

2023 Pastor's Report
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Basye, VA

The following report is provided by Pastor Sherrie Hofmann to provide the Council and Congregation with an overview of pastoral activities for 2022 and areas of suggested focus for 2023.

2022 Pastoral Activity Highlights

Weekly Worship services 47; **Special Worship services** 14 (Christmas Eve; Epiphany; Ash Wednesday; Lenten Services; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; Blessing of the Animals; Veterans Service; Longest Night.)

Bible Studies 14; Forward in Faith 4; Pastors Pericope Group and Bi-monthly Book Study

Pastoral Care: More than 74 in-person, hospital and nursing home/rehabilitation visits with Holy Communion.

Special Services: 7 funerals, 10 new members, and 3 baptisms.

Church Committee meetings (Monthly/Bi-Monthly): Council, Worship and Music, Mutual Ministry, Stewardship, WELCA, Social Ministry, Finance Meetings, and Council retreat

Synod events attended: Power in the Spirit, Synod Assembly, WELCA Conference, Virginia Lutheran Women's Retreat, Virginia Synod Gathering of the Ministerium, Central Valley Conference Meetings, and Synod Regional Meetings

Continuing education activities: ELCA Clergy Class, Renewal training, Lombard Mennonite, and Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations.

Clergy Roundtable with Margaret Marcuson: Discuss Leadership styles and how to improve my leadership. ZOOM 2.5 Hrs. per month

Vacation Days: 22 days used (including 5 Sundays, 2 due to dental issues) and 6 days remaining from 2022.

Basye/Bryce Community Engagement: Visits with congregational members/WELCA to Belle Grove and Corhaven; Meet monthly with the Stitching Group; Joined the Bryce Knitting Group; Staffed Prince of Peace table at the Bryce Resort November Craft Day to sell Apple Butter and distribute knitted prayer squares.

2023 Pastoral Plans and Recommendations

1. Encourage people to call, text or email the Pastor directly about pastoral concern/care issues so we can coordinate and provide comprehensive support as a church family appropriately.
2. Continue emphasizing strong communications with and among the congregation in service to creating a healthy congregational environment.
3. Discourage decisions made by one or two individuals without involving the Pastor and Council President
4. Encourage more regular church attendance in-person and/or by YouTube
5. Encourage congregation participation in Bible Studies, Forward in Faith, and a Healthy Congregation program.
6. Encourage Congregation to support critical social justice issues such as human trafficking, hunger, and racial injustice.
7. Encourage Council and Congregation to support and take part in Vision, Mission and Goal Setting for Prince of Peace
8. PRAY for the peace and health of Prince of Peace Lutheran and all participants.

Prince of Peace Ministry items that need to be upgraded or replaced.

1. Clavinova (details to be discussed with Council)
2. Fair Linen
3. Candle Lighters – long and short
4. Video Camera for Fellowship Hall TV
5. Laptop for Stidley Hall to broadcast Zoom for fellowship and meetings.
6. Green Frontal and Paraments (Family Request to use Memorial funds)
7. Copier in the office that will copy front and back 8 ½ x 14 and 8 ½ X11 paper, duplex, front and back etc. black and white and color
8. One Drive for the Church Directory and secure portal items
9. Stidley Hall piano to be removed (donated or otherwise)
10. Purchases in addition to Augsburg, One License, CLLI and Video and Live Streaming License.