

# Tidings

*Love God - Follow Jesus - Invite All*

Opening of In-Person Worship

**Sunday, September 13**

One Service Only at 9:45 A.M.

Reservations Required ([see page 2](#))

Limit of 50 persons per service, until we can safely expand the schedule  
*The service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.*



*We are to grow grateful generous stewards of God's gifts in our changing church, community and world.*

**The Mission Fair is coming!!**

**August 30, 2020**

**11:15 AM to 12:15 PM**

**On ZOOM!**

Largely due to factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, life as we knew it has been altered significantly. Specifically, we have become increasingly dependent on technology for many things we may have taken for granted including how we worship and how we gather. Speaking of gathering, one of the challenges we faced as a board and as a congregation was how we were going to maintain and extend the positively received small group conversations that we started last fall.

Thanks to technology, we were able to use a software application called ZOOM to continue our small group discussion opportunities on pertinent topics in May, June, and July. For example, we recently started unpacking diversity under the leadership of Pastor Sunitha Mortha, Assistant to the Bishop in the Metro Chicago Synod. There will be more of these interactive sessions to come as the journey has just begun!

So now it is Mission Fair time. To ensure our safety, we won't be able to gather in Fellowship Hall this year as in years past. However, thanks to the wonders of technology, we will be able to host our Mission Fair on ZOOM! Each of the 10 Boards will have a "Zoom Room" that you will be able to visit, learn more about our various ministries, and sign-up to serve virtually on Sunday, August 30! Prior to this, we will begin our Mission Fair Week with a "Virtual Scavenger Hunt" kicking off on Sunday, August 23 and finishing on Saturday, August 29. The Scavenger Hunt will provide you with a series of fun and easy clues that will guide you through the Prince of Peace Website ([princeofpeace.net](http://princeofpeace.net)). Virtual prizes will be awarded to everyone that participates.

At Prince of Peace, we sincerely hope for, and act to create a future full of hope for everyone. Watch for more information coming to you in an PoP email blast. Please come, participate, and enjoy the Scavenger Hunt and the Mission Fair!

# The Pastor's Page

By Pastor Peter Hellstedt



Welcome back! I've been waiting to write those words for a long time.

Weekly in-person Sunday worship resumes on Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 a.m. We are delighted that once again the congregation will be able to gather for worship! Please note: reservations will be required.

- To reserve a place for the upcoming Sunday's service, please go to [www.princeofpeace.net](http://www.princeofpeace.net) and follow the directions on the homepage. Reservations will be open Monday, September 7 at 12:00 a.m. and will close Friday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m., or when we reach the limit of 50 persons, whichever comes first. (There will be a waiting list, if needed). You can register for family members or guests all at the same time.
- During that week, you will only be able to reserve for the upcoming Sunday's service. You cannot make reservations in advance of the current week.
- If you don't have access to our website, please ask a friend or family member to reserve for you. Please email [registration@princeofpeace.net](mailto:registration@princeofpeace.net) if you need to cancel after you have registered, or to go on the waiting list. Sorry, the church office will not be able to make reservations for you.

Additional services will be added, we hope fairly soon, once we can safely manage to do so. Considerations include:

- Having enough volunteers as screeners, ushers, and cleaners who will clean and sanitize between services;
- Determining the amount of time needed between services to clean the building;
- Figuring out how to arrange the Worship Center for livestreaming as part of the schedule with the congregation present, so that we can continue to offer livestreaming of a Sunday morning service.



## Music Notes...

by Scott Uddenberg

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."*

Hebrews 12:1-3

"This too, shall pass." - Mike Ditka, the day he was fired as Head Coach for the Chicago Bears

We shall gather in worship at Prince of Peace. We shall lift our voices together in praise. We will gather in community. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, together. We, in time, will fully discover the plans that God has for us. Together we shall support each other in faith and service.

Reach out with joy and trust in your heart, with the knowledge *"that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter eight verses 38 & 39.

Thank you to those who have continued to help deliver our online worship services. Thank you to those who have come to help with those special services that have met in the Worship Center throughout the month of August.

If you can serve Prince of Peace, in person or online, answer the call! Your brothers and sisters in Christ need you.

## 2020/2021 Junior & Senior High Ministry at Prince of Peace

Hopefully, everyone has registered for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School, for 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation, and for Emerge high school ministry. If you haven't registered, it's not too late! Just visit our student ministry web site, [www.popstudentministries.net](http://www.popstudentministries.net). Families with youth in these age groups should have received a mailing with more information. If you need help with registration, or if you have not received the mailing, please contact me.

I am looking to partner with volunteers in support of youth ministry in the following roles: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade virtual Sunday School teachers; small group leaders (lay guides) for virtual confirmation on Wednesdays; adult leadership for high school Emerge meetings on Sunday evenings; and 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students to serve on the leadership for planning Emerge. Please search your heart and let me know if this is a ministry that is a great fit for you.

**Kickoff night for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation is Wednesday, September 16, in the church parking lot from 7 to 8 pm.** All protocols for safety will be followed. This is the only night we will meet in person during the fall session.

**Kickoff night for Emerge and 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation is Sunday, September 20, from 6:30 to 8pm, in the church parking lot.** All protocols for safety will be followed. This is the only night we will meet in person during the fall session.

Our youth ministry may look different this year, and we are facing challenges together that we have not seen before. God is with us, Jesus lead us, and the Holy Spirit will work through us.

Lynette Perry, Interim Youth Minister  
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### Early Childhood Programs at Prince of Peace

*By Lisa Isaacs*

This COVID 19 has really set things in a very different direction in our world! Here in the preschool and kindergarten, we have had to make the very difficult decision to postpone the start of preschool until after September and to cancel our kindergarten program for the 2020-2021 school year. We truly had the intention to start our program on time. However due to extremely low enrollment numbers, this just is not possible. We hope and pray that things move in a more positive direction and that we are able to open our doors to the little ones in October. Please keep our staff and families in your continued prayers. We will be keeping all of the wonderful staff members and congregational member of POP in our prayers. Please stay well and healthy.

#### Registration for 2020 – 2021

We will continue to accept registrations for a delayed fall opening. If you know of families looking for a quality, Christian preschool/kindergarten, please let them know about the programs here at Prince of Peace Preschool and Kindergarten. Messages can be left at (847) 885-7036 or emailed to [preschool@princeofpeace.net](mailto:preschool@princeofpeace.net). You can also visit the Preschool and Kindergarten tab on the Prince of Peace website, [www.princeofpeace.net](http://www.princeofpeace.net). Registered church members receive a 10% discount for preschool.

## Message From the Executive Director



25 years serving as an Elementary School Principal provided me with an abundance of heart-warming moments with children and families. My favorites were the times spent reading to students as we sat on the floor in their classrooms. One of our favorite stories was Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig. It tells of Sylvester, a donkey, who finds a red magic pebble that makes wishes come true. It's all fun and games until Sylvester, in a panic, wishes himself to be a rock, in order to escape a hungry lion. In his new existence as a rock, the red magic pebble sets inches away unable to be touched by Sylvester. With little chance anyone would ever find that pebble and then wish that boulder to be a donkey, Sylvester despairs. And so, "he was scared and worried. Being helpless, he felt hopeless."

"Being helpless, he felt hopeless." There is such truth to this simple, heartbreaking sentence. None of us has been turned into a rock, but most of us know the kind of despair that grows when we feel helpless.

It might be the helplessness that comes when you can't fix the pain of a loved one's broken heart, chronic disease, or mental illness. Maybe you feel powerless amidst the current pandemic or against the tide of xenophobia that has spread across our beloved country, or unable to do anything to stop the all-too-frequent acts of gun violence. There are so many situations that can bring this helpless, hopeless feeling.

In these moments, I'm convinced that one small act of goodness can revive hope. We can act our way out of despair, one small work of care at a time. You might not be able to change a diagnosis but you can send a card, maybe with cookies to a chemo patient. You might not eliminate all hate, but we can live with kindness. These acts are transformative, not just because they do for others, but in the doing, we are reminded of our own capacity.

We are not motionless rocks. We are humans with strong hearts, with gifts, and a lot of power when we work together. There are no magic pebbles, no quick fixes or easy answers. Because of our faith and the special relationships within our congregation, we have hope. Our future is full of all kinds of possibilities.

To restore hope and to explore positive possibilities, please consider navigating through our first-ever "Virtual Scavenger Hunt" August 23-29 on our Prince of Peace Website, [princeorpeace.net](http://princeorpeace.net). It will provide you with uplifting information and lots of fun! And then, keep that feeling of hope alive by joining our "Virtual Mission Fair" on Sunday, August 30 from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM. Technology has provided us with a great opportunity, rather than an obstacle, to hold this annually treasured event. Better yet, sign-up to serve in a way that brings joy to others...and to you, too!

Sylvester eventually became a donkey again, in part because of the love of his parents, who didn't give up on him. Even in the hardest moments, we can decide to support each other. As a congregation and as people of faith, we must choose to look for possibilities rather than be defeated by despair. At Prince of Peace we faithfully strive to create a future full of hope for everyone.

**Love God. Follow Jesus. Invite All.**

Warmly,  
Mark Walther

### Sunday School News

*by Karen Wagner*

We are pleased to announce that there will be Sunday School this fall. Sunday School for ages 3 through grade 6 will be held virtually each week. Registration will be held in August online, [www.popstudentministries.net](http://www.popstudentministries.net). Go to the Children's Ministry section and register. There is no charge to register. You will receive instructions about how to receive lesson leaflets for each week. An opening will be posted online each week so that you may watch the Sunday School lesson at your convenience. Sunday School will be held virtually through the fall term ending in November. The Board of Youth Ministries will determine this fall how Sunday School will be conducted after November based on information available at that time.

We look forward to gathering again together.



Stephen Ministry  
**Smile**  
 By Janet Ichida



*When I smiled at them, they scarcely believed it;  
 the light of my face was precious to them. Job 29:24*

Stephen Ministers have continued to gather monthly despite COVID-19, the only difference being they are in front of some sort of screen for a Zoom gathering. This month, we will even have a guest speaker join us in those famous little rectangles. (Amy Seul, a client support specialist from Visiting Angels, will speak to us about the dangers of seniors falling.) Anyway, at the end of the August meeting, Grace Lundquist, one of our fantastic Stephen Ministers, took a picture of her computer screen showing all of us working together for YOU! We had the usual warning to smile, then she clicked our photo as shown below.

Smile! We all quickly sat us straighter, looked at whatever screen was in front of us, and smiled away. It didn't matter if we were having a tough day, were worried about friends and care receivers, had our own aches and pains or needed to get to our families. Smile! No matter what is happening in our lives, we hear that five-letter word and immediately paste grins on our faces. It doesn't matter our age, for my grandsons are even so programmed. *(You did know I was a grandma, didn't you?)*



If someone told you to smile, could you? Would you? In today's frightening world of the coronavirus, it might be hitting too close to home to have your lips turn upward. Maybe unemployment has your finances in chaos. The doctor appointments are filling up too many squares on your calendar. The walls surrounding your hollow home have left no one to share the photo. Are you scared? Alone? Sick? Tired? Depressed? Worried?

Rest assured, that even despite COVID-19, you can still get your own Stephen Minister. They can meet with you on the phone or computer. Even with miles separating you, that distance doesn't lessen their concern and efforts. Imagine, someone can be there for you to listen to whatever ails you. They won't offer advice or solutions! They will instead be there to listen and listen some more. They will be consistent, compassionate and caring. Just call up one of the Stephen Leaders, and they will get things rolling for you. Before you know it, someone will be available for you! Don't let these trying times prevent you from getting the help you need and deserve. Lay members of Prince of Peace continue to gather and train in order to supply the Christian care for which they are known. So, get on the phone, and smile! Help is on the way.

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# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Announcing the 10<sup>th</sup> annual  
Northwest DuPage United

## CROP HUNGER WALK

*(and first ever virtual walk)*

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

### Walk. Give. Change the world.

Our community believes in ending hunger. And, in 2020, we will continue to fight against the new challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry. Join with us in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year. Walkers have already raised over \$2,500 in online gifts to date!

#### "Walk together apart"

Let's all walk at the same daytime, but on your own. At 2 p.m. there will be an online devotion (details to follow.) At 2:15 p.m., plan to walk on your own or with your immediate family. Choose a parking lot, go from room to room in your house, around the block, or at a city park. As you walk, text, call, or video chat with other friends walking at the same time you are. Continue to Walk in solidarity for those near and far.

Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world.

You can sign up today and start collecting donations online or in person at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/northwestdupage/Team/View/131644/Prince-of-Peace> While online donations will be easiest now more than ever, checks and cash can still be accepted. Our community and world needs our help more than ever this year!

Contact Andy Schuetze at 224-412-2828 or [ajschuetze2001@gmail.com](mailto:ajschuetze2001@gmail.com) for more information



### School Supplies Collection for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

For many years, this congregation has helped LSSI prepare the 500+ children in foster care for the next school year by providing backpacks and school supplies. Even with the pandemic and the remote learning in Chicago for the beginning of the school year, our help is still needed.

The collection will be limited to empty backpacks, and gift cards for the school supplies. The logistics of doing the collection will be determined within the next few weeks. Once we have a plan for how we will receive your donations, and the deadline, you will be notified in the quickest way possible. Please hold on to your donations until the plan is finalized.

## Prince of Peace Book Club - August Read

The Prince of Peace Book Club will meet on August 28, 2020 via Zoom at 10 AM. We'll be discussing **"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek"** by Kim Michele Richardson. In 1936, tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, KY, lives blue-skinned 19-year-old Cussy Carter, the last living female of the rare Blue People ancestry. The lonely young Appalachian woman joins the historical Pack Horse Library Project of Kentucky and becomes a librarian, riding across slippery creek beds and up treacherous mountains on her faithful mule to deliver books and other reading material to the impoverished hill people of Eastern Kentucky.

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek is a powerful message about how the written word affects people—a story of hope and heartbreak, raw courage and strength splintered with poverty and oppression, and one woman's chances beyond the darkly hollows. It is based on a true story.

I will be sending out a link for the zoom meeting shortly. Questions please call Kathy Tweeten at 847-963-8350 or [kat8@aol.com](mailto:kat8@aol.com).

### Upcoming books:

September	"The Giver of Stars" by JoJo Mayes
October	"Supreme Justice" by Max Allan Collins
November	"An Unnecessary Women" by Rabih Alameadine



## PADS Update September 2020

Due to the pandemic Prince of Peace will not be open as a PADS site for the new fall season. Currently 100 homeless are being sheltered in two area hotels with volunteer churches, organizations and individuals providing meals and delivery service. This has truly been a blessing to keep this at-risk population safe. Journeys is hoping to keep the guests sheltered through the end of the year but that depends on donations. It takes approximately \$650 per month to house a guest in an area hotel. Monetary donations can be sent to Journeys The Road Home, 1140 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine 60074 or questions can be directed to Heidi at [h.meier@journeystheroadhome.org](mailto:h.meier@journeystheroadhome.org). In addition, Journeys is also looking for donations of cereal, dried pasta, peanut butter and/jelly and new or slightly used summer clothing, especially large size men's and women's t-shirts and shorts. Thank you for supporting the PADS ministry during this trying time.



## Adult Learning Opportunities

**Passages** meets through Zoom - contact Karen Wagner at [wagner@princeofpeace.net](mailto:wagner@princeofpeace.net) for Zoom meeting codes.

**Men's Bible Study** meets through Zoom—contact Janet Ichida at [J.Ichida@yahoo.com](mailto:J.Ichida@yahoo.com) for meeting codes.

Other groups are cancelled until we are allowed to be together again.

Please contact the church office at 847/885-7010 for more information.



**Prince of Peace Mission Statement**  
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**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

A Reconciling Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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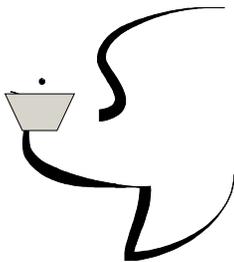
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## Upcoming Events

- August 22 - PoP Golf Outing
- August 23-29 - PoP website Scavenger Hunt
- August 30 - Mission Fair *via Zoom*
- September 13 - Return to Worship
- September 16 - 7/8 Confirmation Kick-Off
- September 20 - Emerge 9 Conf Kick-Off
- October 18 - Virtual CROP WALK

## Stay Safe



### Worship Schedule:

*(regular services are currently suspended)*  
Live streaming via Facebook on Sundays at 9:45 am  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Schaumburg

### Prince of Peace Staff - Here to Serve!

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**Editorial Note: The October 2020 Tidings deadline is Monday, September 14, 2020 at 9AM.**

We welcome submissions by email ([Tidings@princeofpeace.net](mailto:Tidings@princeofpeace.net) - note this is a new email address), faxed, typed or legibly handwritten.

If you would like to receive your monthly *Tidings* Newsletter via email, please submit your email address to the church office, 847-885-7010 or [church@princeofpeace.net](mailto:church@princeofpeace.net).