

PEACE CHIMES

October 2014

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 209 Eastern Avenue, Augusta, Maine



Community Wide Multi-Faith Service and Potluck Supper
Saturday October 25th, 4:30 - 8:00 PM @ Prince of Peace Lutheran
Church. For more information see Page #8.

Message from the Pastor



By now, I hope you have heard the news about St. Mark's Episcopal Church, but just in case you've missed it here's the short version to catch you up. St. Mark's has been in a difficult financial place for some time. For the last few years they have not been able to worship in their sanctuary in the winter because it was too expensive to heat. Also, for the last few years, they have only had pulpit supply for clergy support. Earlier this summer we invited the people of St. Mark's to consider just visiting with us over the winter months instead of moving to their fellowship hall. Several weeks ago their leadership met to consider coming to visit but by the end of their meeting they had come to a new conclusion. They decided to develop a proposal to bring to Prince of Peace that was a real leap of faith.

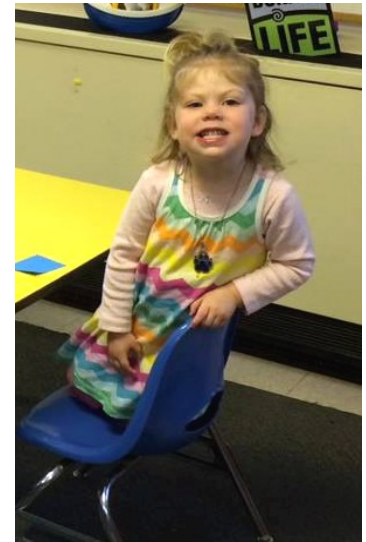
Their proposal was to begin worshipping with us starting January 1, 2015 and to hire me to be their half time priest for one year. I would be paid half time by Prince of Peace and half time by St. Marks and therefore be full time serving both congregations from the same office. They asked us if we would like to try this arrangement out for a year and see how it went. This isn't a proposal for a merger. St. Mark's needs to stay as their own congregation as they decide how to divest their property and care for the ministries that happen in their facilities. Officially, they will be simply visiting with us if this proposal is approved.

This past Sunday in worship we talked about this idea during the sermon and the congregation was very supportive of the idea. In the council meeting which followed worship, the council voted to pursue the idea and in the next few weeks will meet with their council to develop a plan which everyone from both leadership teams supports. We hope to get that proposed plan out to the whole congregation in the week following October 5th and then on October 19th, right after worship, we'll meet as a congregation to ask for your blessing on this path forward.

While the people of St. Mark's won't become official members of Prince of Peace, I do dearly hope that we will take some time to imagine ourselves in their shoes. How would you feel, if the faithful thing to do meant leaving 209 Eastern Avenue? How would you feel taking a leap of faith and trusting a neighboring congregation to catch you after the leap? How would you hope to be "caught" by that other church and what would a gentle landing look like? One of the biggest concerns both congregations share is in how will worship look. My personal hope is that we don't have separate "Episcopal" and "Lutheran" worship but that we find a way to fully integrate our worship so that we might learn and grow from the gifts we all bring to this new adventure. I believe everyone will be amazed at just how very similar our worship really is, but it will still take some courage to trust that to be true and some patience as we work through the very minor differences and come to a common understanding.

I would ask you to please keep the people of St. Marks, the people of Prince of Peace, the leaders and me in your prayers in the weeks to come.

Pastor Erik



Mustard Seeds Update

Just a couple of months ago, Pastor Erik and several members of Prince of Peace initiated a conversation with the other K6 churches about a collaborative effort to start a new education program. At that first meeting, I don't think anyone could have imagined what a great success it would be so soon! On Sunday afternoons, we have four classrooms serving thirty or more kids and an adult education program. After the education hour, we share a joyful meal together. There can be no question that this is a ministry that people wanted and needed.

Now that we have the people, and hope to continue growing, the real work begins... How do we offer an experience that is meaningful? Just bringing people together is important in its own right, but we want to offer more than that. We want an educational curriculum for our children that lays a foundation of knowledge about the biblical stories, but also allows them to wrestle with the text, asking questions and looking for the blessing in it. And, we want them to have fun, to interact with their peers, and to see church as a safe and joyful space. These things require lots of planning and lots of help. We have about fifteen people who have agreed to help in the classrooms, but we could really use more people so that no one gets overburdened by their teaching commitment. Volunteers never have to teach alone, and lessons are prepared ahead of time for you. If you are interested, please contact me or Pastor Erik.

Even if teaching or working with kids isn't your thing, if you haven't been to Mustard Seeds yet, please come! This is not intended to be a program solely for parents and their children. This experience can only be enriched by the participation of folks of all ages. We have an exciting discussion going on in the Adult Education classroom, and the shared meal is a great time to meet new people or even to get to know better those you worship with already. Sunday afternoons are a time to discover a new and exciting way to be a community and worship together, and we want you to be a part of it!

Kerry Mansir

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Mission and Ministry Exploration

I attended a meeting on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Prince of Peace and the 5 Episcopal churches that are part of the K-6 group met to share a dialogue. We discussed ideas and dreams of what the world could look like in 20 years. It was a day of thinking big! The group established a list of things we would want to see change. Peace, eradication of poverty, justice for all, and that each person would know that they are loved were just a few of the “dreams” we’d like to see as the reality in the year 2034.

The next phase of the day was to determine what the United States would need to be the leader in making this change a reality. Now if you are following along here, you might have already guessed that the third phase was to determine what Maine would need to do to lead the United States in this change. This was difficult work. It was hard to identify specific steps that would move this work forward.

Our final stage was how the K-6 group gathered Saturday, could lead the state of Maine towards this goal. I don’t have the final “notes” from the day, but they are coming soon. What was surprising was that many of the items on each groups list had many things in common. Including creating a clearing-house to help match needs with services already available within the churches. It also focused on “justice”, ways to eliminate or reduce the need for services by looking at the root of the problems and potentially helping reduce the need over time.

We ended with some sharing of what each church could do in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Our list from Prince of Peace was to “invite”. Bring someone who hasn’t been to our church with you to service, bible study, cleanup day, Mustard Seeds or any activity or gathering we have. The second was to help with the burial of a young boy who took his life recently and has no “family” to play the role in making arrangements. We already shared with idea with our K6 brothers and sisters in Christ and will possibly move forward with this in the coming days.

Don Sproul, LouAnne Story, Nancy Merrill, Becky Pearce, Heidi Joslyn, Pastor Erik and myself (Beth Pfeffer) attended. Any of us would be glad to chat about the day. The dreams we dreamed could easily be the next mission and ministry programs supported by these six churches within the Augusta area.

Come and be a part of all that is happening, I am inviting you! Beth Pfeffer



Education Update at Prince of Prince

Beth Pfeffer

Oh, where to begin! There is so much happening.....

Our new K-6 “Mustard Seeds” Christian Education Program was awarded a \$10,000. grant! A big “Thank You!” to the Episcopal Diocese of Maine!!!

Confirmation: We did not confirm any students last year and had no active confirmation class. This year we have a group of 6 - and if we missed anyone we will make room for you! Pastor Erik and Beth Pfeffer will be teaching, rotating weeks, beginning October 5th at 4 p.m. We will join the Mustard Seed “gang” for opening and then head into our own space for a dynamic and exciting class starting with a look at the our ancestors from the Old Testament.

1st Communion: Fall is a very busy time and it includes beginning the instruction that prepares our youth for first communion. We don’t set a specific age for first communion, but rather provide the instruction when children are ready. “Ready” is something that parents can discuss with Pastor if they are unsure of the level of readiness. Please contact Beth Pfeffer 514-4289 or Pastor Erik at the office if you have a son or daughter who is ready for this important faith step. Once a list of students is identified we will work with parents to create a class schedule to begin later this fall.

Adult Education: Daniel Dawe will continue to provide Sunday Morning Lectionary classes immediately following the 9:00 am service. We will not have any other Sunday morning program offerings at this time, but will encourage all to participate in the 4:00 pm Sunday afternoon book study “*We Make the Road by Walking*” by *Brian McLaren*. The future may change that, but for now we want to fully support the 4:00 pm time slot with all of our energies. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for upcoming changes.

Education Meeting: Please join me, Beth Pfeffer, at the next Education Meeting which will be held on October 12th in the triple room right after the 9:00 service. I encourage you to join me to help plan any and all education events here at Prince of Peace.



Fall Clean-up— Inside & Out

Saturday October 11

9 am— 3 pm Potluck Lunch

We will be raking and cleaning windows among other things. Please bring rakes, shovels, wheel barrows, and/or any other cleaning/working items you might have that could help to get the work done as quickly and easily as possible. And don't forget your work gloves! Please join us for fun, fellowship, and food at the fall clean up. You can sign up for the potluck in the Narthex. There is a rain date of October 18th.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Listen! God is calling . . .

Becky Pearce—property chair

Phone: 207 623-9486 (church office)

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Prince of Peace
Pretty Preposterous Pumpkin Party
with Pizza!
During the Mustard Seeds Program

Join us on Sunday, October 26th at 4 p.m.
for lots of pumpkin fun and games!

★ Carve your own pumpkin ★

**Make S'mores ★ Bob for Apples ★ Guess the Candy
Corn in the Jar**

★ Catch a donut on the string ★ and more!

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX SO WE CAN PLAN



Christmas Dinner gift collection...

giving a little each month so that we are prepared to fill bags of basic supplies for all of our guests at the Christmas dinner.

Beginning last February, we began collecting hats and mittens. In March we moved on to socks and playing cards. In the following months we filled the blue plastic bin in the Narthex with toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, wipes, soap, small notebooks, pens and pencils. In September, we collected pre-packaged cereal bars, crackers and the like. **October is one gallon Zip Lock Freezer bags.** November will be "catch up" month to gather any items we don't have enough of and then December will be PIES, PIES, PIES. Home baked or store bought - no one wants a pie less Christmas day. Neighbor to neighbor - sharing the many gifts the Lord has blessed us with.

Please continue to be generous. We are blessed to be a blessing. This ministry of giving is such a worthwhile project that helps many within our community with basic needs. There are handy fridge magnets you can pick up in the narthex to help remind you of the current item. Thank you!

A BIG "Thank You"!



The property committee would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Dee Benn and her crew for some of the cleaning that has taken place inside the building. She cleaned up the youth room and closet and connected Ken Tjelmeland to some chairs that needed fixing. Dee organized the painting of the triple and double rooms including new valances and plants as well as working with Kelli MacLagan to shampoo the carpeting. She also spoke with Scott MacLagan about stripping and waxing the sanctuary. Everything looks great and a big "THANK YOU" to all of you!!!



To Clergy, religious leaders and congregations:

Every year October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. We are all too familiar with the impact and effects of domestic violence as a social problem in our congregations and communities. This year the newly formed **Capital Area Multi-Faith Association** is bringing together faith communities to help raise awareness, educate and take action to make social change.

Please attend the community wide worship service and potluck supper from 4:30 PM—8:00 PM on Saturday, October 25th, 2014 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 209 Eastern Avenue in Augusta. All donations will be gratefully received at this time. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. We suggest that people whose last names begin A—F bring appetizers and finger food; G—R bring main course food; S—Z bring desserts.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Rev. Carie Johnsen at 508-221-5295 or minister@augustauu.org or Nan Bell at 623-8637 x307 or nanb@familyviolenceproject.org. Thank you!

SHELTER/FAMILIES IN TRANSITION “WISH LIST”

HOUSE WARES: Pots/Pans, dishes, bake ware, microwave, pot holders, dish towels/clothes, coffee maker, can opener, mixer, crock pot, clock, mop/bucket, light bulbs, dish detergent, lamp, baby bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, knives, silverware, drinking glasses, cooking utensils, toaster, bath towels, sheet sets, blankets pillows, toilet paper, paper towels.

CLEANING SUPPLIES: Broom, dust pan, scrubbies, dishwasher detergent, sponges, laundry detergent, laundry baskets, bleach, glass cleaner, toilet bowl brush, all purpose cleaner.

PERSONAL ITEMS: Hygiene supplies (tampons, etc.), deodorant, body wash, razors/shaving cream, lip balm, shampoo, conditioner, baby shampoo, baby wash, diapers/wipes, hair brushes, undergarments (panties, sports bras, socks for women and children).

GIFT CERTIFICATES: Visa Gift Card, Food Card (Hannaford/Shaws), Gas Card (Irving, Citgo, Shell), Straight Talk phone card, Wal-Mart Card, McDonalds, Wendy’s Burger King.

ACTIVITIES: Craft/Art Supplies, Board Games, Card Games



Adam Christopher McLaughlin will be buried with full military honors at the Maine Veteran's Cemetery on October 16th, 2014 at 10 AM. He goes with special prayers and much love from family and friends to help in God's house above.



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Paul & Joanie Rhoda**
- 17 Bill & Liz Burgess**
- 18 Brad & Heidi Joslyn**
- 25 Paul & Nina Riese**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Don Sproul**
- 5 Jacob Waterman**
- 6 Matthew Harvey**
- 8 Marianne Christian**
- 10 Bethany (Sproul) LeBrun**
- 11 Jutta Hartung**
- 18 Dee Benn**
Diane Richard
- 19 Nancy Merrill**
- 26 Peter Matthies, Jr.**
- 27 Erika Praul**
- 30 Lee Blake**
Tim Elliott



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- Endowment Fund Committee:** Bill Burgess, Darryl Praul, Paul Rhoda, Bud Walters, David Wheelock.

**One Family In Christ,
Reaching Out With Love.**

DEACONS

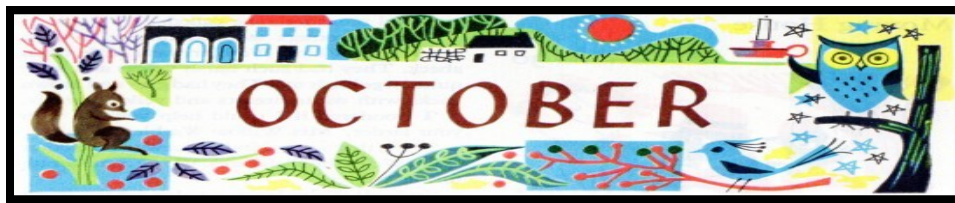
- Lloyd Balderston 377-4293
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- Paul Rhoda 845-2437
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CHURCH STAFF

- Transitional Pastor** - Erik Karas 970-590-3540
- Parish Secretary** - Patti Gardiner 344-9162
- Organist** - Alice VanDerwerken 397-4214
- Choir Director** - vacant
- Sextons** - Tim Elliott, Diane Richard 462-1750

REACHING OUT MINISTRIES

- Head Deacon** - Nancy Merrill 737-8105
- Women's Prayer Breakfast** - Nancy Merrill 737-8105
- Prayer Shawl** - Liz Burgess 622-3570
- At Your Side Committee** - Liz Burgess 622-3570
- Helping Fund** - Patti Gardiner - POP Office 623-9486
- POP Quilter's Group** - Lil Stresser 377-2591
- Women of the Church - ELCA-** Liz Burgess 622-3570
- Dorcas Circle** - Jutta Hartung 623-2040
- We Celebrate with...** Church Office - Patti 623-9486
- Bread of Life Ministries** - Office-Wendy 626-3434
- *Soup Kitchen on Water St. 621-2541
- *Shelter on Hospital St. 626-3479
- Augusta Food Bank** 622-5225
- Chelsea Food Bank** - Diane Richard 462-1750



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9:00 AM October Newsletter Mailing	2 1:00-2:30 FA- CCR	3 11:00 AM Support Group TR	4 8:30-10:00AM Menswork DR
5 Pentecost 17 7:30 Choir 9:00 Worship 10:30 Deacons 11:30 –2:00 PM Joint Council/ Vestry 4:00 PM Mustard Seeds	6 6:00-8:00 PM NAMI Support Group CCR	7 7:00 AM WPB 10 AM Dorcas 10 AM BS –CCR 4 PM Capital Area Multi-Faith TR 6 PM FA –CCR 5:00-8:30 PM Menswork DR	8 6:00-8:00 PM Veteran’s SG- TR	9 9:30-11 AM Dream Team L 1:00-2:30 FA- CCR	10 11:00 AM Support Group TR	11 8:30–10:00 AM Menswork DR 9 AM—3 PM Church Clean- Up Day & Potluck Lunch
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VISION STATEMENT

LISTEN! God is calling!

We, the members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, actively seek to put God first and glorify our Lord in all that we do. We strive to be the foundation supporting the growth of good works our Creator puts on each of our hearts as we respond to God's call.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 AM Communion Service

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM "MUSTARD SEEDS"

Christian Education Program for all ages!

Everyone Welcome.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace Lutheran proclaims Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church provides a Christian home where all people are welcome and offers everyone opportunities to grow in their faith-walk with God. Blessed to be a blessing, we strive to share our gifts and show God's love to all.