

Prince of Peace LEAD Journey Report

On Saturday, November 9, 2024, your [LEAD Journey](#) Team (Elaine Bennett, Winnie McDermott, Pat Werner, Karen Schmidt, Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, and Ann Davison) held our second workshop alongside Bone Lake Lutheran in Luck, WI. This was the second of four sessions in our first year of the Lead Journey in which we are “tuning in” through deep listening to where God is calling us individually and as a faith community.

In preparation, we watched a moving video by [Olympic Gold Medalist Scott Hamilton](#) describing his own faith journey through many life trials. You are encouraged to view the video and consider where God has been alongside you in times of trial.

In our workshop, we reflected on how God is speaking to us through Scripture and prayer. Personal and collective reflection are critical to discovering where God is calling us individually and as a faith community. The pace of our culture drives us to multi-task in almost everything we do. Our distractions, including checking out social media or doing many things at once, crowd out the space we need to think deeply. This pilgrimage of listening is a sacred journey that is most effective when we learn to reflect individually and together.

In our workshop, we discussed how when we are challenged to pursue change, we inevitably experience some grief – individually and as a congregation. Naming the grief can help us share our fears as we respond to God’s call. The LEAD facilitator described the three windows we may find ourselves looking through in times of change:

- Window of our Cherished PAST
- Window of our Scarcity of RESOURCES
- Window of our Unknown FUTURE

There are gifts and challenges with each of these views. Our resistance to leading through change is deep within us. We pray that God will be with us through times of change and guide us in His will.

Our LEAD team also discussed values that we see in Scripture, among our team, in our church, and that we hope for the future. Finally, we began brainstorming an idea to help all of us at Prince of Peace celebrate our individual and shared faith traditions. Hint – it involves hymns! Stay tuned for more soon!

If you would like to know more about our work with LEAD, please ask any of our team members to learn more!