

# CONNECTIONS

PRINCE OF PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6*

Many of you know that I have a side gig as a stewardship coach. I was trained by the ELCA as a coach and then given additional training to specialize my coaching in the area of stewardship. In this capacity sometimes I work with congregations and sometimes I work with others who are learning to be stewardship coaches.

Along the way I learn too, from the materials we are studying but even more so from the people who are exercising their practices of stewardship and discipleship in their lives, in their congregations, and through their



ministries.

Here is one thing I have learned – Stewardship is not about money! Oh, money is included. Most congregations do some type of a pledge drive and call it stewardship. Most congregational leaders are very concerned about the finances and look for a good “stewardship” program to ease their anxieties, but at its heart –

Stewardship is not about money!

Stewardship is about how we treat what God has entrusted to us. That breath you just took – that is a gift from God. My breath allowed me to keep writing and yours allowed you to keep reading.

The creation that surrounds us – a gift entrusted to us. Our families – gifts entrusted to us. Our communities – the same thing, as well as our congregations.

Our abilities a gift, our intellect a gift, our energy a gift; and yes, our wealth in whatever forms we have it – all gifts from God entrusted to us. What shall we do with this trust? Thank and praise God. Use the blessings we have received to bless others including our families, our communities, and our world.

We have been given gifts. We have been given a calling to use all of our blessings to be blessings. We have an opportunity to glorify God and serve our neighbors – in all that we do.

One of the people I coached put it well, “Stewardship is everything I do after I say I believe in Jesus.”

*Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jeff*

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## Pastor's Pen

WHAT IF...?

Him who is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" ~ Ephesians 3:20



**What if...?** is a powerful question. It can push us back into the past and regrets, or it can catapult us forward into new ideas and ways of doing things. It encourages us to move forward with excitement, hope and vision. It pushes us to dream beyond where we are now and embrace things we never expected were possible.

**Vision 2020 and Beyond.** That is why, as we continue to vision about our future as a congregation, our stewardship emphasis asks the question, "What if...?" For the four weeks leading up to October 20, we will wrestle with "What if...?" questions that push us to trust God, take risks, dream, and finally give back what

God has already given us.

**Go BIG!** Ephesians 3:20 says that God is able to accomplish far more than we can even imagine as people of faith. God's vision is bigger and more amazing that we can even comprehend, and God has a vision for us at Prince of Peace! So let's ask these "What if...?" questions together, and see what God has in mind for us as we look to the future.

**What if...we TRUST big?**

**What if...we RISK big?**

**What if...we DREAM big?**

**What if...we GIVE big?**

**October 20.** We will wrap up our stewardship emphasis and conversation on October 20. At that time, we will invite you to consider how you can give from all that you have been given toward the big vision God has for us. We will join together in celebration at a luncheon for the whole congregation following the second service. Please plan to join us for these important events in the upcoming weeks.

*Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Amber Craig*



### Brendan's Breakfast - October 6

#### FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

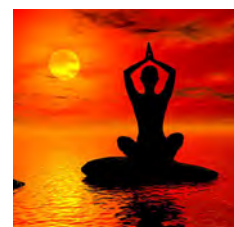
Everyone is invited to "Brendan's Breakfast"

Join us for breakfast in memory of Brendan Patterson, son of Carla Schwartz, brother of Kaylyn Patterson, grandson of Pastor Chuck and Mary Schwartz.

Pancakes, Chocolate chip pancakes, gluten free pancakes, bacon, and beverages will be served from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

As usual, breakfast is free and donations can be made to go towards the Senior High Camp Scholarship Fund.

**YOGA WITH JOELY**  
Mondays - 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Continuing Until December  
Welcoming Area  
**FREE!!**  
Bring a yoga mat and water



## YOUTH NEWS

### FOR OCTOBER 2019

## **CLOWN TROUPE**

Clown troupe is gearing up for another great year! Rehearsal times are from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Sunday evenings unless otherwise noted. Welcome New Clowns!!!



### Rehearsals

Oct 6

### Clown Service

Oct 13 - South Glens Falls



## **Sr. High Youth Group**

We will be planning **at least one youth event each month** through the school year. These events will fall on a variety of different days and will often be fun activities or service opportunities. All youth in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend!



### **Welcome!**

Welcome to all our incoming 9th graders! We are so excited to have you with us, and are looking forward to getting to know you, and hearing your ideas!

### **Next Activity**

Halloween Activity with Middle School Youth  
- Watch for More Info!

### PRINCE OF PEACE FOOD PANTRY

The 1st Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday.

We now have some people who will be helping this ministry which involves checking the food for expiration dates, organizing the food on shelves, and checking to see what items we can use in the pantry and notifying the congregation to the needs.

The FBI has work hard to stencil cloth bags for the congregation to use to bring the food to church. Our goal to decrease the use of plastic bags. At the entrance of church, you will find a clothes pole with empty bags. Please take one bag home with you. Fill it with food to bring to church on Food Sunday. Place your full bag on the cart at the entrance and take a bag home for the next month. **Every time you bring food to church take an empty bag home to fill for the next month.** If we use the cloth bags we help our world in two ways...one by feeding the hungry and one by helping our environment.

#### Items We Need:

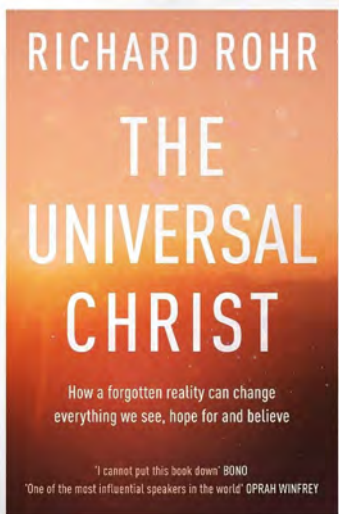
- ⇒ Cereal/Oatmeal
- ⇒ Canned Veggies/Canned Fruit
- ⇒ Soups/Stew
- ⇒ Coffee/Tea/Juice
- ⇒ Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Floss.
- ⇒ Shampoo/Conditioner

#### Items that are not needed (These items don't go):

- ⇒ Cans of Crushed tomatoes.
- ⇒ Vegetable soup.
- ⇒ Diced Tomatoes.
- ⇒ Pinto beans.
- ⇒ Tomato soup

*Note: Pop-top cans are helpful for those without access to a can opener.*





'I cannot put this book down'— Bono In his decades as a globally recognized teacher, Richard Rohr has helped millions realize what is at stake in matters of faith and spirituality. Yet Rohr has never written on the most perennially talked about topic in Christianity: Jesus. Most know who Jesus was, but who was Christ? ...

## Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship

Please join us as we read and discuss

***The Universal Christ:***

***How a forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for and believe***

*by Richard Rohr.*

**Join us any Thursday morning at 9:45 am**

Need more details?

Call Cheri at 518-877-8132

## ***Painting the Stars:***

***Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith***

***A 7 session discussion with video***

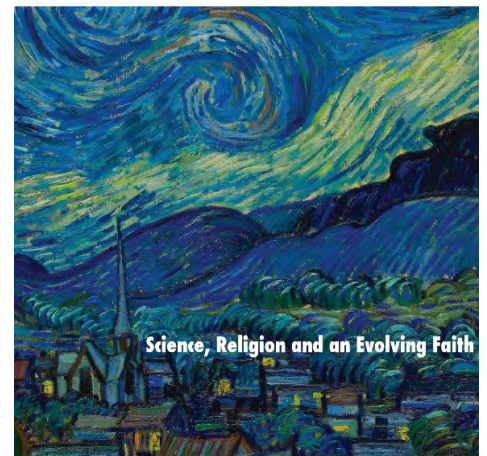
"Celebrating the communion of science and faith, Painting the Stars explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality."

As always we will have fun, food and great discussions!

**Select Mondays at 2:00 pm**

**Prince of Peace, Room 20**

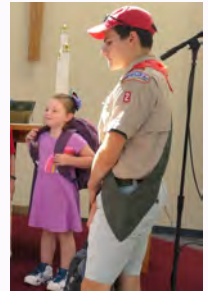
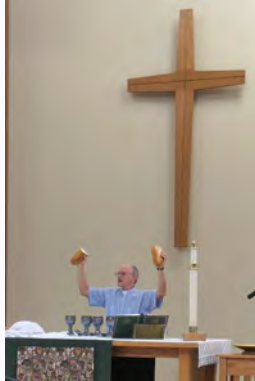
**PAINTING  
THE STARS**





# Prince of Peace In Photos!

## September 2019





2nd - Christine Sheppard  
3rd - Mary Sheldon Price,  
Benjamin Christensen  
4th - Jessica Nock, Laura Gibson, Tim Opitz  
5th - Ryan Coffey  
7th - Sawyer Williams  
8th - Donna Moore, Jen Van Ort,  
Connor Dzembo, Sophie Mathis  
11th - Bob Shaw, Kimberly Flood  
12th - Janet Wheeler, John White  
14th - Darrel Walters  
15th - Megan Blumbergs, Christopher Berger,  
Ethan Roberts  
16th - Karen Haley, Graham Haley,  
Kim Gadwah

17th - Anita Svoboda, Sarah Barnes,  
Cheyanne Stack  
18th - Jessica Salmon, Bill Hebert  
19th - Geoffrey Berger  
20th - Christopher Melbourne, Kathryn Quoi  
22nd - Jason Reimers  
23rd - Kayla Doerr  
25th - Karen Ruby, Melissa Ruby,  
Andrew Silvernail  
27th - Daniel Merkt  
29th - Gerry Burchill  
31st - Susan Ivanauskas



## STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 20, 2019  
Noon

A celebration of our Annual Stewardship Emphasis, our  
God-given gifts and how we put them to use in the world.

What if... we TRUST big?

DREAM big?

RISK big?

GIVE big?

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REFORMATION  
Sunday

October 27th

Reformation Sunday is the anniversary of the day Martin Luther is said to have posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany (October 31, 1517), later identified by Protestants as the beginning of the Reformation.

Columbus Day - October 14

Halloween - October 31

Daylight Savings Time Ends -  
November 3





October Server Schedule			
<p>October 6 - 8:00am</p> <p>Bread: Susan Anderson Coffee: Rob Anderson Reader: Grace Anderson Ushers: Ian &amp; Dee Hughes</p>	<p>October 6 - 10am</p> <p>Bread: Tina Walters Coffee: Zoe Walker Reader: Darrell Walters Ushers: Christine Sheppard Hisgen Nora Hisgen, Laura Johnson</p>	<p>October 13 - 8:00am</p> <p>Bread: Mary Beth Dunn Coffee: Jen Rice Reader: Steve Dzembo Ushers: Ian &amp; Dee Hughes</p>	<p>October 13 - 10:30am</p> <p>Bread: Valerie Shaw Coffee: Lisa Haase Reader: Jean Morehouse Ushers: Christine Sheppard Hisgen Nora Hisgen, Laura Johnson</p>
<p>Counters: Steve Dzembo      Jim Galarneau Deacon: Nancy Hoelzer</p>		<p>Counters: Robin Domm      Fonda Thompson Deacon: Diana Foote</p>	
<p>October 20 - 8:00am</p> <p>Bread: Judy Rogers Coffee: Janet Green Reader: Ann Crivello Ushers: Ian &amp; Dee Hughes</p>	<p>October 20 - 10:30am</p> <p>Bread: Susan Zappen Coffee: Dee Bennett Reader: Katie Goot Ushers: Christine Sheppard Hisgen Nora Hisgen, Laura Johnson</p>	<p>October 27 - 8:00am</p> <p>Bread: Pam Cook Coffee: Mark Steele Reader: Dorothy Stuart Ushers: Ian &amp; Dee Hughes</p>	<p>October 27 - 10:30am</p> <p>Bread: Mary Rurcyz Coffee: Natalie Kaplan Reader: Bryan Waugaman Ushers: Christine Sheppard Hisgen Nora Hisgen, Laura Johnson</p>
<p>Counters: Bill Yoquinto      Tom Miller Deacon: JoAnn Koenig</p>		<p>Counters: Nancy Kowalski      Laurel Catellier Deacon: Eileen Bryant</p>	

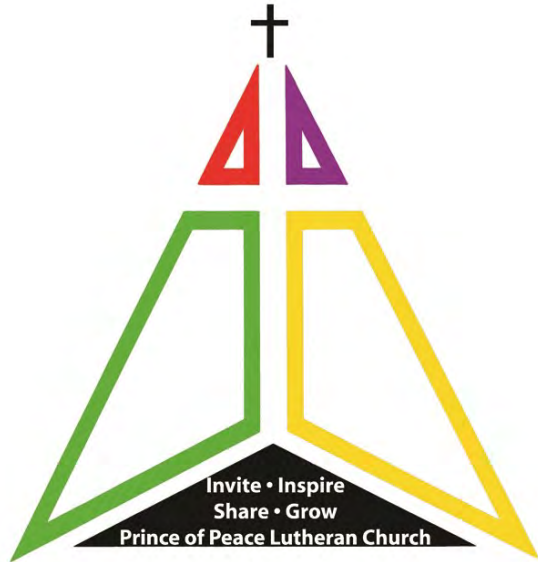


Claimed by Grace,  
We seek to  
Welcome All, Worship Joyfully,  
Grow Spiritually  
and  
Share God's Love



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We sincerely hope you enjoy

**CONNECTIONS!**

If you know of any friends or neighbors who might be interested in learning about Prince of Peace, please feel free to forward the electronic copy to them.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

\*Contemporary worship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

CONNECTIONS is the monthly newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. In an effort to be more fiscally & environmentally conscious, we send the newsletter electronically to as many people as possible. You can help by e-mailing the church office to give us your current e-mail address or calling the church office if you don't use e-mail (we'll be glad to put your copy in the mail).

**UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

**October Daily Activities**

- 10/2 Confirmation: 6:30PM; Choir: 6:30PM; Band: 8:00PM
- 10/5 Contemporary Band Rehearsal: 8:30AM
- 10/6 Worship: 8:00AM & 10:30AM  
Brendan's Breakfast: 8:30AM; Sunday School: 9:15AM  
Clown Troupe Rehearsal: 6:30PM
- 10/7 Pastor's Bible Study: 2:00PM; Deacon Meeting: 6:00PM  
Yoga: 6:00 PM; Worship Team Meeting: 7:15 PM
- 10/9 Confirmation: 6:30PM; Band: 8:00PM
- 10/10 TMWF: 9:45AM; Council Meeting: 7:00PM
- 10/13 Worship: 8:00AM & 10:30AM - Cont; REACH: 9:30AM
- 10/14 Prayer Group: 1:30PM; Yoga: 6:00PM
- 10/16 Confirmation: 6:30PM; Choir: 6:30PM; Band: 8:00PM
- 10/17 TMWF: 9:45AM
- 10/19 Band: 8:30AM
- 10/20 Worship: 8:00AM & 10:30AM - Cont  
Sunday School: 9:15AM; REACH: 9:30AM  
Stewardship Luncheon: 12:00PM
- 10/21 Prayer Group: 1:30PM; Bible Study: 2:00PM; Yoga: 6:00PM
- 10/22 Facilities Team Meeting: 6:30PM
- 10/23 Confirmation: 6:30PM; Choir: 6:30PM; Band: 8:00PM
- 10/24 TMWF: 9:45 AM - Offsite
- 10/27 Worship: 8:00AM & 10:30AM - Reformation Sunday  
Sunday School: 9:15AM; Reach: 9:30AM
- 10/28 Prayer Group: 1:30PM; Bible Study: 2:00PM; Yoga: 6:00PM
- 10/30 Confirmation: 6:30PM; Choir: 6:30PM; Band: 8:00PM
- 10/31 TMWF: 9:45AM

**October Weekly Activities**

- Sundays:** Worship - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School - 9:15 AM (Not on 10/13)  
REACH - 9:30 AM
- Mondays:** Prayer Group - 1:30 PM (Not on 10/7)  
Pastor's Bible Study - 2:00 PM  
(Not on 10/14)  
Yoga - 6:00 PM
- Wednesdays:** Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM  
Confirmation - 6:30 PM (Not on 10/9)  
Contemporary Band Rehearsal - 8:00 PM
- Thursdays:**  
Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship - 9:45 AM