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Ministry with People of All Ages



by Pastor Betsy Hoium, Faith Formation Pastor

In October I had the chance to speak at the Cross Generational 2018 Conference in Estes Park, Colorado. It was a great opportunity to share some of my experiences and to learn from people from across the U.S., Canada and even a pastor from Latvia and his family.

The background of the conference is that the old model of segregating everyone by age and leaving it completely to the church to teach faith is not working. As the graphic shows on the right, Sunday School participation in the ELCA has declined by over 80% in the past 25 years.

In 1990 there were over one million children in Sunday School nationwide in our denomination, and by 2015, it had dropped to 180,000. If this was a business, no one would say let's keep doing what we're doing!

While this may sound like a gloomy picture, I see it as providing new possibilities. What the church does have is people from all generations—church

is one of the few places where people who are 3, 33, and 93 all have a chance to connect with one another!

One example I talked about in my presentation was an all ages event where we were learning

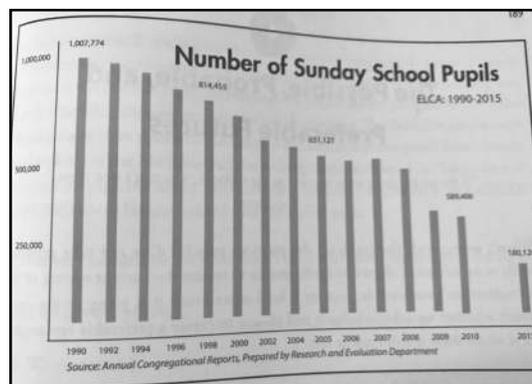
about God's creation. One of our activities was to make slime (if you are not familiar with this, think homemade play dough or silly putty). It turned out that the middle schoolers were the most experienced at this and they were the experts teaching both the younger kids and the retired people. As you can imagine, there was a lot of laughter in the process and it was a fun bonding experience for all of us.

I often hear people say that children and youth are the future of the church.

I disagree. Children and youth are not the future; they are the church now.

This fall at Prince of Peace we've moved from Sunday School divided by grades to a

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Above: Graph showing decline of Sunday School pupils in the ELCA over 25 years.

Upcoming Event for people of all ages will be at 9:40 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 25. Watch for more details for fun ministry with all ages.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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LOST & FOUND

Things found around the church are placed in LOST & FOUND. Where is LOST & FOUND? Look in the cabinet behind the east door in the library.

Worship Schedule:

November 4

Traditional with communion
8:30 Chancel Choir
10:45 Sunday School Choir

November 11 Band-Led

8:30 Lightshine
10:45 Chancel Choir

November 18

Traditional with communion
Bells of Peace at both services

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service
with communion
Chancel Choir

November 25

Traditional
8:30 To be determined
10:45 Chancel Choir

December 2

Traditional with communion
Minnesota Boychoir at both services

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Pastor Peter: A Shifting Landscape



I've mentioned in a few places that the nature of my role here at PoP is shifting rapidly and more in line each day with the call you extended to me at the start of 2017. It's an exciting time to be here and working with this newly expanded leadership team is proving to be a real joy. Up until now, much of my energy has had to be dedicated to "day-to-day" ministry and programming and it's great to be sharing that load now with such a great collection of colleagues. I also look forward to investing more time in developing the leadership capacities of our lay volunteers who have proven themselves so capable since the beginning of my ministry here.

Here are a few highlights from the ministries I've been tending to recently...

Leadership Development

- Pastor Betsy has started! Her first week included a Cross-Generational ministry conference in CO, but she made it back in time to help lead worship on 10/7. We will be working closely together to get her up to speed asap and we'll try to keep the info flow feel something less than a wide-open fire hydrant.
- PoP is serving as our Youth Director Cori Forcey's seminary "Christian Public Leadership" site and I am her mentor. Together we've agreed to a set of learning goals, which we will support her in accomplishing. She'll also be working with Pastors Betsy and Ruth to round out her experiences with us.
- The Nominations Committee to come back together to pick up the work of leadership vacancies, succession planning and upcoming elections. We still need one more member for this committee as well.

Program Notes

- We're falling into a nice rhythm with the Narrative Lectionary (NL) and I welcome your feedback on how we're connecting worship with adult forum and faith formation. Many thanks to all of our worship, faith formation and adult education planners and leaders who are accomplishing such wonderful things.
- PoP is collaborating with a group of 8 churches that all use the NL on an Epiphany Series, "Why Jesus?" (Jan. & Feb.) In addition to collaborative worship planning, each church will submit one video story that will be edited and shared as a part of the resource.
- Confirmation programming is now in re-development. Parents have been surveyed and Pastor Betsy and I have done some redesign which will be shared with students and parents as we prepare to re-launch this ministry.

Anne and I were able to attend the Camp Wapo Family Weekend along with a great collection of families from PoP. Many thanks to Erika Wold for planning and leading such a wonderful retreat for all ages. Thanks too to Cori Forcey as she helped with a few key elements and just dove right in with all the families. Attendees thought very highly of the time together and are already looking forward to next year.

And finally... A remarkable story of generosity is going to be shaping our lives together for the foreseeable future. Prince of Peace has been blessed by Rose Diestler, a dear saint of this congregation, who passed away this past year. Our community of faith was named as beneficiary to a significant portion of her estate. The congregation leadership has just begun the process of preparing for receiving this gift. I look forward to discovering along with each of you how Rose's generosity might re-shape our already generous community in ways we have not yet imagined. What a joy-filled and hopeful way to be living out our callings!



Pastor Ruth: A Month for Reflection

November has always seemed to me to be a month for reflection. It is a month that is bookended by All Saints and Thanksgiving, giving us time to remember and give thanks; both practices that are important to our faith lives.

In the hymn “Rejoice in God’s Saints” verses 1 & 2, we sing,

Rejoice in God’s saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,

Some march in events to turn them God’s way;
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
Some carry the gospel through fire and flood:
Our world is their parish, their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone’s cross, or shoulder their own:
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
What patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

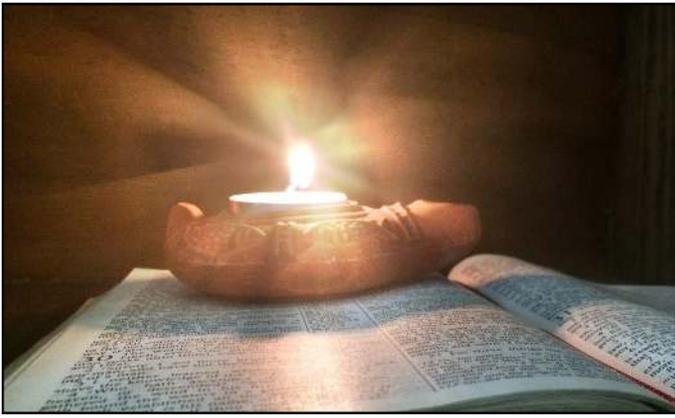
In worship this month we will be reminded of the great cloud of saints as names of those we have loved hang above us; a beautiful reminder that we have each been shaped and touched by love.

Who are those saints in your life who have taught you about God’s love and grace? Who told you the stories of Jesus—his miracles, his parables, his teachings? Who taught you when to march and when to withdraw and pray? Who shared in complaining, comfort, or care with you, or helped shoulder a burden?

I encourage you this month to make a list of the saints in your life, those present and those who have gone before us, and reflect on what you learned from them. Tell their story to someone else. Write their names down where you will see them as a reminder to give thanks. Light a candle. Give a donation in their honor or memory. Send them a thank you note.

This month we take time to remember that we do not do this life of faith alone. We are given a gift of being companions to one another and for that we rejoice and give thanks.

In Peace,
Pastor Ruth



Women's Circles in November

The third and last session of *Turning, turning, turning: A time for faithful repentance* will have as its November topic: "Turning as the church to the world."

This lesson is based on several scriptures:

1 John 1:5 – 10, 2 Chronicles 6: 36 – 39, John 20: 19 – 28.

Can we repent on behalf of other people and for things we didn't do?

Is the church sometimes apologizing for itself?

Why is repentance important in the life of a Christian?

Join any of our four Women's Bible Study Circles for spiritual growth, as well as being a part of a group which encourages and supports each other. Choose a Circle convenient to your time schedule and call the hostess for directions or for more information.

Schedule of November Bible Study Circles:

Rebecca Circle meets in the home on
Monday, November 12, at 7 p.m.
Hostess: Lois Johnson, 556-4784
Bible Study Leader: Carol Swanson

Women of the Well Circle
meets in the home
Monday, November 12, at 10 a.m.
Hostess: Mazie Niebeling, 484-6477
Bible Study: Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch

Lydia Circle meets in the church library,
Tuesday, November 13, at 9:30 a.m.
Co-Hostesses: Judy Cady at 651-501-7807 and
Maria Larson, 653-9108
Bible Study Leader: Sharon Rachner

Ruth Circle meets in the church library,
Wednesday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Vicky Jacobson, 651-484-3127
Bible Study Leader: Judy Florine



From Milt: Give Thanks in November

November is usually the month I take time to give thanks to all our musicians and behind the scenes workers for Sunday Services. This November isn't

going to be much different, but there is something new to be VERY thankful for this year, and that's a full PoP staff! We don't have any interim wording, or anything. We have a full staff!!!! I'm very excited to see how all the new ideas help shape what worship will look like at PoP. Maybe it'll be small tweakings, but it could be some larger changes, too; as we explore all the ideas and possibilities the new staff brings to Prince of Peace Church.

Getting back to those that make PoP worship what it is, THANK YOU!!!

We have many dedicated musicians and behind the scenes workers that make our worship services run smoothly and meaningfully. Our ushers and greeters go out of their way to make people feel welcome. Our cookie bakers help Barb prepare amazing goodies for between services, and sometimes before the first service. Our communion prep people make sure communion is set up. Our sound people try to make sure everyone is heard and that all the mics are working and in the right places.

Our readers bring the biblical stories to life. Our various choirs work hard to learn their music, so that our worship experience is enhanced. Our worship committee works hard to keep the sanctuary decorated and supplies filled, along with helping come up with worship ideas. Our office assistants help get the regular and large print bulletins ready. I'm sure I missed someone, which I apologize for, but please know that doesn't mean your task isn't important, it's just that I missed you.

Lastly I'd like to thank my co-workers for being so easy to work with. It's not easy for directors to have organized rehearsals with volunteers' schedules the way they are; and it's not easy to try reaching everyone's needs in a worship



service, but it usually gets done with a smile and thank you.

November is a time to thank all those that have gone before us and prepared the way for our worship. I'm sure most of us have many deceased and living SAINTS in our lives.

November is also a time to give thanks for all the active and retired military veterans in our lives. People give and have given so much for what many of us take for granted.

November is also the month we celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends. What does Thanksgiving mean for you individually? What does Thanksgiving mean for us as a community of believers? What does Thanksgiving mean for us globally?

November is when we celebrate our relationship with Bomalang'ombe, too. Many of us probably think of this ministry as a service ministry; but if you take time to talk with those that have gone over to Africa, I think we might be being served more than we serve.

I know it always amazes me how much more I think I get when I give, when doing a service project, or chaperone, or whatever.

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From Pastor Betsy: Thank You for a Warm Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has given me such a warm welcome as I've joined the pastoral team here at Prince of Peace! A special thank you to all those who made my Installation on Reformation Sunday such a meaningful celebration.

As Pastor of Faith Formation my role is to focus on how we grow in faith and much of that is done through relationships as we experience God's love for one another both here in this place and out in the world. Church is one of the few places where we connect with people of all ages from 2 to 102! Let's build on that uniqueness as we teach and learn from one another.

In my first month with you I have enjoyed being part of worship, Spooky Music, telling stories for Faith Formation, having lunch with the OKs, visiting several circles, the energy of the Caterpillar Day Care kids and discovering what amazing costumes we have in the costume closet! We have also been brainstorming as we reimagine what confirmation looks like. One of my goals is to visit each of the groups in the congregation over the next several months.



I am excited to be here in ministry with all of you. Please keep telling me your names as I get to know people. I encourage you to sign up for one of the Meet & Eat events so we have time to get to know one another in an informal setting over a meal. I look forward to how God is calling us into the future together! With God's blessing, Pastor Betsy

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Faith Formation model with multiple ages together and both parents and other caring adults participating with our kids and one of the pastors leading story time. We dig deeper into the Narrative Lectionary story that we're also hearing in worship. Our adult forum topics this year also relate to the text for the day. Because we're all focusing on one story, conversation can begin at church on Sunday and continue at home with family or friends during the week.

We are also planning some upcoming events for people of all ages. The first one will be on Sunday, November 25 at 9:40 a.m. Watch for more details and plan to join us to see how much fun ministry with all ages can be.



Pastor Betsy speaking at the Cross-Gen conference in Colorado.

Give Thanks in November from Milt
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Please take the time to give of your time at Prince of Peace. There are many opportunities of service at Prince of Peace. You can be right out front and visible, or do things behind the scenes. All opportunities are important! Doing service is one of the ways we can give thanks for what we have.

ALSO: Please take the time to thank those for the service that they do. We are an active church, involved in many things on any given day, but I believe we can still do more at church, at home, in the community and globally. Please take time to be thankful for what you have, but also take time to think of how you can best use your talents to give.

Verse 5 of ELW 845 *Voices Raised to You* says

*“How can any praise we offer measure
all the thanks we owe? Take our hearts
and hands and voices gifts of love we can
bestow. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God to you we sing!*

There isn't any praise we can offer that measures all the thanks we owe, but we can give lovingly with our hearts, hands and voices.

May God bless, Milt



**Minnesota Boychoir
performs at
Prince of Peace Church
during both services
Sunday, December 2nd.**

It's our sincere privilege to host the Minnesota Boychoir. Their voices will help us to usher in the season of Advent.



OK's

**Thursday, November 8, 11:30 social hour,
luncheon served at noon, with the program following.
Professional singer Mary Hall will be performing after the luncheon.**

Hall is also an accomplished guitarist and songwriter whose program includes a vast repertoire of songs.

Link to her website: www.maryhall-programs.com/

**Cost is \$15 which includes the luncheon and entertainment.
Make your reservations in the narthex after worship on Sundays,
Oct. 28 or Nov. 4. You may also call Helen Danielson at 651-765-1940
or Vera Ista at 651-484-4443, by Monday, noon, Nov. 5.**



**“The Lutheran Plot to Kill Hitler:
A Theatrical Retelling of the Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer”
at First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights**

Please join Pastor Betsy and friends from Prince of Peace for this play and discussion. Meet at church Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 6:15 to carpool or meet at First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave NE in Columbia Heights, at 7 p.m.



Please RSVP to Pastor Betsy at betsy@poproseville.org, so we know how many to plan for! This dramatic retelling will bring to life the heroic and difficult choices Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer undertook to join the assassination attempt on Hitler. It will also explore the role of the German Lutheran Churches in WWII and the birth of the Confessing Church using a combination of re-enactments and historical newsreels.

This play explores a serious topic, but it is age appropriate for youth and adults. Following the performance, Lori Brandt Hale, Associate Professor of Religion Augsburg University, and Vice-President, International Bonhoeffer Society, will lead a 20-minute youth friendly Q & A.

**Adult Forums — November 2018
Sunday mornings @ 9:40–10:40
Please join us!**

November 4– *God’s healing word in music*: In the sanctuary, our organist **Cheri Sykes** leads us in an exploration of spirituals, including the history and circumstances that gave rise to these moving and heartfelt songs. We’ll experience some of these beautiful spirituals as we sing them.

November 11– *A special way to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God*: Our guest presenter, **Julie Omland**, is the coordinator for our site of “The Gathering” (Lyngblomsten’s day program for adults with dementia and their care-givers), one of our partners in ministry. Julie will share how this important ministry affects so many.

November 18– *What does it look like to be a faith community that prays for one another and for the needs of the world? What forms can prayer take? What can we expect from prayer?* **Pastor Ruth** invites you to come and think about ways we can grow in our care for one another through prayer and how it nurtures our own faith.

November 25– *It’s Thanksgiving Weekend, and You are invited to an Intergenerational Event* that will take the place of Adult Forum this week. Come join the fun!

December 2– *We all have stories of faith...some may seem routine and some more unusual. Some have a message of discouragement or trial while others tell about victory and hope. Simple stories of faith build us up as a body of Christ as we hear each other tell stories of God's work among us, in us, for us and through us. Our eyes may become more open to God's work in us and in those around us as we share together. With a few questions to enable discussion, we will encourage each other to see God's work, support one another and celebrate our faith through intergenerational conversations.*

November Birthdays

Nov. 2	Melissa Hernes	Nov. 18	Barb Lundeen
Nov. 2	Lisa LaBorg	Nov. 18	Mary Palumbo
Nov. 2	Kay M. Johnson	Nov. 19	Matt Ficocello
Nov. 3	Kathleen Tempel	Nov. 19	Jennifer Duncan
Nov. 6	Kiana Holmberg	Nov. 20	Benjamin Miller
Nov. 6	Geneva Lyman	Nov. 21	Liz Ericksen
Nov. 6	Kerby Pettinelli	Nov. 22	Greg Wisher
Nov. 6	Anne Haugan	Nov. 24	Sarah Schreiner
Nov. 9	Bill Quick	Nov. 24	Barb Wisher
Nov. 12	Adrian Holmberg	Nov. 26	Melissa Burke
Nov. 12	Jan Hanson	Nov. 27	Elie Moore
Nov. 14	Victoria Jacobson	Nov. 28	Erik Tungsvik
Nov. 15	Lincoln Cunningham	Nov. 28	Laurel Vanderbilt
Nov. 17	Burt Thompson	Nov. 30	Scott Tunseth



18th Annual Tanzania Dinner Sunday, Nov. 11, @ 5:30 p.m.

We will serve Tanzanian inspired foods and hear stories from our partners in Bomalang'ombe, Tanzania about the wonderful things that are happening through our Bega kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder) partnership.

There will be displays to show some of the highlights of our visits to Tanzania.

Free-will offering will be used to support scholarships, and other Bomalang'ombe and Bega kwa Bega projects.

For questions, contact Caryn Josephson at czjosephson@gmail.com. You are warmly welcome!

November at Prince of Peace

Thursday, November 1
Youth Group College Tours
5:30pm Meet & Eats family meals
7:30pm Theology on Tap

Friday, November 2nd
2:30pm Cookie Baking
5:30pm Meet & Eats family meals

Saturday, November 3
11:30am Meet & Eats family meals
6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, November 4
8:30am Worship Service
9:00am MVNA flu shots
9:40am Children & Youth
Faith Formation
9:40am Adult Forum
10:45am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church
5:00pm Service for
Healing & Reflection

Monday, November 5
9:30am Monday Morning Crew
5:00pm Worship Committee
7:00pm Basketball with Milt

Tuesday, November 6
6:00am Ramsey Co. Election
Polling place
8:45am Cancelled ECFE
Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys –at Perkins

Wednesday, November 7
6:00am Daycare photo day
8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
1:00pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Meet & Eats family meals
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Band Led Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8
11:30am OKs Luncheon & Program

Friday, November 9
2:30pm Cookie Baking
5:30pm Meet & Eats family meals

Saturday, November 10
10:00am Tanzania Dinner set-up

Sunday, November 11
8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Children & Youth
Faith Formation
9:40am Adult Forum
10:45am Worship Service
Baptism –Cunningham
12:00pm Tanzania Dinner set up
1:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church
5:30pm Tanzania Dinner

Monday, November 12
9:30am Monday Morning Crew
10:00am Women of the Well
Circle Bible Study
5:00pm Adult Education
7:00pm Basketball with Milt
7:00pm Rebecca Circle

Tuesday, November 13
8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys –at Perkins
9:30am Lydia Circle Bible Study
6:30pm Building Committee
7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 14
8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
1:30pm Ruth Circle Bible Study
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 16
2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, November 17
9:00am Staff Retreat
6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, November 18
Commitment Sunday
Distribution of Bibles for
3 yr. olds and 3rd Graders
at both services
8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Children & Youth
Faith Formation
9:40am Adult Forum
10:45am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship-Eternal Life Church

Monday, November 19th
9:30am Monday Morning Crew
6:00pm Girl Scouts
7:00pm Basketball with Milt

Tuesday, November 20
8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys –at Perkins
6:00pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 21
8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
1:00pm Staff Meeting
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
8:00pm Pie Pot-Luck

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Friday, November 23
Office Closed

Sunday, November 25
8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Children & Youth
Faith Formation
9:40am Adult Forum
10:45am Worship Service
1:00pm Worship Service -
Eternal Life Church

Monday, November 26
9:30am Monday Morning Crew
7:00pm Basketball with Milt

Tuesday, November 27
8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
9:30am Old Guys –at Perkins
6:30pm Cub Scout Committee

Wednesday, November 28
8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 30
2:30pm Cookie Baking



From Cori Forcey, Youth Director

YOUTH UPDATES

Events at PoP

- Wednesday PoP Rocks 6:30PM
- Lightshine (MS/HS Choir) Sundays 9:40AM
- Sunday Faith Formation 9:50AM
- 11/4 Evening Healing and Reflection service @ 5:00
- 11/28 Thanksgiving eve service and Pie Pot Luck 7:00 & 8:00



MEA Getaway

Prince of Peace joined Roseville Lutheran and 16 other churches' high school youth at Camp Castaway in Detroit Lakes. The event was put on by Family Fest Ministries, and was filled with fun and faith for high schoolers!

Exploring ELCA Colleges

Three youth from PoP joined 10 others from the Roseville area to tour and experience Augsburg University, Luther College, St Olaf College, and Gustavus Adolphus College. We did a whirlwind tour in 36 hours! Our youth got to meet students at each campus, eat a meal in the caf, and ask plenty of questions. Whether they decide to attend any of these schools, they had a great opportunity to learn about their options.

Trick-or-treating for Keystone!

Halloween night was filled with the joy of giving for PoP Rocks! (And a little candy collection as well.) We all dressed up in costumes and pulled a wagon around a nearby neighborhood collecting non-perishables for Keystone Family Services Food Shelf. Many people were surprised and excited to run back to their pantries! And all insisted that they share some candy with us as well!