

Prints of Peace



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Prince of Peace friends,

For the past six months, we have been worshipping “virtually” using the videos we’ve published online at YouTube and Facebook, as well as the “phone-in” recordings at POP-2-POP. For the past two months, we have also been worshipping together outside in the church grove, and sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally, we are happy to announce a plan to re-open the building for worship at the end of October!

Here’s how it will work:

Through October 18, we will still worship the way we have been since August: through an online service, and also with brief services of Holy Communion outside in the church grove at 9:45 am each Sunday.

On Sunday, October 25, at 9:45 am, we will return to the building. This is Reformation Sunday, and also the day of Confirmation for two of our young people. We will have an abbreviated service inside at 9:45 am. This service will include the rite of Confirmation as well as Holy Communion. We will also still offer an online service.

On Sunday, November 1, at 9:45 am, we will also worship in the building. This is All Saints Day, and the service will include the annual ritual of lighting candles in memory of those who have died in the past year, as well as in honor of those who have been baptized in the past year. We will also celebrate Holy Communion. There will be an online service as well.

If all goes well at those services, we will continue to worship inside on subsequent Sundays. The service will become longer, and include most of what we’re used to. We will record this service and share it online instead of creating a separate online service.

PLEASE NOTE: All of this is tentative, and subject to change, based on information we learn from health agencies, the school district, and the CDC.

I’m sure you understand that when we return inside, it won’t be the same as it used to be. You’ll find in this newsletter a five-page document outlining the safety precautions we will be following. We need to do this in order to follow the guidelines recommended by the state and by the CDC. You can contact me or any member of the Re-Opening Taskforce (Justine Cesari, Dennis Horn, Marlene Stana, and Kathy Williams) with any questions.

As of the newsletter deadline, the Re-Opening Taskforce has not yet finalized the policy for re-opening the building for meetings, but it is our hope to begin meeting inside again in some form in November. (It’s getting too cold to meet in the grove!) We’re focusing our energies on making sure that worship is done safely and well.

A final note about worship: the Worship and Music Committee has begun to brainstorm how we’ll do Christmas Eve worship. The trouble is this: group singing indoors is tremendously dangerous, even while wearing masks. And how can we have Christmas Eve worship without singing? Well, we’re working on it. Watch for more information – it should be a Christmas to remember!

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Paul Kuhs, III, October 2
Brittnee Brown, October 2
Kimberley Jennings, October 3
Vivian Fahr, October 5
Lewis Lambert, October 6
Kristine Vanderpool, October 8
Tara Flyte, October 8
Jennifer Werner, October 8
Robin Labar, October 9
William Pensyl, October 9
Derek Brands, October 10
Louise Brown, October 11
Martin Yazdzik, October 12
Brandon Gillow, October 14
Neil Billger, October 14
Cheri Confalone, October 17
Michelle Woolley, October 17
David Reinhart, October 17
Carissa Emery, October 18
Candy Rissmiller, October 18
Gordon Pensyl, October 21
David Hower, October 22
Tarin Wolfe, October 22
Garrett Nelson, October 23
Erinn Stanmets, October 25
Landon Horn, October 25
Kathy Kreider, October 28
Craig Hower, October 30

WORSHIP WITH US

Outside: Worship with us at the grove on October 4, 11, and 18! (Weather permitting.) We have a brief service of Holy Communion at 9:45 am. You are also welcome to remain in your vehicle, and receive communion there.

Inside: Worship with us inside on October 25 and November 1 at 9:45! (This is tentative, pending any changes to guidance from health agencies, the school district, or the CDC.) See the “re-opening” policy for information on how we’ll safely do this.

Online: See our weekly worship each Sunday at popbangor.org/video-worship

Facebook: Like us at Facebook (facebook.com/popbangor), and you can view the same online worship there.

Telephone: Call the toll free number 1-877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767) to hear the audio of our most recent worship service.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

(Please provide any directory corrections or updates to Annette Buss or Pastor Scholtes. They will be printed in the following newsletter.)

Maureen Suprick: new phone number 610-588-6457



Due to the COVID-19 shut-down, we are not including an assignment page in this newsletter. When worship services resume, assignments will be communicated by a special newsletter update, email or phone call. Also, the calendar of events for October is not included. Please check the calendar at the church website, or call the church office at 610-588-2355 for current updates.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints Sunday, November 1st, 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.

This year a special All Saints remembrance document will be prepared and emailed to Pastor's email loop and those who receive their newsletter by email. Pastor will also include remembrances in the online worship service on Nov. 1st. For those who receive their newsletter by mail, the remembrances will be included in the December newsletter.

(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,
2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA 18013.

Or, email the information to poplcbangor@gmail.com and mail your donation.

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

Please Print.

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

Given by: _____

Address: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Showing My Love To Serve God

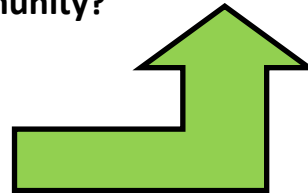
How was I a good steward this year?

- Pray for others
- Make face masks
- Make a meal for a neighbor
- Call member of the church to check in
- Run errands
- Serve on a committee
- Be a Caregiver

We want to celebrate how you showed the love of God this year! We usually don't think about how we are a blessing to others when we show acts of love in our daily lives. Here are a few examples in the sidebar.



Q. "God has made you a blessing, and has given you an abundance of love to share. How have you shown that love this year in your home and your community?"



Here's what we would like you to do

Take time to think about the question above. Take the phone call from a council member of the church when they call and share your story between October 3rd-10th.

Here's what will happen after the calls

The Stewardship committee will combine all the responses received into a something special to share with the congregation.

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped"

-Proverbs 11:25 (MSG)



Donations to Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry (P.U.M.P) to help our neighbors in need.



Join us on Saturday, October 10 for a special **Blessing of the Animals** service. We will gather at **10:00 am** at the outdoor worship area. (Just off the back of the church parking lot.) All 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 8.

Please note: All humans must be properly masked, and all animals must be properly leashed. (Don't get those backwards!) We will practice social distancing. You are encouraged to bring a chair, since the benches in the grove may not hold everyone safely.

WHAT IS YOUR FAITH STORY?

Every one of us has a **Faith Story**. A faith story is kind of like a "spiritual autobiography," a way of looking at your whole life from the standpoint of faith. Where has God been active in your life? When has your faith in God grown stronger or weaker, and why? How do you experience God, and how do you imagine God to be? As Christians, we proclaim that our Faith Stories begin at our baptism, and aren't finished until our funeral.

It has been tremendously helpful to me in my life to ponder just what my Faith Story is. It has helped me grow closer to God, and more in tune with my own journey. It has also made it much easier for me to talk about my faith with others. I would like to share that experience with you.



I will be offering a ten-week workshop to learn how to explore and write our Faith Stories.

- * We will meet once a week for about 90 minutes (using Zoom).
- * We will use tools such as Spiritual Gifts Inventories and other worksheets to discover key moments and key themes.
- * We will have the opportunity to draft our faith journeys as Stories.
- * We will share these stories with each other.

This workshop is limited to the first eight who sign up. (I will offer the workshop again for another eight once we're done, and so on as long as necessary.)

So -- want to discover and discern your **Faith Story**? Contact Pastor Scholtes at 610-588-2355 or pastorMJS@gmail.com!

SAVE THE DATE!



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 15**. **The time is to be announced. Also, we will let you know if it will be in person or using Zoom.**

In order to have Annual Reports done in a timely manner, **the deadline for event/activity reports, committee and staff member reports is Sunday, October 18**. Reports should be print ready when given to the church office or emailed to poplcbangor@gmail.com.

Pastor Scholtes and I will be emailing the finalized copy of the Annual Report to our email loops. A limited number of printed copies will be available, upon request for those without an email address beginning Sunday, November 1st after worship.



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, September 27, 2020	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
Monday, September 28, 2020	Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020	Psalm 28; Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8
Thursday, October 1, 2020	Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23
Friday, October 2, 2020	Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
Saturday, October 3, 2020	Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52
Sunday, October 4, 2020	Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
Monday, October 5, 2020	Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10
Tuesday, October 6, 2020	Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Wednesday, October 7, 2020	Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57
Thursday, October 8, 2020	Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
Friday, October 9, 2020	Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10
Saturday, October 10, 2020	Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22
Sunday, October 11, 2020	Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Monday, October 12, 2020	Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35
Thursday, October 15, 2020	Psalm 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12
Friday, October 16, 2020	Psalm 96:1-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5
Saturday, October 17, 2020	Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12
Sunday, October 18, 2020	Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
Monday, October 19, 2020	Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27
Thursday, October 22, 2020	Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16
Friday, October 23, 2020	Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
Saturday, October 24, 2020	Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47
Sunday, October 25, 2020 (REFORMATION SUNDAY)	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36
Monday, October 26, 2020	Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22
Thursday, October 29, 2020	Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29
Friday, October 30, 2020	Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3
Saturday, October 31, 2020	Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28
Sunday, November 1, 2020 (ALL SAINTS DAY)	Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
Monday, November 2, 2020	Psalm 5; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	Psalm 5; Lamentations 2:13-17; Acts 13:1-12
Wednesday, November 4, 2020	Psalm 5; Proverbs 16:21-33; Matthew 15:1-9
Thursday, November 5, 2020	Psalm 70; Amos 1:1-2:5; Revelation 8:6-9:12
Friday, November 6, 2020	Psalm 70; Amos 3:1-12; Revelation 9:13-21
Saturday, November 7, 2020	Psalm 70; Amos 4:6-13; Matthew 24:1-14



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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
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- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes 610-588-2314, PastorMJS@gmail.com**
 - **Organist/Music Leader: Martin Yazdzik**
 - **Treasurer: Joyce Weishaupt**
 - **Financial Secretary: Mary O'Meally**
 - **Sexton: Brittnee Brown**
 - **Parish Nurse: Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895, cesarijustine1080@gmail.com**
 - **Pastoral Assistant: Linda Waszmer, 610-452-9286, msjune20@aol.com**
 - **Church Secretary: Annette Buss**

Church Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon Thursday: 1 to 4 pm
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Church Council Members:

Dennis Horn-President	Luke Hoff
Georgia Suranofsky-Vice President	Scott Schipps
Connie Itterly-Secretary	Dave Karner
Marlene Stana	Traci Rumsey
Kathy Williams	Chip Harrison
Benjamin Manicke-Youth Rep.	Bruce Antonioli

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!

Deadline date for the November Newsletter is:

Tuesday, October 13

*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 the next month's newsletter.****

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