



PHINNEY RIDGE
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Our Mission Statement: *Led by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church is to provide a place to worship God, to reach out to the community, and to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.*



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Contact information is always changing. If you find that an e-mail address or phone number is out of date, you can always get the latest information by calling the church office at 206-783-2350 or e-mailing office@prlc.org.

Worship

Acolytes

All third graders and above are invited to serve God and the congregation by being acolytes at our Sunday morning services. At the beginning of the school year in September, someone will contact you about the training session. It happens during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary on the 3rd Sunday of September. The announcement will also appear in the bulletin.

Acolytes, working in pairs, are responsible for 5 things during the service. You will light the candles during the organ prelude. You will collect the offering plates from the ushers as well as the empty communion glasses during the Eucharist. You will be asked to hold the liturgy notebook for the assisting minister so that s/he can read the prayers of the people. The last responsibility is extinguishing the candles. These are very important duties and add richness to the worship experience at PRLC.

Every month, an assignment schedule will be sent telling you and many others what their responsibility will be on a particular Sunday during the month.

Contact: Tina Georgeson 206-784-1336 georgest@cwu.edu

Choirs

- Angel

Angel Choir is for children 4 and 5 years old. We rehearse weekly from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Our rehearsals focus on good singing posture, basic music education, exploration of musical instruments and active listening. We learn to sing simple songs and participate in worship service two times per year. Since many of these children come directly from childcare, our rehearsals close with a light snack and sharing time.

Contact: Pastor Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

- Cherub

The Cherub Choir is for children in grades K-2. We rehearse weekly from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and prepare to lead worship once a month. Our rehearsals focus on exploring our voices, matching pitch, moving to music, playing rhythm instruments and understanding our congregation's worship. We learn to sing hymns, responses and anthems that reflect the theme of the scripture lessons. Our rehearsals close with a thoughtful prayer time.

Contact: Donna Hoffman 206-363-2484 donnashoffman@aol.com

- Choristers

The Choristers choir is for children in grades 3-6. We rehearse weekly from 6:20-7:05 p.m. and prepare to lead worship once a month. Our rehearsals focus on healthy vocal production, reading and interpreting music, and understanding our faith through music. We sing hymns, descants, Psalms and anthems that connect to the weekly Bible readings. Our rehearsals close with playing handbells, praying by candlelight, or singing in the sanctuary.

Contact: Donna Hoffman 206-363-2484 donnashoffman@aol.com

- Youth Choir

Youth in grades seven through twelve are invited to join the Youth Choir. Alumni often add their voices at festival services and other times throughout the year.

The choir rehearses from 5-6:00 p.m. most Wednesdays of the school year. These rehearsals focus on bringing great texts and music off the page and into our very lives through ever-developing voices, open hearts and active minds. In so doing we grow in our understanding of music, ourselves, and our faith, enabling us to offer these gifts at worship. The choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. service about once each month September through May, on Christmas Eve and during Holy Week.

Youth Choir members are encouraged to explore and expand their creative gifts. This includes everything from discovering one's singing voice and expanding range to singing solos and in ensembles, playing instruments and writing original music. Many members of the PRLC Youth Choir have attended the Lutheran Summer Music Academy.

Time is often spent at the end of rehearsals sharing each other's joys and sorrows. The community also strengthens bonds with one another for social or service activities several times a year.

Contact: Valerie Shields 206-715-3033 VShi300776@aol.com

- Gospel Choir

Focusing on Black Gospel Music, Spirituals, and South African Freedom Songs, the 30 voice choir is a high-energy chorus that participates in worship at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church 1-2 times per month as well as sings for other congregations and in the community throughout the year. Anyone with an interest is invited to join the choir. Church membership is not required. Instrumentalists are welcome. Rehearsals are most Wednesdays from 6:20-7:15 p.m. September through May.

Contact Information: www.phinneyridgegospelchoir.org or Darren at 206-783-2350.

- Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir is for adult singers who enjoy leading in worship with the classic music of the church. Choral masterpieces from the Baroque to the present, as well as Psalms, hymns, Spirituals and world music are part of the Chancel Choir repertoire. The Chancel Choir leads congregational song and sings an offertory anthem for 11:00 a.m. worship most weeks, and rehearses Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., September through May. Previous choir or music-reading experience is helpful but not required. New singers are welcome at any point in the year.

Contact: Beth Ann Bonnecroy 206-365-0429 bonnecroy@aol.com

- Bell Choir

Handbell Choir meets for 5-6 weeks in the fall and 5-6 weeks in the spring. Each 5-6 week session includes Sunday rehearsals, 5:30-6:45 p.m., and ringing in several worship services. The Handbells ring an offertory anthem or pre-service music as well as accompanying Psalms and hymns. No handbell experience is necessary, but some music-reading ability is required.

Contact: Beth Ann Bonnecroy 206-365-0429 bonnecroy@aol.com

Eucharistic Guild

A dedicated team of lay people who prepare for and assist serving Holy Communion for church services every Sunday. Training is available from our Pastoral Staff.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpiero@prlc.org

Lectors

In our worship life together, lectors offer their gift of reading a scripture lesson at our Sunday morning services. A monthly schedule of worship participants is mailed or e-mailed to those who will be reading. In addition, in the week before their assigned responsibility lectors receive a reminder and the text of the lesson they will be reading to study and prepare ahead of time. The usual frequency is once each month or every other month.

Contact: Pastor Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

Ushers

Ushers are a fantastic group of sincere, polite, observant and gracious folks who enthusiastically greet worshipers, graciously gather offerings, count attendance at services, and politely guide worshipers to and from the Lord's table.

No prior experience is necessary, and time commitments are for a one month period, four times a year, either at the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service.

Special services are also included in the duties of the ushering teams for memorial, funeral, and special worship services on an as needed basis as available.

Contact person: Steve Pfaff 206-522-4081 pfaff_steve@yahoo.com

Belonging

Art Committee

“Seeing is believing . . .” we say it all the time. Being moved by sight – by visual sensing – is an integral part of our worship and fellowship experience. Your creativity and insight on worship life is eagerly sought to expand our visual horizons. See our art on the narthex art wall and on bulletin boards in our gathering spaces.

Contact: Kari VanSanford 206-784-9876 kari.vansanford@comcast.net

Bread for the Journey

“Bfj” as it is often referred to at our church is a comprehensive ministry program on Wednesday evenings that involves about 150 people in activities ranging from choir rehearsals to AA meetings.

The core of the evening is spent in a variety of activities for PRLC members and friends designed to contribute to faith formation and development. Choirs for four-year olds through adults, Confirmation Ministry classes, Bible study, Alcoholics Anonymous, and one of many weekly opportunities to visit the Food Bank are all wrapped around a fellowship meal at which individuals and families of all descriptions gather for a nutritious dinner and vibrant conversation. The dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and adult and children’s individual meals or semester-long meal tickets are available for purchase.

At the conclusion of the children’s classes and activities, the young people of the parish, parish leaders, and available parents gather on the Sanctuary steps for a brief but inspiring abbreviated service of Evening Prayer. The lights are low, the music mellow, and the intent is to send children home well-nourished on food and faith and ready for bed.

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Bread for the Journey is held at various locations throughout the church from mid-September through mid-May with two weeks off over the Christmas break. The complete Wednesday evening schedule looks like this, most of the time...

- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (for 7th - 12th graders)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for All
- 5:30 p.m. Nursery Care begins
- 6:20 p.m. Choristers Choir (for 3rd-6th graders)
Angel Choir (for four year olds)
Gospel Choir (adults)
Cherub Choir (for K-2nd graders)
Class time (separate classes for K, 1st-2nd graders)
Class time (for 3rd-5th graders)
Confirmation Classes (separate classes for 7th and 8th graders)
Pre-Confirmation Class (for 6th graders)
Post-Confirmation Class (for 9th-12th graders)
- 7:00 p.m. Food Bank opens
- 7:05 p.m. Closing Worship
- 7:15 p.m. Nursery Care Ends
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (adults)
AA

Any person associated with our congregation's ministry in any way is a welcome participant to each of Bread for the Journey's weekly activities. It's a vibrant and important part of our ministry, of sharing our faith in God with one another, and in becoming more closely familiar with the congregation and its ministry. More information is available on the website and from office Administrator, Don Boelter at office@prlc.org.

Circles

Phinney Ridge Lutheran has three different Women's Bible Study Circles that meet at daytime hours once each month to be led by one of our pastors in the study of a specific book or passage in the Bible.

- Mary/Martha Circle meets on the second Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at church
Contact Marian Klingensmith 206-365-4937
- Bethany Circle meets on the third Monday at 9:30 a.m. in a member's home
Contact Carolyn Brakken 206-284-5767
- Salem Circle meets on the third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in a member's home
Contact Dorothy Rupert 206-782-5681

Gift Groups

GIFT small groups provide a way to help people within the PRLC community connect with each other beyond a Sunday morning "Hello." Small groups provide a place where people can have fun and develop or deepen friendships through the process of exploring a common interest and growing in faith. Different groups may focus more time on Bible study and prayer, others may spend a larger percentage of their time in service or exploration – it all depends on the group. Groups independently determine how they will spend their time, when and how often they will meet and for what length of time.

Every GIFT group is formed around these component parts:

- GATHER to care for one another as Jesus taught us
- GROW in faith, in relationship to Jesus and in knowledge of the Bible
- EXPLORE study, delve into or join together on a chosen topic
- SERVE others as a response to all we have been given

Examples of GIFT Groups include Faith and Film; Faith and Fitness; Outdoor Gourmet; Walking and Talking with Fido; Singing a Happy Song, Telling the Story and more. Topics of groups and beginning times vary.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpairo@prlc.org

Grief Support

Every Advent season, the Pastors welcome those who grieve, especially those with personal losses in the past year to a quiet service of reflection and thanksgiving in memory of the one(s) without whom the coming holidays will be especially difficult. The purpose is to find comfort in the words of Scripture, to sing and pray together and to acknowledge that deceased loved ones may be absent but certainly not forgotten.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpairo@prlc.org
Pastor Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

Men's Bible Breakfast

This group meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and a Bible study that concludes promptly at 10:00 a.m. Members of the group share the responsibilities for providing, preparing, and cooking breakfast in groups of three. Most typically, Pastor Hoffman is the leader of the hour long study based on a variety of Biblical texts and topics. The group usually meets in the Fellowship Hall, Tree of Life room, or on the 300 level of the church in the library (depending on other church activities that are scheduled). Signups usually run in the church bulletin's Count Me In form for two weeks prior to each gathering so that an accurate count for breakfast and Bible study materials can be attained. A group e-mail goes out the week before the study as a reminder and RSVP tool as well.

Contact: Pastor Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

Men's Bible Study

This is a small group of men who meet at 6:15 a.m. in the church library. They study together the texts that will be used in worship for the coming week. This group of men has been meeting for over 20 years and is always open to welcome any other early risers who would like to join them. No registration or advance notice is necessary. Just come on Tuesday morning and bring a Bible.

Contact: Pastor Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

Naomi's Friends

Naomi is the only widow in the Bible who is given the dignity of having a name. From time to time as the need is presented, this grief support group for widows is facilitated by Pastor Piro. The purposes are to find solace in Scripture, hear one another's stories, and explore the challenges of continuing life without a beloved partner and to discuss practical matters that loom large for the one who survives.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpiro@prlc.org

Pastors' Networking Lunch Group

This group meets once a month on a Thursday at noon. The sole purpose of the group is to put itself out of business! The reason for meeting is to offer support, encouragement, prayer, and skill enhancement for those who are un- or under-employed. Together the group shares a no-cost lunch, catches up with one another and each other's job searches, celebrates the victories of those no longer attending, and enjoys a brief program together. Programs vary from Bible study, to presentations by a pastoral counselor, to interview seminars, resume reviews, and basic supportive conversation. Signups for lunch count run for two weeks in the bulletin prior to each monthly gathering (the Thursdays tend to vary because of the church's schedule) and a group e-mail also allows participants to RSVP. Members, friends, anyone and all are welcome to attend. The only pre-requisite is a genuine concern for finding meaningful employment and support for others who are hoping to do the same.

Contact: Pastor Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks, the ebb and flow of conversation along with gentle encouragement.

“What’s the best way to cut yarn for fringe?” “Here. Let me show you how I do it.”

It is 10:00 a.m. and members of PRLC’s Prayer Shawl group are meeting in the library on the second Saturday of the month. At around 11:50 a.m., members gather around completed shawls, lay hands on them and pray for those who will receive them, whether the recipients are known at that time or not.

PRLC’s Prayer Shawl Ministry began in 2007. Monthly meetings are a time of fellowship, conversation, teaching and support. The work of many hands allows the ministry staff to have a ready supply of Prayer Shawls to give in times of distress, sorrow or even great joy as an extension of the caring ministry of the entire congregation.

Novice and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcome. Donations of yarn and money are welcome to support the work of this group.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpiro@prlc.org

Spirits Filled Men

The Spirits Filled Men is for all men of all ages. Well, at least 21 years of age.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Dad Watsons in Fremont for fellowship and support. We want to provide a place for the men to meet, get to know each other and also to share the wisdom of the years.

Every 6 months, or so, we have a "craft night". We go to Gallaghers in Edmonds to craft beer.

We also gather on occasion for yard work at the church or other activities that might need some work and sweat.

Contact: Joel Maier 206-297-6087 p.maier@comcast.net

Spirited Women

Spirited Women of PRLC meet weekly for spirited conversation. Large and small group conversation, care for one another, coffee, tea and healthy snacks are shared as women discuss openly their questions, doubts, certainties and challenges of daily faithful living in response to the current book we are reading.

Spirited Women meet every Wednesday through the school year from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Tree of Life Room. Informal conversation and snacks begin at 9:30. Child care is provided by Jo-Ann Cress for infants through pre-school children.

The church library includes a "Spirited Women" section with copies of books we have read. If you are unable to join our group, check out a book and connect with a member of the group for conversation and reflection.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpiro@prlc.org

The WAY

Asking questions about God, faith, or the Church? Lifelong Christian? Every faith journey is unique. The WAY encourages, challenges and invites a deeper life of faith.

Before the first followers of Jesus were known as Christians, they were called "People of The WAY." Then, and now, The WAY refers to a style of life in which both believing and living are centered in Jesus Christ.

At Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, The WAY is an opportunity for your faith to be explored, nurtured, and renewed, your commitment to Jesus Christ affirmed, and your walk as a disciple of Christ to be established or re-established in the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism or the Affirmation of Baptism.

Contact Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpiro@prlc.org

With These Hands

A gathering of women who work on any project they choose, i.e. quilting, scrap-booking, stamp collecting, sewing projects and any other craft project known to womankind. They meet the first Friday of each month from 5:00 p.m. until around 9:30 p.m. except the summer months of July, August and September. Participants might stay for the whole time or just part and some bring food to share while others might bring a sandwich.

Contact: Mary Bergstrom, 206-784-1693 old_dancer@comcast.net
Ruth Moore, 206-784-0650 swed_quilt@yahoo.com

Education

Adult Education

Spiritual development is a life-long process! Adult Education provides opportunities to study the Bible and apply the scriptural teachings to our lives as disciples of Jesus. It also provides opportunities to learn about and discuss a variety of contemporary issues facing Christians today. Adult Education is offered between worship services each Sunday at 10:00 am. (except during summer months).

Contact: Matthew Hendrickson 206-781-7826 xc_msakhi@comcast.net

Child Development Center

Phinney serves its members and the community by providing quality Christian child care for young children ages 1 to pre-K. We seek to surround each child with God's love and provide a safe and loving environment where each child will grow physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually.

Contact: Tim Sullivan, CDC Director, 206-789-8244 cdc@prlc.org

Confirmation

Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child identify more deeply with the Christian community and participates more fully in its mission through Word and Sacrament. Pre-confirmation begins in 6th grade. Confirmation continues in 7th and 8th grade until Reformation Day (end of October) when students make a public Affirmation of their Baptism. Confirmation meets during Bread for the Journey on Wednesday evenings.

Contact: Pastor Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org
Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpairo@prlc.org

LYONS

Lutheran Youth of North Seattle (LYONS) is a cooperative, evangelical Lutheran ministry committed to serving and welcoming all youth in a Christ-centered community of worship, witness, service, education and fun. For more information please go to the LYONS office or go to the LYONS website at www.roaringlyons.org

Contact: John Hubbard 206-522-9349 jrhubb@comcast.net
Jackie Hubbard jackiehubbard@comcast.net

Sunday School

Sunday School provides Christian education for children ages 3 through high school each Sunday morning of the school year at 10 a.m. Children learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit by exploring the Bible and the many Bible stories.

Intergenerational events are also held throughout the year. Teachers and assistants are the backbone (and the heart) of Phinney's Sunday School Program. A commitment to Christian Education or teaching experience qualify you to join our team of dedicated teachers.

Contact Person: PRLC Office 206-783-2350 office@prlc.org

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church is called Journeys with Jesus for children entering 1st grade and older. It is a week long, Christ-centered, field-trip based curriculum. We spend two of our five mornings together singing, telling the stories of our faith, enjoying service projects, playing games and crafting on campus at PRLC. The other three mornings are spent exploring parks, museums and other exciting places so that we can see God at work beyond the walls of our building. Registration forms are available in early spring. Volunteer opportunities abound before, during and after the week of programming for those entering 7th grade or older. Watch for announcements in the Sunday Bulletins and Tower Echoes for more information.

Contact Person: Patrick Meagher 206-783-2350 pmeagher@prlc.org

Young Adults

A welcoming group of post high school aged young adults, who engage in study and conversation with Lead Pastor Paul Hoffman, on a weekly basis. The door is always open to young adults wishing to engage in spirit filled and thought provoking topics that encourage and personally challenge us all in our daily lives.

Contact: Pastor Paul Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

Service and Outreach

Audit Committee

Accurate, up-to-date financial information is vital to the effective management of a congregation and is a component of responsible stewardship. Three auditors are elected by the congregation to determine the accuracy and condition of all financial accounts and records of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church.

Contact: Darren Hochstedler 206-783-2350 dhochstedler@prlc.org
Bob Meredith 425-823-2722 rgmeredith@aol.com

Bjorgan and Siefkes Houses (aka Phinney Houses) Committee

PRLC owns two houses which are home to a total of eight residents in a cluster living program who have learned to manage the symptoms of their mental illness and who are able to live independently and function as active members of their community. These adult residents are referred by the Community Psychiatric Clinic, which provides an ongoing support system. The Committee meets monthly and oversees grounds maintenance, assuring the residences are maintained at generally acceptable community standards and receiving rental payments.

Contact: Jeff Goforth 206-782-8422 jagoforth@comcast.net

Bread Bakers

The Welcome Loaf Bakers bake 12 small loaves of bread to be given out to visitors after the services each week. The response from those that have received the bread has been very positive. Along with the bread is a small piece of paper that welcomes them and encourages them to come back. Holidays such as Easter and Christmas Eve bring so many visitors that we have a hard time keeping up with the demand. There is no specific recipe and the only requirements are that the loaves be at the church before the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday and be wrapped with the ribbon color for that Sunday. Pans are available to be borrowed from the church if needed.

There is always room for more bakers and if someone is interested they can contact me and I will be happy to put them on the list as a fill in baker until the new list for the next year is printed.

Contact: Kirstin Shaw 425-347-5260 bunnymom11@verizon.net

Council

Description: The Congregation Council functions to oversee the life and activities of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church and to assure that these reflect the purpose and faith of this church. The council consists of six liaison members, the four officers of the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), the Vicar and two called pastors.

Congregation Council Members Responsibilities: Attend monthly Council Meetings, special Council meetings, regular and special meetings of the congregation. Care for and pray for the work of Christ in the Congregation, the community, and the whole world. Help assure the coordination of all the programs and ministries of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church. Participate in the development and management of long-range planning and the annual budget adopted by the Congregation.

Contact: Lin Smith 206-789-1088 linsmith97@earthlink.net

Counting Team

The counting team maintains responsibility for counting and correctly posting contributions to church donors' tithes and weekly offerings. The team generally meets weekly on a weekday morning for 2 hours. No previous training is needed. We are currently looking to form a second team to share these responsibilities.

Contact: Darren Hochstedler 206-783-2350 dhochstedler@prlc.org

Endowment Fund Committee

The Endowment Fund sustains a resource of funds for the future ministries of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church by receiving gifts and bequests from the estates of members and friends of PRLC. The Fund allows PRLC to engage in community outreach, special mission and capital improvement programs and projects that would not be possible using the Church's normal monetary resources. Grant requests may be submitted by congregation members, the Church Council or through the advisory capacity of the pastor(s) and parish administrator. Guidelines for submission of grant requests and grant categories are available upon request. Members meet at least four times annually and members' terms run three years.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpiero@prlc.org
Darren Hochstedler 206-783-2350 dhochstedler@prlc.org

Facility Care Team

A new group of folks willing to roll up their sleeves and help maintain and repair the facilities of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church. This new team is under the leadership of Parish Administrator Darren Hochstedler.

Contact: Darren Hochstedler 206-783-2350 dhochstedler@prlc.org

Food Bank

We commit ourselves to show our love and compassion for people in need by providing food boxes and being caring and responsive to the needs of those we serve.

- Food Bank Steering Committee This committee meets monthly to review and revise policies pertaining to food acquisition, storage and distribution, and volunteer assignments.
- Food Distribution Volunteers work one session per month on a scheduled basis. There is on-the-job training after which you will work with one other volunteer packing boxes of food for pick-up by the recipient that same day. Volunteers should be warm and friendly...it is very gratifying work! Hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-3:00 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday 6-8:00 p.m.
- Appointment Schedulers If you prefer a sitting job, volunteers are needed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:00 p.m. to take food box requests by phone and set up reservations.
- Drivers Monday and Tuesday mornings food is picked up from Food Lifeline and NW Harvest. There is help loading and unloading the truck. Drivers are also needed to pick up food at several grocery stores in the area.
- Holiday Volunteers Extra volunteers are needed during Thanksgiving and Christmas week when we prepare and distribute special holiday food boxes.
- Shelf Stocking Mondays 10-12:00 p.m., volunteers are needed to bag bulk food, stock shelves and receive deliveries. On Tuesdays 8:30-11:00 a.m., volunteers receive the week's delivery of produce.
- How to use the Food Bank The PRLC Food Bank operates on an appointment basis. IF you would like to get food, you may schedule an appointment by calling 784-7964 between 1:00-3:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We schedule appointments for the current week.

Contact: Patrick Meagher 206-783-2350 pmeagher@prlc.org

Greenwood Neighborhood Events

We reach out to the community with activities like the Greenwood Art Walk, Greenwood Seafair Parade, the Greenwood Classic Auto and Rod Show, and the Halloween Safe Trick or Treat. It is truly a pleasure to be a part of this fine community.

We house many ministries at our church providing a place to carry out the work in this place, work that we as a congregation could not otherwise do.

Contact: Patrick Meagher 206-783-2350 pmeagher@prlc.org

Hammond House Meal Team

The fourth Sunday of every other month this diverse group collaborates to prepare a delicious home-made meal for the forty women of the Hammond House shelter downtown. It's fun to get to know each other and learn new 'crowd-sized' recipes, but the real treat is delivering and serving the meal. The women are so complimentary and we enjoy sharing fellowship and the meal with them. The teamwork, camaraderie and outreach are a fantastically satisfying combo.

Contact: Signe Roscoe 206-789-9036 ksroscoe@nwlink.com

Health and Wellness Ministry/Parish Nursing

Blood pressure checks performed by Registered Nurses from the PRLC community are offered on the first Sunday of the month throughout the school year. Ask Don at the Grace Station for the location.

At the time of publication, an expanded Health and Wellness/Parish Nursing ministry is under development. It is anticipated that a Health Cabinet, composed of 5 to 7 PRLC members along with trained Parish Nurses will set the direction for a comprehensive Health and Wellness ministry that attends to all aspects of humankind as created by God – body, mind and spirit. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information as this ministry evolves.

Contact: Pastor Piro 206-783-2350 bpairo@prlc.org

Hospitality Teams

We are blessed to have four wonderful hospitality teams at Phinney. These willing teams provide a wonderful welcome to families and friends at the time of a memorial service, to the congregation at meetings and events, to guests who use our facilities for their meetings and activities.

Contact: Randi Valdok 206-784-7007

Jo-Ann Cress 206-783-0637 jcress7558@hotmail.com

Indonesian Lutheran Fellowship

ILF (Indonesian Lutheran Fellowship) is a Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA.

In its ministry ILF walks with the Indonesian immigrant communities in their challenges living in this new land.

Together with PRLC, ILF is organizing and advocating Christ's hospitality to all immigrants in the U.S. through the New Sanctuary Movement.

Contacts: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave. N. Seattle, WA 98103, 206-783-2350 or Diakonda Gurning diakonda@gmail.com

Landscape Team

Our Landscape team works to maintain the grounds and gardens of our church home. New members are always welcome to join in the fun!

Contact: Joel Maier 206-297-6087 p.maier@comcast.net

Linda Thorson 206-938-7848 lindytd@comcast.net

Latté Cart

The Phinney Phoam Latté Cart is open between Sunday services on the Fellowship Hall level. A great place to work for experienced baristas and barista wanna-be's. Training provided! Shifts are usually once a month. Partner provided or pair up with a buddy and take a shift. Great place to connect with fellow Phinney friends and meet new people too.

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Memorial Committee

The memorial committee is an appointed group of 3 PRLC members who work with individuals and families who have recently lost a loved one. Their work includes sharing sympathy and solace as well as assisting the family in choosing a lasting gift to honor their loved one with the gifts that have been given in their memory.

Contact: Pastor Paul Hoffman 206-783-2350 phoffman@prlc.org

Mobilization to End Poverty

Led by Minister of Outreach Patrick Meagher, this group of people works at the grass roots level to end poverty across the country, and here in the Pacific Northwest.

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The New Sanctuary Movement

The New Sanctuary Movement advocates for immigrants, including education for the congregation on immigration issues, direct support for immigrants (especially through the Indonesian Lutheran Fellowship), and advocates for immigration reform and other relevant issues on a local and federal level.

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Nursery Assistants

Care is provided Sundays 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. (according to the church schedule)

Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. (for Spirited Women) and 5:30-6 p.m., 6:20-7:15 p.m. (for BFJ)

And on other special occasions as needed.

For children from birth to age 5. In addition to a paid, attendant, the nursery is staffed by adult and youth volunteers.

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Outreach Program

We believe service and outreach are vital for any community attempting to follow Christ. We hope to fill up with God's love in order to spill it out into our community. We serve out of abundance, not obligation. In this process, we meet Christ in those we serve and are open to being dramatically changed through the relationships we build and the lives we encounter. PRLC's Outreach Ministry offers direct financial assistance for individuals or families in need of help. Donations (and requests for assistance) can be made to the PRLC Outreach Fund through the church office.

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Personnel Committee

This committee reviews major hiring, firing, and compensation decisions as well as periodically reviews and updates the personnel policies of PRLC and the CDC.

Chair person: Linda Ramsdell 206-368-2695 linda.ramsdell@seattlechildrens.org

Vicar Care Committee

The Vicar Care Committee serves a vital role in the ministry of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church to prepare seminary students for ordained ministry. It is made up of members who support, nurture and evaluate our vicars in their year here at PRLC. The Vicar Care Committee of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church is formed of 4 to 7 members. The Committee's ministry is to evaluate and provide a positive learning environment for the vicar (or intern) at Phinney. Part of this ministry includes evaluations of sermons and general aspects of ministry as well as offering a supportive and sensitive environment during the vicar's time at Phinney.

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