



Drinking Deeply from the Psalms

2018 Summer Worship Series

"[The book of Psalms] might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire bible. It is a really fine enchiridion or handbook. I have a notion that the Holy Spirit wanted to take the trouble himself to compile a short Bible and book of examples of all Christendom or all saints, so that anyone who could

not read the whole Bible would here have anyway almost an entire summary of it, comprised in one little book." – Martin Luther (LW 35:254)

One of the real gifts of scripture can be found in the book of Psalms. The "psalter," as it's often referred, is really an ancient hymnal, like our own cranberry-colored ELW. The various verses captured therein comprise the liturgies of the people of God as they practiced their faith through prayer, worship and other occasions in daily life. The musical accompaniment has been lost in the centuries that have passed but the lyrics remain.

During June and July this summer, we'll be drinking at the well that flows from this deeply rich resource. We'll start right at the beginning and finish right at the end. In between we'll explore the variety of types of psalms that can be found within the book. Some psalms are for giving thanks; some give voice to our sadness. Other psalms offer assurance or guidance, while others help us to offer praise.

So much of our worship practice is already shaped by this life-giving word. Let's spend these summer weeks going deeper still, re-discovering something old and familiar and possibly uncovering something exciting and new. Here are the key texts that will shape our series:

Psalms 1 – An introduction to the Psalms – Sunday, June 10

Psalms 100 – A hymn of praise – Sunday, June 17

Psalms 13 – A prayer for help – Sunday, June 24

Psalms 23 – A psalm of trust – Sunday, July 1

Psalms 30 – A psalm of thanks – Sunday, July 8

Psalms 150 – A call to praise – Sunday, July 15

Pastor Peter: So Many Transitions



Much of my work these days seems centered on the many staffing transitions we are facing. This is an exciting time and I'm grateful for all the support we are receiving from the synod. Our appointed committees have been great to work with and I have a lot of confidence in the process. Saying farewell to Pastor Lynn means letting go an important part of my support structure, so I'm especially anxious to find

colleagues that I will enjoy working alongside and appreciate as much as I have Lynn. Here are a few updates on all that has been keeping me busy these days:

Staff Transitions:

- Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: I have been forwarded candidate information from SPAS and have begun meeting with them individually. I consider all the candidates to be strong and our call committee can expect to be asked to interview all of them.
- Visitation and Congregational Care Pastor: The interview committee has prepared their questions and is determining possible interview times the week of June 4-8. I have met individually with three candidates and there are 1-2 more in process.
- Youth Director: Erika Coe will be leaving us for graduate school (her last Sunday is July 22). We have advertised for her replacement with both metro synods and a number of area colleges/universities. We have already received two interested responses and I will be meeting with them in the coming week. An interview committee is being formed by the Youth & Personnel Committees.
- Funeral Coordinator: One important take-away from the community conversation on funeral ministry was the strong desire to move forward with identifying a funeral coordinator to begin serving in this role as opposed to waiting to connect it to the future position of hospitality coordinator as defined in the staffing configuration. I will support the council and Personnel Committee on next steps. In the meantime, Tara and I will continue to coordinate and identify volunteer leaders on an as-needed basis.

Fall Planning (even though summer just started!)

- Our worship and education committees are looking closely at using the "Narrative Lectionary" as the foundation for our worship and education framework for the coming year, beginning in September. Currently we use the framework of the "Revised Common Lectionary," so this would change some of the historical patterns our congregation has experienced around scriptures read in worship. More information about the Narrative Lectionary can be found on our website but the weekly readings follow the trajectory of the story of the whole Bible. In the fall we read from the Old Testament, starting with Genesis and the books chronicling the history of God's people, including the big stories we all learned in Sunday School and other stories that just never get read. Then starting in Advent we turn to the new testament and follow Jesus' life from birth
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to death and resurrection. Nativity texts are read at Christmas and the passion texts are read at Easter. Post-Easter until the end of the spring, we read through the stories of the early church, the letters and then finally John's book of Revelation.

Program Notes

- The Community Conversation on Funeral Ministry on May 15 was attended by 28 participants. It was a very healthy conversation that has already led to some positive outcomes (see the note about the Funeral Coordinator above). We're compiling the notes from the conversation and hope to share those with the whole community soon.
- We welcomed four new families as new members on May 20 – how wonderful that they're feeling at home with Prince of Peace! Thanks to Linda Olson and Carol Swanson who helped to host two weeks of member classes. We also have a couple of folks that can be considered like associate members as they want this to be their church home while they're here seasonally.
- I am leading group study sessions on the ELCA's Draft Statement on Women & Justice for 4 weeks on Wednesday evenings beginning 5/30 (6:30-8pm).
- We met (and exceeded) our goal of raising at least \$500 for Millions of Trees, our affiliate ministry partner with Bega Kwa Bega. That means we've funded at least 10,000 tree seedlings to be planted this year.
- I'm looking forward to traveling with our high school youth to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, at the end of June. They have been working so hard this past year to fundraise and prepare for this adventure. It will be amazing to finally arrive together with the 35,000 other attendees from all over the country for these five days of growing in faith together.

And Finally...

- The Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly was May 19 & 20, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Both Pastor Lynn and I were able to attend. There was little formal business to attend to this year, but the highlight was on young adult leadership in the synod and it was quite inspirational.

Though there are so many transitions happening, seemingly all at once, I also believe the Holy Spirit is a present and active force, driving this community of faith ever forward. We can trust that God's plan will be revealed in the midst of all this change. This is indeed an exciting time for all of us and I am so grateful that we get to do this (be the church) together. Thanks be to God.

- Peter Christ, Lead Pastor



Article Photo -- Note: I'm lucky to be able to spend some of these summer days at our family cabin and this is the view we enjoy.

President's Update

May 30, 2018

I've had a couple of great questions about the new faith formation pastor's position. Luckily Pastor Peter and Assistant to the Bishop Deacon Krista Lind have provided answers.



What is "faith formation?"

It's more than just Christian education or spiritual development. "Faith forms as a person discovers trust in a living God, claims their identity as a beloved child of God, and boldly follows Jesus. Joining in the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, faith formation requires intentionality. Communities of faith are intentional as they are thoughtful and reflective on their faith formation perspective, practices, and orientation. Intentionally nurturing faith over time allows it to mature and become integrated into everyday living." *A Framework for Faith Formation in the ELCA, 2015*

"In the past, the church has used "faith formation" in reference to the task of teaching children and those new to the faith the building blocks of our Christian beliefs. More recently, it has been recognized that this work doesn't stop after childhood and is truly a lifelong concern.....It's about embodying an on-going practice of curiosity and a continual re-forming by the Spirit in response to God's love." Peter wrote this and I could not have said it better. You can find more of his writing on this topic elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website. OK, I'll admit, it's a bit steep for me to fully grasp, yet believe we are ready to step into this way of being as a congregation.

What's the difference between a pastor and a deacon?

Pastors – "Called to Word & Sacrament Ministry" – Ordained to perform all functions of the church including the sacraments of communion and baptism, preach the gospel, lead worship, providing spiritual guidance, teaching and lead the church. (I think of this as the well-rounded, can do everything position.)

Deacons – "Called to Word & Service Ministry" – Consecrated to perform many of the same functions as a pastor including leading worship, preaching, teaching, and providing spiritual guidance. A deacon doesn't preside over the sacraments of communion or baptism. A deacon generally has a specialized area of service that they are called to and have extended training and internships to prepare them to lead in their chosen area – such as faith formation.

Are we doing the July 4th celebration again?

Yes!! Once again, we hope to feed our community. Come join us for the fun and festivities. We will grill burgers & hot dogs, provide chips, cookies and treats for all. We will gather together to serve, get to know our neighbors and watch the fireworks. Invite your family and friends to join the BEST space to watch and Roseville fireworks. It's a blast (some pun intended.) If you want to bring a pan of bars or cookies or help us cook – that's great but nothing is required to have a good time.

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Finances – This wasn't a question, just a good piece of information to pass on. Many of us are retired or nearing retirement. Taxes are always an issue. You may be able to reduce your taxable base by directing your 401k distribution to include your contribution to Prince of Peace. It may be non-taxable and positively affect you. **IF THIS MIGHT WORK FOR YOU, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR INVESTMENT COUNSELOR to ensure this is a good idea for your situation.**

-Deb Cordes, Congregation President



From Milt: Welcome to Summer

As I'm writing this Pastor Lynn has had her final Sunday with us. It is sad to see her go, but exciting at the same time. We are starting a new chapter of Prince of Peace history and Pastor Lynn gets to start a new chapter of her life in Milwaukee. A departure and two new beginnings, with the one constant being God is

there through it all.

I'm very sad to see her go, professionally and as a member, she was a delight to work with. I hope we can live up to her visions and I believe some of her visions may become traditions. As a member all I can think of is Jesus saying "Let the children come." Pastor Lynn had a real gift for engaging our youngest members. How often did we see a child asking if they could go sit by Pastor Lynn? That kind of relationship doesn't come easily and Pastor Lynn did it in well under her 15 months with us. What an incredible gift for our youngest members. What a vision of relationships Pastor Lynn has. How do we keep this vision alive and our youngest members feeling that comfortable and welcome?

Pastor Lynn also had a strong relationship with our oldest children, too; oldest children being our senior citizens. I say oldest children, because no one is ever not a child of God. I saw a new spirit in many of our elder members. They knew they still were a vital part of our congregation. How do we keep this vitality going? All members need to feel welcome and important and that's not an easy task. We cannot expect any Pastor or Pastors to be responsible for this. It is a responsibility of the ENTIRE congregation. We all need to ask ourselves what we can each do to make this happen. What gifts can we bring to Prince of Peace?

The Time and Talent forms are a way this is possible. We have many committees, etc. Where do our strengths lie, and how can we use these strengths in service to Prince of Peace? We all have different schedules and talents, but ALL should be able to find a way to be engaged in the life of Prince of Peace. My hope is that all the relationship building that Pastor Lynn did, doesn't go to waste. She showed us all what it feels like to be welcome and an important member of this church community. I feel the best gift we can give Pastor Lynn is to make Prince of Peace a place where EVERYONE feels welcome and important, and maybe tag a few Monarchs, too :).

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Sadly, Erika Coe will be leaving us too, but we have a couple months left with her. And our youth need to know they are welcome and important. From the youngest to the oldest, LET THE CHILDREN KNOW THEY BELONG!!!

May God bless,

Milt Warkentien, Music Ministry Coordinator



Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

June 3 **Grad Recognition** Traditional with communion,
Anthem: Milt Warkentien

June 10 Traditional,
Anthem: TBD

June 17 with communion,
Anthem: Big Band

June 24 Traditional,
Anthem: TBD

July 1 **Outdoors** (weather permitting) at 10:00 only,
Anthem: Worship Team

July 8 Traditional, Anthem TBD

July 15 Traditional with communion, Anthem TBD

July 22 Youth Gathering reflection and band led,
Anthem: TBD

July 29 Traditional with communion,
Anthem TBD

August 5 Traditional with communion, Anthem TBD

There will be a sign up sheet on the choir room door if you're interested in providing music for the Anthem Slot. You are always welcome to provide other music, too. Just talk to Cheri about providing Prelude, Offering, or Postlude music. All are welcome!



Goodbyes and Hellos

Goodbye...

Erika Coe, who has been serving as our Youth Director here at Prince of Peace will be leaving her position later this summer. Erika has been accepted into a doctoral studies program at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. She will begin working on a PhD in

Political Theory beginning this fall. We're so thankful to have had her presence and leadership with our high school youth since starting with us in early 2017 and we're grateful to have her leading our group to Houston, Texas in late June for the the National Youth Gathering. We'll be celebrating her tenure and wishing her Godspeed on Sunday, July 22.

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Hello...

The Youth and Personnel Committees are working together to recruit and select someone to fill Erika's position, hopefully beginning August 1. The position is being advertised within both the St. Paul and Minneapolis Area Synods, as well as a number of metro area colleges and universities. Often, the best candidates, may be someone that is already known to someone within the congregation. **If you know of someone that might be a good candidate, please contact Pastor Peter.**

Youth Director: Position Summary

Direct and lead youth programming for middle and high-school-aged youth. Foster Christian community through building relationships with young people that strengthen their commitment to the church and growth in faith in Jesus. The Director is expected to be present and available for the youth on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings (during program year) with some preparation time before each session. Regular worship attendance is expected and modeling for youth participation in the broader expressions and activities of the Prince of Peace community. Regular event and summer trip leadership are expected. Averages 10 hours per week. Starting wage is \$20 per hour. Full Position Description is available on our website. Interested applicants should contact Pastor Peter Christ.



New Time & Talent Surveys for 2018

It has been several years since we had a "Time & Talent" sign-up. We are compiling a new database of all helpers. This is an opportunity to review all the ways you could contribute to the life of the community of

Prince of Peace. It takes a lot of worker bees to keep the hive humming!

Surveys were included with the most recent giving statements and can also be completed on our website. Be sure to include the things you already do and would like to continue with so that our new list will be accurate. Each member of a family should fill out their own survey. Additional paper copies are available in the entryway of the church.

In addition, note that we have three leadership positions that remain vacant: Stewardship Committee Chairperson, Global Missions Chairperson, and one position on the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in any one of these positions, contact Pastor Peter or current Council Chair Deb Cordes.



Help The Karen Gardeners

As a host for the Karen gardeners, Prince of Peace Church members are responsible for supplying water for their gardens next to our parking lot. This involves maintaining and filling the blue water barrels that you see stationed at the edge of their gardens. We are in need of volunteers, a week at a time, to help with this task. The time commitment would be 45 minutes to one hour if all six barrels are empty. If interested, please contact Roger Hintze at 651-483-4080.

What's all this talk about "Faith Formation?"

You've been hearing the phrase "faith formation" a lot lately. While the phrase may be new vocabulary around Prince of Peace, it has roots that run deep within the broader Church. Simply put, terms like "Christian education" and "spiritual development" now feel too limited in describing what the church is called to do.



How does the ELCA talk about "faith formation?"

"Faith forms as a person discovers trust in a living God, claims their identity as a beloved child of God, and boldly follows Jesus. Joining the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, faith formation requires intentionality. Communities of faith are intentional as they are thoughtful and reflective on their faith formation perspective, practices, and orientation. Intentionally nurturing faith over time allows it to mature and become integrated into everyday living." – A Framework for Faith Formation in the ELCA, 2015

In the past, the church has used "faith formation" in reference to the task of teaching children and those new to the faith the building block of our Christian beliefs. More recently, it has been recognized that this work doesn't stop after childhood and is truly a lifelong concern. It's much more than learning bible stories or memorizing the catechism. It's also about embodying an on-going practice of curiosity and a continual re-forming by the Spirit in response to God's love. Forming faith is something that can and should happen every day, and is just as important for 70-year olds as it is for 7-year olds.

This is work that Prince of Peace has been deeply engaged and committed to since its inception over 60 years ago. Sunday school, confirmation, youth group, and children's sermons are all examples of classic faith formation activities. But so are adult forums, book studies, women's circles, and bible studies. And since faith is also formed in action, our service and outreach activities, our partnerships in Tanzania, and our times in fellowship with one another are also ways of forming faith.

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Why are we now using “faith formation” to describe our work at Prince of Peace?

During the summer of 2016, as we were preparing for the retirement of one lead pastor and the calling of the next, this community engaged in a “Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT).” One of the primary findings in that survey was that our congregation had a longing to deepen and re-energize its efforts around faith formation. (“Spiritual development” is the terminology the survey tool employed.) This finding, among others, was integrated into the call process that led us to Pastor Peter. Similarly, last year’s work conducted by the Mission Staffing Exploration Team (MSET) on the fuller staff configuration discerned a similar finding: “A renewed focus on faith formation across all ages.” (MSET: Proposal to the Congregation – January 28, 2018)

The MSET proposed that the new staffing configuration adopt the language of “faith formation” as it crafted the Ministry Site Profile to help differentiate and clarify the role and expectations of the next Associate Pastor, even titling the new position as “Associate Pastor/Deacon for Faith Formation.” This description has helped to focus the efforts of the call committee and the Synod in identifying the best potential candidates for the nature of the position being formed here.

How will we experience “faith formation” at Prince of Peace?

The MSET recommended the position descriptions for the pastors and key staff be adapted to reflect how important the focus on faith formation should be engaged collaboratively across each ministry area of the church. In practice, the new associate pastor will be taking the lead on faith formation activities for children, youth and families (like Sunday School) and Pastor Peter will be leading these efforts with older participants. At the same time, both pastors will play supporting roles throughout the full spectrum of faith formation activities (i.e Pastor Peter will play a role in Sunday school & confirmation and the associate pastor will find a place to support adult education). In addition, other ministry areas (like music, outreach and fellowship) will be encouraged to explore faith-forming dimensions.

Though the vocabulary may be new, we think you’ll agree that the underlying concepts make sense for the life of this community of faith. We hope and expect that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and shape our efforts and that each member of our community will have greater opportunity to be formed and re-formed in faith each day.

For more on this topic... there is a great new resource from the ELCA entitled, “Recommended Practices for Lifelong Faith Formation.” You can find a link to it on our website. Take a look and discover more about how these ideas can be put to action with Prince of Peace, at home, in school, or at work.

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NEW LOOK

A New Look for The Vine

As we continue to transition our efforts around communication to more digital means like emails, the website and Facebook, we also recognize the need to simplify how we produce printed versions of the same content. All of the “articles” included in this printed version of The Vine can be found on our website with links found in our emails and on our Facebook page. The articles and updates are published online throughout the month. While it may not be quite as colorful as it has been in the past, **we will still produce printed versions like this one once a month** (occasionally two months at a time, like this edition). It can be picked up at the church and mailed to those who have requested.

Prince of Peace Calendar of Events for June and July, 2018

JUNE

Sunday, June 3rd

8:30am - 9:30am Grad Sunday

Worship Service

10:00am - 11:00am Grad Sunday

Worship Service

1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -

Eternal Life Church

Monday, June 4th

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

Tuesday, June 5th

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins

2:30pm - 3:30pm YogaDevotion

6:30pm - 8:00pm Call Committee

Wednesday, June 6th

6:30pm - 8:00pm Group Study on

Women & Justice

7:00pm - 8:00pm Big Band Rehearsal

Thursday, June 7th

8:00am - 5:30pm St. Paul Synod meeting

9:00am - 7:30pm Caterpillar LC Party

Sunday, June 10th

8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service

10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service

1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -

Eternal Life Church

Monday, June 11th

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

Tuesday, June 12th

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins

2:30pm - 3:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, June 13th

6:30pm - 8:00pm Group Study on

Women & Justice

7:00pm - 8:00pm Big Band Rehearsal

Sunday, June 17th

8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service

10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service

1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -

Eternal Life Church

Monday, June 18th

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

5:00pm - 6:00pm Worship Committee

Tuesday, June 19th

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins

2:30pm - 3:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, June 20th

10:00am - 11:00am Visitation: Les Wachter

11:00am - 12:00pm Funeral: Les Wachter

5:30pm - 6:30pm Social Concerns

6:30pm - 8:00pm Group Study on

Women & Justice

Sunday, June 24th

8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service

10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service

1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -

Eternal Life Church

Monday, June 25th

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

Tuesday, June 26th

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins

2:30pm - 3:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, June 27th

5:00am HS Youth leave for ELCA National

Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

JULY

Sunday, July 1st

10:00am - 11:00am Outdoor Worship

1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -

Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 2nd

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

5:00pm - 6:00pm Worship Committee

Meeting

Tuesday, July 3rd

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins

2:30pm - 3:30pm No YogaDevotion today

Sunday, July 8th

8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service

10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service

1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -

Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 9th

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

Tuesday, July 10th

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins
2:30pm - 3:30pm YogaDevotion
7:00pm - 9:00pm Congregation
Council Meeting

Sunday, July 15th

8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service
10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service
1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 16th

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

Tuesday, July 17th

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins

Wednesday, July 18th

5:30pm - 6:30pm Social Concerns

Sunday, July 22nd

8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service
10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service
Celebration of Youth Director Erika Coe
1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 23rd

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

Tuesday, July 24th

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins

Sunday, July 29th

8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service
10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service
1:00pm - 5:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church

Monday, July 30th

9:30am - 11:30am Mon. Morning Crew

Tuesday, July 31st

9:30am - 10:30am Old Guys at Perkins