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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

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Our Fall Worship Schedule resumes on the weekend of September 7 & 8! Join us for:

Saturday Worship @ 5 pm
Sunday Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Come see the new and exciting changes to our Sunday School program this fall at our Rally Day kick off on September 8 at 9:45am! See page 6 for more details about our Sunday School programs as we begin using a rotational model which provides an experiential approach similar to VBS. Your kids won't want to miss it!!



Sunday School isn't just for kids! There will be two adult studies on Sundays 9:45-10:45am beginning September 8:

- * Young Adults Bible Study - led by Lauren Gibson
- * The Book of Revelation - led by Pastor Dave Percy

See pages 6&7 for more details.

Do you enjoy worship and want to help others get more out of worship as well? Then don't forget to fill out and return the Worship & Music Volunteer Form. There's a way for everyone to serve. Whether you want to serve on the Worship & Music Team planning services; volunteer during the service as a greeter, usher, lector, communion assistant, or other; bake or deliver cookies; provide musical accompaniment; or something else, you're welcome to serve. Children can also be involved in the Youth Choir or as an acolyte. Training is provided for new volunteers, and there's always more room for new faces. So sign up or contact the office (office@poplutheran.org, 301-869-3666) and serve during the service!

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Our Annual Blessing of Animals will take place at our 5 pm Saturday service **October 5!** Come and bring your pets!

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September Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship with organ and piano
A Supervised nursery is available during all Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday

5:00 pm Youth Choir
5:30 pm High School Youth Group
7:30 pm Adult Choir

Every Thursday

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

7:45 am Men's Group
5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship



From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
(pastor@poplutheran.org;
301-869-3666)

We've got some exciting changes in our educational events beginning this month! One important change

(which you can read more about later in this newsletter) is that we're moving to a more rotational style of learning for our younger children in Sunday School. Somewhat like VBS, this style of learning employs much more hands on, interactive ways of learning and experiencing the Bible stories we'll be studying. We'll have different modules that will include drama, Bible stories and games, science and even cooking! Our opening for the younger children will be held in the sanctuary, where we have new and improved audio visual equipment, which will help us incorporate video, pictures and powerpoint slides into our opening!

We've done these kinds of things in VBS and in Confirmation, and they've been highly successful. We've been looking for ways to incorporate them into our regular Sunday School programs because we know that learning is more than getting people to remember a bunch of information. Learning is about experiencing a new reality and incorporating that reality into your life. To do that, all of our senses need to be employed. We need to see, hear, experience and act out the new reality.

In fact, that's really what faith formation is all about for all ages. In the end, we don't simply want people to know a bunch of facts and information about Jesus. We want people to experience Jesus as a living reality in their lives. We don't want people to simply remember how the first disciples followed Jesus. We want people to grow in following Jesus in their own lives. And we don't simply want people to hear about what God did long ago. We want people to grow in being able to tell others what God is doing in their lives today.

This year, for all ages, we'll be looking to explore more ways to help people of all ages grow in faith

by using more interactive experiences and tools. For example, we hope to make a lot better use of our website and social media tools to help everyone connect and be part of what's going on, even if they're not here on Sunday morning. Watch for more updates and ways that you can more deeply experience and grow in God's presence in your life!

Yours in Christ,

UPCOMING EVENTS

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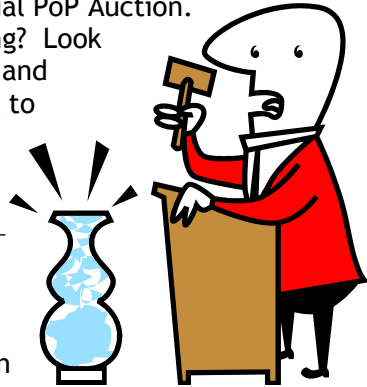
Social Ministry is putting this anniversary theme into action by asking the congregation to make a new commitment to our community by volunteering for one activity the church will be sponsoring over the next several months. We will display a listing of activities and a large sign-up sheet in the Narthex on Sunday, September 8. The activities will be varied. Something for everyone, depending on your interest and time availability.

New Members Classes will be held beginning September 22 for anyone interested in joining the church or just wanting to learn more about our church community. The classes will be held from **10:00-10:50am** on the following Sundays: 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 and 11/3. We hope you'll join us! For more info, please contact [Deborah Dixon](mailto:deborahdixon1108@gmail.com) (deborahdixon1108@gmail.com) or [Pastor Steve](mailto:pastor@poplutheran.org) (pastor@poplutheran.org).

Come join us as we help build homes with Habitat for Humanity! Prince of Peace will soon be putting together a team to work on the [Maple Hill Habitat site in Gaithersburg](#) on **Saturday, October 12**. Watch for the sign-up in the narthex, or contact [Steve Sullivan](#) (stevesullivan@comcast.net) to join the team!



Save the date - November 16! Plans are being made for the 3rd Annual PoP Auction. Interested in attending? Look forward to food, fun, and entertainment. Want to donate something? Decide what you want to donate - food, services, items - and be ready to sign up. Keep your eyes open for more information in bulletin inserts, emails, and future issues of Glad Tidings.



RECENT NEWS

Human Resources Professionals: Your Church Needs You!

As our congregation and our activities have grown at POP, so has our staff. We now have two part-time pastors and a youth minister, in addition to our senior pastor, music and office staff. And we hope to add an associate pastor to the mix soon!

What we don't have, however, is a Human Resources Committee. This is key to the smooth functioning of Prince of Peace and an increasingly vital function as our church moves forward. We are looking for members of the congregation with HR experience to serve on the committee. The basic responsibility of the committee is to ensure that the staffing needs of the congregation are met and that paid lay staff are recruited,

equipped, and empowered for their work on behalf of the congregation.

This is a great opportunity to serve God, learn more about our church, meet new people and give back to your church community.

If you are interested in serving, or can suggest someone who might, please contact Tam Harbert at tharbert@comcast.net.



Building Project Update!

On Friday, July 19, several of our congregational leaders met with representatives of the [ELCA's Mission Investment Fund \(MIF\)](#). The meeting with MIF went very well, and during this meeting the MIF folks expressed how impressed they were with how organized and prepared Prince of Peace is compared to most other congregations. This is a testament not only to the efforts of all the leaders on the Council, Building, Capital Campaign, and Finance committees but to the congregation as a whole!

In the next few weeks Prince of Peace will provide a full loan application to MIF. This application will not bind Prince of Peace - a full vote of the congregation is required for that. But, by submitting an application at this point, we can obtain a better idea of the amount that MIF will provide us for [our building project](#). With this information in hand we will know whether we need to delay completing some features of the project, increase pledges, or re-submit the application (if there is any missing or misunderstood information on the loan application). If you have not pledged to the building project, please prayerfully consider [making your pledge now](#) so that our application to MIF will reflect your personal and financial support.

RECENT EVENTS

2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Elects the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

On August 14th, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Northeastern Ohio Synod, was elected to be the next presiding bishop of the ELCA. Bishop Eaton was elected on the fifth ballot and she received 600 votes of the 889 votes cast. The current presiding bishop, the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, who had served for the past twelve years, received 287 votes.

Bishop Eaton will be the first woman to serve as presiding bishop of the ELCA. Prior to becoming Northeastern Ohio Synod bishop, Eaton served as pastor for ELCA congregations in Ohio. She earned a Master's of divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a Bachelor's degree in music and education from College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

We offer our thanks and respect to Bishop Hanson who has led the ELCA through challenging times the past twelve years. In June, Bishop Hanson presided over the re-election of our bishop, Richard Graham, and did so showing his amazing gifts. At that time, it was thought that Bishop Hanson would be re-elected to a third six-year term as presiding bishop.

But God had other plans and now we can be confident knowing that we will have a leader that is right for the future! Watch an interview at this link --

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/14/elizabeth-eaton-first-female-bishop_n_3757665.html

-- to learn more about Bishop Eaton.

Summer Coffeehouse



Prince of Peace was the place to be during the Summer Coffeehouse on August 10th! "The Eclectiks" enjoyed being back at Prince of Peace and playing for their favorite audience and their

favorite cause. Our friends from "Loss of Faculty" also joined us that evening --it didn't take them long to have people get up and dance to their classic rock music. The Eclectiks filled the rest of the evening with Irish music and an eclectic mix of all kinds of other musical genres...

While listening to the music, everyone enjoyed munching on the delicious appetizers, desserts, cheeses and wines that were offered. There was laughter and chatter everywhere from people having a great time and enjoying wonderful fellowship with each other...

Thanks to everyone's generous donations, we were able to raise \$695.97 that evening! I'd like to thank Lisa Woodard and her team (Deborah and Chuck Dixon, Nancy and Chet Wolejsza, Nancy Morton, Sherry Schiebel) for decorating the sanctuary so beautifully with a summery beach theme and for coordinating, preparing and setting up all the delicious food and beverages. She again did an amazing job! Many thanks also to Donna in the office for always helping in any way needed. I'd also like to thank also our official Eclectiks roadie and my wonderful husband Chuck for setting up the sanctuary with coffee tables and chairs the day before the event! Many thanks also to Lesa and Steve Sullivan for their important work with Habitat for Humanity. Many thanks to June and Jim Herron for helping with the wine table, and to Jon Conary for making us sound good by working the sound board.

And last but not least thank you Pastor Steve for opening our church again for such a fun event that made people from our church connect through music with our community. Thank you to all who came that evening for having us, The Eclectiks come back to play. I am very thankful and feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family!

Regina Harrington



Vacation Bible School



During the week of July 22-26, kids and adults learned at Kingdom Rock how to Stand Strong for God. Our Bible Buddies helped us learn and explore different ways we stand strong.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. All who helped by volunteering as station leaders, crew leaders, checking in, building the set, taking pictures, providing supplies, and giving up prayers made this year's Vacation Bible School fun and inspiring. Also, thank you to all the parents who entrusted us with your children. They taught us as we taught them. (Just look at the pictures above!) A special Thank You to VBS Director Judy Bruening for all her hard work and devotion!



Summer Work Teams



"This summer we had 2 teams of 11 members & friends of Prince of Peace serve in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and Clendenin, WV. The participants worked on various crews to complete a variety of work projects, including painting, carpentry, masonry, and electrical work. Team members also had an opportunity to meet and develop relationships with many of the residents of both locations, and develop a broader sense of who is our neighbor, and what it means to be a servant. We want to thank all those who were involved in supporting the trip participants with all the love, prayers, and financial donations. We couldn't have been more honored to represent the love and spirit of this community!"



Later, our work teams gave a mission trip report. Here are two projections, each showing of one the venues where they worked.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Rally Day kicks off our new season of Christian education on September 8th at 9:45 am. Preschool through elementary age kids and their families will meet in the sanctuary and see what our new Openings in the sanctuary will be like as they register for Sunday School. Older students bypass the sanctuary and start right off in their classroom.

This fall, we will implement the Spark Rotation Sunday School curriculum for our preschool through elementary age classes. In workshops such as drama, cooking, and science, we'll explore each Bible story from multiple perspectives and in greater depth with an experiential approach similar to VBS. The Sunday School curriculum for middle school students is based in exploration. Hilarious short films will be the starting point for discussing theological questions that youth really ask. High school students are invited to join an adult class. See announcements for adult class offerings. Sunday School meets weekly from 9:45-10:45 am.

Our dedicated Sunday School Leaders:

Opening - Chris Schaefer and Danielle Drobny (Sanctuary)

Preschool-Kindergarten - Jamie Pflasterer and Stephanie Mills (BYC)

Elementary Shepherds - Tom Panning and Sherry Kienzle

Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, and Anne Witten (Fellowship Hall)

Middle School - Judy Bruening (BYC)

Contact your child's Sunday School teacher or Sunday School Superintendent, Janet Levine (Lyle1Janet@msn.com or 301-540-7992), with any questions or comments. See you on Rally Day!

Student Corner

This column is dedicated to the extra activities our youth participate in outside of Prince of Peace. Please remember to submit any and all information by the deadline for Glad Tidings to Martha Rogers at GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com - thanks!

With the new school year come new activities - sports, plays, dances, and more - that our kids participate in. Let us know what your youth (any

age) are doing so we can encourage and applaud their endeavors.

Please keep all our youth in your prayers and support their endeavors outside of PoP!

Youth Choir Announcement

Would you like to have the excellent opportunity to praise the Lord in song and have fun learning some great music? Then come out and join the Prince of Peace Youth Choir! The Prince of Peace Youth Choir will resume for the Fall 2013 season and we are looking for new members!! The Youth Choir is for kids in Kindergarten- 6th grade and we will rehearse each Wednesday evening from 5-5:45pm beginning on Wednesday, September 11th. We will be singing fun arrangements from Vacation Bible School, Youth Musicals, contemporary praise songs and anthems. Some arrangements will involve rhythm instruments, hand bells and xylophones. Please contact Danielle Drobny (danielledrobny@gmail.com/ 240-498-5874) for more information.



Upcoming Youth Events

Please refer to the website calendar or the Youth Ministry bulletin board for details about events throughout the year. Also, don't forget that the High School youth meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Drissel at (301)349-2848; Drissels@comcast.net.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Bible Class

Adult Education: Learn, Grow and Connect
Consider joining one of the Adult Sunday School classes described below. Classes begin on **Sept 8 at 9:45 am**. High School students are welcome!

Young Adults Bible Study - led by Lauren Gibson; will meet in Chris' office
Come learn about the Gospel According to the Simpsons! Begins on September 8.

The Book of Revelation - led by Pastor Dave Pearcy; will meet in the back of the Youth Center

With demons, dragons, and seven-headed beasts, it's no wonder that many people find the last book of the Bible difficult, scary, and totally irrelevant to daily life. It seems to have nothing to do with our life of faith, so it usually goes unread. Some are confused about it, while others have a curiosity or fascination with its cryptic language, strange images and ominous tone.

People can read almost any crazy thing they want into Revelation - and many have - with bestselling books full of fears, predictions and warnings about our troubled times, claiming the signs of the times are happening - right now - or coming very soon. But people have talked that way for centuries. The beast and the anti-Christ have been variously identified with figures such as Frederick II (the Emperor of Rome); Napoleon; Hitler; Krushchev; and even Saddam Hussein.

Join us on Sunday mornings between worship services, 9:45 to 10:45, at the Youth Center, as we look into what Revelation says beyond the wild and sometimes scary images of demons, horns and dragons - what it says - what it doesn't say - but most of all, what it all means. We will learn how Revelation resembles what is known as "apocalyptic literature", a favorite of the Inter-Testamental period, and we will find a message of caring relationships between God and his people - of unflinching trust, confidence, and hope.

This class will only meet 10 times, from Sept 8 thru Nov 24. If possible, please make a commitment to attend all ten sessions to get the most out of this short series. (No class on Oct 13 and 20.) For more details, contact [Pastor Dave](mailto:dpearcy@pearcyis.net) (dpearcy@pearcyis.net).

Clay Pots

New Clay Pots group forming ~ Clay Pots is the name of our adult confirmation/faith growth process. It is for people who want to make a serious commitment to growing in their faith walk, reaffirm the basic aspects of their faith, build a closer relationship with others, and develop a stronger faith walk of service in daily living. It involves head, heart and hands. It includes worship, service, study, and discussion. We will meet about 25 times between Sept and May. Near the end, you will be invited (not required) to affirm your faith at the Easter Vigil

on April 19. Please consider joining the group. For details, contact [Pastor Dave Pearcy](mailto:dpearcy@pearcyis.net) (dpearcy@pearcyis.net).

If you are fairly new to Prince of Peace, you may be familiar with the phrase "clay pots" but might not know what it means. So for everybody, what is Clay Pots? Clay Pots is the name of our adult confirmation/ faith formation growth process. It is for people who want to:

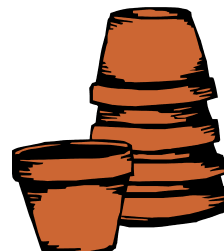
- make a serious commitment to growing in their faith walk.
- reaffirm the basic aspects of their faith.
- build a closer relationship with others in the Body of Christ, his Church.
- develop a stronger faith walk of service in daily living.

It involves head, heart and hands. It includes worship, service, study, discussion and it all has to do with faith formation. The group will meet about 25 times between Sept and shortly after Easter (about May), and will hopefully include a short retreat and at least one service project. You will be invited (not required) toward the end to affirm your faith in Christ and commitment to the church at the Easter Vigil (the evening service before Easter Day).

During the weekly sessions You will have an opportunity to learn more about worship, Scripture, Lutheranism, and some of the basics of our faith. Please consider joining the group. There is no set schedule of meetings yet. It depends on who is interested and what works for the group.

Please feel free to address questions or concerns to Pastor Steve (pastor@poplutheran.org) or Pastor Dave (301-527-1743), or let us know if you would like to talk to someone who has already gone through the process and we will point you in the right direction.

It has been a positive experience for those who have gone through it. I hope you will give serious prayerful consideration in becoming part of the group.



Pop Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume meeting every week on **Tuesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm for September 10 - October 8**. We will be finishing up their "Sinning Like a Christian" (by William Willimon) series. For this part of the study, each person chooses a 'sin' to express in some artistic manner (this won't be hard... but will force everyone to think!). It will be a nice culmination to a good study.

Contact Pastor Christine (clsm0701@gmail.com) for further details.

Adult Choir

Please join the PoP Adult Choir for the Fall 2013 season! PoP Adult Choir is for people who want to praise God with great music. We rehearse **Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm** starting on **Wednesday, August 28**. We are preparing for a Christmas cantata again this year; please join and be part of this big celebration with us. For more info, please contact the Choir Director [Claire Cho](mailto:claire.cho@gmail.com) (claire.cho@gmail.com).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

YOU CAN *Gaithersburg* HELP

The 2nd annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor fundraising walk for the benefit of Gaithersburg help is planned for September 21st, 2013. This event is the **primary** source of funds to benefit Gaithersburg Help and needy families in our community. The walk will be held at Bohrer Park (506 S. Frederick Avenue) on the walking trail near the picnic pavilions. The registration table will be open at 8:00 am and will be located down the hill from the parking lot toward the pavilions. The walking circuit is 1.1 miles, but alternate trails can add as much as you choose. Walkers may complete the Registration/Donation form upon arrival at the park. The donation per individual is \$15.00. Even if you are unable to participate in the walk, please consider including this worthwhile community organization in your yearly giving plans. All donations are tax deductible and will go entirely to provide services to our clients.



Gaithersburg Help provides needy families in the Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village area with food, infant resources, prescription support, transportation help, and more. Additional information about Gaithersburg HELP may be found at www.GaithersburgHELP.org.

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Book Club

POP's Mens Book Club kicks off its 2013-14 season with Joseph Heller's *Catch 22*. The title derives from "a problematic situation for which the only solution is denied by a circumstance inherent in the problem or by a rule." The novel is "frequently cited as one of the great literary works of the twentieth century." All men of the church and their male friends are invited to meet at Charles Sullivan's home at 7:30PM on Thursday, September 19 to discuss the book and to select titles for future meetings. Please RSVP to Charles at [301-526-7894](tel:301-526-7894) or Charles@HomesFlash.com

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will next meet on Thursday, September 12th, in the POP Fellowship Hall at 7:30 pm. We will discuss *A Land More Kind than Home*, the debut novel by Wiley Cash. The book is a thriller about the bond between two brothers and what they face in a small town in North Carolina. Fred Chappell said that "this is one of the most powerful novels I have ever read." (Amazon.com) Jamie Pflasterer hosts the gathering. RSVP to Jamie at jlplast@hotmail.com. The Women's Book Group meets monthly, generally on the second Thursday of the month. All POP women are welcome to attend one, two, or all book group gatherings. If you would like to receive email reminders, please send an email to Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com.

Future Dates, Book Selections, and Hosts:

October 10th-*The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson, hosted by Gina Linton

November 14th-*In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson, hosted by Linda Marmillion

December 12th-*The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom, hosted by Nancy Morton

Empty Nesters

The Empty Nesters group is planning an outing to the Maryland Wine Festival at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster Maryland on Saturday, September 21. Check out the details at



<http://www.marylandwinefestival.org/>. The festival is open from 10am to 6pm. Admission is \$30 per person at the gate and can be purchased in advance online for \$27 per person. We are looking into the possibility of arranging bus or van transportation. We will decide on the time when we have more details about transportation. If you can join us please RSVP to Nancy Wolejsza at nawolejsza@aol.com or sign up in the Narthex."

Tables for All

Tables for All is a fun adult fellowship program in which potluck meals are shared with other members of Prince of Peace. The meals are hosted at the homes of members; guests provide some of the food. The 2013-14 series will consist of three rounds: Oct-Nov, Jan-Feb, and Apr-May. The exact dates and times are determined by mutual agreement of the host and guests. The usual host and guest list includes eight people. This program is just for adults, but we can help identify potential babysitters.



After you sign up, you'll be provided with a schedule letting you know when you are hosting or attending. The food assignment is also specified: main dish (host), side dish, salad and bread, or dessert.

Tables for All is a wonderful way to meet others at Prince of Peace and to reconnect with old friends. Sign up in the narthex or e-mail Becky Carr (pandbcarr@verizon.net).

PoP Rocks

POP Rocks met on Sunday, August 11th to jump start the group. The meeting was very productive. We discussed what the members hope to get out of the group, events, various activities, and the means to accomplish these plans. A Young Adults Bible Study will start up in

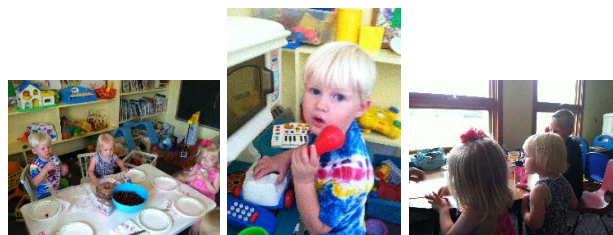
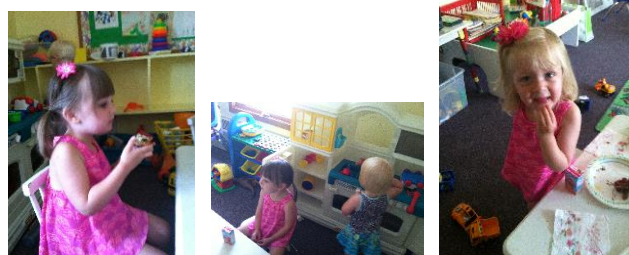
September as well as a monthly pub trivia/happy hour event. Other evolving activities are working with Habitat for Humanity, volunteering at local soup kitchens, local outings in DC, VA, and MD, and various concerts/events. As things develop, info will be sent out via email and posted on the Young Adults Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/PrinceOfPeaceYoungAdults>) -- like the page to get updates.

PoP Playgroup

In July, PoP playgroup headed indoors to stay out of the heat. We started out with free play as the children explored the room and got to know one another. We had a short devotion where we learned how God cares for the flowers and the birds - and about how much he cares for us!

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26
For our song, we learned the words to "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands". Finally, children and parents enjoyed a snack, and more time to play and enjoy each other's company.



In August the playgroup headed out to the Germantown Splash Park to cool off. Both children and parents enjoyed the fountains and the water maze. All the fun in the water reminded us of how we are splashed by both water and the Holy Spirit at baptism, and welcomed to our church family as brand new people in Christ.



PoP Playgroup hits the playground in September! Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to the Fallsgrove Playground on Saturday, September 21st at 11am and enjoy the beautiful weather outside. To get to the playground from PoP, take Darnestown Road south and turn right on Fallsgrove Dr (just past Shady Grove Rd). The playground will be on your left. Snacks will be provided. Please contact Jamie (jlplast@hotmail.com) or Lauren (laurenkategibson@gmail.com) with any questions More PoP playgroup dates will be announced later this fall!

POSAUNENCHOR RETURNS

Posaunenchor, our German brass band friends from Hamm, Germany, will be returning to Prince of Peace on the weekend of **October 19-20**. They'll be in the US celebrating their 100th Anniversary, and will play at both Sunday services on Sunday, October 20! This will be a great celebration weekend! Watch for more info soon. For now, we know that we'll need hosts willing to house 2-4 band members over the weekend. If you can help host, please let [Pastor Steve \(pastor@poplutheran.org\)](mailto:pastor@poplutheran.org) know!



COMING UP...

- September
- 2 - Labor Day
 - 8 - Rally Sunday!
 - 8 - ELCA 25th Anniversary Day of Service
 - 21 - Gaithersburg HELP walk
 - 21 - Empty Nesters at Maryland Wine Festival
 - 21 - PoP Playgroup
 - 22 - First day of Autumn
 - 22 - New Members class starts
 - 27 - Reformation & Confirmation

October

- 5 - Blood Drive
- 5 - Blessing of the Animals
- 12 - Habitat for Humanity Work Day
- 14 - Columbus Day
- 19 & 20 - Posaunenchor brass band
- 31 - Halloween

November

- 3 - All Saints' Sunday
- 3 - New Members Reception
- 3 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- 5 - Election Day
- 11 - Veteran's Day
- 16 - PoP Auction
- 28 - Thanksgiving Day

December

- 8 - Christmas Cantata
- 15 - Christmas Pageant
- 21 - First Day of Winter
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 - New Year's Eve

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