participation, and partnerships. This month's newsletter highlights several upcoming opportunities to worship, learn, serve, and connect.

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Racial Justice Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Prayer, conversation, learning, resource sharing, and action centered on justice, equity, and reconciliation.

Learn more: godslove.org/racial-justice-team

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Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Location: The Lutheran Center, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown

Accepted items: Baby Care Kits, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and quilts

Additional collection: Items may be brought to Christ Lutheran Church in Reading on Fridays in October from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Berks County collection is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Learn more: godslove.org/26LWR-ingathering

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Handling Conflict in the Congregation

Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 175 S. Third Street, Lehighton

Continuing education for current licensed lay ministers focused on handling conflict within congregations.

Learn more: godslove.org/handling-conflict

OCT
31**The Installation of Bishop Jennifer Dee****Saturday October 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will participate in the service, with hors d'oeuvres served following the installation.

Learn more: godslove.org/bishop-installation

NOV
9-10**2026 Bishop's Conference – "Navigating Differences in a Polarized World"****November 9–10, 2026**

Location: Shawnee Inn and Resort, 100 Shawnee Inn Drive, Shawnee on Delaware

Presenter: Dr. Shirley Mullen

Registration deadline: October 8

A conference for pastors, deacons, and licensed lay ministers helping engage disagreement with courage, compassion, attentive listening, and hope.

Learn more: godslove.org/BC2026

NOV
13-15**Come Away: Young Adult Retreat****November 13–15, 2026**

Time: Friday at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Bear Creek Camp, 3601 Bear Creek Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre

Registration deadline: October 15

Organized by Gather Lehigh Valley for young adults ages 18–35. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Learn more: godslove.org/come-away

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2027**Imagine More as a Synod****Saturday May 15, 2027**

Location: Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5500 Route 873 Schnecksville, PA 18078

An event for youth and adult leaders attending the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering to help NEPA participants meet one another, build relationships, learn what to expect, and prepare through worship, activities, and conversation.

More details to come at godslove.org/imagine-more-as-synod

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