

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2021

# *PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH NEWSLETTER*

Gods People Care



Greetings!

I am so excited to tell you that we are moving forward with in person worship. Starting May 2nd we will gather at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 10:15 am for worship. While we will be in person there still be some changes as we gather together.

1. We will have communion from our pews.
2. We will stay socially distant while inside the church.
3. Masks are required at all times.
4. During the hymns we will ask people to remain seated.

I know it would be great to go back to the way things were pre-covid. It is not possible at this time. I am thankful for the space that we have and the ability to use it to gather together.

As time moves forward, as more and more people are vaccinated and as we reach herd immunity restrictions will loosen and we will continue to evaluate what we can and can't do when it comes to worship.

For those who are not comfortable to attend in person we will be live streaming our worship service on Facebook.

If you have any questions please let me know!

Be Blessed

Pastor Joe McGarry

**Office Hours**  
Wednesdays at 1:00

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**1103 Chamberlain Highway**  
**Kensington, CT 06037**  
**popkensington.org**  
**860-828-5079**

**Pastor Joe McGarry**

Pastor Joe will be available by appointment  
Please contact the office or email him at  
pastor@popkensington.org to schedule an  
appointment. In case of an emergency he  
can be reached at 860-333-8761

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN**

- You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event, so it can be placed on the church calendar.
- A baby is expected in your family.
- You want to arrange for a Baptism or Wedding.
- A family member has passed away.
- Your telephone number or address has changed or if you are planning to move, locally or out of town.
- You or a family member is sick or in the hospital.
- You feel the Church can help you in any way.



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[popkensington.org](http://popkensington.org)

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May - Canned Meat or Fish (tuna)  
June - Juice boxes, cheese crackers  
July - Pasta

**Church Staff**

**Pastor**  
Joe McGarry

**Director of Music**  
Jeffery Cregeur

**Office Manager**  
Katie McGarry

**Church Sexton**  
Elaine Wild

# Virtual Bible Study

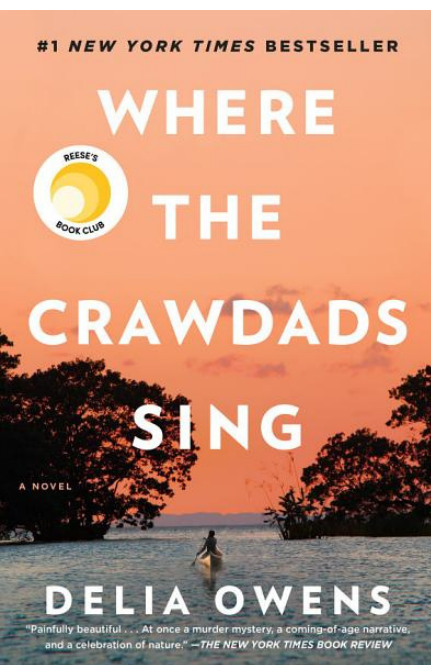


We will continue our virtual Bible Study on Monday nights at 6:00 pm

We are looking at the "I am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.

To join go to

<http://www.popkeinsington.org/biblestudy>



## Book Club

The Central Crossroads conference has started a Book Club. Each month we will read a book and gather together to talk about the book. Folks will be meeting May 17th at 6:30 PM on the lawn between the parsonage and the church and will be discussing "*Where the Crawdads Sing*" by Delia Owens.

We look forward to having anyone from Prince of Peace who would like to join to discuss this fabulous book and meet some new friends. Anyone who wants to join bring your own chairs.

For details contact Joan Cockcroft at [joancockcroft7@gmail.com](mailto:joancockcroft7@gmail.com) or call the office at Zion Lutheran Church, 531 Woodruff St, Southington, Phone: (860) 628-5759

## Jesus is Sweet



We have had a great Virtual Sunday School this year. The last section of Virtual Sunday School is called "Jesus is Sweet" and talks about the Bible through the lens of Ice Cream.

We have decided to host an ice cream social at 12 noon on June 6th.

We are so excited for this! ALL members and friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church are invited to attend.

## May Church Meetings and Activities

May 2nd  
Worship

May 3rd  
Bible Study

May 9th  
Worship

May 10th  
Bible Study

May 16th  
Worship

Board Meeting

May 17th  
Book Club  
(No Bible Study)

May 20th  
Endowment Committee

May 23rd  
Worship

May 24th  
Bible Study

May 30th  
Worship

May 31st  
No Bible Study

June 6th  
Worship

Ice Cream Social



## *Church Meetings*

May 16th  
Board Meeting

June 13th  
Board Meeting

June 20th  
Congregational Meeting

## Upcoming Church Meetings

Our next two board meetings are May 16th  
and June 13th

Our next Congregational Meeting is June 20th

Thank you to Everyone who has participated in these zoom meetings. If you are interested we have one more coming up on May 5th. Here are the Questions:

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1. Returning to in person church activities. What have we learned this past year about being the church? What are we looking forward too as we return to in person worship and ministry activities? What are we thankful that we don't have to experience anymore?
2. What does the long term future of Prince of Peace look like? We are half way through Pastor Joe's 5 year term call. What do we hope to experience over the next 2 and a half years? What does Prince of Peace look like in 2 and a half years?

Most importantly what is the "WHY" for Prince of Peace?

Please join one of the many zoom sessions planned to start these conversations.

May 5th - 11:00 am

If you cannot make any of the zoom meetings but would like to participate please contact Pastor Joe or a council member and they will schedule a time to talk with you individually.

### UPCOMING ZOOM SESSIONS

**APRIL 18TH  
AT 11:30 AM**

**APRIL 29TH  
AT 7:00 PM**

**MAY 5TH  
AT 11:00 AM**

<http://www.popkensington.org/zoom>

