



GLAD TIDINGS



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

July/August 2018

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars and tell your friends, Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School 2018 is scheduled for **July 23-27 (9am-12pm)**. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked-Rescued By Jesus".

More information can be found on page 5.

Ways to Help VBS:

VBS Decorating Party

Let your creativity show and help VBS! On **Sunday, July 1 & July 15** join us in the Fellowship Hall at **11:00 am** as we make decorations for VBS. We will be creating lots of different types of fish, some turtles and geckos and dressing our flamingos. 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 snacks 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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca5a82aa1f85-vbssnack>

Help us get the word out about VBS.

Invite your children's friends, take some of the VBS flyers from the narthex and give them to neighbors with young children or put one up at your local grocery store. Post a VBS invitation on your Facebook page.



Thru September 2

Saturday at 5:00 pm ~ "come as you are"

Sunday at 9:30 am ~ one Sunday service

Welcome Home

Welcome home to our ELCA Youth Gathering and Honduras Mission participants as they return on Sunday, July 1.

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 **Labor Day Monday, September 3** at the Soccerplex in Germantown. Proceeds from this event will benefit Gaithersburg HELP and C4.

Registration is now open. You can register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Boys/MoColnterfaith5K>. 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 or wish to volunteer, please see [Pastor Christine](#). Sponsorship levels start as low as \$250. Mark your calendars now for this great, family fun event.

More information can be found on their website: <https://mocointerfaith5k.org/>.

See **Running on Faith!** on page 6 for other info.

Church Use Announcement

During the summer months, Mad Science summer camp, will be renting our Fellowship Hall **Monday-Friday 8am-6pm from 8/13-8/31**. 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!

From Pastor Christine...

Pastor Christine Dunn
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301-869-3666)



On June 16th I attended Synod Assembly, which is a gathering of rostered leaders and lay voting members from our synod's churches. Much good work is done and shared at this gathering, but often I find the relay of the 'happenings' from those meetings is minimal.

I'm not going to recount the whole meeting to you (if you're really interested, feel free to ask me), but I did want to share information from two workshops I attended in hopes of smaller interested groups gathering together over these topics.

The first was a workshop on the Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice. The ELCA periodically takes time to research and form social statements on socio-economic and socio-political issues. These statements are not formed nor written lightly. The statements always ground themselves from a Lutheran Christian perspective and are used to express the ELCA's position on topics. In a draft form, these statements are open to critique and modification. The Social Statement on Women and Justice can be found here (<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft>). The time frame for submitting response ends September 20, 2018. I would love to be in conversation and study with anyone interested. Join me in conversation and study on August 5th and/or 19th beginning at 10:45am (we will finish up by noon). Come to one or both. If you are able, please read the statement ahead of time.

The second workshop I attended was on a synodical effort called "Building Puentes," which means building bridges. This effort names the commitment between the Metro DC Synod, the Delaware-Maryland Synod, and the Caribbean Synod to address and rebuild areas affected by Hurricane Maria. This effort seeks to rebuild the affected areas in a multi-faceted manner through physical rebuilding of homes and churches, food and supply distribution, clergy and leader respite,

and faith formation for children. Because of the devastation to the islands of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, this is a long-term endeavor. Synodical rebuilding trips will be organized and I will keep those who wish to participate apprised of developments. A great video about the need for the project can be found here (<https://youtu.be/NAoVsIHrIU>).

If you have questions about either of these important efforts of our church, please ask me. Both of these are important to me from a justice and Jesus perspective.

Deep peace and joy,
Pastor Christine

July/August Highlights

Every Sunday

9:30 am Worship

A Supervised nursery is available at Sunday Service

6:00 pm Interfaith 5K Training (pg 6)

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (pg 6)

Meeting on 7/10, 7/17, 7/31, 8/7, and 8/14

Every Saturday

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

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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

Eardie Baka, Madelyn Berkeley-Miltzer, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Steve Crookshank, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, David family, Ellen DePalo, Debbie Forish, Alex Garretson, Dara Gibson, Steven Hill, Roy Johnson, Pat Juhrs, Mike Langum, Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Denny Tritinger, Susan Victor, Laura Wilson, Angelo Witten.

Sympathy

Family of Layton Fordham (friend of Gerry Pfaff)

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

SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to all our Graduates:



Andrew Hawley	James Rogers
Allison Claire Hurst	Kevin Rose
Christina Levine	Chris Schaefer
Jackson May	Greg Von Wald
Wyatt Muma	Alison Wickenheiser

Read on to learn about their Accomplishments & Next Steps!

Andrew Hawley graduated from Wootton High School on May 30th and will be attending University of Maryland College Park in the fall.

Alison Claire Hurst graduated from Gaithersburg High School on June 4th. She received a certificate of Meritorious Service and the

President's Volunteer Service Award for her 800+ SSL hours. In the fall, she will attend Shepherd University with plans to major in Art with a concentration in Photography and Computer Imagery.

Christina Levine graduated from Watkins Mill High School and is a candidate for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, and National Foreign Language Honor Society. Christina is a recipient of the Maryland Governor's Merit Scholastic Award and the Certificate of Meritorious Service. In the fall, she will attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) in the Honors College where she will major in biology on the pre-med or pre-vet track, and plans to eventually use skills developed in her ball-jointed doll modification business as a surgeon! She is a recipient of the UMBC Excellence Award.

Jackson May is graduating from Walter Johnson High School. Jackson was a member of the WJ cross-country and track team and also excelled in their ceramics program. He will be attending Ohio University (which is where Pastor Christine, his mom, also did her undergraduate work) in the College of Business.

Wyatt Muma graduated magna cum laude from Emerson College. He is now living in LA and pursuing his dream career of working in film.

James Rogers graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on Thursday, May 24 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science. He was also in the inaugural cohort of the Grand Challenges Scholars Program, focusing on the challenge of securing cyberspace. In July he will be starting work at Textron Systems as a software engineer. He plans to return to school in the future to pursue a Master's degree.

Kevin Rose graduated from the University of Maryland, having completed a B.S. with High Honors in Microbiology. As an undergraduate, Kevin studied the biochemistry of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus with the goal of designing more effective treatments. He will continue working in this area of research as a Post-Baccalaureate at the NIH doing vaccine research in animal models while studying for and applying to MD/PhD programs.

Chris Schaefer received his M.Div. from the United Lutheran Seminary (formerly Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary) on May 18! He's been assigned to the Delaware-Maryland Synod, where he is actively awaiting a call. Stay tuned for Chris' ordination announcement!

Greg Von Wald is receiving his MS degree in Energy Resources Engineering from Stanford University. In addition to his coursework, Greg has spent the past two years conducting research with the Environmental Assessment and Optimization Group on a variety of topics regarding the transition to and optimization of a low-carbon energy system. Feeling as though he needs one more degree to round out the set, Greg plans to remain on the West coast as he pursues a PhD in Energy Resources Engineering at Stanford. Earlier this year, Greg proposed to his girlfriend, Meg, and they will be getting married in September 2019.

Alison Wickenheiser graduated on May 19 from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO with a Doctor of Physical Therapy. This summer, Alison will be working at the university in physical therapy...while she studies for her boards in July.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Interfaith 5K

Mark your calendar for the Montgomery County Interfaith 5K on Labor Day, **Monday, Sept 3**. See page 1 for more information.

“God’s work. Our hands.”

The ELCA has set Sunday, Sept 9 as a day of service. From the notice:

“As members of the ELCA, we believe we are called, gathered and sent into the world to embody the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection - called into relationship with God, gathered together as a community of believers and sent into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, reminds us, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

On "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, we join together to use our various gifts in service to our

communities - this is work you do every day, sharing the love of Christ with all of God's people.”

If you are interested in learning more, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTYyhlatqLk&feature=youtu.be> and/or ELCA.org/dayofservice



STEWARDSHIP

Simplify With Online Giving

It's easy and will make your life easier. Just go to the church [webpage \(poplutheran.org\)](http://webpage.poplutheran.org) and click the green [Donate Online](#) button. Giving online can help all of us easily provide consistent support for the church. Signup today! 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!



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School



VBS, scheduled for **July 23-27 (9am-12pm)**, is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. **Registration forms are available at the**

church and on the PoP website

(http://www.poplutheran.org/childrenyouth/vbs_2018.html). You can download the registration form and mail it to the church or you can drop it off 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 venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive while learning there is someone bigger than their struggles and stronger than their weaknesses.

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If you have any questions please contact Lori Kohne at lorikohne@hotmail.com.

Sunday School

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

High School

Using resources such as *The Case for Christ*, *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, and *When God Goes to Starbucks* coupled with free-ranging discussions, we will explore topics such as friends who say they do not believe that God exists and how a so-called "God of Love" can allow so much evil and suffering in the world.

High School Leader - Jon Conary

Middle School

The Middle School Class uses Sparkhouse re:form Ancestors to explore the biblical ancestors of our faith. Using 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.

Middle School Leaders - Samuel Bornhorst and Sarah Kuykendall

Preschool - Elementary School

Each week, Elementary and Preschool students meet for fellowship and singing in the sanctuary at 9:45 am before heading to their classrooms at 10 am. Elementary age groups participate in one workshop each week, such as drama, cooking, and Bible study and games.

Preschool/Kindergarten has several in-class workshops each week, including Bible story time, craft, and snack. We use the Spark Rotation Sunday School curriculum and usually spend three weeks on a Bible story, exploring from multiple perspectives.

Leaders:

Opening - Danielle Drobny, Jean Bernstein, and Chris Michel with tech support by Jason Mills
Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, and Anne Witten
Lower Elementary Shepherd - Jacqui Bardill
Preschool-Kindergarten - Jamie Pflasterer
Pre-K /K Shepherd - Trish Taylor

Contact

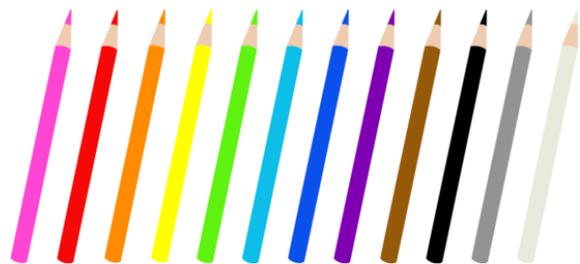
Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Janet Levine (LyleJanet@msn.com), with any questions or comments. See you on September 9th!

ADULT EDUCATION

Bible Art Journaling

Bible Art Journaling typically meets one Sunday evening per month. Our next gatherings will be **July 22 and August 26 from 6pm-8pm**. Carmen Hill, a member at Prince of Peace, uses her artistic skills to guide us in our creativity based on a brief scripture lesson led by Pastor Christine. No advance preparation or materials are necessary. This is a fun and creative way to get into God's Word and to enjoy one another's company. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Christine.

(pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



<http://sweetclipart.com/set-twelve-colored-pencils-288>

PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study which meets **Tuesdays from 12:30-2 pm** will be listening to and discussing podcasts relating to faith and ethics this summer. Over the summer we will be meeting less frequently due to scheduling conflicts. We are planning to meet on **June 12 and 19; July 10, 17, and 31; and August 7 and 14**. You do not need to attend every week or prepare anything in advance. The group is open and all women are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch with you. Contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) with any questions.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

ELCA on Women and Justice

Join Pastor Christine on **Sunday, August 5th and/or 19th at 10:45 am** to discuss the ELCA's Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice. This is a great opportunity to consider the church's role in raising up women, in addressing bias, and dismantling systems which have historically silenced women. Questions? Please see Pastor Christine. A copy of the statement can be found at <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft>.

Gaithersburg HELP

The wonderful cereal donations have been a huge bonus to Gaithersburg HELP. Please keep them coming, plus canned tuna and peanut butter are also needed.



<http://mariafresa.net/clipart/box-clipart-cereal.html>



Hope Walker is the new POP delegate to HELP. She is a longtime volunteer with the organization, and looks forward to talking to people about the multitude of volunteer opportunities that always exist. This year HELP is celebrating its 50th anniversary as an all-volunteer organization providing important emergency services to the large needy population of the area.

Note To Any Federal Employees

If you would like to support the Gibson family by donating leave to Lauren, please see the 3/15 Journal entry on Dara's Caring Bridge page: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/daragibson>. Lauren and Dan are back to work currently and their family is enjoying some normalcy, however the future is unknown and leave donations will be needed if things change. Meal donations are currently not needed. Updates can be found on the Caring Bridge site.

FELLOWSHIP

Running on Faith!

In preparation for the [Interfaith 5k](#) on September 3 for which Prince of Peace is a sponsor, we have just started a weekly training/Bible study for those interested. We'll meet one hour a week on **Sunday evenings at 6 pm** throughout the summer to read a Bible passage, run/walk for 30 min, then reflect on the passage while cooling down. All fitness (and spiritual!) levels welcome! Please feel free to join us. We also encourage ALL to sign up soon for the Interfaith 5k to represent Prince of Peace and to support a great cause!



Women's Book Group

Join us on **Thursday, July 12 at 7:30 pm** when we will discuss The Girl Who Slept With God by Val Breliniski. Our host is Hope Walker. RSVP to Hope at Hopewalk04@hotmail.com

Set in Arco, Idaho in 1970, the book tells the story of three sisters. Their mother's depression and one daughter's religious fervor threaten the seemingly perfect family, whose world is upended when Grace returns from a missionary trip to Mexico and discovers she's pregnant with—she believes—the child of God. Grace and one of her sisters are sent away to prepare for the arrival of the baby while building a makeshift family. This is a family's desperate need for truth, love, purity, and redemption.

Then, join us on **Thursday, August 9 at 7:30 pm** when we will discuss Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Our host is Debbie Chan. RSVP to Debbie at Latour22@comcast.net

Two siblings lead a privileged life in Nigeria. They live in a beautiful house, with a caring family, and attend an exclusive missionary school. They're completely shielded from the troubles of the world. Yet, things are less perfect than they appear as their father is fanatically religious and tyrannical at home—a home that is silent and suffocating. As the country begins to fall apart under a military coup, the siblings are sent to their aunt, where they discover a life beyond the confines of their father's authority. When they return home, tensions within the family escalate, and the daughter must find the strength to keep her loved ones together. This is a book about the emotional turmoil of adolescence, the powerful bonds of family, and the bright promise of freedom.

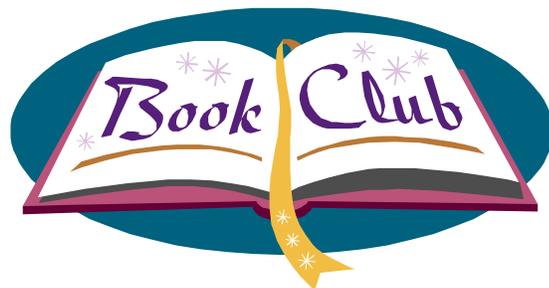
Future Book Selections and Hosts

September 13 - Little Fires Everywhere
by Celeste Ng,
host Judy Bruening

October 11 - Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate,
host Cherie DeGeorge

November 8 - Being Mortal
by Atul Gawande,
host Jennifer Maloney

December 13 - Lily and the Octopus
by Steven Rowley*,
host Sharon Wahl
*good audiobook



RECENT EVENTS

Yard Sale (The Big One!)

A beautiful day with threats of rain welcomed our annual Yard Sale this year on Saturday, June 2. Following are a few pictures of some of the areas.



Furniture, sports, outdoor items in the tent.



Toys and games.



Baby and toddler furniture and accessories.



Clothing, clothing, clothing, and accessories.



Collectibles, crafts, and jewelry.



Of course, let's not forget the food!
 (...and books, housewares, electronics, linens, computers...)

THANK YOU!

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 and other organizations. 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.



POP OFFICE

Needed: Ushers and Greeters



Critical Need for Ushers and Greeters! Please consider volunteering to serve at your preferred Sunday service. If willing, sign up in the narthex or contact the

Office (office@poplutheran.org). You will be scheduled every 6-8 weeks. Thank you for helping us fill this critical role!

Serving in Worship Schedule

The Serving in Worship schedule for July & August is posted on our [website](#) and the bulletin board in the narthex each week. Please review it and make arrangements for any conflicts. Thanks!



Recycling Toner/Ink Cartridges

We need your used toner and ink cartridges! Bring them to PoP for recycling and we can get a credit toward purchasing office supplies.



Please leave them in the designated box on the table in the foyer. We can save hundreds of



dollars each year through this program. We appreciate those who have already been participating!

Altar Flowers

The Flower Chart for 2018 still has a few openings! Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a person or special occasion. A donation of \$30 covers the flowers for a week, and they are yours to take home after the late service. Sign up on the Chart posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and place your donation (marked "Altar Flowers") in the Offering. Thanks for adding to our worship experience!



ELCA Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR is still there to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage](http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response) to donate or learn more about how you can help. [\[http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response\]](http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response)

Women Of The ELCA

Want to learn about the Women of the ELCA (WELCA)? Check out their website: <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/>.

To learn more about our local Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization (SWO), please visit the SWO website (dwyercl2.wixsite.com/welca-metrodcsynod) and read the SWO Newsletter, The Joyful News (metrocelca.org/publications/joyfulnews/)

THINK ABOUT IT

An Arab chief tells the story of a spy captured and sentenced to death by a general in the Persian army. This general had the strange custom of giving condemned criminals a choice between the firing squad and "the big, black door."

The moment for execution drew near, and guards brought the spy to the Persian general. "What will it be," asked the general, "the firing squad or 'the big, black door?'"

The spy hesitated a long time. Finally he chose the firing squad.

A few minutes later, hearing the shots ring out confirming the spy's execution, the general turned to his aide and said, "They always prefer the known to the unknown. People fear what they don't know. Yet, we gave him a choice."

"What lies beyond the big door?" asked the aide.

"Freedom," replied the general. "I've known only a few brave enough to take that door."

The best opportunities in our lives stand behind the forbidding door of the great unknown.

--Don McCullough

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