



GLAD TIDINGS



Vol. 36, Iss. 9

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

November 2017

Make an Advent wreath for your

home! We'll have the supplies to create a beautiful Advent wreath during our Intergenerational Event on **Sunday, November 26th, between services (9:30 - 11:00)** in the Fellowship Hall. This event replaces Sunday School. Your \$5 donation for candles helps offset the cost. Please bring your wreath form if you have one. When you are finished enjoying your wreath, please place the foam ring in the box in the foyer. Questions? Contact [Janet Levine](mailto:lyle1janet@msn.com) (lyle1janet@msn.com).



It's beginning to look a lot like...

The Christmas Pageant will be held on **Sunday, December 10 at 6pm!** We need actors and helpers, please sign up in the narthex.

Rehearsals begin on **Sunday, November 5 (12-3pm)** with pizza and a read through of the script. Additional rehearsals: **11/12, 11/19, & 12/3 (2-5pm), and 12/9 (dress rehearsal; 6-8pm).** For further info, contact Lisa & Jon Conary (lconary@prodigy.net).



Give Thanks!

Prince of Peace will again join together with Good Shepherd and Christ the Servant Lutheran Churches for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7:30 pm at Good Shepherd.** This is a joint service we hold each year. There is a dessert reception following the service.



Items needed for [LWR Personal Care Kits!](#)

The kindergarten Sunday School class is collecting the following **new materials up to November 18:** dark-colored lightweight bath towels (20"x40" to 27"x52"), adult toothbrushes, metal nail clippers, sturdy combs with wide teeth, 3 to 5oz bars of mild soap (Ivory, etc). The kits are distributed all over the world to people fleeing violence or recovering from a natural disaster. **Please bring in all items by the 8:30 service on Sunday, November 19** - the kindergarten class will assemble the kits during the Sunday School hour.



(See page 4 for additional information.)

Welcome to Michaela Staab, our new Nursery Attendant!

Michaela is a 16-year-old junior at Northwest High School, where she is an honor student and on the varsity tennis team. For the past two years, she has also worked as a lifeguard at the Darnestown Swim Club, so she is CPR and First Aid certified. She has been a member of Prince of Peace for five years and is looking forward to spending time with the children in the nursery.



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 Steve...

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

In early November, you'll be seeing inserts and emails about the importance of giving at Prince of Peace. We're asking everyone to think about their own giving, and the important ministry that financial commitment makes possible. While everyone is at a different place in their personal stewardship, I'd like to share with you a few things that I do when I consider my giving, both to the church and other charitable organizations. Hopefully, these things will be helpful for you, too!

- 1) **Budget your giving** - as with all financial commitments, it's important to have a plan. Just as you need to plan how much you spend on utilities, mortgage and savings, planning your giving ensures that your dollars go where you want and need them to go. In your giving, and in all of your financial planning, consider that how you spend your money is a way of reminding yourself of who and WHOSE you are.
- 2) "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," and remember that what you render to God is deductible from what you render to Caesar! Most of us itemize deductions, and the tax benefit of giving may enable you to make a larger gift or have more money left over for other things in your budget. Consider the effect of your giving on your taxes (it can be considerable), and [use online giving](#) or checks to help us provide you with the documentation you need for your taxes.
- 3) **Remember that small amounts can make a big difference.** We have about 200 active households at Prince of Peace. If each household increased their giving by just \$10 per month, we'd have almost \$25K in additional funds with which to do ministry.
- 4) **Remember that your giving is a significant way of participating in Prince of Peace's ministry!** Your giving empowers parts of our ministry that can only be accomplished by

having the money to pay for staff, utilities and essential supplies. Give with the knowledge and excitement that your giving is making a difference!

Yours in Christ,

November 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 6)

Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Adult Choir (pg 6)

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...

November

4 Reformation Dinner
5 All Saints Sunday
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends (pg 1)
5 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (pg 1)
5 Confirmation Theme Event
9 Women's Book Group (pg 7)
11 Veterans Day
11 HS Lunch & Laser Tag at Shadowland (pg 5)
11 Saturday Dinner Out at Jersey Mike's (pg 6)
12 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (pg 1)
12 Bible Art Journaling (pg 6)
14 Church Council Meeting
16 Faith-Full Families (pg 4)
16 Men's Book Club (pg 7)
19 LWR Personal Care Kits Assembly (pp 1, 4)
19 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (pg 1)
19 Confirmation Theme Event
22 Thanksgiving Service - Good Shepherd (pg 1)
23 Thanksgiving Day
23-24 Church Office Closed
26 Advent Wreath Making
(replaces Sunday School) (pg 1)

December

- 3 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (pg 1)
- 3 Confirmation Theme Event
- 6 Advent Vespers
- 7 Faith-Full Families (pg 4)
- 9 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal (pg 1)
- 10 Christmas Pageant (pg 1)
- 12 Church Council Meeting
- 13 Advent Vespers
- 14 Women's Book Group (pg 7)
- 17 Confirmation Theme Event
- 20 Advent Vespers
- 21 Men's Book Club (pg 7)
- 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
- 25-26 Church Office Closed

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, Madelyn Berkeley-Miltzer, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, David family, Alex Garretson, 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 Pastor Ross Forcey
Family of John Maignet (father of Michelle Sullivan)

Thanksgiving

Baptism of Stella Greenberg (daughter of Stephanie & Michael Greenberg)

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

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

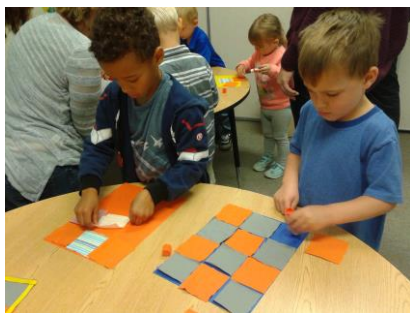
You can support Prince of Peace with each Amazon purchase! Use our AmazonSmile link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>) and PoP receives .5% of your purchases. Use AmazonSmile every time you shop! AmazonSmile is completely integrated with Amazon.com; you use the same account and have the same 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: <https://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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

PreK/K and Elementary

PreK/K and Elementary classes have been exploring the story of Moses - first, when he was a baby and next, when God spoke to him from the burning bush. Younger learners thought about the people whom God put in baby Moses' life to help him and made "patchwork quilts" to remember that God has put people in their lives who love them, too.



PreK/K made Moses sock babies, and put them in paper bag baskets. For snack, they put whipped cream boats on top of applesauce, and added a raisin Moses baby or two.



Elementary classes used the story of the burning bush to think about how God speaks to them in their lives and played games to remind them to listen for God. Lower Elementary made their own burning bushes out of grapes and whipped cream.



After a break to learn about the Reformation, the classes will continue learning about Moses in November - this time, the plagues.

LWR Personal Care Kit Project

On **November 19**, PreK/K will assemble personal care kits. These will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to people in need around the world. Please see the needed items (on page 1 and <https://lwr.org/get-involved/build-kits-of-care/personal-care-kits>).

Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Thanksgiving event will be held **Thursday, November 16th from 6-7:30 pm** 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 for fellowship, too.

Our Advent event will be held **Thursday, December 7th**.

Questions? Contact [Judy Bruening](mailto:Judy.Bruening53@gmail.com) (Judy.Bruening53@gmail.com)

High School Laser Tag and Lunch Social

We are planning a High School laser tag and lunch social event for **November 11, starting at 11:00am**. We will meet in front of Shadow Land ([624 Quince Orchard Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878](http://www.shadowlandadventures.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Waiver1.pdf)) 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 (<http://www.shadowlandadventures.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Waiver1.pdf>) 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!

Confirmation Retreat Oct. 13 +14

Our first and second year confirmands went on Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge for a time of bonding and reflection.

The lesson topics were centered on the book of RUTH (1:1-18). We discussed and learned about Ruth's friendship to Naomi; about our friendships and relationships in general - at school, with (grand)parents, relatives; and about our very special friendship and relationship to Jesus and God.

We learned from other bible passages (Proverbs 3:3 & 17:17, John 15:15) and discussions that friendships - any relationships - entail a lot of things: respect, love, truthfulness, loyalty, and that they are two-way streets: we give and we get. And that we can send a message (a prayer!) to Jesus anytime - just like we call or SMS/email any other friend we have.

Our confirmands also learned first-hand on the Challenge Course what *listening, respect and teamwork* mean - that not only some speak and 'contribute', but truly 'everyone is given a chance to, and can contribute', and sometimes we need to speak up to be listened to And that when the group works together, we indeed can overcome challenges -- for example, figure out how to get everyone over that 7-foot wall (within the set of rules)!

We were lucky with the weather, and confirmands enjoyed fun times for example on the basketball court in front of the cabin, making S'mores over the fire, watching a movie, and hiking across Shock Rock.

After returning to POP, our confirmands - under the patient guidance of Pastor Steve - successfully executed the assisting roles at the Saturday service - greeting, lighting candles, handing out bulletins, reading, collecting the offering plates, assisting in communion.

We thank all the adult leaders and Pastor Steve who made this trip possible, and the parents who donated oodles of snack food, drinks, and other supplies.



group picture



challenge course with planks



movie time with snacks



challenge course 'knot' of all kids (in 2 groups)

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, November 12 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. For our next study, bring your Bibles. We will be looking at the book of Revelation. 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

Needed: A Volunteer Coordinator

Gaithersburg HELP has an immediate need for a Volunteer Coordinator. This person will perform coordination duties on different levels. Knowledge of recruitment and hiring, team work, computer skills, and multitasking are preferred. This is part time (8-10 hours a week) and can be done primarily at your convenience.

Interested? Please send a brief resume and statement of interest to margo.goldman@gaitersburghelp.org

The flyer for this announcement can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Dinner Out

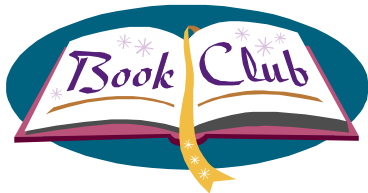
We invite you to PoP Dinner Out immediately following the Saturday evening service! This is a casual way to gather with others, break bread, and enjoy some fellowship. On Saturday, November 11, we will be going to Jersey Mike's in Kentlands (249 Kentlands Blvd, <https://www.jerseymikes.com/28005>) and 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



Fellowship Meal

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will meet **Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 pm**. Check Weekly Email and bulletin inserts for the next book and location. All men of POP and their male friends are invited to share fellowship and munchies. For more information, please contact Charles Sullivan at Charles@Homesflash.com.



Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group has chosen The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save The World's Most Precious Manuscripts for their November book discussion. It will be hosted by June Herron and will be held at POP in the Fellowship Hall, **Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 pm**. They will also be selecting books for next year. Please RSVP to June at june.herron@verizon.net.

To save precious, centuries-old Arabic texts from Al Qaeda, a band of librarians in Timbuktu pulls off a brazen heist worthy of Ocean's Eleven. Part history, part scholarly adventure story, and part journalist survey of volatile religious politics, The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu is an inspiring account of the victory of art and literature over extremism. By Joshua Hammer. (288 pages) All POP women are welcome to attend.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

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

January 11 - The Last Days of Night
by Graham Moore
host TBD



HOLY LAND FILM SERIES

All are invited to the Montgomery County Voices from the Holy Land Film Series. These free showings are at 2pm on Sundays at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church ([9801 Centerway Rd](http://9801CenterwayRd.com), Mont Village). The final two are "Two Blue Lines" on November 5 and "Where Should the Birds Fly" on November 12.

"Two Blue Lines" (99 minutes) - Filmed over a period of 25 years, it examines the human and political situation of the Palestinian people from the years prior to the creation of Israel to the present day. This documentary explores the passionate dispute among Israeli citizens about their government's Occupation of Palestine. It deftly splices together dueling creeds and the result is electrifying, because it's a split so rarely displayed on U.S. screens. Moderated discussion follows.

"Where Should the Birds Fly" (58 minutes) - Made by Palestinians living the reality it is the story of Israel's years long siege of Gaza and its 2008-2009 attack, told through the eyes of two young women, 11-year-old Mona Samouni (whose family was killed by Israeli rockets during Operation Cast Lead) and the filmmaker, Fida Qishta. The film will be followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A.

No reservations needed. For more info see: <https://www.voicesfromthehollyland.org/>

HOSPICE CARING, INC. NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN GAITHERSBURG

Hospice Caring, Inc. is looking for new volunteers to take part in their upcoming training sessions on **November 7, 8 and 9!** They are looking for passionate individuals interested in volunteering as hospice caregivers (their primary need) and facilitators for both adult and children's bereavement groups. The training sessions, led by community professionals, cover topics such as communication, active listening, understanding grief, cultural competency and self-care. Newly trained Hospice Caring caregiver volunteers will provide companionship, home assistance and transportation to patients in need. Volunteer facilitators will assist in leading adult bereavement support groups, children's school-based Grief clubs and Health Classes.

Training will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Gaithersburg (at 518 South Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877). To register for training, please contact Penny Gladhill at pennyg@hospicecaring.org or 301-990-0852. For more information visit www.HospiceCaring.org.

WIDER CIRCLE CONFERENCE

Join A Wider Circle on November 8 for The 2017 Forum on Ending Poverty: Creating Solutions and Positive Change. The forum will feature morning presentations and panels by leaders in the field of poverty eradication, followed by an afternoon poverty simulation. National leaders such as D. Watkins (author of *The Beast Side* and *The Cook Up*) and C. Nicole Mason (author of *Born Bright: A Young Girl's Journey from Nothing to Something in America*) will share their important views on poverty and how we can better solve it. We will also hear from people currently seeking to rise out of poverty, nonprofit leaders building effective solutions, and we will finish the day with a compelling and instructive poverty simulation.

The event will focus on ideas and innovations that will catalyze the movement to end poverty - and bring more expedient solutions to our neighbors in need. The conference will be held on November 8 from 9am-4pm at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. For details and registration see: <http://awidercircle.org/2017povertyforum/>

MAR-LU-RIDGE ADVENT EVENT

An afternoon of Family Fun at Mar-Lu-Ridge on Sunday, December 3, 1-4 pm! Enjoy the warmth of our woodstoves and campfires, create some holiday crafts to decorate your home, make a beautiful wreath with live greens from our property, and fellowship over a delicious meal in Agape Hall. Invite your family and friends - \$7/adult and \$3/youth (age 3-11, under 3 free). RSVP by December 1 (mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org, 800-238-9974). More info on website: <http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>. Please bring your own wire and wire wreath frames; all other supplies are provided.

THINK ABOUT IT

The Masai tribe in West Africa has an unusual way of saying thank-you. Translators tell us that when the Masai express thanks, they bow, put their foreheads on the ground, and say, "My head is in the dirt."

When members of another African tribe want to express gratitude, they sit for a long time in front of the hut of the person who did the favor and literally say, "I sit on the ground before you."

These Africans understand well what thanksgiving is and why it's difficult for us: At its core, thanksgiving is an act of humility.

--Joel Gregory

One Sunday in church, members were praising the Lord for what he had done in their lives that week. Mr. Segault said that the roof of his house had caught on fire, but fortunately, a neighbor had seen it, and the possible disaster was averted with only minor damage.

A minute later, a woman stood up. "I have a praise, too," she said. "I'm Mr. Segault's insurance agent."

--Ariana Macksey

Glad Tidings is published monthly (July/August and December/January issues combined) by:
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 11900 Darnestown Road
 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878-2210
 E-mail: office@poplutheran.org
 Web: www.poplutheran.org

Senior Pastor Steven Buechler
 Associate Pastor..... Christine Dunn
 Council President Ric Kienzle
Glad Tidings Editor..... Martha Rogers
 Production Martha Rogers
 Photography Gordon Gipe

Articles for the December/January issue of *Glad Tidings* are due **November 19**. Please e-mail articles to Martha Rogers at GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com. Photos and/or graphics are welcome!
Glad Tidings is online at www.poplutheran.org.