



GLAD TIDINGS



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Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!



October 29 is Reformation Sunday! At the 11:00 am service, we will also celebrate the Confirmation of 13 of our young people. Reformation Sunday is observed in October, recalling Martin Luther's posting of 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517.

Mark your calendar for November 4 for our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! This will include a special German Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm following the Saturday service. We would appreciate help with planning, decorating, and setting up & breaking down the event in the Fellowship Hall so stay tuned for ways to get involved. Please contact Pamela Cook (cook1082@verizon.net) if you are willing to help in any way with this fun event.

On Sunday, October 29, the Metro DC Synod will host a Reformation worship service at Washington National Cathedral at 4:00 pm. All are invited! The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop, will preach; the choir from Roanoke College will sing; and Holy Communion will be shared. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our heritage and worship together in an inspiring setting.



For more information, check the following link: <https://metrodcelca.org/events/reformation-sunday-worship/>

On Sunday, October 22 at 7:00 pm, the National Lutheran Choir will premier "Holy Spirit Mass: Together in Hope", a commissioned work by Grammy-nominated Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen. This free concert will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. See page 4 for more details.

Blessing of Animals

Our Annual Blessing of Animals will take place at our 5 pm Saturday service October 7! Come and bring your pets!



Habitat for Humanity

Our next Habitat for Humanity Work Day is Saturday, October 21! Sign up in the narthex or email Chris Michel

(michel_christian@yahoo.com) if interested. Skilled labor is not required, but you must be 18 years old to volunteer. Location and specifics coming soon!

Halloween Party!

Save the date: October 27! Games and crafts start at 6pm with Trunk-or-Treating at 7pm! We are looking for volunteers to help with running games and activities, so if you're excited about



Trunk or Treat

Halloween, please join in on the fun! If you are interested, please contact Sarah Kuykendall (sarah.k.kuykendall@gmail.com). We also need lots of people to decorate their cars and pass out candy for Trunk-or-Treating. This is always a fun social event for kids and adults (even without kids)!

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!

From Pastor Christine...

Pastor Christine Dunn
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On September 4 the 2nd annual Montgomery County Interfaith 5k Race was held. As most of you know, Prince of Peace co-founded this race with Shaare Torah and the Islamic Society of the Washington DC area, with the goal of promoting a tolerant, peaceful, and respectful Montgomery County. We made deliberate moves to reach across religious and ethnic divides creating a unique race experience. If you were able to attend the race, either as a participant or as a volunteer, then you were able to witness the kaleidoscope of people who showed up with this same intention in their hearts to: Run, Walk, and Stand for Unity.

While there are many things that have sought to divide us as a nation, as a community, and congregationally I feel proud that our congregation put something good and worthwhile into the universe. I truly believe this event makes a huge difference in large and small ways.

The race also has a monetary impact on two charities in our area: Gaithersburg HELP and C4. Many of us are familiar with the great work Gaithersburg HELP does, but are less aware of C4. C4 distributes clothes, diapers, and school supplies to very low income or homeless persons living in Montgomery County. They are a grassroots organization that is solely supported by interfaith congregational support. Keep them in mind next time you have a donation to make.

I had hoped to have exact numbers to publish by this newsletter but we are still closing out bills and divvying up monies. I do know that last year we had about 315 people registered and this year it was approximately 400. I am confident that number will be even higher next year. We collected food for Gaithersburg HELP and diapers for C4. I don't know how much money each organization will receive yet. I will update as soon as I have that information. And finally, our extra bananas and perishable foods were delivered to the Men's Shelter. Such an impact made on so many people.

Finally, I want to give a great BIG 'thank you' to everyone who volunteered, participated, donated money, or helped to organize. We could not do this without your support. A very special thank you to: Chris Michel, Tonya Meyer, Jennifer Maloney, and Angelo Witten who invested countless hours to ensuring this race happened.



October 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 Sunday Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (pg 5)

Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Adult Choir (pg 5)

Every Thursday

6:30 pm Youth Hand Bell Choir
7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

8:00 am Men's Group
5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

COMING UP...

October

1 9th Grade Retreat Day
7 Blessing of the Animals (pg 1)
10 Church Council Meeting
12 Women's Book Group (pg 6)
13-14 Confirmation Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge
14 Saturday Dinner Out at Cal. Tortilla (pg 5)
19 Men's Book Club (pg 5)
21 Habitat for Humanity Work Day (pg 1)
22 Bible Art Journaling (pg 5)
22 Confirmation Theme Event
27 PoP Halloween Party (pg 1)
27 Trunk-or-Treating (pg 1)
28 Confirmation Rehearsal
29 Reformation Sunday (pp 1, 4)
29 Confirmation at 11 am service (pg 1)
31 Halloween

November

4 Reformation Dinner (pp 1, 4)
5 All Saints Sunday
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
5 Confirmation Theme Event
9 Women's Book Group (pg 6)
11 HS Lunch & Laser Tag at Shadowland (pg 4)
11 Saturday Dinner Out at Jersey Mike's
12 Bible Art Journaling
14 Church Council Meeting
16 Faith-Full Families
16 Men's Book Club
19 Confirmation Theme Event
22 Thanksgiving Service at Good Shepherd
23 Thanksgiving Day

23-24 Church Office Closed

26 Advent Wreath Making

29 Advent Vespers

December

6 Advent Vespers

7 Faith-Full Families

10 Christmas Pageant

13 Advent Vespers

20 Advent Vespers

23 No Saturday Service

24 One Morning Service at 9:30 am

24 Children's Christmas Eve Services - 3 & 5 pm

24 Christmas Eve Services - 7 & 10 pm

25 Christmas Day Service - 10 am

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 Langum, Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Denny Tritinger, Laura Wilson.

Sympathy

Family of Caroline Castner (newborn daughter of Steve Von Wald's nephew)

Family of Amado Ceralde (father of Amy Ceralde)

Family of Pastor Ross Forcey

Thanksgiving

Birth of Annabelle Mae (daughter of Ashley & Phil Smith)

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



REFORMATION EVENTS

The Fellowship team needs your help -- two big events coming up!

On **November 4** we are having a German Dinner to celebrate of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We would appreciate help with planning, decorating, and setting up & breaking down the event in the Fellowship Hall so stay tuned for ways to get involved. Currently, we need ideas for German dishes and decorations. Please contact Pamela Cook (cook1082@verizon.net) if you are willing to help in any way with this fun event.

Reformation Sunday is **October 29** and we need help with decorations for the Sanctuary! If you have ideas for decorations, please contact Pamela Cook (cook1082@verizon.net). And, watch the announcements for our decorating schedule - we will need help and since it is also Confirmation Day we want it to look extra-special!

Reformation 500 Concert at Basilica

On **Sunday, October 22 at 7:00 pm**, the National Lutheran Choir will premier "Holy Spirit Mass: Together in Hope", a commissioned work by Grammy-nominated Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen. This free concert, co-sponsored by our synod, will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Spirit Mass commemorates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the progress that Roman Catholics and Lutherans have made in overcoming the obstacles that once divided them. For more info or to reserve free tickets, see: <https://metrocelca.org/events/holy-spirit-mass-with-national-lutheran-choir/>. A free will offering will benefit: the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, and the Lutheran Young Adult Corps.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join Us in Sunday School

Sunday School meets from 9:45-10:45 am. Preschoolers through 5th graders start off in the Sanctuary, then head to their classrooms at 10 am. Middle School and High School classes start in their classrooms at 9:45 am.

Calendar 2016-2017

Sunday School will meet weekly through 5/20/18, with the exception of the following dates:

11/26/17 Thanksgiving weekend
12/24/17 Christmas Eve
12/31/17 New Year's Eve
03/25/18 Spring break MCPS
04/1/18 Easter Sunday

High School Laser Tag and Lunch Social

We are planning a High School laser tag and lunch social event for **November 11, starting at 11:00 am**. We will meet in front of Shadow Land ([624 Quince Orchard Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878](http://624QuinceOrchardRd.com)) and have lunch in the same plaza. The cost for the event will be \$25 which includes lunch. Students will need a signed waiver in order to be able to participate. This can be found on the Shadow Land website and with the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We would love to have an additional adult join us as well! Any questions, please contact Ric Kienzle at r.kienzle@yahoo.com.

ELCA Youth Gathering

Youth grades 8-12 have the opportunity to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering Summer 2018 in Houston, Texas! This once-every-three-year event brings together 30,000 high school aged youth from all over the country to learn, serve, & be energized together. This is sure to be a fun, faith-building experience that challenges and inspires youth to live their faith in their daily lives. Learn more at: <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/about/overview> or contact Susan Hawley (susanhawley@ymail.com). Sign up in the narthex!

ADULT EDUCATION

Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session. Many of you may have heard of these kinds of events, where folks gather (often at a restaurant or pub) to talk about issues of faith. Pastor Steve leads one of these events each month. Check Weekly Email and the bulletin inserts for the next date, location, and topic. Come join us! You don't need to sign up, but if you know you're coming, please let Pastor Steve know!

Bible Art Journaling

Bible Art Journaling meets on Sunday, October 22 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

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. We discuss a myriad of topics via different means (i.e. Bible, books, podcasts) and we are currently reading [The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery](#).

The authors of this book use the enneagram, an ancient personality typing system, to help us individually explore how our personality affects our relationships with others and with God. It explores spirituality through knowledge, compassion and love for God. Please join us and feel free to bring a bagged lunch. Questions? See [Pastor Christine](#) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



MUSIC

Adult Choir

The POP Adult Choir is looking for singers! We are a group that loves to sing, and we warmly encourage all levels of experience to sing with us. We rehearse every **Wednesday 7:30-9:00 pm**, and we sing at the late service one Sunday a month. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Choir Director, Lindsey Paradise (Lindsey_paradise@yahoo.com).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP

Our annual collection of PB&J for the Hungry is ON! Celebrate Back-to-School and help restock the [Gaithersburg HELP](#) food pantry. Peanut butter & jelly can be left in the special collection bucket in the narthex. The drive will continue through October and the Sunday School is participating. If you have children, please encourage them to bring some to Sunday School.



FELLOWSHIP

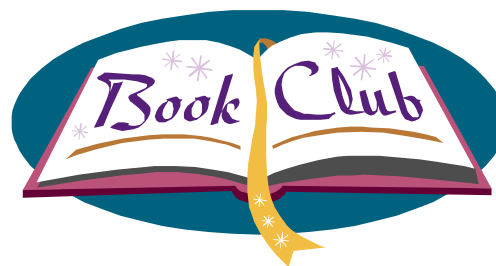
Saturday Dinner Out

We invite you to PoP Dinner Out immediately following the Saturday evening service! This is a casual way to gather with others, break bread, and enjoy some fellowship. On **Saturday, October 14**, we will be going to California Tortilla on Darnestown Rd and invite you to join us **around 6:15pm**. We keep it low-key and just pull tables together to enjoy each other's company. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Ric Kienzle @ r.kienzle@yahoo.com.



Men's Book Club

Just in the time for the World Series, the Men's Book Club will be discussing [The Selling of the Babe: The Deal that Changed Baseball and Created a Legend](#) by Glenn Stout. Everything you "think" you know about The Bambino is probably wrong. We will meet **Thursday, October 19, 7:30 pm** at the home of Charles Sullivan. All men of POP and their male friends are invited to share fellowship and munchies. Please RSVP to Charles at Charles@Homesflash.com



Women's Book Group

On **Thursday, October 12**, the Women's Book Group will discuss Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi.

Trudi Montag is a Zwerg—a dwarf—short, undesirable, different, the voice of anyone who has ever tried to fit in. Eventually she learns that being different is a secret that all humans share—from her mother who flees into madness, to her friend Georg whose parents pretend he's a girl, to the Jews Trudy harbors in her cellar. Ursula Hegi brings us a timeless and unforgettable story in Trudi and a small town, weaving together a profound tapestry of emotional power, humanity, and truth.

Nancy Morton will host this gathering at 7:30 pm at her home. Please RSVP to Nancy (nancy.morton@octagon.com).

Future Book Selections and Hosts

November 9 - The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu:

And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts

by Joshua Hammer

hosted by June Herron

December 14 - A Man Called Ove

by Fredrik Bachman

host TBD

January 11 - The Last Days of Night

by Graham Moore

host TBD

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.

AmazonSmile

You can support Prince of Peace with each Amazon purchase! Use our AmazonSmile link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>) and PoP receives .5% of your purchases. Use AmazonSmile every time you shop! AmazonSmile is completely integrated with Amazon.com; you use the same account and have the same shopping cart, Wish List, Registry, and account info. It's easy to set up and use. First click on the following link to tell Amazon that you want donations to be made to Prince of Peace: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>; then whenever you want to make a purchase at Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com instead of www.amazon.com. (AmazonSmile will remember the nonprofit previously selected.) It's easy!

RECENT EVENTS



All carpets were cleaned and all tile floors re-waxed during the month of September.



THANK YOU!

We could include a Thank You to Gordon Gipe every month for the many ways he supports Prince of Peace but he wouldn't like that. Summer is usually a time when people slow down, but Gordon has had a busy summer with many projects, some obvious (VBS sound/videos) and some behind the scenes (overseeing rug cleaning & tile floor work), some major (new copier procurement & installation) and some minor (washing the front sign). No task is too large or too small for Gordon... providing tech support & upgrades, designing cover template for our new Ministry of Friendship books, evicting bees from our mailbox, repairing our removable wall track in the Fellowship Hall, supporting building use in so many ways; these are just a few of his many contributions to Prince of Peace and we Thank him for sharing his time, energy, and experience with Prince of Peace!

Many Thanks to Cherie DeGeorge, our dedicated Church Use Administrator! Cherie spends many hours working with potential and current renters of our building. This Summer we hosted Mad Science for 8 weeks, requiring much coordination. We have two NA groups that meet each week and the Quince Orchard Library continues to use our space each week for an English Language Conversation Club while their building is being renovated. We also hosted a Swim team Carwash fundraiser this summer. In addition to these, Cherie follows up on many other requests for use of the building. Thank you, Cherie!

Office

I want to thank Martha Rogers for covering the office during my vacations and appointments! It is wonderful to have a highly competent replacement, not to mention a smiling face, during my absences. - Donna Von Wald

POP OFFICE

Kitchen News

Looking for our cloth tablecloths? They have been moved from the kitchen cabinet to the rightmost metal cabinet in the Fellowship Hall. Many Thanks to Tracy Solomon for washing and ironing many of the tablecloths so they are ready for our next event!

Lost & Found

During VBS we acquired two more found items - picnic blankets: a zip-up blue plastic cover and a red fringed blanket. Please pickup these items from our Lost & Found on the shelf of the coat closet in the narthex.

We continue to find orphaned travel mugs - please check the coat closet and see if any belong to you!

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

Please consider giving to ELCA Disaster Response to help those affected the hurricanes or other disasters. Visit the ELCA Disaster Response webpage (https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?_ga=2.75617429.1055162302.1505225105-1591491740.1397834503) to donate, or pick up a flier from the narthex.

MAR-LU-RIDGE NEWS

MountainTopics returns to Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 24: In the Footsteps of Luther, Germany 1517-2017! Please join us for an informative seminar hosted by Revs. Michael and Kristin Dubsy in Potomac Lodge from 9 am - 1 pm. A delicious German flavored meal is included in the fee of \$25. In the 500th Anniversary year (1517-2017) of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses and the beginning of the Reformation, a sharing of reflections and connections made during an 11 day pilgrimage in the Land of Luther which included Wittenberg, Eisleben, the Wartburg, Erfurt as well as Dresden, Berlin, Munich and Dachau Concentration camp. In addition, there will be discussion of Luther's impact on 20th Century and Modern Germany. Please register by emailing mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org or calling [800-238-9974](tel:800-238-9974)

Our Ridge Inn is always available for you if you wish to have time away. Monday - Thursday, \$25/night. Amenities include: Linens, access to microwave/refrigerator, beverages and light snacks. A peaceful, beautiful space for reflection and rest. Reserve your space by contacting the Mar-Lu-Ridge Office (mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org; [800-238-9974](tel:800-238-9974)).

For more info about Mar-Lu-Ridge, see: <http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>

THINK ABOUT IT

In a never-ending effort to attract the unchurched, some churches have considered translating their unfamiliar terminology into familiar football phrases. Although the definitions are not the best football and certainly not the best theology, they would help initiate football fans into the complexities of church life.

Blocking: Talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.

Draft Choice: The decision to sit close to an air-conditioning vent.

Draw play: What restless children do during a long sermon.

End around: Diaper-changing time in the nursery.

End zone: The pews.

Extra point: What you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.

Face mask: Smiling and saying everything is fine when it isn't.

Forward motion: The invitation at an evangelistic service.

Fullback: What the choir sees while the sermon is delivered.

Halfback: What the organist sees.

Hash marks: Stains left on the tablecloth after potluck.

Head linesman: The one who changes the overhead projector transparencies.

Illegal motion: Leaving before the benediction.

Illegal use of hands: Clapping at an inappropriate point in the service.

In the pocket: Where some church members keep God's tithe.

Incomplete pass: A dropped offering plate.

Interference: Talking during the prelude.

Linebacker: A statistic used by a preacher to support a point just made.

Passing game: The maneuver required of latecomers when the person sitting at the end of the pew won't slide to the middle.

Quarterback: What tightwads want after putting fifty cents in the offering.

Running backs: Those who make repeated trips to the rest room.

Through the uprights: Getting things done via the elders or church board.

Touchback: The laying on of hands.

Two-minute warning: The chairman of the board looking at his watch in full view of the preacher.

--William Ellis

Sniglets are words that don't appear in the dictionary, but should. Here are a few words to broaden your worship vocabulary:

Boiked - What an usher feels after going out of his way to take an offering plate to someone alone in a pew, and the person has nothing to contribute.

Pliturgist - The man or woman who is always half a second ahead of the rest of the congregation during a responsive reading.

Jobbling - The gradual rising of the congregation during the final hymn, after the pastor has forgotten to say, "Please rise."

Pleech - A joyful congregant's first note of verse four when the bulletin said to stop after three.

Scruggles - The scattered, congregational coughs that follow inevitably after someone gets them started.

Grooncher - A 240-pound greeter who thinks his job is to crush hands, not shake them.

Scrigging - The act of wasting one's time thinking up Christian sniglets.

--Eutychus in *Christianity Today*

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