

# Prints of Peace



The “Big Event” of our Fiftieth Anniversary year is upon us! I sincerely hope you can join us on **Sunday, June 12, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm** for a very special day in the history of our congregation!

The day’s events will be held at **Jacktown Community Center, 1279 Richmond Rd., Bangor.**

Join us at 9:15 am for worship. We will worship outdoors at Jacktown, with a very different musical style than we’re used to! We will hear the good news of the gospel. We will share communion.

Join us at 10:30 am for a concert by Tom & Betty Druckenmiller with Norm Williams. They play “old-time music, dance tunes, fiddle music, parlor, gospel, and spiritual songs that people used to entertain themselves and their neighbors before the time of recorded music or radio.”

Join us at 1:00 pm for a concert by Desire, who specialize in “oldies from the 50s and 60s with a strong ‘group harmony’ sound.”

Food trucks will be available for breakfast and lunch.

(If the weather is inclement, this event will be held at the church.)

And that’s not all – this month is packed with great events!

On Sunday, June 5, we will welcome back Pastor Bob Hoenich to visit with us and preach.

On Sunday, June 19, we will celebrate our graduates, and award this year’s Turtzo scholarship!

On Sunday, June 26, we will welcome back former organists; worship will be full of a variety of music!

Join us for all these great events, and to praise the Lord who gave us all these good gifts! If you haven’t been to worship in person in a while, now is a great time to come back. Hope to see you soon!

In Christ,

Pastor Scholtes





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

- Judy Rotzell, June 1
- Gordon Brozina, June 2
- Maverick Baggitt, June 2
- Cory Jennings, June 3
- Joan Miller, June 4
- Brooks Baker, June 5
- Tina Johns, June 6
- Joanne Robinson, June 7
- Diane Searfass, June 10
- Joyce Minisi, June 13
- Walter Harrison, June 15
- Heather Scholtes, June 15
- Richard Kessler, June 19
- Marion Messinger, June 21
- John Martocci, June 22
- Matthew Dotta, June 22
- Holly Blakeslee, June 23
- Magdalein Streisguth, June 23
- Christopher Brands, June 24
- Jarrett Ott, June 25
- Kathy Lane, June 25
- George Brown, June 28
- Patricia Heard, June 28
- Katie Waszmer, June 29



### **In-person (9:45 on Sundays)**

*All in-person worship services may include alterations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including (but not limited to) altered seating arrangements, the wearing of masks, and so forth. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend.*

### **Online / Facebook / Telephone**

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

### **RECENT PASTORAL ACTS**

Funeral: Eleanore B. Reimer, May 7

### **ARE YOU GETTING PASTORMAIL?**

Pastor Scholtes sends out emails to the congregation almost every day. These *PastorMails* contain information about upcoming events, about recent decisions made in the church, and generally help to keep us all connected. If you are not receiving them, please send him a note at [pastorMJS@gmail.com](mailto:pastorMJS@gmail.com) to get added to the list, or sign up at our church website ([popbangor.org](http://popbangor.org)). They are also archived at [popbangor.org/pastormail](http://popbangor.org/pastormail).



### **Council Highlights from May 9, 2022**

- The Pocono Mission District Assembly, attended by Connie, Georgia, and Pastor was very inspiring and exciting.
- We are scheduling a meeting to invite the councils of several local congregations to join us to brainstorm ways we might partner with each other for events and other things.

**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 (610-588-2355) or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.**

Altar Guild for June: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart Altar Guild for July: Carolyn Leidy, Terry Stiso

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Power Point and Camera</b>	<b>Offering Counter</b>
Sunday, June 5	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Kim Jennings	April Miller	Traci Rumsey, Sherk and June Jones	John Martocci	Georgia Suranofsky, Jackie Horn
Sunday, June 12	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Georgia Suranofsky	Kale Baker	Brenda Hughes, John and Georgia Suranofsky	Kim Jennings	Brenda Hughes, Jim Jennings
Sunday, June 19	Brenda Hughes, Brooks Baker	Kale Baker	Marlene Stana	Sherk and June Jones, Vivian Fahr	Tina Johns	Connie Itterly, Jackie Horn
Sunday, June 26	Sherk and June Jones	Connie Itterly	Tina Johns	Marlene and Butch Stana, Traci Rumsey	Antonioli Family	Chip Harrison, Jim Jennings
Sunday, July 3	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Janet Martocci	Laraine Brands	Brenda Hughes, Sherk and June Jones	Cathy Mullen	Tina Johns, Jackie Horn

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News...

Continuing with our celebration, two more Pastors will be here to preach, followed by a coffee hour in their honor after worship. On Sunday, **June 5th Rev. Bob Hoenich** will join us, and **July 10th Rev. Dr. Samuel Zeiser** will join us. If you plan on attending the coffee hour, please sign your name in the 50th Anniversary sign-up book on the counter.



We will kick off the celebration with a COMMUNITY event at Jacktown on Sunday, **June 12th**. It will start with a 9:15 am worship service, followed by music featuring Tom & Betty Druckenmiller with Norm Williams. We will be entertained with folk style/bluegrass music. At 1pm the band Desire will play for 3 hours. This band has a large following throughout the Slate Belt, and feature 50's/doo wop music. There will be a food truck from Rustica Artisan of Mt. Bethel, they will have breakfast sandwiches (after church) and lunch available for purchase. Balloon art will be available for the kids, along with other fun activities. Our committee invites everyone

to join in this fun filled day. We are looking for volunteers to help with clean-up. There will be a volunteer logbook on the counter in the Narthex which will also include sign-ups for the other activities. In the case of inclement weather, the fun will come to POP church. **REMEMBER THIS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SO SPREAD THE WORD.** Questions: please see a committee member.

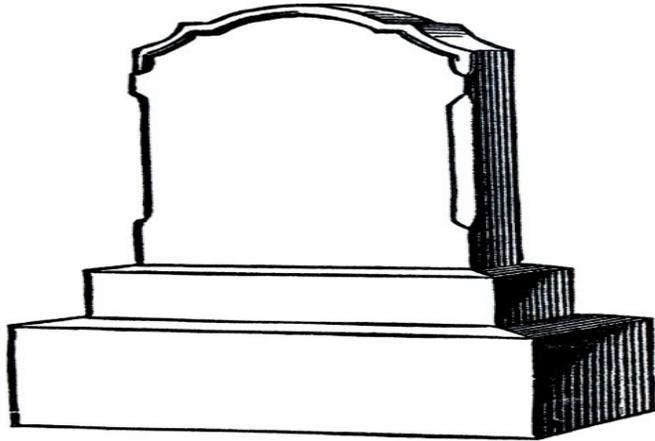
We will also be preparing for the other fun things coming up if you would like to help out --let one of us know.

Thank You,

*Denny and Jackie Horn, Brenda Stauffer, Connie Itterly, John Martocci*



Thank you cards and thinking of you cards for soldiers are going to be **mailed out on June 6th.** See Holly Blakeslee for details.



## CEMETERY PLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT A DISCOUNT

The Johnsonville Cemetery Association is extending an option for members that may be interested in a plot at the cemetery. Currently there has been an increase and the current price is \$500 per plot. The association is offering a special price for members of POP: to purchase a plot for \$400 until **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you are interested, please contact Curtis Parsons at 610-588-2128.

The Worship and Music Committee has decided to continue the practice of having our **offering plate** in the narthex, instead of the traditional "passing the plate." We first moved to this method because of pandemic precautions, but we are keeping it for another reason.



Passing the plate can cause awkward moments for those who, for one reason or another, do not choose to put anything in the plate.

For instance, more and more people give their **offering online**. Also, some people are in a financial position where they **cannot give anything**.

We also do not want **visitors or guests** to feel obligated to donate to our ministry. Passing the plate can inadvertently create feelings of guilt and judgment in some, and that's not what giving is about.

We will continue to bring the offering forward as we have, as a tangible sign that our financial offerings to God are **part of our communal worship**. If you have any questions about this, please speak to me. Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministry of Prince of Peace, in whatever amount and whatever method is right for you.—*Pastor Scholtes*



## Informal Bible Exploration Opportunity:

During the month of June, I thought we could explore the 2:44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. What does that mean to you? Don't forget to write your response on the index card and put it on the board in the Narthex. I encourage you to join me on this journey. --*Mary O'Meally*



shape after the sale, as this allowed the hall to be used for a funeral luncheon. It is very important that we can support all of our ministries at POP church.

Please give this committee ideas for fun events for the future. We have the ones we have hosted in the past, but we are looking for some new and fun events to hold. Look for a box to give your ideas on the narthex counter. This year is still the 50th celebration and events have been planned. While we still respect the soft opening because of Covid, we are looking to presenting programs next year from this committee.

Thank you! --*Fun and Fellowship Committee*

### It's lawn care season!

Can you help to keep our grounds looking wonderful? See John Martocci for details. Sign-up to help! Thank you to all who help with this important task.



## *FAHER'S DAY is just around the corner (June 19<sup>th</sup>)*



Would you like to remember/honor your Father and/or Men who are special to you by listing their name in our announcement folder, on the bulletin board and in the July Newsletter? A blue sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex. Suggested donation: \$1 per name benefits the Sunday School. **Names must be at the given to Annette Buss: June 12th to be included.** (If you are unable to sign-up in person... please email the names to [poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com) or call Annette at 610-588-2355. Or, mail to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA 18013 Attn: Annette

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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A SPECIAL  
**THANK YOU**  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

**From Social Ministry:** Thanks for your recent generous donations for Ukraine. Prince of Peace has sent \$300.00 to Lutheran World Relief. This gift was matched and is making a difference to the people of Ukraine. LWR has committed \$7million to respond to the crisis in Ukraine, here are a few highlights: Health facilities are being supported by providing supplies such as surgical and wound care kits, IV kits, defibrillators, and stretchers. Ongoing support is being provided to six centers that are being used to shelter internally displaced persons. In Poland, LWR is distributing emergency cash and vouchers to more than 1,300 refugee families for the next three months. They are also integrating a referral system at these sites to protect women and children from sexual exploitation and abuse. Thanks again for your generous support to LWR.

**Backpack**   
**BUDDIES**

*Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.*

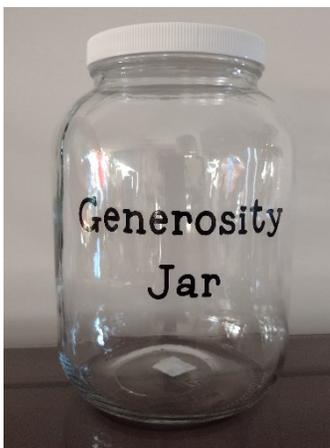
**From Social Ministry:** For the months of June thru August we will once again be collecting snacks for the Slater Family Backpack Buddy Program. This is a program that is always in need so that no child has food insecurities when not in school. This project has been successful in the past, so I now ask: can we fill them once again? When shopping please consider picking up one of the following items: granola bars, pudding cups, mac & cheese cups, juice boxes and healthy individually wrapped snack items. There will be a cart in the Narthex to place your donations on. Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. Thank you for your caring generosity and willingness to help others. Questions: see Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock and Holly Blakeslee

**Stewardship Committee Update:**

Our Generosity Jar is starting to receive notes to be shared. These notes have different stories that remind us of how our generosity and the generosity of others is alive fulfilling Jesus's command to love one another.

The story on the next page shows how far and wide our stewardship is doing God's work with our hand. The story lets us know how our mission support giving is being used in Lutheran Service, Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. Members of our congregation have also used their knitting skills to make warm wool caps for the seafarer's. Maybe one of our caps has blessed them today!

Thank you for your continued generosity to keep blessing others,



# PORTCALL

Seafarers International House

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

I am writing this in the Christian season of Lent which is a time of wandering in the wilderness. Both the Old and the New testaments are full of allusions to the people of God facing danger, uncertainty, temptation, and seeming abandonment in the wilderness. The same can be said of the sea. It can, at times, feel like God is nowhere to be found.

And yet, there is something about the wilderness that strengthens and prepares us, distills our needs, and focuses our wandering spirits. There is something about the wilderness that reveals the very presence of God when we need it the most. We pray that this assurance of God's presence in our wanderings will be made manifest to those suffering in Ukraine.

As Charlotte Haberaecker of Lutheran Services of America said recently: *"The wilderness was and is where God makes God's-self known and where healing and transformation take place. Healing and transforming people and communities is work that Lutheran social ministries do every day."* Seafarers International House is part of the Lutheran Services in America network that serve one out of every 50 Americans daily - that is 6 million people! Imagine our 3 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America providing twice its membership footprint through Lutheran schools, hospitals, nursing homes, social service agencies and, yes, through Seafarer international House's



work with seafarers and asylees, offering hope and presence to people who are in various journeys of the wilderness.

That is also to say that through Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response we partner in the reaction to the unspeakable devastation of the war on Ukraine. Through our world-wide advocacy for seafarers, we partner with Ukraine seafarers caught in the unfathomable trauma of both those who are stuck on embattled ships in the Black Sea and those who are seafaring far from their families while bringing us goods from around the globe.

Ships sailing out of Ukraine have been trying to dodge water mines and attacks. *"I've been a shipbroker for more than 30 years and nothing in that time compares to the chaos we're seeing now,"* said Halvor Ellefsen, a tanker broker at Fearnley A/S in Oslo.

One of our port chaplains in Newark, Luisito Destreza, reports that he has called on several ships recently that, ironically, have both Ukrainian and Russian crew that need to get along to get their jobs done. He says that he called on a vessel who had their first call here during the first week of March with a Ukrain-

ian captain and crew who were trying to fly home to their loved ones, but the Ukrainian government had to shut down all outbound and inbound flights. Chaplain Destreza quietly helped them with our Wi-Fi to connect with their loved ones in Ukraine and gave them prayers and encouragement. He also assisted two Ukrainians on the OOCL Seoul containership who were so disturbed and mentally blocked by the war in their homeland that they could barely function. Fortunately, our port chaplains at all of our sites have been available to listen and to pray with these very traumatized seafarers. ***There are 76,442 Ukrainian seafarers working today in the wilderness of trying to provide for their families through sailing while wishing they could be home to protect and defend their loved ones.***

On a much lesser scale, Seafarers International House continues to wander in the wilderness as we seek continued relocated space for our guesthouse and mission center. Indeed, may God make God's-self known in the wilderness wanderings that reveals the very presence of God when we need it the most. From our perspective as people of faith we have assurance that God always shows up in the wilderness and that Jesus' power is rooted confidently following the Spirit into the unknown. ⚓

*Marsh Luther Dreyer*

Photo credit: Sea Wilderness Wave by Schäferle on Pixabay.



**From Social Ministry:** Have you heard of a house called "The Plaster House"? No? Well let me tell you about it. The Plaster House is a residential care facility for children with treatable disabilities, established with

the support of the ELCA medical missionary and former director of the nearby Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania, Dr. Mark Jacobson. Children with disabilities in Tanzania have often been hidden away and it may be considered a "curse" to have a disability, but The Plaster House is changing the face of disability in Tanzania, with restoring treated children to their families and their villages with hope and health. No child is turned away for lack of the ability to pay. Dr. Jacobson has been a recipient for the past several years of the Turtzo Missionary Bequest, he passed away earlier this year. To honor his memory and the work he has accomplished in Tanzania, Social Ministry thought it would be a nice idea to make a donation to The Plaster House. Thanks to your ongoing and generous support of Joyful Noise there is double the amount in this fund as of the end of April than in prior years. Therefore, we are sending a check in the amount of \$300.00 to The Plaster House in memory of Dr. Mark Jacobson. (If you would like more information on The Plaster House, and where you can sign up for their Newsletter here is their website: [www.theplasterhouse.org/who-we-are](http://www.theplasterhouse.org/who-we-are).) Social Ministry can't thank you enough for continuing to give to the Joyful Noise Offering in the many ways you do. Questions: see Mary O'Meally



*The following individuals made a Mother's Day contribution to the Sunday School. In Loving Honor of...*

- Theresa Suranofsky, Wanda Riley  
by John and Georgia Suranofsky
- Georgia Suranofsky, Paula Baker, Jackie Horn  
by Brooks and Janessa Baker
- Janessa Baker  
by Jayden, Kody, Landon, Taylor and Mckenna
- Laraine Brands  
by Saba Ahmed, Olivia Brands
- All Ladies  
by Mary O'Meally
- Connie Comunale  
by Justine, Marc, Jeff, Eric, Zach, Autumn,  
Olivia and Gillian
- Kay Lawler  
by Craig, Brenda Hughes and family
- Joan Deichmann  
by Evelyn, Andrew and Anthony
- Diane Hahn  
by Renee and Earl



*The following individuals made a Mother's Day contribution to the Sunday School. In Loving Memory of...*

Helen Lane, Hazel Weidman, Dorothy Lane, Ruth Lane and Irene Weaver

by Kathy A. Lane

Mrs. Olive Gates and Divona Jennings

by Doris Thomas and Family

Joyce Weidlick, Jeanett Johnson, and Ethel Fuls

by Joanne and John Robinson

Grace Thompson

by Carolyn Leidy and Family

Christina DeSalvo

by Mary O'Meally

Marian Parsons Saddler

by June and Sherk

Esther Hahn Jones

by Sherk and June Jones

Viola Fraunfelder, Alice DeVito

by Betty DeVito

Becky Godshalk, Alta C. Moysey,

Sherma LaBarre Godshalk

by Sara Godshalk

Dorothy Rambo, Ann Stana

by Marlene Stana

Gloria Steinmetz, Elizabeth Stauffer

by Brenda and Larry Stauffer

Loving Mother, Frances Poliskiewicz

by Phyllis and Walter Patterson and all grandchildren

Pearl Comunale and Ruth Hearn

by Justine, Marc, Jeff, Eric, Zach, Autumn, Olivia and Gillian

Jeanie Widenor and Pauline Pearson

by Janet and Neil Pearson

Joyce Comunale

by Craig, Brenda Hughes and family

Greta Johnson

by Karen Karner

Joyce Comunale

by Diane Hahn

Our Mother-Betty Leininger

by Her Daughters.

Edna Smith, Bessie Bartholomew and Nellie Smith

by Annette Buss

Kathryn Fair, Anna Difilippantonio, and Betty Billger

by Neil and Petrina Billger



*Mothers and Special Ladies...*

*To us you were someone special,*

*Someone set apart,*

*Your memory will live forever,*

*Engraved within our heart.*



# Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, June 19.

We would like the names of anyone graduating from any level of education in 2022: nursery school, kindergarten, high school, college, technical school, grad school, etc. Please place the information on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office at [poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com) or 610-588-2355.

**Information Needed:**

- Graduate's full name
- Telephone number
- Major (if applicable)
- Institution they are graduating from
- Diploma/degree completed
- Future plans
- Name of person providing the information



**We need to have all the names and information absolutely no later than Sunday, June 5**



## We need your mobile phone number!

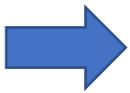
Please provide your mobile phone number to the church, for two reasons: 1) because so many of us no longer have landlines, and our directory is more and more out of date. And 2) to opt into a new program to receive occasional text messages about upcoming events and cancellations.



Prince of Peace plans to begin using text messages to get information out. We plan to use this service in two ways:

- 1) To alert people when worship or an event is canceled because of weather or other conditions.
- 2) To remind people of select upcoming events. (This would not be weekly, but only for occasional events such as Rummage Sales and dinners, and particularly special services, like Easter and Christmas.) We expect to send this sort of reminder about once or twice a month, or less.

These messages will be sent through our church database software. They will *not* be coming from the church phone number, and they are one-way only – if you reply, we will not receive it.



Please provide phone numbers for all members of your family below, and please check whether you would like to receive all text messages from the church, or only emergency/cancellation messages, or no messages at all. Thank you!

Please either return the sheet below to the church office or email your information to [poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com).

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# EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Wednesday, June 1	Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27
Thursday, June 2	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25
Friday, June 3	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10
Saturday, June 4	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17
<b>Day of Pentecost (6/5)</b>	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17
Monday, June 6	Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
Tuesday, June 7	Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
Wednesday, June 8	Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday, June 9	Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19
Friday, June 10	Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6
Saturday, June 11	Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52
<b>Trinity Sunday (6/12)</b>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-15; John 16:12-15
Monday, June 13	Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16
Tuesday, June 14	Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20
Wednesday, June 15	Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55
Thursday, June 16	Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 56:9-12; Romans 2:17-29
Friday, June 17	Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 57:1-13; Galatians 3:15-22
Saturday, June 18	Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 59:1-8; Matthew 9:27-34
<b>Sunday, June 19</b>	Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
Monday, June 20	Psalm 64; Job 18:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Tuesday, June 21	Psalm 64; Job 19:1-22; Ephesians 2:11-22
Wednesday, June 22	Psalm 64; Ezekiel 32:1-10; Luke 9:37-43a
Thursday, June 23	Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22-10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Friday, June 24	Psalm 16; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Galatians 4:8-20
Saturday, June 25	Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-27
<b>Sunday, June 26</b>	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62
Monday, June 27	Psalm 140; Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67; 1 John 2:7-11
Tuesday, June 28	Psalm 140; Jeremiah 3:15-18; Ephesians 5:6-20
Wednesday, June 29	Psalm 140; Jeremiah 23:16-22; Matthew 10:16-25
Thursday, June 30	Psalm 66:1-9; 2 Kings 21:1-15; Romans 7:14-25

*Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to [DailyLectio.net](http://DailyLectio.net), where you can sign up for daily emails or download the app for iPhone or Android!*



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**Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:**  
*Sundays at 9:45 a.m. — See Page 2 for details!*  
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- **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
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**Congregation Council Members:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Connie Itterly -President | Jackie Horn– Treasurer |
| Traci Rumsey -V-President | Tina Johns -Secretary  |
| Scott Schipps             | Georgia Suranofsky     |
| Kathy Williams            | Chip Harrison          |
| Dave Karner               | Brenda Hughes          |
| Sara Godshalk             | Max Manicke-Youth Rep. |
| Pastor Michael Scholtes   |                        |

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

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

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!**

**July 2022 Newsletter is:**

**\*\*June 14th at Noon**

*You may email your submissions to [poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)  
 Or give a handwritten items to  
**Annette Buss***

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

**The LORD gives his people strength. The LORD blesses them with peace.**

- Psalm 29:11



*The June Newsletter is sponsored:*

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# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



## *Gaining Strength: Stronger Together*

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you...” [Isaiah 43:2] This is the promise God made to the people of Israel, in a time when the whole nation was suffering the consequences of their turning away from their primary mission: to love God and love neighbor – especially, neighbors with the least advantages, status and resources. For our time, our church, and our synod, one of our most troubling issues is the sin of racism. Isaiah goes on to say: “Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!” [Is. 43:8] This speaks to the first step to take into those troubled waters: opening our eyes and ears to see and listen – with minds and hearts willing to go beneath the smooth surface and stir up the stories and truths that, though troubling, will clear the way for God “to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” [Is. 43:19]

+ Bishop Christopher deForest

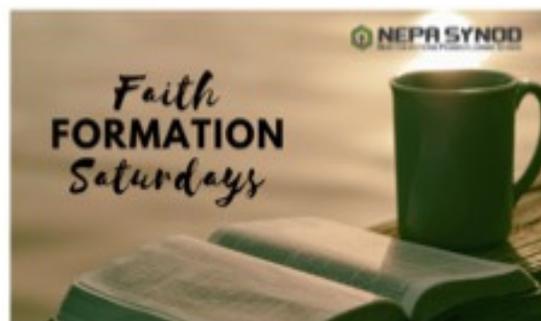
On May 22, 2021, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod hosted a virtual conference called “Trouble the Water,” an inaugural day of racial justice worship and workshops. The goal of this event was to help our congregations to be more welcoming to Black, indigenous, and people of color; and to focus on racial justice and reconciliation within our churches, communities, and synod.

Participants were welcomed with a brief introduction to what we hoped to accomplish, and a request for participants to join us in that troubled water – to be willing to experience the discomfort caused by the ripples, and to plan to ride the waves of change and progress that we hoped to create. The organizers started with a land acknowledgment, acknowledged our shared national history of racism and discrimination, and explained that such historical acknowledgment was not about blaming us as individuals today, but about understanding how we came to be where we are in order to understand how to move forward together.

Next, we all worshiped together with song, prayer, and a sermon by Rev. Dr. James Thomas on “The Sins of Racism.” Following worship, The Reverend CeCee Mills delivered an incredibly powerful keynote address, and after that two sets of concurrent workshops were offered. The first set of workshop options included Understanding Microaggressions, Trauma-Informed Neighborhood Engagement, Understanding Implicit Bias, and a presentation on the community organizing group POWER Northeast. The second set of workshops included Seeing and Disrupting Racism; Understanding White Privilege; and Church Together (led by ELCA Director of Racial Justice Jennifer De Leon).

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The “Trouble the Water” event provided important space for honest, difficult conversation: wrestling with systemic racism and naming our complicity in a broken, inequitable system. Your gifts cultivate a Synod culture that listens to the stories of all people and actively works towards reflecting the Kingdom of God. Our ELCA has a mission of encountering 1 million new, young, and diverse people with the Good News in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support. It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission. + Rev. Rachael Dietz



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