



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA Roseville, Minnesota

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Children, Youth, Family & Intergenerational Ministry – Fall 2020

Hello everyone,

It is a busy time of year as we make the most of summer days and look ahead to fall. This year fall does not look at all like other years. For many of you, school will be distance learning. In the last six months everything we do at church, as in the rest of our lives, has had to be reimagined.

We are grateful to all of you who have watched and participated in our online worship services. It is so much fun to have people of all ages taking part in worship and we hope you continue to do so! Like everyone else, we are trying new things and learning as we go. Our primary goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy as we learn about God's story and experience God's love in the world. Here is what we are planning for fall:

Back to School Blessing – Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Students of all ages and teachers are invited to come on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. for a special Back to School Blessing. Bring your backpack with the enclosed Back to School Blessing Tag on it. This is part of our new Wednesday evening outdoor worship service called Park & Pray that begins on August 26. (More info below under Worship).

Sidewalk Sunday School – Starts Sunday, August 30

We are trying something new this fall called Family Sidewalk Sunday School. It will be a half hour outdoor experience with story, game and activity designed for 3-year-olds through 6th grade, plus a parent or other caring adult. Older siblings are also welcome. The first one is Sunday, August 30 at 1:00 p.m. We hope you can come that day and we'd love your feedback. We'll evaluate and let you know the time and any changes to format for Sundays September 13, 20 and 27.

Family Movie Discussion: Hidden Figures – Sunday, August 30

Worship on Sunday, August 30 is the third in our PoPcorn and Movies Series. The movie is Hidden Figures about 3 black women who were part of the NASA space program in the early 1960s. We encourage you to watch the movie and/or read the book. There is a young adult and a young reader edition of the book available. You are invited to come to an outdoor Family Movie Discussion on Sunday, August 30 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). People of all ages are also welcome to participate in our Lazy Book Club discussions that day at 4:00 outdoors and 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Confirmation 7th & 8th Grade

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation will focus on the overarching story of the Bible this year using Echo the Story curriculum. We will do outdoor classroom in September and October (weather permitting) and then move to Zoom.

Confirmation 9th Grade

9th graders are doing outdoor classroom and their Affirmation of Baptism Service will be Wednesday night, September 16 at the outdoor Park & Pray service (September 23 is the rain date). The Affirmation of Baptism will also be included in the Reformation Sunday worship service on October 25.

Middle School & High School Youth

Watch for information coming soon from Cori about Foundations (7th-12th grade) and PoP Rocks High School Youth Group.

Virtual God's Work. Our Hands in September

Instead of a big Sunday morning event where we all engage in service projects together, God's Work. Our Hands is going virtual this year. We'll have a variety of opportunities that individuals and families can do on their own. Watch for more information!

Worship for All Ages – Wednesday Outdoor & Sunday Online

Worship is at the heart of what we do as a faith community and our worship services are designed for people of all ages. Sunday worship will continue to be online through the fall and includes a Children's Message and color pages to print at home. Beginning Aug. 26 and running through September, we will have an outdoor Park & Pray Service on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:00 p.m. People can bring lawn chairs or stay in their cars and listen on the radio.

For all outdoor events at church:

- Masks are required
- Social distancing is required except for members of your own household
- Restrooms are not available
- Bring your own chair or blanket if you'd like one
- All outdoor events are weather permitting

Thank you for your flexibility we look forward to seeing you soon at outdoor events and online! As always, we welcome your input and ideas.

Grace and peace,

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