Tidings of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Princeton Junction, New Jersey

Joyful Disciples Living the Faith!—September 2007

Annual Rally Day Picnic

Everyone Welcome!

Join us on **Sunday, September 9** at Noon. There will be plenty of great food *(hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments provided by PoP),* fellowship, games, prizes and crafts for the kids.

Rally Day
Sunday, September 9
All PoP Intergenerational Event
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
Picnic Begins at Noon

Bring your family and friends – come out and enjoy the day!! Please sign up in the Gathering Area if you'll be attending and can share a dessert or side dish/salad.

Contact Diane Urbanek at ***diurb@comcast.net*** or Michelle Conk at ***mm143@comcast.net*** if you have any questions.

The Fellowship Team

The Blessing of the Backpacks!

The annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be offered at both services on **Sunday, September 16.** Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks and other school books, supplies and equipment to worship for a special blessing.

We are Ready to Akaloo!

Sunday School and More!

Akaloo is a new lifelong faith formation program for our entire congregation. It is about the joy of following Jesus. It is about learning together as the body of Christ.

All parents with children ages 3 to grade six are asked to attend an Akaloo Orientation on

Sunday, September 16
9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Worship Room.

At this orientation Akaloo will be introduced, registration will be completed and the schedule for the year will distributed. It's time to Akaloo!!

Christian Education Team

Confirmation Ministry Orientation

Calling Students in Grades 7 & 8 and Their Parents

All those who desire to participate in Prince of Peace's Confirmation Ministry Program are asked to participate, ***along with their parents***, in a Confirmation Orientation on

Sunday, September 23
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Worship Room

The two-year Confirmation Ministry program will be introduced at this meeting and both parents and students will be asked to commit to the requirements. Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, September 30 in the Church House.

Christian Education Team

Dear Disciples,

What would you say is the goal of Christian Education? Why do you send your children to Sunday School? Why do you participate (or avoid) adult education opportunities or small groups? What do you assume is the hoped-for outcome of such activities?

It may surprise you, but the goal of Christian education here at Prince of Peace is not primarily to impart information. Our motivation is not to fill our students with data in order to see how many facts, figures and statistics they can recall. Rather, we teach for transformation. And we do so by engaging the heart.

The love of God transforms our life at a deeper level than the mind. The mind is subject to the motive center of the human being – the heart. It is the values of the heart that allow the mind to weigh information, and the values of the heart determine how that information will be used.

Engaging the heart requires different strategies than those offered in traditional Sunday School. Engaging the heart involves singing, praying, worshiping, storytelling, stewardship, helping others and so much more. Engaging the heart requires us to look for ways to encourage classroom *and* worship participation; use age segregated classes *and* intergeneration events, promote Sunday morning *and* Wednesday evening activities, to partnership with the home *and* the community.

Our goal as we begin yet another year of formal Christian education is to engage the hearts of all children, youth and adults. Our hoped-for outcome is to assist everyone on the lifelong journey of knowing and experiencing God through Jesus Christ, claiming the living God's promises and growing and serving as a Christian disciple. Let's get engaged…

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Paul Lutz

New Campus Ministry Team

Help College Students Feel Welcome

As Fall approaches, we will be activating our new Campus Ministry Team.

What is this? It's a ministry of hospitality to help area college students feel welcome at PoP, and respond to their interests. College students have told us that what they like/need most are to be welcomed and to feel a part of the congregation.

Who is this? From PoP, it will be those who are able to share prayer and other support. That is our most important need. Others may be asked to provide a home-cooked meal, a ride to church or a church function or to incorporate a student's request to become active in a PoP ministry.

This will be a partnership with the Messiah Lutheran campus ministry, so we are not working at cross-purposes and so we may support each other. There may be involvement with other campus outreach groups, such as the Episcopal campus ministry, but these broader aspects will unfold in the future.

All college students are welcome, and we might include those from Westminster Choir College. And, of course, we like graduate students, and even professors! Students at Rider University, Mercer Community College and TCNJ tend to go to closer Lutheran congregations.

What can I do? Pray for the students and for the coming year of fellowship. Drop me a note at ***drei23@aol.com*** and we will gladly involve you in the emerging hospitality picture!

When does it happen? Princeton University classes start Sept. 17, but between earlier freshman activities, athletic practices, etc., we will start seeing new faces in mid-August.

Dana Dreibelbis
Team Leader, Campus Ministry

JAVA with JULIE!

Starting Sunday September 16th, a group discussion of the weekly Gospel passage will take place each Sunday between services. Grab a coffee and join student seminarian Julie Lillis in the Gathering Area at 9:45 a.m. to drink coffee and share thoughts on the day's text.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

VOICES, HANDS, and HEARTS !!!

Do you like to sing but aren't sure that singing in a choir is "for you?" Did you play in a handbell choir "years ago" but aren't sure if you could still "keep up?" Are you a trained musician who doesn't want to "get stuck" playing or singing in church "every Sunday?" Do you love music and want to be a part of leading worship through song?

There is a place for you!!! Please join us:

Beginning September 6:
Adult Bell Choir – Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Adult Choir – Thursdays, 8 -9:30 p.m.

Beginning September 19: Wonderful Wednesday Choirs
Joyful Noise (K - 2nd grade) – 5:15-6 p.m.
Chimes of Peace (4th - 6th grade) – 5:15-6 p.m.
Kids of the Kingdom (3rd - 6th grade) – 6:30-7 p.m.
Youth Choir (7th - 12th grade) – 6:30-7 p.m.

Beginning September 23:
Youth Bell Choir – Sundays, 5-6 p.m.
Questions? Ideas? Want to join us? Contact Christin Barnhardt at ***barnhardt@popnj.org*** or 609-799-1753.

Bell Ringers Opportunities!!

There are several spots available in the adult and youth bell choirs. If you are willing to ring with us regularly OR substitute occasionally, PLEASE let Christin Barnhardt know you're interested.

Adult Bell Choir - Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Youth Bell Choir - Sundays, 5-6 p.m.

Worship at PoP

	8:30	11:00	Total	Offering
July 22	69	71	140	$9,391
July 29	54	82	136	$7,536
August 5	59	68	127	$5,010
August 12	65	66	131	$5,481

Worship Leadership Orientation!

This call truly is to EVERYONE –
to those who are serving as worship leaders
to those who desire to sign up for worship leadership
to those who wonder what is involved in worship leadership
to those who worship

We will meet on Sundays, **October 14** and **November 11**, around lunch time, to share and offer orientation on all the various worship leadership roles here at Prince of Peace. We will gather for an overview and then have the opportunity to meet in smaller groups that will focus on one particular role. Which roles will be covered? **Greeters, ushers, acolytes, assisting ministers, lectors, communion assistants, altar guild members, fellowship hosts, counters, and folders.**

Why should you attend if you are a 'veteran' worship leader? Your experience is invaluable to those who are new or wondering about worship leadership and you would be surprised at what you will learn. Some responsibilities have changed. The 'veterans' are encouraged to personally invite someone new to come to one of these gatherings!!

Questions? Please contact Joan New or Pastor Lutz.

Opportunities always available to Serve as Worship Leaders

Sign Up today?

Worship leaders serve on Sunday mornings as greeters, ushers, lectors, acolytes, communion assistants, assisting ministers, altar guild, fellowship (coffee hour) hosts and on Fridays, folding bulletins.
A schedule of assignments is prepared every three months. The schedule for Nov - Jan. will be prepared soon. Now is the time to add your name to the PoP list of worship leaders. Prayerfully consider where you are being called to serve. Families and individuals are welcome. See article above for next training opportunity. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the church office or speak to me at your convenience.

Lori Perdigao ***loripjs@comcast.net***

The One and the Only Bridge Everlasting

Disaster reminds us to trust in Jesus

The recent disaster in Minneapolis, when the bridge caved in and caused an irreplaceable loss of precious lives and properties, squeezes our hearts with sorrow and grief. It also reminds us of human limitations and fallibility. On the other hand, we are reminded and encouraged to re-establish our trust and relationship with Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Why should one think of Jesus Christ in the imagery of an eternal bridge, in contrast with the massive architectural feats that stand the test of time in and around the world, against the challenging corrosion and pollution from water, air and land?

We can boldly compare our Master and role model with a divine bridge that connects the Almighty God and the entire creation through his loving sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary! It is Christ who demolished the wall of separation, namely "sin" that divided heaven and earth, God's holy presence and the fallen humanity! It is our savior who bridges the gap between Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, educated and illiterate, strong and weak and one can go on and on and on.

Involved in this Godly business of breaking down the cultural, racial, economic, linguistic and regional barriers and opening our eyes to recognize and enjoy the love of Christ and the liberating power of God's good news, we move on with the ministries of 'Nava Jeevan' (meaning 'New Life' in Sanskrit language) as part of the Central Jersey South Asian Outreach in the Greater Princeton Area. Globally speaking, it may appear like one little drop of water lost in the mighty Atlantic ocean, but locally it is something worth our thoughts and prayers, besides our active participation.

As an evangelist, God's grace has enabled me to cater to the spiritual needs of our South Asian friends who are part of the worshipping communities at Prince of Peace, Christ the King and Abiding Presence. I have visited them during sickness and participated in their happy occasions at their family get-togethers, to say a prayer, share a thought from the word of God, to sing a song with a little music to keep the harmony going.

Apart from actively participating in the worship services every other month at both Prince of Peace and Christ the King churches, I spend a few hours weekly on the church premises, interacting with the Asian friends. The Evangelism and Outreach Team at Christ the King is gaining momentum and planning to launch out their ministries by this fall. The "Great Bible Reef" Vacation Bible School program at PoP is another fantastic channel of God's peace pervading through the very foundations of humanity, indeed!

In addition to the local church centers, we are starting the Asian and multicultural contemporary worship, Bible study and fellowship pot-luck dinner programs on a cluster level, meeting at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hamilton on every second and fourth Saturday beginning in September. Please refer to the 'Nava Jeevan' brochures for further details. All are welcome!

My sincere thanks to the Rev. Paul Lutz, Kathy Nowak and Aravindan Sam Kannaiyan in editing and printing out the Central Jersey South Asian Outreach in the Greater Princeton brochures and posters this summer.

Peace, love and grace,

Rev. Edwin Fernando Arumanayagam. *Pastor for the Lutheran Outreach to South Asians of Greater Princeton*

Is God Calling You to Join PoP?

Interested in Learning More?

Consider yourself cordially invited to attend one of the two ***Newcomer Gatherings*** in October.

Gather with other interested folks on **Sunday, October 7 or October 21** at Noon in the church lounge. You will meet others new to Prince of Peace and hear about our mission and ministry from those who already are part of this great congregation.

Those interested in joining PoP are asked to attend a special ***Discipleship Orientation*** on **Sunday, October 28,** also at Noon. Christian discipleship will be explored and the Rite of Welcoming will be explained.

New Disciples will be welcomed on **All Saints Sunday, November 4**, at both worship services. For more information about church membership, or to make a reservation for the Newcomer Gatherings, contact the church office or talk with Pastor Lutz.

Reasons to Call the Church

Please contact the church office when you:

- are hospitalized
- want to schedule a baptism
- want to talk with the pastor
- need to have a prayer concern or request
- are thinking about getting married

Searching for the Real Jesus

There are no easy answers, but things we can do

It's often difficult for us in our post-modern, suburban, high-tech world to really grasp the simple everyday truth of many of Jesus' stories. How many of us have ever put new wine into old wineskins, searched for a lost sheep, watched a mustard seed grow into a bush, or separated wheat from tares? Who even knows what a tare is? Where's the parable about changing ink cartridges, retrieving a lost password, getting rid of crabgrass or waiting for biopsy results? How can we come to know Jesus intimately through scripture when the reality of his earthly existence was so far removed from ours?

We find ourselves caught between the demands of our secular age, a voice asking "Where's the proof? Where's the evidence?" and the gentle vibration of the Spirit within our hearts calling us to a deeper truth, whispering "Believe. Be still and know that I am God."

Over the last few weeks in various settings at PoP, it seems there have been a lot of discussions revolving around the search for the real Jesus. In our summer forum on "Who Wrote the Bible?," questions were raised around the truth of some Bible stories. Did they happen exactly as recounted? Were they metaphors? Did they happen at all? If not, **who was this Jesus of Nazareth and who are we as his followers?**

A few days later, the Wednesday night book group discussed scripture as history and metaphor. Several members of the group expressed their emphatic belief that the birth narratives are central to Christian faith, a tenet of the Nicene Creed: "Son of God…born of the virgin Mary, crucified under Pontius Pilate."

But what about his life, the things he said and did**? Shouldn't we believe his words and teachings, or is it enough to just believe in him?**

Then, last Sunday, in the forum discussion "Hollywood Jesus," as we reflected together on the sanitized, blue-eyed, white, Anglo-Saxon image of Jesus that the movies have presented, the unspoken question was again raised, "**Is Jesus the One we've believed him to be?** If not, where does that leave us? Who is Jesus, really? What do we really know and how do we know it? **And how am I supposed to pass this faith on to my children, my neighbors, and my friends unless I really know him?"**

If, as Christians, the most important responsibility of our lives is to know Jesus, then these questions are very important. There are no easy answers, but there are a few things we can all do. Pray. Listen to your heart. Stay informed by being part of the discussion in the forums and book groups. Join Akaloo this fall. Read books. Make finding the real Jesus a priority in your life. Your kids and other loved ones will notice.

Mike Fabian, Home and Family Ministry Consultant

New Adult Study: "Blessed Are You"

'Blessed are the poor in spirit?' What does that mean, anyway? Join in an exploration of Matthew's Beatitudes, one of the most well-known - and perhaps one of the most ambiguous - Bible passages.

As we approach "the Matthew year" of our lectionary cycle, diving into this famous chunk of Matthew's Gospel will provide some great background for upcoming readings.

Participants in the six-week study "Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life" will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning September 19. Feel free to peruse sample materials in the Gathering Area.

Julie Lillis
Student Seminarian

Book Group

The Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. We welcome new members at any time. Please call Jane Wiese at 921-1428 if you have questions.

Thursday, September 13
Meet at Bente Ott's; 47 Gordon Way, Princeton; 683-8363.

Chesapeake by James A. Michener

This 400-year saga of the Chesapeake Bay and its Eastern shore follows the colorful and contentious lives of four families which mirror the settling and forming of our country.

Thursday, October 11
'Venue' to be determined

The Memory Keeper's Daughter
by Kim Edwards

When a blizzard precludes an emergency trip to the hospital, Dr. David Henry delivers his own twins. The boy is healthy but Dr. Henry realizes that the girl has Down syndrome. He asks his nurse to take the child to an institution but instead she moves to another town and raises the girl herself.

Sunday School Teacher Training; the basics

Saturday, September 8, 8:30am - 2pm
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, Ewing

Keynote Presenter:
The Rev. Jessicah Duckworth,
Associate Professor of Christian Education,
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

Workshop selection:

1. **TIC – TAC – TOE** is more than a game. Learn how the role of the teacher in class affects learning and classroom atmosphere.

2. **Using Curriculum Websites** - Explore how to use website based resources for creative and efficient lesson planning.

3. **Classroom Discipline: Stop, Look and Listen** - Classroom management using traffic signals, highway courtesy and a travel log for your class.

4. **Why Do We Do Sunday School**? What is the purpose, the goal of Sunday School? How does the aim of Sunday School shape what we do and how we do it?

5. **Interpreting the Bible** - Four different ways to read scripture that will enhance a Bible study and grow your faith.

6. **How do Kids Learn Today?** Different learning styles challenge today's teachers. Learn how to meet the needs of your students in a church setting.

7. **The Terrible Tweens & Terrific Teaching -** How can we be church with 10 – 14 year olds who are plugged in, unhinged and out of control?

Talk to Pastor Lutz today for more information!

POP Movie Get-together

Our next movie date will be ***September 23, at 3 p.m.*** in the lounge. We will show two short movies:

"**American Made**" 30 minutes. An East Indian family, long-time residents of the US, experience a breakdown with their jeep. This is a beautiful story of familial love and loyalty that demonstrates the flexibility needed during this time in history of our religion, faith and beliefs.

"**Ryan's Well**" 30 minutes. This is a story of 6-year-old Ryan, who believes that he is as responsible as anyone for creating a solution to an enormous problem on the earth - the lack of fresh and available drinking water, especially in Africa.

Any questions or comments, please contact:
Ellie Crawford 799-1382 or Gerda Somers 799-0706

Wonderful Wednesdays Orientation

September 12 from 5:30 -6:30 pm

Wonderful Wednesdays - our midweek ministry for children and adults - will begin this year with an Information Meeting and Orientation Session (bring your kids for a Wonderful Wednesdays warm-up activity) on Wednesday, September 12.

5:30 p.m. - Parents and children who will be involved in *Joyful Noise (K-2 grade), Kids of the Kingdom (3-6 grade), Chimes of Peace (3-6 grade),* and *Youth Choir (7-12 grade)*

6 p.m. - Parents and other adults interested in the Wednesday Community Meal

The first Wonderful Wednesday will be September 19. See the enclosed Wonderful Wednesday flier for more information and a registration form.

Wonderful Wednesdays Planning Team

LEARNING

Akaloo Small Groups for Adults

The Adventure Begins in September

All adults are encouraged to be part of one the new adult *Akaloo Two* groups forming this month.

This is an ideal way to get to know others at Prince of Peace, experience Christian care and community, as well as learn a few things about the greatest book ever written – the Bible.

Faith Practices is the theme of the first adult *Akaloo* small group, eight-week session. Chapter topics include: practicing faith, daily reading, meditation, discernment, the Lord's prayer, Bible study and more. Copies of the new adult Akaloo book, ***Faith Practices,*** are available in the Gathering Area or church office.

Sign up this Sunday for the small group that best meets your schedule. Sign-up sheets are posted on the kiosks in the Gathering Area. Groups meet almost every day of the week.

Don't see a time and place you like? Start your own group. Please speak with Pastor Lutz for more information.

WOMEN of the WAY

Remarkable women of Christian history

In this monthly column, we will meet women who have impacted the Christian church in significant ways, exploring their "claims to fame" and asking what we might take from their example. Most of these women come from ancient and medieval history and are famous as heroes, visionaries, martyrs, empresses, scholars, reformers, missionaries and more.

Our first lady in the spotlight is THEKLA (also spelled "Thecla"). According to the second-century written work "The Acts of Paul and Thekla," this close companion of the apostle Paul left home to follow her mentor, rejecting societal demands for the sake of her call to Christian celibacy.

Twice she faced execution, but she was rescued both times by spectacular acts of divine intervention; during the second execution attempt, Thekla baptized herself in a water pit filled with dangerous flesh-eating seals. When her miraculous survival won her freedom, she received a commission from Paul to "Go and teach the word of God," and she spent the rest of her life teaching in the city of Seleucia. Though her initiative as a female teacher and baptizer was often condemned by later Christian writers, Thekla became a favorite saint for many Christians of the ancient world, especially in Egypt.

Mighty God, our helper and guide, beside us in all danger and all trouble, build up our faith in you. Give us strength to follow your call, teaching your word in its many forms, in our many ways. Amen.

To learn more about Thekla, search in libraries or online for "The Acts of Paul and Thekla" (or "Thecla," or just "The Acts of Paul"), or look for a later literary work, "The Life and Miracles of Thekla." An article from the Encyclopedia of Religion can be accessed at http://www.bookrags.com/research/thecla-eorl-13/.

Julie Lillis, Student Seminarian

Mission Trip – Prayers of Thanksgiving and Hope

Eighteen disciples of PoP and APLC returned from Mississippi on July 28… please share in our related prayers for God's past and continued work in the Gulf Coast and those we met and served….

We give thanks for…

….the blessing of service experienced by those who went and the safe return to New Jersey…
….the volunteers from VA, MN, SC, NC, MS, Haiti and the Middle East who stayed with us at Camp Coast Care in Long Beach to help rebuild and teach, and from other parts of the world at other times during the past two years….
….the many Camp Noah volunteers who staffed different camps in Wiggins and New Orleans and those from Minnesota who, with us, brought God's good news of hope, resilience, and caring to the children and families of Pearlington….
….the persistence and dedication of those on our work crew and others who continued to work all week, whether on reconstruction or important but less visible jobs, even in poor conditions, while suffering from injuries and dealing with summer heat…
….the skills and talents of our Camp Coast Care volunteer kitchen coordinator, Sandra, paid volunteer coordinator, Michael, paid crew chiefs, and local ministers who knew how and where to apply our skills and guided the work we did…
….for Jeanne Brooks who is not only the librarian, teacher, parent coordinator, counselor, mentor, grant writer, tutor and ambassador but God's hands and heart in giving the children of Pearlington what they need day to day, putting them even before her own needs….
…for the many individuals from Mississippi, Lousiana, and other states who touched our lives with their faith, stories, prayers and gratitude despite all they've been through…
…for the chance to share in the celebration as four of five houses worked on that week were completed so their owners can now move back into their homes after two years….
…for the Holy Spirit working through Katrina and the LTHRC to bring us together as a team while using our individual talents to help God's children and ourselves…

We pray for God's hand to continue to work on…

…rebuilding or replacing the many houses of the Ninth Ward in New Orleans that have not been touched in two years, that God will help guide the decisions made for the people and community there…
…bringing politicians and decision-makers to the right decision on whether to rebuild or consolidate the now non-existent school for Pearlington to best serve it's children…
….helping Gillian, Jordan and other college graduates like them to find work in their home state, to use their talents and personality to help their communities and give them the resources needed to do so…
….helping Phyllis, Katie, Jonathan, Lance, Jeremy and others working at the summer camp to feel your strength and guidance in their own lives, address their own, their families' and their friends' needs in living through this aftermath with God in their hearts…
….sending more volunteers to the Gulf Coast, Kansas and other disaster-stricken areas to do the work that won't be finished for a decade to come…
….being with each child and adult we met on our trip and reminding them that we care and of the message we brought of hope, resilience, patience, resources, prayer, and community support through You as they continue to live in Your loving care….

In Jesus' name who called us to serve God and God's people in Mississippi….AMEN!

See the Mission Trip display and group scrapbook, attend the forum on August 26 or ask some of the disciples who went to share their experience with you… and pray that God leads you to know what <u>you</u> can do for others as He called us!

Nancy Reyes

SOCIAL OUTREACH

PoP Disciples Summer Mission Team

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

And the build goes on….

August 11 found several PoP disciples down on North Clinton Avenue putting in pre-assembled stairs as well as painting and some roof work! All the windows and outside doors in all five units of Covert Alley have been installed.

The next day worshipers at Prince of Peace had the opportunity to gift messages to the Habitat home recipients as folks wrote messages and blessings on 2x4 pieces of lumber to be used for the interior framing in September! Some of our youngest disciples traced their hands on the lumber, thereby sending their loving hugs to the homeowners. If you were not at PoP that day and would like to gift a message to the homeowners, you are invited to visit the site. You can write on the 2x4's until the drywall goes up!!

We did collect some contributions from folks who signed the lumber. Thank you everyone!! We will also be taking a second offering on September 16. Each participating congregation will be raising money for this project. The contributions will be combined and sent to the Thrivent Builds treasurer – and will take us as a cluster and Thrivent chapter another step closer to completing this home!!

As you are generous with your dollars, please consider being generous with your time on **Saturday, September 22**! This will be another PoP Thrivent Builds/Habitat work day! Work begins at 8:30 a.m. with instructions from construction supervisor, John Roy. You can check on the work for the day by accessing the construction schedule on the Habitat website, ***www.habitatnj.org***

Nancy Herrington had the opportunity to work with the Habitat partner family at the site and relayed how appreciative the partner family is of the help they are getting. Nancy also relayed what a wonderful feeling it was to be on the giving side of that help. Come and experience some of that for yourself!

John Reyes and Joan New

Get ready to Akaloo! ***What does akaloo mean?***

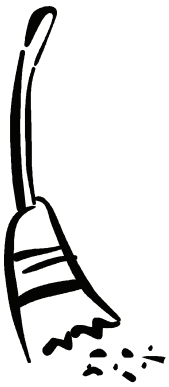
The word **Akaloo** is inspired by the Greek verb "to follow" (*akolouthein*). Are you ready to Akaloo?

We all want to build disciples for life. However, we don't always use a lifelong approach. Sadly, "faith formation" is often limited to Sunday school or confirmation. Akaloo changes all of that—moving beyond Sunday school. Akaloo brings an enduring perspective, offering a program of intentional discipleship that covers the entire lifespan, children through adults.! Discipleship is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor, so Akaloo brings a "stage-specific" approach to faith formation. The program is organized by age group - Children, Youth, and Adults - with each stage focusing on five areas or units of discipleship: Bible, God, Disciple, Church and World. Everyone is united behind a single theme: We are called to follow Jesus.

A deeply personal journey taken as a community.
Since discipleship is a group activity, Akaloo is designed to bring people together to follow Jesus as his body. Each Akaloo unit features intergenerational kick-off events and other opportunities along the way, including Akaloo life groups based in the home.

Learning can take place in and out of church, any day of the week. Church and home are connected. Individual and community are connected. Old and young are connected. Disciples of all ages walk with Jesus together.
We don't have all the answers, but we have some really great questions.

Answers stop a conversation—questions keep it alive. With Akaloo, disciples grow through age-appropriate questions that increase in complexity and repeat across the lifespan: "Who is God's Son?" "How can my family help others?" "What is God calling me to become?" Each Akaloo lesson responds to these questions, offering further questions and continued growth.



Property Work Day

Many Hands
Make Light the Work!

Saturday, September 8
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come and help us prepare our church for **Rally Day on Sept. 9** and the coming church school year!

We will trim trees and clean gutters, wash windows, dust, paint and clean the kitchen.

Come when you can, even if it's for one hour.

A great family service project. Bring your children.

Snacks will be provided. Questions? Contact Kathy Slothower at ***kslothower@comcast.net***

Need To Make Room in Your Closets?

Rescue Mission Truck coming Oct. 7

It's that time of the year - when we need to make room for winter coats and to "clear out" the summer clothes …

The Trenton Rescue Mission's truck will be at Prince of Peace on Sunday, October 7 to accept donations of clothing items, drapes, towels, shoes, etc.

Thanks very much to everyone who donated to the Rescue Mission in June – let's try to surpass that 1,400 pound donation! Receipts will be available.

The Social Outreach Team

Woodworker wanted

The Worship & Music team would like to replace the rough hewn cross that is used in the worship room during Holy Week. This would involve designing and building the base and cross.

If you are interested, please contact Joan New at ***JLNewcrew@aol.com***

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

Item of the Month

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Brings items to the Gathering Area.

Prince of Peace Wish List

Help us Expand our Ministry

Team	Item	Approx. Cost
Worship and Music (Joan New)	Chasubles for the church year	$200 each
Digital (Larry Klein)	Portable tripod screen	$200
	New laptop	$1500
Parish Care (Martha Winder)	Care notes	$200
Property (Joe Gallagher)	Storage shed	$1000

Is there something here that you can provide?
If so, contact the appropriate team leader for details and information.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Abbey Aymes

I am Abbey Aymes, mother of two boys, George, 6 and Henry, 4. I am married to a born-and-bred North Brunswick, New Jersey boy, Gregory Aymes.

I was born in Laramie, Wyoming but moved around a lot as a child throughout Wyoming, Nebraska and Minnesota. I attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute studying Industrial and Management Engineering. I worked as a health care consultant for Ernst & Young and later Cap Gemini. Recently I have opted to be a stay-at-home mom and enjoy my boys. I am also having fun being a den leader for my son's cub scout pack 107.

At Prince of Peace, I enjoy leading small bible study groups, coordinating Altar Guild and serving as lector.

Youth Report – September 2007

Summer activities included both fun and service. In July, several youth prepared lunch for the Thrivent Builds construction crew working in Trenton – which included several of the church youth as participants. A pool party at the Bromberg's followed later that day.

A number of the youth also joined a sizable gathering of Lutherans for an exciting Trenton Thunder baseball game; Trenton dominated until a 9th-inning collapse, and went on to lose in extra innings … but everyone had fun anyway.

And last, but not least, a number of POP youth participated in the mission trip to Mississippi at the end of July.

The Youth Team has started planning activities for this year. See below for events coming up; check the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for details.

September 8 – Work Day at church (calling all Youth for outside and inside jobs!)
September 9 – Rally Day
September 16 – Youth Kick-Off Barbecue (5-8pm)
September 23 – Softball (1-3 p.m.)
September 30 – Bunco (6-8pm)
October 7 – NJ Synod Youth Summit (2:30pm)
October 14 – Crop Walk (2pm ~ Mercer County Pk)

Council Clippings

At the July 17 meeting, the Congregation Council:

- Discussed the concept of spiritual formation in our life as disciples.
- Accepted with regret the resignation of Julie Marencic as Council/Congregation Secretary.
- Heard that the financial situation is stable.
- Reviewed a second draft of a proposed "Undesignated Gifts Policy".
- Agreed that the official call to Christin Barnhardt as Minister of Music would begin in August 2007, and then convert to an annual contract from January through December in January 2008.
- Learned that we will need to initiate a search for a new Church Musician.
- Discussed a six-month contract for Family Ministry Consultant (July – December 2007).
- Reviewed and gave input for an on-line survey being developed by the Digital Team to update the Prince of Peace website.
- Affirmed the need for a new pictorial directory in the near future.
- Learned that the Natural Church Development (NCD) Team is working on a "Shepherding Ministry" for all disciples at Prince of Peace.

Notes of interest:

- Pastor Lutz was re-elected to the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Synod Council at its June meeting and was appointed as the Synod Council liaison to the Synod's Discipling Mission Team.
- The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. All PoP disciples are welcome to attend.

Berta Schott, Congregation President

Prayer Requests

I tell you to pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to God. 1 Timothy 2:1

Please pray for the following people and situations:

…reasons to give thanks
for the birth of Lily Katherine Borcherding to Karen (Kaufman) and Greg Borcherding;
for the new employment opportunity provided to Mary Chevula;
for the adult and youth PoP missionaries working with the ongoing recovery efforts through LSM and Camp Noah in Mississippi;

...for those who grieve
family and friends of Fran Morrison (friend of Marrollis');
family and friends of Zeb Barnhardt (Christin's grandfather);
friends and family of Kathie Crumpton (former PoP disciple);
friends and family of Albert Clee (cousin of Berta and Lisa Schott);
friends and family of Paul Szabocsik (friend of Zuccarello's); friends and family of Carmen Bouchard (Aunt of Shelly Bouchard);
friends and family of Kathy Guertin (friend of Shelly Bouchard);
friends and family of Jim Gunkel

…for those who are ill or hospitalized
John Casimir, and Cathleen Casimir; (friends of Warren and Josephine Moo);
Caren and Samantha Harrison (Peterson);
Judy Besser (friend of Cathy Zuccarello);
Lydia DiGioia (mother of Gerard DiGioia);
Carol Slothower (mother of Dan Slothower);
Joanne Flynn, Linda Chiapetta and Kathleen Roe (friends and colleagues of Nancy Reyes);
Jackie Hall ("fresh air" daughter of Jay and Katy Sexton);
Rachel Ann Leffler (premature daughter of Christine and Steve Leffler);
Robert Comba (father of Jen DiGioia);
Jinggui Jiang (mother-in-law of Louisa Gu);
Michael Wesja (cousin of Bob Peterson);
Dora and Hilda (friends of Ginny Moore);
Paul Sing (friend of Waren and Josephine Moo);
Jackie Glass (Scott Glass' mother);
Bob Bark (friend of the congregation)

...others for whom we should pray
Selma Cooper (co-worker of Ellie Crawford);
JoAnne Gjenvick;
Kathleen Tyau (friend of Caroline Grotz);
The Atkinson Family (Friends of Berta and Lisa Schott);
Helen (friend of Sharon Ceragioli);
Ryan Farmer;
George Aldridge;
Peggy Romans, Mike Gonzalez, Candace and Gianna (colleagues of Megan Peterson);
Al and Karin Foltz (Lori Fabian);
The Wells and Fuerst families (Lori Fabian);
Ginger Reierson;
Jeanne (friend of Shelly Bouchard);
Kristen Mezzapelle (granddaughter of Al and Eileen Parker);
Evelyn Conk (mother of Mike Conk);
Molly Kuttesch (niece of Martha Winder);
Gonzalez (colleague of Megan Peterson);
Elizabeth Aldridge King (daughter of Carolyn and George);
Janet Brown (friend of the Lutz family);
Jack Ruden (friend of Jay and Katy Sexton);
Cathy Gibbons (friend of Jay and Katy Sexton);
Ben Stafford (friend of Jay and Katy Sexton);
Bruce Nelson (John and Sally Gibbons);
Joyce Foltz (mother of Lori Fabian);
Madeline Yunque (Mark's mother);
Frank Schneider (Kerri Levine's friend's father);
Rosann Jorgensen;
Danielle (friend of Scott Hawkinson);
Erica (Kate Kraus);
Helen Donaldson (mother of Barb Wethe);
Laury Conlon (Wendy Schutzer's cousin);
Charlotte Ott (Bente Ott's mother-in-law)

those who serve in the Armed Forces, their loved ones and friends;
all the unemployed and underemployed;
all who struggle with addictions and all who seek to help them

Happy September!!

Prince of Peace Family

Circle of Life

Birthdays

1	Matthew Cudmore	16	Brett Gallagher	25	Raymond Caruso
5	John Kuhn	17	Taylor Glass	26	Caroline Bromberg
5	Corinne Smith	17	Nancy Herrington	27	Max Peterson
5	Shannon Smith	17	Stephanie Kuhn	27	Christopher Zupancic
6	Michael New	18	Michelle Conk	27	Donna Zupancic
7	Christopher Webb	18	Lili Kihn	28	Larry Haddock
8	Jeanette Smith	18	Thatcher Wilhelm	28	Andrew Semsel
14	Abbey Aymes	21	Ginny Moore	30	Evan Cibelli
14	Wendy Schutzer	21	Elizabeth Safranek	30	Kevin Haddock
15	Shari Rexroad	24	Mariane Herte		
16	Andrew Carlson	24	Vladimir Matadin		

Baptismal Birthdays

3	Julia Luczak
5	Emily Glass
5	Alexa Walsh
7	Kristen Seghers
7	Catherine Hughes
10	Cara Skillman
11	Samantha Bell
16	Cathe Moritz
17	Madison Marburger
24	Jeanette Cibelli
28	Madison Hughes
28	Michelle Hughes
28	Ashley Moritz
29	Allison Cudmore
29	Sarah Cudmore
29	Emily Grossi
30	Andrew Carlson
30	Benjamin Jorgensen

Anniversaries

6	Diane & Tim Urbanek
7	Abbey & Gregory Aymes
9	John & Linda Fields
14	Robin Bruchok & Michael Resnick
17	Carolyn & George Aldridge
18	Bob & Joy Marshall
20	Martha & Steve Bell
26	Ruth & Ray Valpreda
26	Bruche & Cathe Moritz
27	Dave & Nancy Herrington

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Christopher Herte II, who passed his FAA private pilot test and now has his private pilot license! The son of Chris and Diane Herte, Chris is a freshman at Florida Tech in Melbourne, FL.

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