

# The Numbers

Numbers help tell our story but we want to put them into the context of the bigger picture of Prince of Peace. For those who would like more detail, take a look at the “Addendum to the Annual Report,” but it is easy to get overwhelmed by all the rows and columns of data points. Before going there, take a minute to consider what these numbers represent: God at work in and through this church for the sake of the world. You don’t have to look too hard to discover that God is doing some really amazing things through Prince of Peace.

**505**  
Lbs. of FOOD  
DONATED to  
Keystone

**304**  
DEVOTIONS  
WRITTEN

**150**  
\$100 Bills LET  
GO in Love

**15,953**  
VIDEOS VIEWED

**18,610**  
EMAILS SENT

**225**  
ADVENT CANDLE  
Kits Delivered

**110**  
SELF-PORTRAITS  
Displayed

**4**  
BAPTISMS

**54**  
UNIQUE  
ADVENT  
DEVOTIONS  
Shared

**12,375**  
Dollars raised for TANZANIA  
at the Virtual Tanzania Dinner

**58**  
AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING Team  
Zoom Meetings

**22**  
ADULT  
FORUMS

**145**  
CARS PARKED  
For Worship

**4**  
CONFIRMED

**423**  
VIDEOS  
PRODUCED

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# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

PRINCE OF PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

“We are called to “do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God.” Micah 6:8



# Pastor's Letter



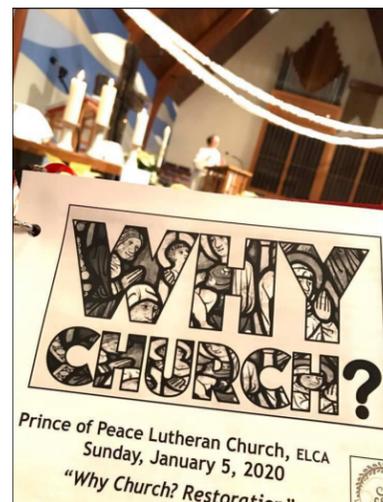
Pastor Peter Christ



Pastor Betsy Hoium



Pastor Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch



2020 started like any other year. We began the year asking the question “Why Church?” during our Epiphany worship series. Little did we know how this year – and this question – would stretch us as God’s people in 2020!

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, staff gathered in the library for an emergency meeting. We sat, spread out, in the library, asking the question, “Is what we do essential?”

As news of the pandemic was spreading across the nation, we had already decided not to have coffee and cookies on Sunday morning. Now the bigger question was whether to cancel worship as we had always known it and to close the building. Nothing in our seminary training or experience had prepared us for this question!

We ultimately decided that yes, what we do is absolutely essential, but gathering in a crowded building on Sunday morning is not. March 15 was our first online worship service. In the past 9 months we have learned so much about changing and adapting, video production, connecting in new and creative ways, and about how church is not about a building.

Through all of this, we continue to see how God is with us in all types of situations.

Gods Blessings,

*Pastor Peter, Pastor Betsy and Pastor Ruth*

# Community Leadership & Participation

**Church Council** looks a bit different and no one is asked to bring treats for the group; the Council transitioned seamlessly to meeting on Zoom and successfully led the Semi-Annual Meeting on Zoom with 70 participants in June.

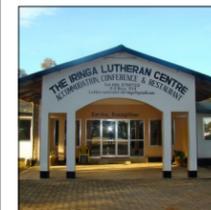


June Semi-Annual Meeting



Thank you to the 2020 Church Council: (Top from left) Pastor Peter, Pastor Betsy, Deb Cordes. (Middle) President Asitha Sandanayake, Pastor Ruth, Treasurer Chris Thornton. (Bottom) Barb Burkhardt, VP Kim Wetteland, Secretary Michael Stetzler, (Not Pictured) Esther Tatley

## Participation in the Broader Church



Our pastors and staff serve not only the local congregation but also God’s broader church as a way they live out their calls.

Pastor Peter serves on the board of directors for the Iringa Lutheran Centre in Tanzania.



Pastor Betsy serves as Dean of the North Central Conference and as a voting member of the Synod Council and the Council’s Executive Committee.



Pastor Ruth has a part-time call with Prince of Peace as well as seeing clients for spiritual direction through her own practice called Front Porch Spiritual Direction. She is frequently asked to speak and lead training sessions for students and other congregations. This summer she also served as a chaplain on the streets through Twin Cities Interfaith Chaplains.

Kristin Bloxham joined the staff in August as the Office Administrator. She serves on the Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp Board of Directors and Executive Committee.



Caryn Josephson serves on the Iringa Executive Committee for Bega Kwa Bega and was on the planning team for the BKB Fall Festival. She and Jim are Bega Kwa Bega cluster leaders.

# Celebrating Advent & Christmas

**Advent Calendar** | The Advent Calendar was a spontaneous idea that evolved from Advent planning with the Creative Arts Team. It was inspired partially by the pandemic which had excluded people from the usual concerts and holiday events. The intent was to offer a venue for music, art, and meditation contributed by our own POP members as well as another opportunity to stay connected as a community on a daily basis. The enthusiastic response from the musicians, visual



artists, and clergy members who contributed meditations was remarkable. The mechanics of the final result were due to the generous technical expertise from Stephanie Hogen, Bill Thornton, Kristin Bloxham, Erika and Milt Warkentien. Thank you to the individuals and families who generously shared their gifts and made this project possible. - Ruth Hagander -



**Hymn Sing**



**Lessons & Carols**



**Christmas Play**



**Road to Bethlehem**



**Outdoor Christmas Eve Worship**



**Online Christmas Eve Worship**



# Beginning of 2020

The first 2 ½ months of 2020 were busy ones for Prince of Peace! From Older Kids (OKs) lunches to Community Game Night, a Confirmation Retreat at Luther Point Bible Camp to worship and music, it was a vibrant time of growing in faith and building relationships with one another.



**Older Kids**



**Community Nights**



**Second Harvest on MLK Day**



**Confirmation Retreat**



**Children's Message**



**Snow Tubing**



**Sandwiches for Simpson Shelter Intergenerational Project**



# Generosity



**Love Let Go Event**

Over 100 people gathered Sunday morning, January 19, for an Intergenerational Event and were surprised to receive an envelope containing a \$100 bill. The instructions are to use it to spread God's love in the world. Led by the Generosity Team, this "Love Let Go" Event is part of the generous bequest left to Prince of Peace by Rose Diestler.

PoP members put the money to work for others: donating it to RAHS food shelf, adults with special needs, camp scholarships, scholarship for those going into teaching, and to people with medical needs and those struggling to pay bills. All the stories are shared on the Generosity page of the website ([poproseville.org/love-let-go](http://poproseville.org/love-let-go)).

*I gave my \$100 donation to the Equal Justice Initiative this evening because of their understanding of justice, mercy and grace. I had spent this afternoon at the movies, seeing Just Mercy.*  
- Carol Swanson -

*I decided to give it to Central Park Elementary. I brought the envelope with the 100 dollar bill to the office and gave it to Colleen, telling her how Prince of Peace asked each recipient to use it for mission in the community. She looked stunned. I said, "I'll bet Principal Berkas has a fund to help students who need a lift." "She sure does," said Colleen. I thought I saw her tear-up. "A hundred dollars doesn't go far," I said. "You'd be surprised how many winter gloves that will buy," she said. I left with a glad heart.*  
- Gary Olson -



**Members of Generosity Team leading Love Let Go event: Kent Olson, Diane Syverson, Linda Wagner, Andrea Clepper, Chair - Barry Brahier**



## What have we done with the Diestler Fund?

- A tithe of 10% or \$76,205.61 was split evenly between Lutheran Disaster Relief and Keystone Community Services.
- \$200,000.00 for a 4-to-1 match for Prince of Peace's Enduring Gifts Fund. When this fund reaches \$250,000 it will be activated.
- \$15,000 for the Love Let Go initiative to spur creative generosity by congregation members.
- \$40,000 given to proposals submitted by the congregation: H2O for Life, Lutheran Social Service, Camp Wapo, Second Harvest Food Shelf, St Paul Public Schools Raising a Reader program, Soup 4 You! Soup Kitchen.
- Over \$400,000 remains in the Diestler Fund. The largest proposals—solar roof panels, funds for Tanzania missions, and affordable housing were referred to the Council for further discernment.



**Gift to Keystone Community Services**

# Affordable Housing

## Is God calling us to love our neighbors by building affordable housing?

This is the question that PoP's Affordable Housing Team is wrestling with. In the fall of 2019, Prince of Peace learned that over 250 school-age children in the Roseville Area School District, and their families, are homeless or unstably housed. Asking ourselves how is God calling us to address this issue led to the formation of the Affordable Housing Team in March 2020. The group met once around a conference table and then the pandemic hit and the group switched to Zoom.



**Learning Phase:** Meeting with city council members, legislators, affordable housing developers, other churches, non-profits, and Lutheran Social Service, the Team learned a great deal about the complexities of affordable housing issues.

**Listening Phase:** Surveying the congregation and holding education and feedback sessions, the Team is currently in the listening phase of the project.

As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors and the need for stable affordable housing is growing more dire with the economic consequences of the pandemic. Most students have been doing distance learning since March, but how do you do school at home when you do not have stable housing? Recently we celebrated the birth of our savior, who was born in a borrowed stable. The angel spoke to regular people" (a carpenter, a teenage girl and scruffy shepherds saying "be not afraid." "Fear often paralyzes me when I cannot control a situation and I want to have answers before I commit to something new," said Jean Olson, member of the Affordable Housing Team. "But we need to listen to the angel and overcome our fears; I feel strongly that everyone needs a home."



For next steps from the Affordable Housing Team please visit: [poproseville.org/affordable-housing-team](http://poproseville.org/affordable-housing-team).

# Sacraments & Milestones



Wesley is the first person baptized at Park & Pray with the sponsors presently electronically.



**Baptized in 2020:**  
Luci Severson  
Wesley Cordes  
Christopher Kimmes  
Allison Immerman



Born during the pandemic, Christopher is baptized at Park & Pray Worship and later in the year plays Baby Jesus in the Christmas Play.



The 9th graders were confirmed at Park & Pray Worship on September 16, 2020. **Confirmation Class of 2020:** Teruni Sandanayake, Lucy Rawitzer, Teagan Wetteland, Allison Immerman. Also pictured: Pastor Betsy, Cori Forcey & Pastor Peter



On January 12, 2020 the congregation presented bibles to 3-year-olds and 3rd graders.



“The body of Christ given for you, the blood of Christ shed for you.” In 2020 we celebrated the presence of Christ in new ways, gathered via video screen with elements at home or wherever we might be.

# Time & Gifts

## Why do you give of your time and resources?

“It comes from my childhood. We didn’t have money – we had a small dairy farm but always had sufficient and nutritious food and roof over my head. All my life I’ve been blessed with food to eat, shelter, and now as I age, health care. I feel the need to share when and where I can. I feel like it is God saying to help other people.” - Judy Florine -



“Our philosophy of giving is based on scripture that says you are to give 10% of your financial resources. Stephen and I take that as a literal 10% and offerings are above and beyond that. Our giving typically covers a variety of areas but this year, knowing about how much local food insecurity was exacerbated by COVID-19, we decided to channel much of this year’s giving to feeding programs like Every Meal and Second Harvest.” -Antoinette Sveom -

## New Columbarium Artwork



In 2011 the idea of building a columbarium at PoP was planted. In the following years through the dedicated work of a small group of people, this dream became a reality. This new piece of artwork was created by Jeff Anderson and installed just before Christmas. The doves express the movement and the hope, the symbolism and the promise of God’s Holy Spirit gathering us to Godself in love and mercy. The new statue was dedicated by Pastor Ruth during online worship on January 10, 2021.

## PoP’s Smart Team

Who would have thought that we would ever need to form a group called “The Smart Team?” But this collection of six members, made an invaluable contribution to the safety of our community in offering their thoughtful direction as we navigated through the many challenges the Covid-19 pandemic has put before us this year. Monitoring the guidance of Federal, State and local agencies, the Smart Team has



developed the protocols that have kept our community of faith safe over the past year. As a result, we have had zero transmission or known community spread of the virus while continuing a variety of ministry activities throughout this time. Please join us in sharing your gratitude to the members of the Smart Team: Dr. Laurel Cederberg, Roger Hintze, Brian Johnson, Anna & Ryan Miller, and Dr. Char Ulstad-Warkentien.

# Loving & Serving our Neighbors



**God's Work, Our Hands** went virtual this year with projects people could do individually. These fleece tie blankets were donated to Southside Family Services in the Phillips Neighborhood.



**Karen Gardens** | Karen refugee families had a bountiful vegetable harvest from their six garden plots on PoP's south property this summer. Most of the families are from Burma and live in apartments without the opportunity to garden.

Each year volunteers from Prince of Peace mow the green spaces surrounding each garden, prepare the plots by raking, fertilizing, roto-tilling, and then during the growing season filling water barrels. - Gus Haugan -



**Thanksgiving Food Giveaway** | Partnering with Keystone Community Services and other churches in Roseville, PoP was part of a Thanksgiving Food Giveaway providing food to 1000 households in the Roseville area.



**Tanzania** | Our companion congregation in Bomalang'ombe Tanzania is growing! This year their Vikongwa Preaching Point split into its own congregation and Prince of Peace decided to form a companion relationship with the new congregation! We met new Vikongwa Pastor Victory Mdegela, and other friends from Bomalang'ombe on a Zoom call in late October. We also got to meet some of the students we have sponsored and hear their stories. We used segments from the Zoom in our Tanzania "Virtual Dinner" event. We also featured memories of our relationship, trivia and a cooking video! A recording of the event can be found at [poproseville.org/tzdinner](http://poproseville.org/tzdinner). - Caryn Josephson -



# Women in Ministry



Sonja Hagander



Cindy Senarighi



Marie Olson Purcell



Cori Forcey



Audrey Fairchild-Ehm

**50 Years of Women in Ministry**  
2020 marks the 50th anniversary of ordination of white women in the ELCA and its predecessor bodies, as well as the 40th anniversary of women of color, and the 10th anniversary of the ordination of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. Worship and the adult forum on December 6 were dedicated to this milestone.

Prince of Peace is a part of that history. Four women who grew up at PoP went on to be ordained, Sonja Hagander, Rebecca Wold Freeman, Cindy Senarighi, and Marie Olson Purcell. Anita Beste was the first woman called to serve at PoP, followed by two interim pastors, Marilyn Breckenridge and Lynn Erickson. Two staff are candidates for ordination, Tammy Wilkinson is a seminary graduate awaiting call, Audrey Fairchild-Ehm is an Associate in Ministry (AIM), and Youth Director Cori Forcey is a student. Joy Johnson is a retired pastor who is now a member. Pastors Ruth and Pastor Betsy currently serve at PoP.



Pastor Ruth, Pastor Anita & Pastor Betsy



Tammy Wilkinson



Lynn Erickson



Marilyn Breckenridge



Rebecca Wold Freeman



Joy Johnson

## Which was the most inspirational Adult Forum of 2020?

*"Without a doubt, most of us would say the "Panel Discussion of Women in Ministry" in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the ELCA's ordination of women. Nine women with connections to PoP shared stories of challenges they have faced and the gifts women in ministry offer. Much food for thought as we seek to move forward with needed changes in our society." - Carol Swanson -*

# Caring & Connecting

**Pastoral Care and Connection** | Pastoral Care has never looked more different than it did this year. Pastoral care relies heavily on face to face interactions. Holding hands, looking into your eyes, being physically present together is one of the blessings of how we share care. This year we shifted, out of love and necessity, to connecting over the phone, text, email, and the US postal service. We learned how to do a zoom memorial service, how to gather for a prayer service over zoom during the uprising this summer, how to engage in spiritual practices during times of crisis, the importance of marking death with outdoor, distanced graveside services, and we learned that we need each other more fervently than we realized. In March we started offering daily devotions over email, which served, and continues to serve, as ways to keep ourselves centered in our faith and engage in the practice of reflecting as a community on scripture, music, reflections, current events, and prayer. This year may we keep reaching out to one another, reminding each other that nothing can separate us from God's love. - Pastor Ruth -



**Online Funerals** | What we have come to learn about video-based connectivity has allowed us to gather in community even when we are grieving. While still far from ideal, the family and friends of Nell Sponheim gathered virtually in June to walk these last steps with Nell in her baptismal journey. We give thanks that God's presence can still be made known in these ways.



**Befrienders Staying Busy** | The Befrienders seek to keep our 30+ homebound members connected to church even as many have been quarantined within four walls. This included sending birthday cards to those over 80 (77 in 2020), plus knitting and delivering 10 prayer shawls to people experiencing hard times. It was quite funny trying to visit a senior resident allowed to have outdoor visits. In good weather we visited 6 feet apart, masked, both of us hearing disabled on a busy street. Conversing was impossible! But the vase of garden flowers and cookies make these visits an anticipated time together. - Anne Haugan -



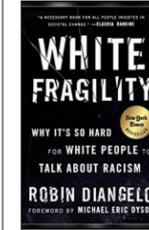
**Celebrating All Saints Sunday** and those who passed away in 2020:  
 Ardie Gutzmann  
 Nell Sponheim  
 Lois Carr  
 Marcheta Ross  
 Marvin Bail  
 Roger Lundeen  
 Christian Belz  
 Barb Lyman

**Staying in Touch** | "Thank you to staff and volunteers for creating a wonderful, quality presence for Prince of Peace on the internet, both on the website, YouTube, and for our weekly gatherings. Your work and creativity have made such a difference for us and many others to stay in touch with our church and friends as well as hear many great messages and stories." - Kent and Linda Olson -

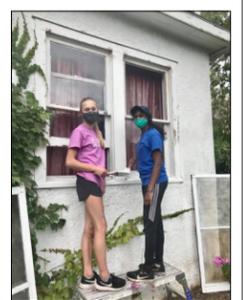
# Loving & Serving our Neighbor

**White Fragility Book Group** | In his Washington Post article, "When Black People are in Pain, White People Join Book Clubs", Tre Johnson writes, "The right acknowledgment of black justice, humanity, freedom and happiness won't be found in your book clubs, protest signs, chalk talks or organizational statements. It will be found in your earnest willingness to dismantle systems that stand in our way – be they at your job, in your social network, your neighborhood association, your family or your home. It's not just about amplifying our voices, it's about investing in them and in our business, education, political representation, power, housing and art. It starts with reflection on the harm you've probably caused in a black person's life." In May 2020 George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis. As I watched the video, I wept. I was complicit. My inaction was hurting people that I love and care about. I prayed, "Lord, break open my ears so that my heart may hear."

To begin the work, 30 members of Prince of Peace and friends gathered on Facebook and Zoom to read and discuss *White Fragility: Why it's So Hard for White People to Talk About Race* by Robin DiAngelo. We read and discussed each chapter with intention to deepen our reflection and understanding to constructively inform our response to white fragility. We committed ourselves to doing the work to dismantle systemic racism in our jobs, neighborhoods, families and homes. - Barb Burkhardt -



**Examining Racial Justice through Movies** | The summer PoPcorn & Movies worship series looked at racial justice and understanding cultural differences through the lens of movies like Just Mercy, Coco, and Hidden Figures. People gathered on Zoom or outdoors to discuss questions about injustice, disparate treatment and what we can learn from our neighbors.



**North Minneapolis Service Project** | The pandemic shut down came at the same time that registration would have taken place for a mission trip to work on houses in Appalachia. The organization that we were going to serve with, came up with an idea. If we could not come to them, they would come to us!

Twelve youth and adults spent a week in August serving in North Minneapolis helping a low income homeowner with painting, new storm windows, landscaping and repairs. Through our work, we were introduced to Jonna. She is recently widowed. She'd used up all her savings when a squirrel chewed through her wiring, meaning her 1913 house had to be completely rewired. Working alongside her, we learned how much she loves the diverse neighborhood where she lives and could not imagine how a group would come together to help her in this way. - Pastor Betsy -

# Learning



**Learning and growing in faith** took on many new forms in 2020. For example, I'd never made a video before but I had the opportunity to partner with colleagues around the country to create a short weekly video called Creative Wednesday, part of an initiative called Faith Finder Fun, providing daily faith-based You Tube videos for families from late March through August. We learned to utilize things that people had at home like this color wheel. - Pastor Betsy -



**Sunday School** went from an in-person event to at-home resources for families. This fall began with Sidewalk Sunday School in September, followed by a socially distanced Sunday School Choir in October and then recording the virtual Christmas Play.



**Confirmation** met on Zoom and then pioneered the idea of the Outdoor Classroom.



**Theology on Tap**



Cori and the youth met weekly for **Foundations** (7-12th grade) and **PoP Rocks** High School Youth via Zoom. "Being on Zoom, we actually had greater participation! I have been impressed by how well we've been able to connect and continue building relationships online," said Cori Forcey.

## Reading with Ruth & Books with Betsy

Even over Zoom conversations were thoughtful and lively, and were places of connection and growth. 2020 Book List:

- *The Cup of Our Lives* by Joyce Rupp
- *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo (See story on page 7)
- *Everything Happens for A Reason and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler
- *My Name is Child of God...Not Those People* by Julia Dinsmore

# Worship & Music

**Park & Pray**—As we realized that the pandemic would last many months, some creative individuals put their heads together and came up with a new outdoor worship opportunity called Park & Pray. From late August to mid-October we gathered in the parking in lawn chairs or cars, listening to the service on the radio. It provided the opportunity to celebrate baptisms, Confirmation of our 9th graders, backpack blessing, and Holy Communion in community.



**Thursday is the New Sunday**—When is Holy Week? In a virtual world, that is difficult to say. Just before the governor's shutdown last spring, pastors and a few volunteers gathered in the sanctuary and recorded a Holy Week marathon in one evening: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Easter Sunday was the first service recorded by each individual participant and edited together. Gradually, Thursday became the new Sunday as 5:00pm was the deadline to get materials to Chris Thornton who volunteered to produce worship. - Pastor Betsy -

## Thank you to all our volunteers for contributing to Sunday morning worship!



# Worship & Music

**Making music in a pandemic** | Who knew what a wild ride 2020 was going to be? In late February we had just introduced our new organist, Abe Hunter, and were excited to get to know him. Now 10 months later we're still waiting to get to know him, and long to hear his wonderful music, in person.

How do you make music in a pandemic? We tried using past hymn recordings but discovered the sound from the sanctuary was not well captured on the recordings. We moved onto Plan B, which wasn't even a plan yet!

We learned to record individually with Chris and Bill Thornton layering the recordings together. Gradually we were able to bring in small socially distanced groups to record in the sanctuary, and now we can use a variety of musicians in various geographic locations recording on their own time!

It takes people watching the virtual services and putting them together to keep us a community of faith. Thank you to all who have read, sang, played an instrument, recorded, edited, and produced worship. In particular thank you to Chris and Bill Thornton and Erika Warkentien for their hours of work behind the scenes. - Milt Warkentien -



**Welcome Abe!**



Bell Quartet  
"Halle Halle Halle"

**Sharing God's Word** | Your sharing of scripture, daily devotions, spoken word, instrumental and vocal music has been very important during these challenging times. We appreciate how innovative, creative, thoughtful, spiritual, meaningful, nurturing, inspiring, and engaging. Indeed, you have kept the PoP community connected and moved us from 'apart together' to 'together apart!' - Karlind Moller -



Shine, let it shine, let Christ's light shine in you,

**Dramatic Opening to Worship** | What began as a hobby, became a tool for worship. Bill Thornton loves working with a drone and came up with the idea of creating aerial footage to begin each virtual service. He has honed his craft recording and editing new footage each season and composing and playing original music to accompany it.



# Embracing the Outdoors



**Lawn Dawgs**



**Smoers**



**Parking Lot Attendants**



During late summer and fall, and into winter, we discovered all kinds of ways to gather safely, wearing masks, out of doors such as cleaning up Central Park, numerous drive through events beginning with the end-of-school Popsicle Social, and outdoor Backpack Blessing. The Lawn Dawgs are one of the few groups that were able to keep doing what they do!

The Monday Morning Crew that has always met weekly to do projects and enjoy conversation over coffee was at a loss for what to do when the pandemic hit. It left a hole in the week for many. Gradually, the group started to reconnect on Zoom and individuals or small groups found ways to safely do maintenance projects and hang Christmas lights.



**Drive Thru Popsicle Social**

**Monday Morning Crew**



*How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb?*  
(Jan 2020)



**Park Clean-up**



**Harvest Celebration Drive-Thru**



# Faith Through Art



## HopeFULL Art Show



## Chalk Art



"This is one of the last pieces that my mom created," wrote Geneva Lyman about her mom's cross painted on a window screen for Prince of Peace's HopeFULL Art Show. Drawing, painting, sculpture, wood carving, writing music, poetry, and journaling are all ways people have found to express themselves and their faith during this time of pandemic.

The Lent Self Portrait project began as a wall display and became an online exhibit. During the summer, two PoP artists – Michael Stetzler and Ashwini Sandanayake – drew coloring pages to accompany worship series. A "Love in Action" chalk art show and "HopeFULL art show" brought people together, socially distanced in the parking lot. 4-8th grade youth participated in a Virtual Art Camp.

## Lent Self Portraits



## Coloring Pages Drawn by Members



## Road to Bethlehem Art



# Embracing Technology



Thank you to Chris Thornton for his numerous hours of editing and producing worship.

The rapidly changing realities of continuing ministry in a time of social distancing ushered in a real transformation for many churches this year. Prince of Peace was able to bolster a number of our existing platforms like our website, emails and traditional mailings to help keep our community connected. In addition, we were fortunate to have the resources to quickly invest in new technology to produce and use video-based content for regular worship, education and fellowship. Platforms like YouTube, Facebook and Zoom have become invaluable resources for us. Thankfully, through the tireless dedication of so many amazing volunteers, we've never missed sharing a Sunday service and have discovered so many wonderful ways to maintain and even grow the ministry of our church.



## Sunday School Choir



PoP Rocks created a pumpkin skit for the first ever Virtual Spooky Music.



Worshiping at Home but still together

A grant from the Mission Launch Fund helped to purchase new cameras and other equipment.