Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
209 Eastern Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330
Telephone 623-9486

“Love That Never Ends”
Week of August 3-7 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for ages 5 –14

Contact the Church Office at 623-9486 to register.

A $25. refundable deposit is required.

Questions can also be directed to Myrna Duplessie @ 923-3128.

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I recently talked with someone in another ministry setting who described her job as that of a juggler. That’s a good description of ministry in almost any setting, including ours! So, I thought this month I’d use this space to describe some of the things we’re juggling now in our ministry together.

**Stewardship** - A team has come together to organize a stewardship program. We often fall into the trap of giving to support a budget. This fall we’ll be reminded that we don’t give to a budget, but instead we give to God and the practice of giving is as vital to our spirituality as prayer and worship. This program will culminate in a celebration Sunday where everyone will be asked to make a financial commitment and the results will be announced at a catered lunch!

**Council/Vestry/Leaders** - A retreat for late summer is in the works for the leadership of our congregation. We’ll gather off site with a facilitator to get to know one another more deeply, talk about our hopes and dreams, and explore new ways to work efficiently and joyfully together!

**Mustard Seeds** - The first year of this wonderful program will conclude on June 7th with a worship service at 4 p.m. Everyone from the K-6 will gather (you too!) for a worship where our kids will provide much of the leadership and then for a cookout. It has been an exciting year and plans are already in the works for the fall. I hope you will come and join in at Mustard Seeds!

**K-6** - This is the group of 6 area Episcopal and Lutheran congregations. This group has met for two years with the purpose of moving us all to a place of stability, so our focus could shift from survival, back to ministry, outreach and evangelism again. This group is where Mustard Seeds and our experiment began. At our last meeting, the representatives from St. Matthew’s and St. Barnabas wondered out loud if they might have gifts which would serve God better joined in ministry with ours. I don’t think anyone there saw that coming! The possibility, I think everyone understood, would be exciting, terrifying, wonderful and brain scrambling all at the same time. I also believe everyone saw that moment as a Holy Spirit stirring moment as well.

**Together Team** - At a recent meeting with Tim Roser, the assistant to the Lutheran Bishop and Michael Ambler, the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Maine, questions were raised about our future together. Should we begin a call process? What’s next for us? How should we move forward? It seemed clear after that meeting that we’re not ready for a call process, but we are ready for a talk and think about our future together more formally. A team of four from each church will be selected by the council and vestry to do just that. We’ll prayerfully discern who might be best for that team, attempting to build a diverse, prayerful and hopeful group, sensitive to the work the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst.

**Project Planning** - We’ve been working to remember what ministry projects we’ve done in the past and trying to discern what of those we’ll do again and which ones will need to be left for another time. It looks like we have quite a busy year ahead! Not everything we did before will be done this year, but that is to be expected. Our world, after all, is different and so it is natural that God’s call for us will be different as well. There are many other projects, ministries and efforts that are being juggled right now from VBS to adult studies, to regular worship, to helping in our community, to welcoming new families and the list goes on and on! Thank you all for your prayerful, hopeful, faithful help in our holy work of juggling in this place together.

Rev. Erik Karas
CONGRATULATIONS
PASTOR RONALD BAGNALL

CELEBRATED
50 YEARS OF
MINISTRY
MAY 24TH, 2015

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who joined our family on Pentecost Sunday in celebrating my 50th anniversary of ordination.

I appreciated the many cards and gifts as well as the spoken good wishes from the members of Prince of Peace and St. Mark's churches.

-- Ronald Bagnall
Kara Brown Bilodeau - Recently graduated from Thomas College in Waterville with a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

Mason & Casey Clement - Twin grandsons of Nancy Bell. Both boys will be graduating from Monmouth Academy on June 7th. Mason will attend Southern Maine Tech and study Heating, Air Conditioning and Plumbing, and Casey will be going to Wentworth College to study Architecture.

Catherine Dickens - Niece of Sue & Gordon Smith. Graduated from Cornell in NY with a BS in Life Sciences.

Stephanie Gallagher - Granddaughter of Don & Virginia Gallager. Her parents are David & Melinda Gallager. Stephanie graduated from USM with a degree in Elementary Education. Stephanie was a honor student for 4 years and captain of the basketball team. She has a job lined up in Portland.

Angela Harvey has graduated from Thomas College, Summa cum Laude!

Paul Joslyn - Son of Brad & Heidi Joslyn. Graduated from UMA on May 9th with an Associates of Science Degree in Justice Studies.

Brian Stresser - Grandson of Lil Stresser. Graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS Degree in Pathobiology.

Jonathan Eli Waterman - Son of Jim & Dot Waterman. Graduated from the Freedom Academy Home School. He will be working in small motor repairs, lawn mowing, and seeking opportunities to serve God.
CHOIR SEASON HAS COME TO AN END!

Thanks to all of the individuals who graciously volunteered their time and musical talents to enhance our worship. If you see one of our choir members, give them a hug of thanks!

**Choir members are:** Linda Ames, Betty Balderston, Lloyd Balderston, Myrna Duplessie, Nancy Finnegan, Cindy Gyorgy, Arnie Hills, Jim Melcher, Beth Pfeffer, Paul Rhoda, Don Sproul, Lil Stresser, and Jean Wright (sign language).

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**Special Music Sign-Up Sheet** for summer worship is posted in the Narthex. We welcome singers, small groups, piano, drums, strings and joyful noise makers during the offertory!

Please sign up!

Thank you! Alice VanDerwerken, Choir Director

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The USDA Food Bank, through Spectrums Generations, distributes surplus food to qualified individuals on the second Monday of each month. There are currently eight people at the Margaret Chase Smith House on 7 Ridge Road in Augusta who qualify to receive this food but have no transportation, so Tina and I have been taking the food to them. The number of people has fluctuated between 7 and 12 during the four years we have been delivering.

Tina and I pick up the food bundles (two paper grocery bags of food, a 2 1/2 lb. box of cheese, 2-4 loaves of bread per person) at 12:00 noon at the Maine Department of Agriculture Building on 333 Cony Road in Augusta and deliver it to the Margaret Chase Smith House. This is a distance of 4.5 miles and takes 12 minutes according to Google. It takes about 1 hour to pick up and deliver the food.

We are looking for someone to be a backup for us if we are not available. If you are interested please talk with Tina or me.

Thanks, Tom Barden
We have a great variety of birds in our yard. The nuthatches and chickadees are winter residents, along with downy and hairy woodpeckers. We are thrilled to watch the bald eagles swoop down to retrieve any fish left on the ice by fishermen.

We have a tree in our front yard which we call the “nest tree” because it serves as a home, at different times, for nesting wood ducks (yup-ducks do land in trees!); pileated woodpeckers (even the young are larger than the downy variety); as well as squirrels. The nest opening is about thirty feet above the ground. As soon as the mother wood duck decides that her fledglings are ready, she shoos them out of the nest and they drop straight to the ground! They shake off the impact and wait for her to lead them down to the lake. Sometimes, we are fortunate enough to see the duck parade!

The end of winter is heralded by the arrival of my favorite bird-the loon. Just as soon as the ice is out, I wait to hear their distinctive voice, and like Katherine Hepburn in “On Golden Pond”, I call out “welcome back” to them. Loons are an indicator of the health of a lake so when we kayak, we carefully check the “secret” nesting places and hope for little ones to appear riding on the back of a parent.

On warm summer nights, I often hear the hoot of the barred owl, as he hunts for food. During the day, the osprey will squawk if boaters come too close to their island.

When I think about our backyard birds, I am reminded that birds represent many important elements of our faith. Today we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost when the symbol of the Holy Spirit was the descending dove. A dove brought the olive leaf to tell Noah that the flood was over. The dove has become the symbol of peace. This makes me appreciate the birds even more.

Upcoming events: St. Mark’s Vestry meeting on June 14th after service.

*Tina Barden, Senior Warden*

*St Mark’s Episcopal Church*

685-5523
Gardens for the hungry and for your home – Dear Friends, Just about two months ago, we were delighted to learn that we had won a $300.00 grant for our Council of churches, to start a garden for the benefit of the St. Mark's feeding efforts. Deacon Rebecca Grant found a wonderful picture to include in my application, and Fr. David Matson signed the paperwork. There were many applications, so we were complimented.

We also received $50. worth of seeds, some of which have been planted, but only some. The idea of this grant is to encourage families to grow their own food. I am now renting on a farm in Manchester, off of Rt. 17, and have volunteered to help ANYone who would like to start a garden. Are you one of those people? I will drive to get you if you want to work here in the big garden. Or I will visit you at your home or apartment - with seeds and soil - to help you get started.

Please contact me at 485-7229, or at caldwell.allthebest@gmail.com if you are at all interested in gardening for yourself or others. Love from Debbie Caldwell
BREACKFAST FUNDRAISER

You're invited to breakfast! We will be providing a full breakfast beginning at 7:45 on Sunday June 14th. Eggs, sausage, home fries, french toast, fruit, juice and assorted baked goods will be available. This is a fundraiser to cover the cost of Vacation Bible School scheduled here the first week in August. Please plan to join us for food and fellowship BEFORE the service. We'll cook, we'll clean up, you come and enjoy. Hope to see you here!

Mustard Seeds is going to have a rummage sale on August 8. In addition to the rummage items, there will also tables for vendors @ $20 each. It's still in the planning stages, obviously, but possibly also a car or dog wash, lemonade stand, and whatever other creative ideas we can generate.

Wanted: An umbrella stand to hold the candle lighter/extinguisher in the Sanctuary of the Church. If you have one that you would like to donate please contact me. Thanks.

Tom Barden

Clothing Ministry
Addie’s Attic Clothing Bank
St. Mark’s Outreach Services
Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30 - 2:00 PM
1st & 3rd Saturdays 1-3 PM
EVERYDAY BASIC ESSENTIALS
1st & 3rd Saturdays each month 1– 4 PM
Public Supper @ St. Mark’s on June 6th

The K6 monthly Public Supper at St. Mark’s Hall in Augusta is this coming Saturday, June 6. Last month the supper committee had no desserts to offer the diners. Sue Carey is coordinating an effort to provide desserts for this weekend’s meal. Donations of cookies, brownies or various bars would be much appreciated.

Your baked goods can be dropped off at St. Mark’s Hall on Saturday any time after 1:30 p.m. or the St. Matthew’s parish office on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can also call Sue at 207-441-7358 to schedule a pickup. Dan Stevens is currently the coordinator of the suppers. He can be reached at 622-6631. Get in touch with him and let him know if you can help in one of the following areas: 1:00 p.m. to set the tables and prepare for the evening meal; table servers at 5:00 p.m. or clean-up crew at 6:15 p.m.

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FREE Helpers Training

Learning to Help Others Quit Tobacco

Friday, June 19th from 6-8 PM
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
209 Eastern Ave, Augusta ME

This course will help you develop skills and knowledge needed to reach out and help tobacco users in their efforts to quit.

By the end of the training you will have the knowledge and skills to:

- Be aware of opportunities to talk about tobacco use
- Have practical ways for starting conversations about quitting tobacco
- Understand what motivates someone to consider quitting tobacco and identify their readiness to take action
- Help people who have an interest in quitting by offering referrals, information about successful strategies for quitting and self-help resources
- Follow up in a way that is respectful and helpful
- Establish a trusting, helping relationship with the person you want to support in quitting tobacco

For more information or to register contact:
Holly Kiidli, Project Assistant
hkiidli@mcd.org or 588-5027
Healthy Communities of the Capital Area
### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Please let the Church Office know if you would like your Birthday and/or Anniversary posted in the Peace Chimes. Call 623-9486,
Worship with us!
Sundays @ 9:00 AM

PRINCE OF PEACE COUNCIL
President - Don Sproul 622-5785
Vice President - Bobbi-Jo Burdin 582-3070
Secretary - Ave Cheprevich 933-4001
Financial Secretary - Darryl Praul 968-2023
Congregational Life - LouAnne Story 549-7377
Learning - Beth Pfeffer 514-4289
Property - Becky Pearce 242-9340
Service - Bev Savage 446-1238
Witness - Tom Benn 557-5513
Worship - Heidi Joslyn 623-2284
Trustees: Don Sproul-Chair, Tom Benn, Bobbi-Jo Burdin, Ave Chuprevich, Beth Pfeffer
Nominating Committee: Bobbi-Jo Burdin, Liz Burgess, Ave Chuprevich, Myrna Duplessie, Paul Rhoda
Endowment Fund Committee: Bill Burgess, Darryl Praul, Paul Rhoda, Bud Walters, David Wheelock.

ST. MARK’S VESTRY
Senior Warden - Tina Barden 685-5523
Junior Warden - Connie McDonald 621-7100
Treasurer - Lynn Allerdging 445-2478
Clerk of the Vestry - Nancy Finnegan 629-0230
Vestry Members:
Steven Graham - 441-5366, Gary Mann - 441-5334, Liz Praul - 441-1317, Sue Smith, Dan Stevens - 622-6631

DEACONS
Lloyd Balderston 377-4293
Tom Benn 549-7186
Myrna Duplessie 923-3128
The Reverend Rebecca Grant 441-7155
Nancy Merrill, Head Deacon 737-8105
Paul Rhoda 845-2437
Duane Scott (on sabbatical)

CHURCH STAFF
Pastor - Erik Karas 970-590-3540
Parish Secretary - Patti Gardiner 623-9486
Organist - Alice VanDerwerken 397-4214
Choir Director - Alice VanDerwerken
Sexton - Al Cook 623-4654

Outreach Ministry

REACHING OUT MINISTRIES
Mustard Seeds Program
Kerry Mansir - 624-1841/ Don Sproul - 622-5785
Women’s Prayer Breakfast - Nancy Merrill 737-8105
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 Carlene Kaler 622-6863
Dorcas Circle - Jutta Hartung 623-2040
Bread of Life Ministries - Office-Lori 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
Addie’s Attic 623-9486
Everyday Basic Essentials - Nancy Finnegan 632-9486
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