

The Vine

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PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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Telling Our Story

In the weeks and months ahead of this coming year, we're going to be telling our story. In a variety of ways, we'll start piecing together all the elements that make up this grand tale that is our story. The characters, the plot lines, the settings, the suspenseful moments, the times of heartache and the times of joy, the long-boring stretches and the action-packed sequences.

All of it, together, will be woven so as to tell our story. And it should be no surprise to a bunch of folks that gather regularly to be the church that our story is told along side God's story, too. We can't really tell one without telling the other, too. God's story is central to our story and our story is central to God's.

But (spoiler alert!) there's a third story that is woven in with ours and with God's too. It's our neighbor's story, the neighbor sitting next to us, the neighbor living across the street from us, the neighbor living on the other side of the world from us. Our neighbor's story also has to be told in order that we might see the bigger picture and hear the fuller narrative.

And as we tell the stories, we want to keep weaving our story and God's story and our neighbor's story ever more closely together. Woven together so tightly, in fact, that you can't really distinguish one story from the other. Because this, all of this, is the same story, remove any thread, (ours, God's, or our neighbors) and the story will unravel, the story will lose its shape and its beauty and its strength.

So let's tell this 3-fold story. And to help us along the way, we're using a new "lectionary." A "lectionary" is what we follow to determine the scripture readings that are engaged on any particular Sunday of the church year. The "Narrative



***“Blessed are your eyes for they see,
and your ears, for they hear.”***

— Matthew 13:16

Lectionary” is designed so that it helps to tell the biblical story while at the same time still following along with the liturgical calendar.

The most significant element of the Narrative Lectionary's design is that it keeps the reading in chronological order. We start this fall with the oldest stories from Genesis in the Old Testament and finish next spring with the New Testament writings of Paul to the early church.

The story that starts today will take many twists and turns. We'll be re-introduced to some old friends and we may even discover a new character or two along the way. As the rainbow in our sanctuary attests, through it all God will be faithful even though humankind will keep losing its way. This is especially good news for a creation that we have the responsibility to help in caring for.

We're excited about lots of things in the weeks and months ahead. We're excited to have Pastor Betsy joining us in ministry soon, bringing all her gifts to bear as we collaborate and co-conspire to build up this church for the sake of this world that God loves so deeply. And we're excited to be here with you, telling our story. Thanks be to God!

**Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church**

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at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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Worship Schedule:

October 7

Traditional with communion
Chancel Choir at both services

October 14

Band Led
8:30 Worship Team
10:45 Lightshine Youth Choir

October 21

Traditional with communion
Bells of Peace at both services

October 28

Installation of Pastor Betsy Hoium
Traditional
Chancel Choir at both services

November 4

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

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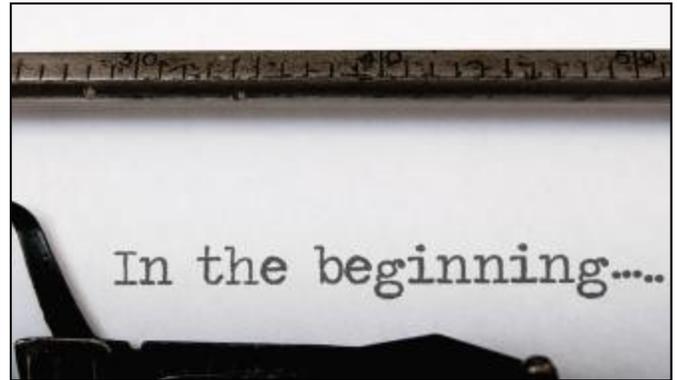
Pastor Peter: The Story Begins



The quieter summer days have quickly given way to a more frenzied pace from day to day, making me every more grateful for the additions to our ministry team and the volunteers that are back in action alongside us. This is an interesting time of ministry transition as we are bringing new staff on board and at the same time rolling out our fall programming. While I am still involved deeply with worship and our various programs from week to week, I'm also recognizing a shift to more strategic support of our growing team.

Staff Transitions

- Associate Pastor: Pastor Betsy Hoium has agreed to accept the letter of call we have extended to her. The final letter is under review by the Bishop's office. Betsy is prepared to begin her ministry on Oct. 1 (though she will be at a Cross-Gen conference through Oct 6). I have spent about 1.5 days with her in preliminary planning along with Pastor Ruth and Cori.
- Youth Director: An installation service for Cori is scheduled for 9/30 at 10:45am.
- Funeral Coordinator: I have met with the one candidate we have and Deb Cordes has identified the members of the interview committee.



Program Notes

- "Telling Our Story" is our theme for the 2018-19 program year. Theme verse and supporting information is being widely distributed. Special thanks to Professor Rolf Jacobson, co-author of the NL, who was our guest preacher on Rally Sunday and helped to introduce the Narrative Lectionary (NL), one of the tools we'll be using to explore our theme this year.
- Our use of the NL began on 9/2 with the Noah/Flood story. The symbolic rainbows will decorate our community spaces in September and October to remind us of the promises God has made for us.
- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday featured an in-worship service project re-introducing "blessing bags" to the congregation. There are more bags available to be distributed, please take as many as you would like to give away.
- Rally Sunday was the official launch of fall programming. A re-designed Sunday School program was introduced. All children (ages 3 yrs. to 6th grade) will begin the morning together for some music and story telling, then break into some age specific groups for additional activities based upon the day's story. A fantastic post-worship celebration, featuring a mobile Ninja Warrior course, was well-planned, well-attended and enjoyed by all.
- Our Adult Ed committee has worked hard to plan adult forum topics and speakers inspired by the lectionary.

And finally...

Recently, Anne and I and eight other members from Prince of Peace had the honor of representing Prince of Peace at the annual gala for Lutheran Social Services. It was an amazing night of highlighting the full breadth of the ministry we share with our partners at LSS and a great reminder of how much we can accomplish for the sake of God's world when we come together as one church. What a joy it is to partner with each one of you to deliver on that same goal as Prince of Peace.



Pastor Ruth: Living Out God's Love

1 John 4 says,
"Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

I love this scripture as it is a reminder to me that one way we see God is in and through one another. When we love, share grace, walk alongside each other, and comfort one another, we are on holy ground, sharing the face of God through our very being.

This past month our group of Befrienders got together to visit and share what it means to them to be a part of this ministry. Being a Befriender (both formally and informally), is one way of living out God's love. Befriending happens in a lot of ways: visits, phone calls, cards, prayer shawls, listening; even simple acts like how we greet and pay attention to those we interact with on our daily lives.

As the group reflected on what impact being a Befriender has had on their own lives, over and over again I heard how great it was to get to know someone and hear their stories. How often do we get to just visit and hear life stories? In the hustle and bustle of life, not very often. But when we intentionally take the time to befriend and listen, we give the gift of listening and receive so much more in return. Whether you are interested in being a part of the Befriender group at Prince of Peace, or you are informally befriending those in your life, take some time this month to ask some questions and listen to someone else's story.

Some question suggestions for you:

Where did you grow up?

What was the view outside your bedroom window?

What images do you have for God?

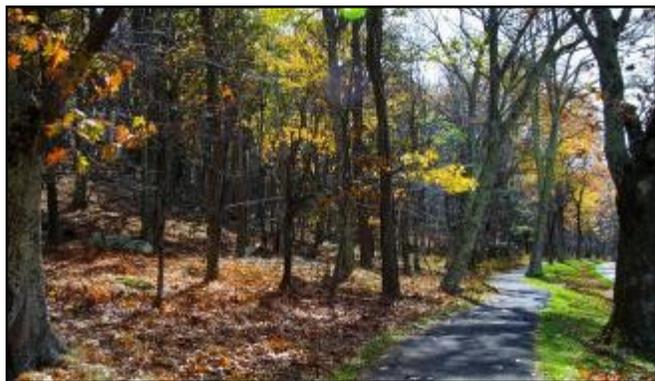
Who taught you about love?

May you be blessed as you take time to listen and share.

Peace, Pastor Ruth



2018 Befrienders: (left to right) Diane Dodge, Susan Hofeld, Donna Gramstad, Betchen Oberdorfer, Maria Larson, Kay Johnson, Jennifer Immerman, Ruth Hagander, Kay M. Johnson, Paul Thompson, Jan Hanson, Peggy Lee, Anne Haugan, Laurie Paetz, Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch, Esther Tatley, Judy Cady



Women's Circles in October

"Repentance . . . as turning to others"

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.

The topic for the October Women's Bible Study Circles is the second lesson on Repentance, published in the women's churchwide GATHER Magazine: "Repentance . . . as turning to others". The lesson is based on the Zacchaeus Story, Matthew 22:37 – 40 and 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 26. When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he was moved to give half of his wealth to the poor and make amends with those he defrauded. What does repentance look like in our relationships? in our community?!

Schedule of October Bible Study Circles:

Rebecca Circle meets in the home on Monday, October 8, at 7 p.m.
Hostess: Serene Thornton, 558-6333
Bible Study Leader: Carol Swanson

Women of the Well Circle

meets in the home
Monday, October 8, at 10 a.m.
Hostess: Ruth Hagander, 484-7394
Bible Study: Guest Leader

Lydia Circle meets in the church library, Tuesday, October 9, at 9:30.
Hostess: Maria Larson, 653-9108
Bible Study Leader: Sharon Rachner

Ruth Circle meets in the church library, Wednesday, October 10, at 1:30.
Hostess: Gail Meier, 484-6245
Bible Study Leader: Diane Syverson

Adult Forums in October

Meet Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. in the reception room.

October 7– *What is Covenant Theology?* In biblical history and within the nations surrounding Israel there were a variety of styles of covenant that bound the makers into an agreement or commitment. **Steve Sveom** will present some of these forms as well as familiar Biblical stories to help us understand the covenant of God with Israel (and with us). Covenant is a central theme of the scriptures, and a deeper appreciation may help us as we hear anew the stories of the Bible in the narrative lectionary.

October 14– *"As for me and my house"*— *faith in daily life*: A fresh look at our Biblical and Lutheran heritage will be used to suggest the important partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home. **David and Gloria Anderson**, co-leaders of Milestones Ministry, will lead a discussion on faith practices and resources to help, including one for our new narrative lectionary for Sunday worship. A key text for discussion will be Deuteronomy 6:4-9. David will bring copies of his new book: *Shepherd of Souls: Faith Formation through Trusted Relationships*, available for purchase.

October 21– What are some of the important issues confronting us as we look toward elections on November 6? Here is an opportunity to discuss them in small groups over a cup of coffee.

October 28– Hear what the **Stewardship Committee** has to say about what "stewardship" means and about the goals of this November's giving campaign.

Bega kwa Bega Student Scholarship Update

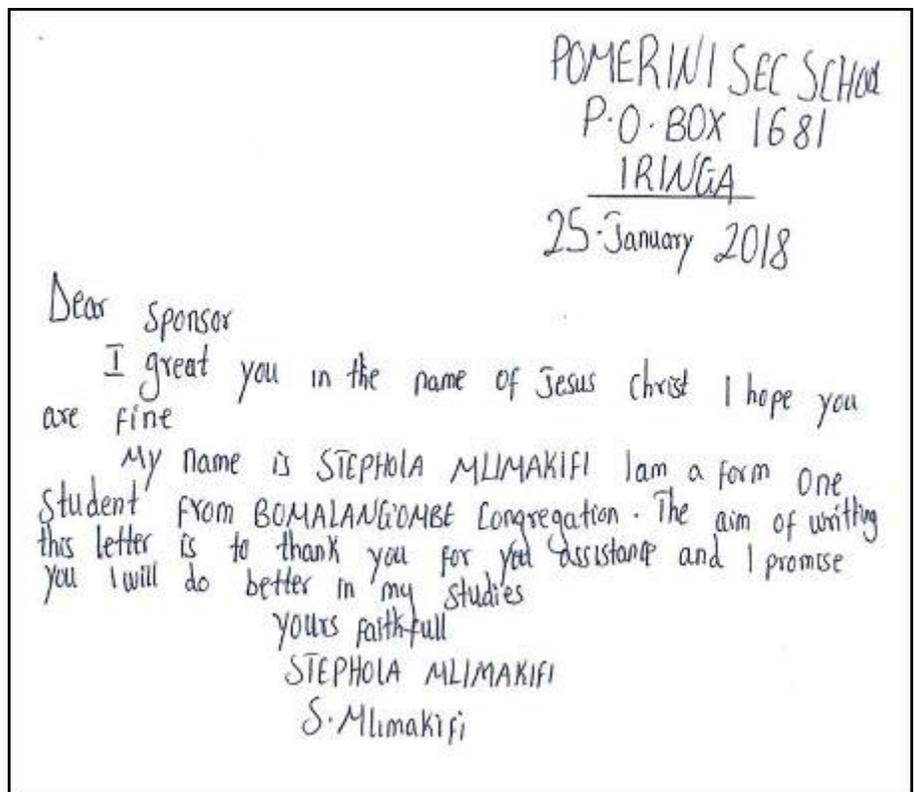
The Bega kwa Bega team in Iringa recently spent time visiting some of the secondary schools to visit scholarship students. Prince of Peace received a few photos and letters from some of our sponsored students!

For the 2018 school year, Prince of Peace provided \$8,000 for scholarships for students from Bomalang'ombe. Students are chosen by the congregation based on financial need and academic ability.



A few notes about this year's "scholarship class:"

- We are sponsoring 20 secondary school students plus continuing education for Evangelists through an extension program.
- 13 of the students are female.
- Our students are at six different schools; however, a majority attend the Bomalang'ombe Secondary School which is about five km away from the town. -15 are in the first four years of school: 10 are Form 1, two are Form 2, two are Form 3 and one is Form 4. One student is awaiting results of National exams to see if he can move on to Form 5. One student is in Form 5 and three are in Form 6.
- Scholarship amounts range from \$85 to \$750 depending on the school and the percent that the family or student can provide towards their education. The average scholarship is \$400.
- Prince of Peace also participates in the Scholarship Equity Program – there are many congregations in the Iringa Diocese that do not have a partner congregation. The Scholarship Equity Program provides scholarships for students who belong to congregations that do not have a partner. Prince of Peace donated \$1,000 for the 2018 Scholarship Equity Fund.



Above: A copy of one of the thank you letters that we received from one of our Form 1 students.

Please keep all of these amazing young people in your prayers!

From Milt: Listening for the Gospel



Pastor Rolf talked about how the Old Testament is filled with Gospel. I look forward to listening to the remaining Old Testament stories with this in mind. I've also found it interesting to hear how God's promise is shown in the stories. I hope others are enjoying the Narrative Lectionary as much as I am. The Narrative Lectionary has also made hymn suggestions interesting, as many of the stories we're hearing I've never had to find hymns. I'm trying to at least have a couple "familiar" hymns each week, but I will be using some that aren't as "familiar," which you've probably noticed.

Listening for the Gospel in the Old Testament got me to thinking about listening for the Gospel in my everyday life? Where can I find Gospel in my daily work schedule? Where can I find Gospel in my weekly activities? Where can I spread, or be, the Gospel?

I mentioned smiling last month. I think a smile can be one of the most powerful things around. Is a smile Gospel? I think so. I don't think Gospel needs to be something complicated; I think it can be some of the "easiest" things to do. What else are some "easy" things we can do to spread, or be, the Gospel?



ELW 821 "Shout to the Lord" says

"My Jesus, my savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you."

I love that last line "Nothing compares to the promise I have in you." How can we not look to spread, or be, the Gospel when nothing compares to the promise we have from God.

May we all spread, or be, the Gospel!!!!!! Milt



hosts Rev. Nancy Bence,
Executive Director
of Protect Minnesota
will speak on

"Finding a Meeting Ground for Gun Safety"

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:30– 8:00pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



From Cori Forcey, Youth Director

Hello! I've now been serving your youth for six weeks! Time has flown! I've met a handful of you, but I'm excited to meet more of you as the opportunities arise. Please feel free to reach out via email, phone, text, or chatting before or after programs here at PoP! You can find a short bio for me on the PoP staff page.

One of my goals is to make sure that you as parents are kept informed about what is going on with your youth here at PoP. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or comments!

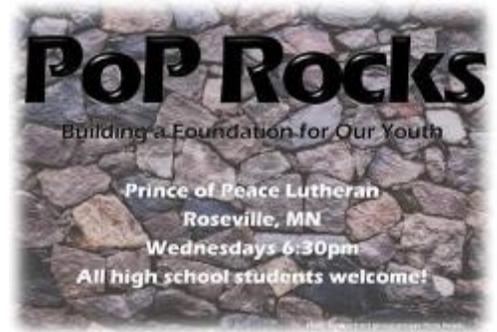
Events at PoP

- Wednesday PoP Rocks 6:30PM
- Lightshine (MS/HS Choir) Sundays 9:40AM
- Sunday Faith Formation 9:50AM
- 10/24 Ensemble Practice 7:30PM (all instruments welcome)
- 10/28 Ensemble plays in both worship services

Wednesday Youth Group has a name!

Through a process that lasted about three weeks, our Wednesday night group finally concluded that our program will be called PoP Rocks! Please ask them about what led us to that name.

There were a lot of other good options; but, when that came up, they knew it was the right one! This also connects well with the PoP theme of "Telling Our Story." With a name the PoP youth have determined a deeper identity in their story. We will continue to explore what our story is in PoP Rocks as the year continues!



Upcoming Events for PoP Youth

Scholarships available as needed!

Family Camp Weekend at Wapo

October 6-7 A quick overnight getaway to have fun, fellowship, and provide families with some child care! (\$60)

MEA Getaway October 18-21

This is a gathering for youth to share faith with one another in a camp setting, put on by Young Life ministries. (\$260)

College Tours November 1-2

In partnership with two other churches, we are offering tours of four ELCA colleges. (\$65)

Children's Hat Knitting Group Comes to an End

After knitting children's hats on Tuesday afternoons for twenty-one years, the knitters met for the last time on September 17, 2018. Over those twenty years 4,112 hats were knit. This small group ministry started in 1998 meeting at Ruby Botnen's home for nine years. It was "Ruby's on Tuesdays."

After Ruby died in 2006, the group met in the church library for a couple years and then moved to Applewood Point/Roseville where Ardella Norenberg has hosted the knitters for ten years. There Applewood residents joined the group. Ardella holds the record of knitting 1,290 hats, plus mittens and scarves and finishing projects other knitters started. Photos were taken each year of all the hats knitted.

Hats have been given to Southside Family Nurturing Center in Minneapolis, inner city elementary schools, Plymouth Christian Youth Center After-School Program, Chinese Hospitality House, Karen Refugees, and 205 to our Companionship Village in Bomalang'ombe, Tanzania. This year 68 hats were delivered to Central Park Elementary School. Over the years the Prince of Peace participants have included:

Ruby Botnen	Vivian Lamb
Arlo Overskei	Sylvia Rockne
Lyria Doerring	Mabel Thompson
Catherine Wayne Benysek	Ardella Norenberg
Mary Lewis	Gail Meier
Elly Osterhoudt	Anne Haugan
Cathy Yoon	

The group has had fun together celebrating holidays and birthdays and doing lots of visiting. Many thanks go to Ruby and Nanci Botnen and to Ardella for their leadership.



Above: Lyria Doerring and Arlo Overskei knitting at Ruby Botnen's home.



Above: 114 hats produced in 2015
Left: The last meeting of the knitters, the ladies and their creations

October Birthdays

Oct. 2	Milt Warkentien	Oct. 15	Janelle Ficocello
Oct. 6	Arlo Overskei		Yvonne Miller
Oct. 7	Scott Vaillancourt	Oct. 16	Gail Meier
Oct. 8	Judy Cady	Oct. 19	Dennis Keil
	Marty Kors		Cheri Virgin
	Betchen Oberdorfer	Oct. 20	Judy Florine
	Erika Wold	Oct. 21	Chris Kwapick
Oct. 9	Ed Schreiner	Oct. 24	Barb Lyman
Oct. 10	Todd Burkhardt	Oct. 27	McKayla Oberdorfer
	Linnea Cederberg	Oct. 31	Alyssa Miller
Oct. 14	Caryn Josephson	Oct. 31	Dave Olson



Thursday, Oct. 11 at 11:30

Luncheon at 12 noon

Program following lunch

\$15 per person

CYDA: Cover Your (Digital) Assets

In this talk by Margaret Barrett, you will get answers to these questions and more:

- **What is a digital asset?**
- **Do I have any digital assets?**
- **What problems could happen if I leave things as is?**
- **Can't I just leave a list of passwords, and call it good?**
- **What if I want to keep some digital information private?**
- **What action steps can I get started on right away?**



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**Sign up this morning or make reservations
the Monday before 10/11 by calling
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October at Prince of Peace

Monday, October 1
 9:30am Monday Morning Crew
 5:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 2
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins
 2:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, October 3
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 1:00pm Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Youth Group
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 4
 7:30pm Theology on Tap

Friday, October 5
 Family Camp @ Camp Wapogasset
 2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, October 6
 Family Camp @ Camp Wapogasset
 6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, October 7
 Family Camp @Camp Wapogasset
 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
 6:30pm Book Study

Monday, October 8
 9:30am Monday Morning Crew
 7:00pm Milt's basketball
 7:00pm Rebecca Circle Bible Study

Tuesday, October 9
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins
 2:30pm YogaDevotion
 7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 10
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 5:30pm Pasta with the Pastors
 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 continued on next column

Wednesday, October 10 —continued
 6:30pm Youth Group
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 11
 11:30am OKs Luncheon & Program

Friday, October 12
 2:30pm Cookie Baking

Sunday, October 14
 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, October 15
 9:30am Monday Morning Crew
 6:00pm - 7:30pm Girl Scouts
 7:00pm Milt's basketball

Tuesday, October 16
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins
 2:30pm YogaDevotion
 6:00pm Cub Scouts pack meeting
 6:30pm League of Women
 Voters meeting

Wednesday, October 17
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 1:00pm Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Youth Group
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 19
 2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, October 20
 9:30am Process & Faith Meeting
 6:30pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, October 21
 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, October 22
 9:30am Monday Morning Crew
 7:00pm Milt's basketball

Tuesday, October 23
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins
 2:30pm YogaDevotion
 6:00pm Cub Scouts committee

Wednesday, October 24
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 5:30pm Supper before Spooky Music
 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Spooky Music
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 25
 Daycare Halloween party

Friday, October 26
 2:30pm Cookie Baking

Sunday, October 28
 Installation of Pastor Betsy Hoium
 8:30am Worship Service
 9:40am Children & Youth
 Faith Formation
 9:40am Adult Forum
 10:45am Worship Service
 12:00pm Welcome Celebration &
 Pot Luck for Pastor Betsy Hoium
 1:00pm Worship Service -
 Eternal Life Church

Monday, October 29
 9:30am Monday Morning Crew
 7:00pm Milt's basketball

Tuesday, October 30
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 9:30am Old Guys -at Perkins
 2:30pm YogaDevotion

Wednesday, October 31
 8:45am ECFE Drop in & Play
 1:00pm Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Youth Group
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal



11th All Hallows' Eve" program

SPOOKY MUSIC

Wed., Oct. 24th,
at 6:30 p.m.
Supper at 5:30p.m.
Pictures from 2017



Flu Clinic —November 4, 9-11 a.m. in the library

Flu Shots will be offered by MN Visiting Nurses Assoc. (MVNA)/Hennepin Co Health Center . High Doses (for adults 65 years and older) will be available. Your Health Insurance will be billed by MVNA. Simply bring your Insurance information. Sign-ups will be available in October. See Esther Tatley for info.

Theology on Tap Thursday, October 4

7:30-8:30 p.m.,
at Ol' Mexico,
1754 Lexington Ave. N.

The format is one beverage, one question, one hour. We'll meet to dig deeper into questions that affect our faith in the world. Led by Pastor Peter Christ.

