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Vacation Bible School – There Is



Still Time To Register!!

Mark your calendars and tell your friends, Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School 2017 is scheduled for July 17th - 21st (9am-12pm).

This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory - Created by God and Built for a Purpose". VBS is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. Registration forms (<http://poplutheran.org/childrenyouth/forms/VBS%20Registration%20Form%202017.pdf>) are available on the Prince of Peace website (http://poplutheran.org/childrenyouth/vbs_2017.html) as well as at the church. Registration fee is \$50 per participant with a max of \$150 per family. Each family will receive a CD of the VBS music and a T-shirt for each child. Need based scholarships are available.

Join us for a wildly creative, inventive, interactive, adventure with God. If you have any questions please contact Lori Kohne (lorikohne@hotmail.com).

VBS Decorating Party

Let your creativity show and help VBS! On Sunday, July 2 & July 9 join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am as we make decorations for VBS. Come to one or both! Questions? Contact Judy Bruening (judy.bruening53@gmail.com).

VBS Contributions

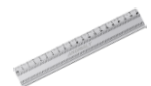
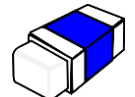
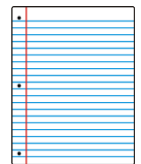
Would you consider providing food or supplies for VBS? A great way to help even if you're unable to be on-site during the program is to donate items we need to make snack and also breakfast foods for the volunteers each morning. There is a paper sign-up list in the narthex, or you can sign-up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BAEAC2CA31-vbssnack>

2017 School Supply Drive

Prince of Peace is collecting school supplies again this year to help equip Montgomery County's neediest public school children with backpacks and other school supplies to begin the school year. Please consider supporting this campaign to make a difference in the lives of the families served. Please leave donations in the collection box in the narthex. We will collect the following supplies from July 8 through August 8:

School Supplies Needed:

- Backpacks (grades K-12)
- 2-inch 3 ring binders
- Tab dividers
- Two pocket folders
- Packages of filler paper
- Highlighters: Yellow, pink and blue
- Pencil pouches and boxes
- Notebooks and Composition books
- Pens (blue and black)
- Markers
- Scissors (Blunt Tip and Pointed Tip)
- Rulers
- Boxes of colored pencils
- Small day planner / organizer for the parents



Any items on the list will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Woodard at woodard4@comcast.net.

Church Use Announcement

During the Summer months, Mad Science summer camp, will be renting our Fellowship Hall Monday-Friday 8am-6pm from 7/24-9/1. During that time, the Youth Center will be available for church meetings and events. The Women's Bible Study will meet in the Youth Center and the Quilters will meet in the Nursery. We appreciate their flexibility to accommodate the rental!

Worshipping together over the summer! This summer through Labor Day Weekend (9/3) we will have **ONE Sunday service at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship!** The Saturday 5 pm service will also continue each weekend.

From Pastor Christine...

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Becoming a zagger...

Recently I read an article which explored effective church ministries. As you might expect it focused on what makes a church effective and what actually works against the overall mission. As you might expect, there are no easy answers to that topic. Churches seem to agree on the broad stroke mission of: "Loving others as God loves", however even how God loves is understood differently.

The other point this article made is that most people and therefore most organizations are 'ziggers,' which means they go with the flow. They 'zig.' Traditionally, the thought is if things are going along smoothly and they are working, why switch things up? There's a fair amount of truth in that thought process. Originality is overrated. I once had a seminary professor tell that class that not a single one of us will ever have an original theological thought. As someone who prides herself on creativity and curiosity that statement stung.

He told us we should strive to be effective, not original.

Back to the 'zigging' article...

If most churches are in maintenance mode then it means that the zigging need is probably met a hundred times over, especially because we often think in generalities (i.e. Loving others as God loves). This article suggested an alternative approach. As you might have guessed, he said people need to 'zag' more.

Zig. Zag. They zig; you zag.

Not an entirely original thought (but as we discussed there really are none), but the point he made that really hit home for me is this: "I'd rather meet an overlooked need that's not being met than an obvious need that's already being well served."

The reason this hit home for me is because for decades the church was integral to meeting needs in society and this has been a large part of the church's identity. However, what used to be a 'zag' (meeting an underserved need) has become a 'zig' (social service agencies doing what we historically have done).

The reason I bring this up is NOT to say we should STOP doing what we are doing. Quite the contrary. It is to encourage us to be mindful of why we are doing. Pastor Steve is leading a series of conversations around the question of "Why." This is such a great way to begin to 'zag' and discover what we as specific followers of Jesus are called to do in His world.

I don't think Pastor Steve and I need to sugarcoat the fact that programs, worship, etc. have been in transition and need to evolve here at Prince of Peace. This is a necessary part of the constantly reforming church. As we step forward into these next years it will take all of us being willing to 'zag' a bit outside of our usual thought processes.

I also love the concept of 'zagging' in my own personal life. It's where I feel adventure and the unexpected lies and at the close of my days I want to feel I've experienced as much of creation as possible. Zig, Zag.

July/August Highlights

Every Sunday

9:30 am Worship (pg 1)

A Supervised nursery is available during all Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study* (pg 5)

(*Not meeting in July. Meeting in August starting August 8.)

Every Saturday

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship (pg 1)



A day at the beach.

COMING UP...

July

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- 10 Women's Book Group (pp 5, 6)
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September

- 4 Labor Day
- 4 Church Office Closed
- 4 Montgomery County Interfaith 5K (pg 4)
- 10 Rally Sunday (pg 6)

For a current calendar, see:

http://poplutheran.org/Media/calendars/pop_calendar.pdf

SPECIAL PRAYERS

. . . My need was met because someone came and communicated . . . in words I could not express. . . .

Pastor John B. McGarvey



PoP Members

Lisa Adams, Eardie Baka, Elizabeth Langum Chung, David family, Alex Garretson, John Goble, Steven Hill, Roy Johnson, Pat Juhrs, Mike & Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Rita Scherping, Denny Tritinger, Dick Walker, Laura Wilson.

Sympathy

Family of Brady Davidson (husband of Pr. Kate Davidson)
Family of Will Sahlmel (brother of Rainer Sahlmel)
Family of John Shay (friend of Mike & Cherie DeGeorge)
Family of Amy Vallarino (friend of Pam & David Malmgren)

The complete Prayer List is available from the credenza in the narthex and in the Weekly Email sent on Thursdays.

"WHY?" DISCUSSION

"Why?" It's an important question we should ask, especially in our faith life together. Important "why" questions include:

- Why is being part of Christian community important to me?
- Why would anybody want to join me in being part of a Christian community?
- Why do I need Christian community (that is, what does the church offer that I can't find or experience anyplace else?)

Pastor Steve will be leading discussion groups at church in which we'll talk about these questions and consider their implications for our life together at Prince of Peace. **These groups will be held on Saturday, July 8 immediately after the Saturday service and on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30 pm.** Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend one of these discussion groups! Please contact Pastor Steve for more info!



SPOTLIGHT

This column focusses on groups in or resources provided by PoP. This month we are looking at Our Graduates.

Congratulations to our Graduates: Emily Adams Muhler, Kelly Brower, Ben Crookshank, Jake Drissel, Michelle Locke (Cockerham), Jackson Malmgren, Erin Masterman, and Matthew Wimmer! Read on to learn about their accomplishments and future plans...

Emily Grace Adams Muhler graduated May 31st from Thomas S. Wootton High School. She joined Prince of Peace when her mother was relocated here by her employer and completed all of her high school at Wootton. Emily has worked at the Yard Sale, VBS, and as a back-up to AJ in the Nursery. She previously served a term as the Youth member of the Church Council. She will be assuming the Nursery Assistant position here through the summer. Emily is the daughter of Lisa Adams of Prince of Peace and Charles Muhler of Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, and the step-daughter of Jim McNerney. She will be attending Towson University in the fall to work toward a degree in public health.

Kelly Brower graduated from Virginia Tech with an MA/Ed in Higher Education Administration/Student Affairs. She is looking for a job with a DC area college or university and is very excited to be back in the area with family and friends.

Ben Crookshank graduated Summa Cum Laude from Gettysburg College with a BS in Health Science and a minor in Religious Studies. After some time to travel and relax with family in June he will be moving to Hershey, Pennsylvania in July to continue his studies at Penn State, College of Medicine.

Jake Drissel graduated on June 7th from Poolesville High School with a Certificate in The Independent Studies Program. He will be attending Duquesne University in the fall, where he will study sports marketing and sports media, and hopefully become a Steelers Fan (his mother wrote this)! His family is very proud of the young man that he has become, and Jake is looking forward to new adventures at college and in Pittsburgh.

Michelle Locke (Cockerham) graduated from Columbia College Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major and minor in Theatre- Directing; Live and Performing Arts Management; Stage Combat (ask her Mother for further explanation). She will be staying in her new home of Chicago where she is now working for Integrated Office Suites as an Administrative Assistant. She also is starting a theatre company titled Skies Ablaze LLC, with its first production, Firepit Henry V, premiering January 2018. Her first musical, Incubus, is still in production and will premiere in 3-4 years. She has other projects going on but there's only so much room. She wants to thank POP for setting her on the right and rebellious Lutheran path. P.S. She is eternally grateful to God for giving her the greatest Mom ever.

Jackson Malmgren graduated from Poolesville High School in the Humanities Program. Next fall he will be attending American University intends to pursue an international relations major. Traveling on the PoP trip to Cuba in 2015 inspired him, and he aims to earn his major with a concentration in Latin America.

Erin Masterman graduated May 6th from James Madison University with a B.F.A. in Graphic

Design. In July she will begin working as a graphic designer for Marcus & Millichap in Bethesda, Maryland.

Matthew Wimmer graduated from Johnson and Wales University, Providence with a Bachelors of Science in Restaurant Management with an Associates of Science in Culinary Arts. He will return to this area and start an executive chef program with Great American Restaurants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Montgomery County Interfaith 5K

Once again, Prince of Peace has partnered with Shaare Torah and the Islamic Society of the Washington Area to host the Montgomery County Interfaith 5K run!

The event will take place on **September 4** at the Soccerplex in Germantown. Proceeds from this event will benefit Gaithersburg HELP and C4. Putting on an event of this size requires many volunteers, a lot of planning, and area business sponsors. It is a great way for businesses to get their name out there and help the community. If you work for or own a business in Montgomery County that might be willing to be a sponsor, please see [Pastor Christine](#). Sponsorship levels start as low as \$275. Mark your calendars now for this great, family fun event.

You can register at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Boyd/MoColInterfaith5K>.

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

Have you ever considered giving to Prince of Peace online? It's so easy to do! Just go to the church webpage (poplutheran.org) and click the green Donate Online button. There you can create a profile and set up your donations to be direct deducted from a bank account or charged to a credit card in any time increments you'd like. You can also use the website for one-time donations. The benefits to you are that it provides reliable tax records, it allows for easy management of donations, and you don't have to worry when you leave your checkbook sitting on the kitchen counter! We all have very busy lives, and can't always get to church, so giving online can help all of us provide consistent support for the church. And because of this consistency, the

church can then properly budget for the year. Online giving is a win for the church and for the congregation. Please contact Chris Michel (michel_christian@yahoo.com) or Kwame Mensah (mensahkn@gmail.com) with any questions.

Electronic Giving

To donate right now or become an E-Giver, go to www.poplutheran.org or scan this QR code with your smart phone or tablet. Thanks for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace!



ADULT EDUCATION

Bible Art Journaling

Bible Art Journaling meets on Sunday, July 9 and Sunday, August 13 from 6-7:30pm! All are welcome to this devotional class which encourages you to engage actively with the word of God through doodling, illustration, and note-taking in your Bible. We meet once a month, but you do not need to attend every session. Please bring a 'journaling Bible' with you to class. Questions? See Pastor Christine.

PoP Women's Bible Study

PoP Women's Bible Study is taking a break during July but will start meeting again August 8th. Check the Weekly Emails and bulletin inserts for our study topics.

PoP Women's Bible Study meets on **Tuesdays at 12:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an open, fluid group of women. All are welcome to join us. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch. If you have questions or want to be included on our email distribution list, please contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



Back Door Ministries

Box Tops for Education

We are now supporting the Navajo Lutheran Mission School in Rock Point, Arizona, with donations of "Box Tops for Education". These special Box Tops can be found on products from brands such as: General Mills, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Old El Paso, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty & Scott. The Navajo Lutheran Mission uses the earnings to support the many needs of the school. Our collection basket is on the Social Ministry table in the foyer at the back door. Thanks for supporting this project!

Other Collections

Our other Back Door Ministries include:

- collections of food & diapers (for Gaithersburg HELP)
- cancelled stamps (for the Village at Rockville)
- hotel-size toiletries (for local Shelters)
- used ink/toner cartridges.

Leave your donations in the baskets in the foyer. Thanks!

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Group

The next Women's Book Group will meet on **Thursday, July 13 at 7:30 pm** at the home of Judy Bruening to discuss Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance. From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, Hillbilly Elegy is a fascinating consideration of class and culture. At times funny, disturbing, and deeply moving, this is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of this country. (272 pages) All POP women are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Judy at judy.bruening53@gmail.com.

On **Thursday, August 10 at 7:30 pm**, the Women's Book Group will discuss Wallace Stegner's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel Angle of Repose. It is a story of discovery—personal, historical, and geographical. Confined to a wheelchair, retired historian Lyman Ward sets out to write his grandparents' remarkable story,

chronicling their days spent carving civilization into the surface of America's western frontier. But his research reveals even more about his own life than he's willing to admit. What emerges is an enthralling portrait of four generations in the life of an American family. (569 pages) All POP women are welcome to attend. We will gather at the home of Hope Walker. Please let Hope know if you will attend: [hopewalk04@hotmail.com](mailto:hopedwalk04@hotmail.com)

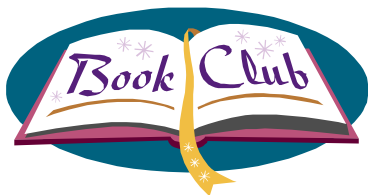
Future Book Selections and Hosts

September 14 - Stones from the River
by Ursula Hegi
hosted by Nancy Speicher

October 12 - Leaving Time
by Jodi Picoult
hosted by June Herron

November 9 - The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts
by Joshua Hammer
hosted by Nancy Morton

December 14 - A Man Called Ove
by Fredrik Bachman
host TBD



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Our new season of Christian education kicks off on **September 10th**, with classes from preschool through high school. Sunday School meets weekly from **9:45-10:45 am**. Everyone is welcome any week they are able to attend!

All curricula are from Sparkhouse which is a division of Augsburg Fortress, the ministry of publishing within the ELCA.

Preschool and Elementary School

We'll once again use the Spark Rotation Sunday School curriculum for our preschool through elementary-age classes. Preschool/Kindergarten has several in-class workshops each week,

including Bible story time, craft, and snack. Elementary-age groups participate in workshops which range from drama, music, art, and video to science, games, and cooking. We'll explore each Bible story from multiple perspectives and in greater depth with an experiential approach similar to VBS.

Middle School

The Middle School learners use the Sparkhouse re:form curriculum which involves in-depth thinking about biblical principles. Students will use cool and quirky worksheets and short films to spark interest in fun yet contemplative topics.

High School

The High School Class uses Sparkhouse re:form Ancestors to explore the New Testament ancestors of our faith. Using more cool and quirky worksheets and short films, we'll discover similarities between ourselves and the many unlikely people chosen by God to do the extraordinary.

Contact

Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Janet Levine (Lyle1Janet@msn.com), with any questions or comments. See you on September 10th!

Confirmation Save the Dates!

The Fall Confirmation Retreat for current first-year and new incoming Confirmation students is scheduled for **October 13-14 (Fri/Sat)**.

The Confirmation ceremony for current second-year Confirmands is scheduled for **Sunday, October 29 during the 11:00am service**. There will also be Faith Statement workshops held in the fall leading up to the date of Confirmation.

We will GREATLY miss our outgoing students and look forward to making new friends in the fall!

Thanks to ALL the adult/parent volunteers who dedicated their valuable time and talents this year - without you, the program would not have succeeded!

Have a great summer!



RECENT EVENTS

Yard Sale

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Yard Sale! We enjoyed food, fellowship, and a great time shopping for bargains. Many unsold items were donated to Goodwill. We expect to net around \$12,000! If you haven't paid your tab yet, the box is on the credenza in the narthex. Please mark your check "Yard Sale" and place in the offering plate.

Many served and many were served.



AJ's Recognition

Special thanks to AJ Oddo, who has served for the past 6 years as Nursery Attendant at Prince of Peace! Sunday, June 4 was AJ's last Sunday serving as our Nursery Attendant. Please take time to thank AJ for his great work when you see him!



THANK YOU!

Gifts of Hope— Hope for today; Hope for tomorrow

Gifts of Hope has exciting news to share with you. First, thank you for supporting Gifts of Hope during our annual Advent campaign in which we raised \$3,400 from Prince of Peace (an 85% increase from 2015) and \$104,337 in our Synod. Thanks to the volunteers who present this alternative gift-giving option to the congregation. Second, we are celebrating 25 years in our Synod, having raised more than \$3,337,000 for our many beneficiaries, supporting their work in our metro DC area and abroad. Look for a special Christmas card in 2017 which celebrates our 25 years. Third, we are adding another organization: Lutheran Campus Ministries in our Synod area. A gift supporting LCM will be available during the 2017 Advent campaign.

Our 40 gifts are available year-round via our website: giftsofhopedc.org. Please consider purchasing gifts for other events in your life—not just during the Christmas season. Select a gift from the online catalog and you will receive an all-purpose card to present to your honored loved one. Your support provides hope for today and hope for tomorrow.

Carolyn Sowinski, Director

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Which one will work for you?



September 15-17 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains - an hour north of Allentown.



October 6-8 at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, MA. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake - an hour north of Hartford, CT.

Don't miss this opportunity to create new heights of joy and vitality in your marriage! Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org and paying the registration with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or [724-325-3166](tel:724-325-3166).

POP OFFICE

The Flower Chart has lots of openings during the Summer! Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a person or special occasion. A donation of \$30 covers the flowers for a week. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or email the Office



(office@poplutheran.org).

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