



# GLAD TIDINGS



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October 2013

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

Red Cross Blood Drive coming to PoP on Saturday, October 5, 9am-3pm. To schedule an appointment, please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use POP's Sponsor Code 05315016. You'll find "click by click" directions on the table in the Narthex. POP members (and pastor) donated 19 units of blood at the last POP Blood Drive!! Want to volunteer to help on the day of the Drive? We need volunteers! MCPS students who volunteer will receive SSL hours from the American Red Cross. For info on volunteering or scheduling a donation appointment, please contact [Debra \(debraaplan@comcast.net\)](mailto:Debra(debraaplan@comcast.net)). Fuel your community - donate blood!

How does your blood donation benefit the National Capital Region.....?

Shortly after the Navy Yard shooting, the Red Cross provided nearly 90 units of blood, platelets and plasma to local hospitals for emergency treatment.

- 42 units of AB plasma
- 20 units of O positive red cells
- 20 units of O negative red cells
- 6 platelet units

Join us as we help build homes with Habitat for Humanity! PoP will be working at the [Maple Hill Habitat site in Gaithersburg](#) on Saturday, **October 12**. Sign up in the narthex, or contact [Steve Sullivan \(stevesullivan@comcast.net\)](mailto:stevesullivan@comcast.net) for details.



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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and will play at both Sunday services on Sunday, October 20! This will be a great celebration weekend! We we need hosts willing to house 2-4 band members over the weekend and, also, help providing transportation. If you can help, please sign up in the narthex or contact [June Herron \(june.herron@verizon.net\)](mailto:june.herron@verizon.net).



## October Highlights

### Every Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am New Members Class
- 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
- 6:00 pm High School Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Clay Pots Bible Study

### Every Wednesday

- 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*  
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301-869-3666)

One of the really exciting events taking place this month is that *Posaunenchor*, our German Band friends

from Hamm, Germany, will be returning to Prince of Peace on the weekend of October 19-20! *Posaunenchor* is a German word which means “trombone choir” (although it’s actually a complete 20 piece brass band). Many folks at PoP will remember *Posaunenchor* from previous visits. They first visited us in 1989, while PoP was still worshipping in the school, and again in 2002 and 2008. This year, though, is a special year because [Posaunenchor is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#), and this US trip is part of that celebration.

While a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a big deal to *Posaunenchor* and to us, it’s important to remember that, while this *Posaunenchor* was founded by the Pastor of the St. Pankratius Lutheran Church in 1913, the congregation itself dates to the early 12<sup>th</sup> century! Set in that context, *Posaunenchor* is still just a “new ministry” of a congregation that has been living and proclaiming the Gospel for almost a thousand years. And as I read some of the material that the group sent to me about their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, it’s clear that this band isn’t simply celebrating the past. And they’re not just concerned about doing great ministry today. Instead, they also see themselves as vehicles through whom God is working to bring about the future. Their music, their love of God, and their celebration of God’s love isn’t just for people today to enjoy. Rather, it’s also a way to excite and inspire people to live into a future that’s as unimaginable today as the 21<sup>st</sup> century was to people in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

Often, as Americans who live in a context in which anything 100 years old is considered “historic”, it’s easy to forget the fact that what God is doing with us in our lives is not only about the past and the present, but also about calling

us to be people who pass on what we’ve received to the future.

Even though our congregation hasn’t been around for 900 years, we too, are called by Jesus not simply to celebrate the past faithfulness of God in our lives. And as important as it often feels that what we do right now meets the needs of people here and now, God has even more in mind for us. We, too, are called to be people who act now in such a way that we see ourselves as passing on the good news of Jesus to people we haven’t met, and indeed, who haven’t been born yet. It’s important that we’re thinking beyond what things mean for us right now, whether it’s a new building, a new Associate Pastor or new ways of making the Gospel known to those around us.

What we do, and what we say, and how we convey our feelings about God’s love in our lives, have future consequences that we probably can’t fully realize. But what we can be sure of is that God is calling all of us to be not only instruments of his love in the lives of people today, but to be his instruments of passing on faith and hope and love to generations yet to come.

Yours in Christ,

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL...

Who has the most AWESOME Halloween Party of all?? Come out and celebrate at PoP, Fractured Fairy Tale style, on **Friday, October 25 at 7pm**. You can dress up as a favorite Fairy Tale character, any other Halloween costume, or just as yourself :) We will have games, activities, crafts, and snacks, all with a little storybook twist.



Adults are also invited to participate in the annual **Trunk or Treating** competition, immediately after the party at **8pm in the parking lot**. Decorate the backside of your car in a theme of your choosing, and bring some candy to hand out to all the kids!

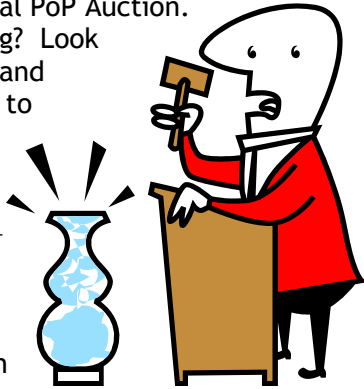


## POP AUCTION

Save the date - November 16! Plans are being made for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 EVENTS



Rally Sunday . . .



. . . is a success!



Pastor Steve instructs our youngest members in how to enlist parents and others to sign-up for "Day of Service"

volunteer opportunities in celebration of the ELCA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## RECENT NEWS

### Building Project Update

At the end of August, the Finance Committee and Council submitted a loan application to the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund (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). We expect an answer from the MIF soon.



### Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has now begun the interview process for our Associate Pastor position! When the Call Committee feels they have the right candidate, that candidate will be passed on to the Council, which will then make a decision about calling a congregational meeting. Please watch for updates and keep the Call Committee and the process in your prayers. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Lori Kohne, who is chair of the Committee.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Donation Statements

Donation Statements for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year 2013 have been emailed to all PoP members for whom the Church Office has an email address. If you have not received your statement by now, please do the following:

1. Check your Spam Folder on your computer for this email from Prince of Peace
2. Contact June Herron ([finsec@poplutheran.org](mailto:finsec@poplutheran.org)) with your correct email address
3. Request a printed version of your statement from June Herron

If you have any questions or corrections that need to be made to your statement, please contact June Herron, PoP Financial Secretary ([finsec@poplutheran.org](mailto:finsec@poplutheran.org)).

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Sunday School

Sand pudding, hard-as-rock cookies, sedimentary rock identification, creating a set and putting on a play...these are some of the ways our elementary students learned the lessons of Jesus' House on the Rock parable. The Preschool-Kindergarten class had similar experiential opportunities in their classroom. Students enjoyed Openings in the sanctuary using our new technology. Join us at 9:45! Next time: Middle School.



## 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](mailto:GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com) - thanks!

Poolesville High School's Midnight Players will be presenting a stage rendition of Charles Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby" on November 21, 22 and 23. James Rogers has the roles of Newman Noggs (Thursday and Saturday nights) and Tim Linkenwater (Friday night and Saturday matinee). Come on out for an entertaining evening (or afternoon)!

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- 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 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](mailto:danielledrobny@gmail.com)/ 240-498-5874) for more information.



## Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Thanksgiving event will be held Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30 in the Fellowship hall. Families with pre-school - elementary age children, and their siblings, are invited for dinner, crafts, a Bible story and fellowship. Sign up in the narthex, email Judy Bruening or just come! **We will provide a main dish.** If you would like to bring a side dish/salad or a dessert sign up in the narthex or let Judy know. If you just have younger children you are welcome to join us, too.

Questions? Contact [Judy Bruening](mailto:judy.bruening53@gmail.com) ([judy.bruening53@gmail.com](mailto:judy.bruening53@gmail.com)).

## 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 Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Drissel at (301)349-2848; [Drissels@comcast.net](mailto:Drissels@comcast.net).

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Pop Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm for October 1 & 8. We will be finishing up our "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](mailto:clsm0701@gmail.com)) for further details about completing this study and pursuing further study.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### YOU CAN *Gaithersburg* HELP



Ruby Tuesday in Lakeforest Mall is holding a community giveback event. The restaurant will be donating 20% of their three day proceeds to Gaithersburg HELP on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 8, 9, and 10. Diners must present the Gaithersburg HELP community giveback flyer to their server. Flyers may be found in the PoP church narthex or printed from the PoP website.

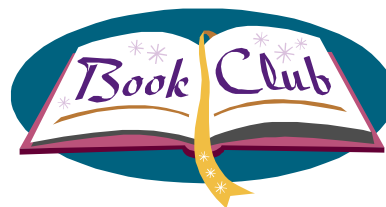
### National Lutheran Home Auxiliary

The National Lutheran Home Auxiliary's Fall Festival is coming...Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30am-2pm. Come enjoy shopping for wonderful treasures, handmade crafts, baked goods and fudge, and much more. Enjoy a delicious lunch 11am-1:30pm. Enjoy a Village Chorus & Chimes Concert at 2pm in the Chapel. Independent Living Cottage tours at 10:30am and 1:00pm. Donations of baked goods and used household items, books, and jewelry are needed. Call 301-354-8460 if you want to make a donation. All proceeds benefit the residents of The Village at Rockville (formerly the National Lutheran Home) which is located at 9701 Veirs Drive, near Wootton Parkway in Rockville. For more details, pick up a flier from the Social Ministry table in the foyer.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Men's Book Club

POP's Mens Book Club kicked 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." The next meeting will be Thursday, October 17 at 7:30 pm. The location and book will be announced soon in the bulletin and Weekly Email. For info, please contact [Charles Sullivan](mailto:Charles@HomesFlash.com) (Charles@HomesFlash.com).



### Women's Book Group

Join the Women's Book Group on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at the home of Gina Linton, for a discussion of *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson.

This novel takes place in North Korea. Michiko Kakutani reviewed the book in the New York Times: "Mr. Johnson has written a daring and remarkable novel, a novel that not only opens a frightening window on the mysterious kingdom of North Korea, but one that also excavates the very meaning of love and sacrifice." RSVP to Gina at [missginabee@verizon.net](mailto:missginabee@verizon.net). At the October meeting, we will also select books for the first few months of 2014, so bring your recommendations.

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](mailto:Maloney.jenn@gmail.com).

Future Dates, Book Selections, and Hosts:

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

December 12<sup>th</sup>-*The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom, hosted by Nancy Morton

## PoP Playgroup

PoP Playgroup Fall Dates - Now that the weather is starting to turn chilly, the playgroup will head back indoors for our October and November meetings. Please join us on **Saturday, October 19th at 11am** in the church nursery for fun and fellowship.

The playgroup will also meet on **Saturday, November 23rd at 11am** - hopefully at the Quince Orchard Library children's discovery room, once we can confirm reservations.

PoP Playgroup is a great way for families and their babies/toddlers/preschoolers to connect with each other. Please contact Jamie Pflasterer ([jlplast@hotmail.com](mailto:jlplast@hotmail.com)) or Lauren Gibson ([laurenkategibson@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkategibson@gmail.com)) with any questions.



PoP Playgroup hits the playground in September!



## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sherry Schiebel is inviting all members of POP to join her on Friday, October 25th (1:00-5:00) for a celebration of life luncheon to commemorate the life of her brother who died earlier this year. "I could not have handled all the problems with his death and the settling of his estate were it not for the love and support of my dear friends here at POP. So please join me and meet my brother Dave--my best friend and beloved brother.

## IT'S TIME FOR THE UNITED WAY

United Way, CFC, and other workplace giving contributions account for a large percentage of non-profit organizations' income. Please consider designating your employer-sponsored drive (United Way, CFC, America's Charities, etc) contribution to the following charities. Our congregation is a supporter of these organizations. CFC/United Way codes shown below.

### Gaithersburg HELP #30374/#8432

Assists local residents with food, diapers, prescriptions, and transportation

### Upper Montgomery Assistance Network #15276/#8881

Provides emergency funds for local families facing eviction or loss of utility service

### Lutheran Social Services #78343/#8146

Provides assistance in the areas of foster care, refugees, immigrants, AIDS, abused women and children, and the disabled

### Lutheran Volunteer Corps #54430(CFC)

A year-long volunteer service program which provides volunteers for shelters, medical clinics, tutoring programs, and advocacy work on housing, hunger, etc.

### National Lutheran Home #12809(CFC)

Provides a continuum of care for the aged of the Lutheran community regardless of their ability to pay

### N Street Village #90946/#8281

Provides meals, emergency shelter, support groups, medical care, counseling, and treatment programs for homeless women and low-income families in DC



## COMING UP...

### October

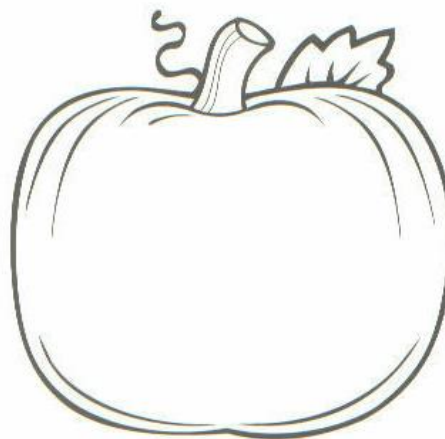
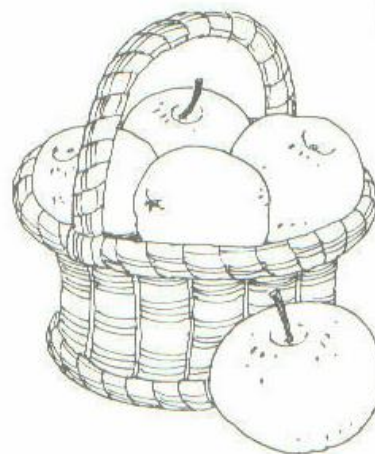
- 5 - Blood Drive
- 5 - Blessing of the Animals
- 12 - Habitat for Humanity Work Day
- 14 - Columbus Day
- 19 - POP Playgroup
- 19 & 20 - Posaunenchor brass band
- 25 - Halloween Party & Trunk-or-Treat
- 27 - Reformation & Confirmation
- 31 - Halloween

### November

- 2 - HS Youth Zombie Run
- 3 - All Saints' Sunday
- 3 - New Members Reception
- 3 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- 5 - Election Day
- 11 - Veteran's Day
- 16 - PoP Auction
- 21 - Faith-Full Families
- 22-23 - High School Lock-in & DC Scavenger Hunt
- 23 - POP Playgroup
- 28 - Thanksgiving Day

### December

- 5 - Faith-Full Families
- 8 - Jesus' Birthday Party
- 8 - Christmas Cantata
- 14 - Parents' Night Out
- 15 - Christmas Pageant
- 21 - First Day of Winter
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 - New Year's Eve



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