



Mission: *Worship God, grow in Christ, and share the Gifts God has given us with the World.*

Our Transition Prayer:

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church before we ask: look graciously upon us and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Vicar for Prince of Peace. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your will for us. Guide the members of our church, as we labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Update on Vicar Search

On May 18 members from three Episcopal congregations met at Prince of Peace for an initial discussion on the opportunities we have as we each face a transition in clergy staffing. St. Edwards Silverton, St. Thomas Dallas and Prince of Peace were represented.

Rev. Chris Craun+ emphasized that these discussions are about our choices. The diocese wants us to decide how we go forward. We spent the time getting to know what the other congregations do and value. Our next meeting will be June 12

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with worship at St. Thomas, Dallas and meeting following lunch.

Chris+ stressed that the diocese is not interested in imposing their ideas on us, we have choices.

From the Bookshelf:

Suggested by Rev. Chris Craun+
Missioner for Thriving Congregations,
Diocese of Oregon

Part-time is Plenty; Thriving without full-time clergy. G. Jeffrey MacDonald

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group will take a hiatus for the summer. They have switched to Wednesday at noon via zoom to accommodate schedules. For more information Steve Buresch has agreed to be the contact.

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Responding to Gun Violence

Thank you, Rachel, for forwarding your thoughts following the Peace Lutheran Ascension Service and forwarding information about the Lift Every Voice Oregon.

There will be petitions available to sign at church on Sunday and information regarding ways to help if you wish to become involved.

I have copied the resources which were shared by the Diocese on the Thursday bulletin this last week. (I'm not sure if the links will work but the names of the resources would allow you to google.)

Resources from around the church:

- **Bishops United Against Gun Violence's [website](#)** has several resources for congregations and individuals, including a **[Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting](#)**.
- The **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's** statement on gun violence following the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, **[available online](#)**.
- **Lift Every Voice Oregon** is collecting signatures for Initiative Petition 17, which will focus on reducing gun violence by making gun owners safer and ammunition less lethal. You can read the petition **[here](#)**, and you can sign the petition at home and/or help to gather other signatures **[here](#)**.
- The Episcopal Church's **[Resources to Respond to Gun Violence](#)** organized by the **Office of Government Relations**.
- with worship at St. Thomas, Dallas

Pentecost at Prince of Peace

We will be having coffee hour in the Lutheran building after Pentecost. They are having their 65th anniversary in the parish hall.

We will also be welcoming the Rev. Karen Tiegs as guest preacher and celebrant as Father Steve and Robin are ill.

The Rev. Karen Tiegs is a trilingual supply priest and trained interim in the Diocese of Oregon. She resides in Hillsboro with her husband, their four young children, four cats, and one huge dog. These days, she relishes opportunities to drink a whole cup of coffee while it's hot.



News: Thursday Book Group

We will start back the first Thurs In Sept. The next read together will be JOY, by The Dali Lama & Desmond Tutu.
Sue Rembert

June is Pride Month.



Resources I Find Helpful

Each Thursday the Diocese puts out an email with the weekly digest. I often find it helpful, informative, and thoughtful. If you don't subscribe to it, you can go to the diocese website and sign up.

They don't overburden with additional emails except for really important news about the people of the diocese.

This week I found a portion of Bishop Diana's column particularly good and comforting.

"The cyclical pattern of the Christian life does not lend itself to linear ways of thinking about learning and changing. When we commit ourselves to mature in our faith, we are entering into an ongoing relationship with God, understood in Jesus Christ. This relationship has no end. Even in death, we cannot claim any kind of *graduation* because our journey extends into life beyond this one. There is something very reassuring about knowing that we

will never become too smart or mature for God. And God never tires of us in our ignorance, hubris, or petty ways. Deserving or not, God's grace and love showers upon us in unending abundance."

Peace Lutheran Invitation

More details will be coming but we have an invitation to partake in Root Beer Floats with Peace Lutheran on Father's Day after their service and before ours I believe. Follow up details.

News of the Congregation

Jan Devito had knee surgery this week. Keep her in your prayers as she heals.

Continue to keep Katrine in your thoughts and prayers. I was pleased to see she joined us on zoom on Sunday.

Do You Have News?

Please share with us by emailing swardenpopor@gmail.com and it can go out in a newsletter or the announcements.

FINAL NOTE ON PENTECOST

It's our tradition to wear the colors of flames for the Sunday of Pentecost.

Red, orange or yellows! Let's be a colorful lot to welcome Rev. Tiegs.