



GLAD TIDINGS



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Yard Sale!

Come to shop. Come to help.
Saturday, June 1, 7 am - 2 pm.



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars and tell your friends, Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School 2019 is scheduled for **July 22-26 (9am-12pm)**. This year's theme is "ROAR! Life is

Wild - God is good." VBS is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. Registration forms are available on the Prince of Peace website (<https://poplutheran.org/vbs>) 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 on this wild adventure where kids survive and thrive while learning there is someone bigger than their struggles and stronger than their weaknesses.

Help us with VBS!

- 1. Advertise:** We're encouraging everyone to help us attract new families. Have your kids invite their friends. Tell your neighbors about it or hand them a flyer. Contact Lori Kohne if you can help with marketing and she can provide what you might need.
- 2. Sign Up for snacks/breakfast** for the week of VBS (look for sign-up sheets in the narthex or a link to Sign-Up Genius in June).
- 3. Help during VBS week**-either all week or just on certain days.

If you have any questions or can help, please contact Lori Kohne at lorikohne@hotmail.com.



Worshipping together over the summer! This summer, through Labor Day Weekend (9/2), we will have **ONE Sunday service at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship!** The Saturday 5 pm service will also continue each weekend.



Board Game Night

Board Game Night is starting up again. Please join Christian Michel and others for a night of board gaming and fellowship in the Besecker Youth Center on **Saturday, June 8 at 6:00 pm** following Saturday service. If you haven't noticed, board gaming is enjoying a renaissance in recent years, with the industry growing rapidly and projected to expand to \$12 billion in 2023. Deck building, dice and card drafting, tabletop miniatures, multi-game campaigns, Euro-style worker placement, you name it. The variety is endless. Kickstarter and other crowd sourcing platforms have injected creativity and made it easier for people to bring interesting concepts to market. Come see what makes modern board gaming so fun and interesting. Have a favorite game? Bring it. Want to learn an ancient classic like Go? Come on out. There will be a variety of games available. This is mainly a teen-adult event, but if younger folks want to join in, we can supply games for younger (8+) kids, also. Please contact Chris at michel_christian@yahoo.com with any questions, or a list of available games. Hope to see you there! Also contact Chris if you want to be on an email list to generally discuss scheduling future board game nights, and choosing games to try.



Honduras Mission Trip

Five members of Prince of Peace are scheduled to serve through the Honduras mission trip from **June 20-30**. Chet and Nancy Wolejsza, Ric and Grey Kienzle, and "returning champion" Catherine Shober will be joining non-profit organization, Haven Universe (<http://havenuniverse.org>) and other missionaries (Steve Haley, Jeff Rudisill, CT and Edie Gordon) to serve Honduran communities through encouragement and prayer, providing assistance with medical needs, construction projects, and practical necessities such as food and household items. We ask that these missionaries and the success of the mission trip be kept in your prayers!



From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
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Summer is here! And while summers are usually busier for most of us than they used to be, they still provide a change from the usual pace of the year. And they often provide opportunities that we don't have during the rest of the year.

A really neat opportunity for us at Prince of Peace during the summer is to connect, or re-connect, with each other. During the summer, we have one Sunday worship service at 9:30 am, and we continue our 5 pm Saturday service. And over the years, this has meant that many folks who almost exclusively go to one of the Sunday services end up worshipping together at 9:30 am or joining with the 5 pm group. And that gives us all a great chance to get to know each other better, or even for the first time.

Every year, when we begin the summer schedule, I see folks who I see all the time speaking with other people I see all the time. And often, those conversations end with words like, "it's been really great to meet you!" And I realize that, while it's great to have a variety of worship times and opportunities, this often means that even active members don't always know each other.

But summer provides us with a great opportunity to grow more closely together as a community. So look around at worship and see who's there that you don't know. Take advantage of our "3 minute rule" to spend at least 3 minutes talking to someone you don't know. And spend some time after worship hanging out and connecting or re-connecting with your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ!

Yours in Christ,

June Highlights

Every Sunday

9:30 am Worship

A Supervised nursery is available during the Service

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (pg 4)

Every Saturday

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

COMING UP...

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10 Church Council Meeting

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<https://poplutheran.org/church-calendars/>



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, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Kevin Ely, Roy Johnson, Mike Langum, Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Jim McNerney, Heather Robinson, Sherry Schiebel, Denny Tritinger, Paul Welborn, Laura Wilson, Angelo Witten.

Godspeed

Honduras Mission Team (pg 1)

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

SPOTLIGHT

This month we are looking at Church Use:

We are excited to be hosting Mad Science for ten weeks this summer. They will be meeting in the Besecker Youth Center.

If your child is still looking for additional summer activities you may want to check the Mad Science website. Mad Science is in the process of getting approved for the Montgomery County Public School Community Service hours program.

Please check the Church Calendar for the actual weeks that they will be with us.

Below is a description of the program as provided by Mad Science:

Mad Science camps offer a daily combination of in-class discovery and exploration, outdoor games and physical activities, and hands-on applications of the scientific principles presented. Your child will be able touch, see, hear, smell and taste what science is really all about. We use simple, real world science techniques that allow even the youngest of campers to enjoy our learning environment. Campers create, build and assemble a variety of take-home projects while exploring how science affects the world around us. Children have so much fun that they forget they're learning!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Montgomery County Interfaith 5K

The Montgomery County Interfaith 5K is on the calendar! Sign up to race, help on the sidelines, or just come to cheer on the participants. When registering, join the Prince of Peace team! Prince of Peace is a founding organization for this race. The race will be on **Monday, September 2**. Go to: www.mocointerfaith5k.org to register. Questions? See Pastor Christine

HELP NEEDED

Church Technology Administrator!

Prince of Peace has three volunteer positions to support areas that are important to our ministry. They are: Church Use, Facility, and Technology. The Technology Administrator position has been vacant since 2014, Gordon Gipe has been covering both Technology and Facility, and needs someone to fill the Technology role. The duties involve support of the following technology areas: computers, network, phone and copier or anything else that may arise in the technology realm. Gordon would be more than happy to answer questions about the position. Please contact [Pastor Steve](#) or [Ric Kienzle](#) if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Counters



Who doesn't love to count money?

Come join the counting team for fun with money!! We

have a wonderful team at Prince of Peace who count and enter the donations into the computer. No experience necessary- there isn't much to it! It's a great way to make new friends and find an easy way to participate at PoP. We are looking for a couple more people to count after church about once a month. We have a very flexible schedule to fit our lives.

For more information or to volunteer, email Helen Griffith (Hgriffith22@gmail.com)

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!

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

It's easy and will make your life easier. Just go to the church [webpage](http://poplutheran.org) (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 poplutheran.org or scan this QR code with your smart phone or tablet. Thanks for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace!

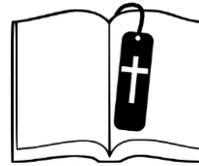


AmazonSmile

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!

ADULT EDUCATION

PoP Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. (Watch bulletin inserts and Weekly Email for any date changes.) We are reading and discussing [A Life That is Good](#) (based on the book of Proverbs). Please join us any week you can and feel free to bring a bagged lunch.

Questions? See [Pastor Christine](#) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP

Food donations are deeply appreciated. Any nonperishable nutritious food is great, and at the moment lower sugar fruits and proteins are especially needed. Financial donations by individuals and foundations have decreased significantly, so more donated food helps reduce the cost of purchased food.

Village at Rockville

Many thanks to all who joined the Auxiliary of the Village at Rockville; you are making a difference! So far, we raised \$580 for Auxiliary projects such as birthday parties, entertainment, and bus trips for the residents. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, it's not too late; memberships are accepted throughout the year. The Auxiliary flier is available in the foyer and memberships can be mailed directly to The Auxiliary or left in the POP Office. Please make checks to "The Auxiliary, TVAR".

The Village at Rockville is also a great place to volunteer. It is conveniently located near Darnestown Rd and Glen Mill Rd. There are opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to volunteer such as reading to or visiting residents, wheelchair escorts, administrative duties, leading activities, and sharing your talents. There is also a Student Volunteer Program where students can earn SSL hours. For volunteer info, check out their website (www.thevillageatrockville.org/volunteer/) or contact Melissa Blackstone (301-354-8466).

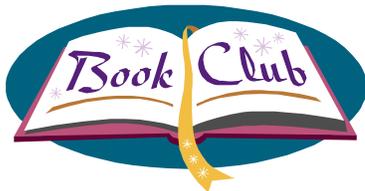
Join the Auxiliary or Volunteer; help make life at The Village better for all!

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship: We need great new people to join our team. Please add your name and email to the Fellowship list. There's no pressure, you can pick and choose the events you would like to be involved in!!! Contact [Pamela Cook](#).

Men's Book Club

In June the Men's Book Club will discuss David Benioff's City of Thieves. "A writer visits his retired grandparents in Florida to document their experience during the infamous siege of Leningrad. His grandmother won't talk about it, but his grandfather reluctantly consents. The result is the captivating odyssey of two young men trying to survive against desperate odds; an intimate coming-of-age tale with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men." Our genial host will be Mark Ludder, who invites us to join him at Pinky and Pepe's Grape Escape in Kentlands Shopping Center **on Thursday, June 20 at 7:30 pm**. The Men of PoP and their male friends are cordially invited. Please RSVP to Mark at ludder@comcast.net



Women's Book Group

On **June 13, 7:30 p.m.**, The Women's Book Group will discuss The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman. This discussion will be hosted by Nancy Wolejsza. The setting for this book is the tropical island of St. Thomas and is a love story about the scandalous relationship between the parents of Camille Pissarro, the father of Impressionism.

Please RSVP to Nancy at nawolejsza@aol.com.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

July 11 - The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are
by Brene Brown, hosted
by Hope Walker

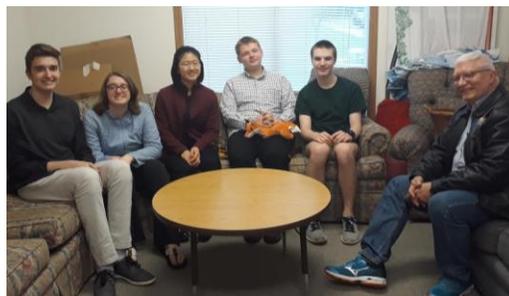
August 8 - This Is How It Always Is
by Laurie Frankel, hosted
by Debbie Chan

RECENT EVENTS

Sunday School Leader Recognition



Thanks to our dedicated Sunday School leaders for their loving commitment to our children!



Opening Leaders - Danielle Drobny, Rebecca Claycamp, Chris Michel with tech support by Jason Mills

Preschool-Kindergarten Leader - Jamie Pflasterer

Preschool-Kindergarten Shepherd - Trish Taylor

Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, Anne Witten

Lower Elementary Shepherd - Jacqui Bardill

Middle School Leaders - Samuel Bornhorst, Sarah Kuykendall

High School Leader - Jon Conary

Sunday School Superintendent - Janet Levine

The leaders appreciate the participation of our learners. We look forward to seeing you this summer at worship and VBS, and on September 8th when Sunday school resumes!

Music Leaders Recognition



PoP Barbecue



Having fun in the Gaga Pit...



...and on the swings.



Enjoying wonderful food and friends while making new friends.

Confirmands Community Service

After school on Friday, May 17, PoP Confirmands Katrena Huen, Rachel Carreras, and Stella Meyer helped Jennifer Maloney and Joan Kowalik weed and tidy up our PoP Memorial Garden.

Bertha and Max Carreras and Athena Huen helped too!



POP OFFICE

Serving in Worship Schedule

The Serving in Worship schedule for June and July has been posted on our [website](#) and the bulletin board in the narthex. Please review it and make arrangements for any conflicts. Thanks!

Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2019 has been posted!

Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a person or special occasion. A donation of \$35 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!



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!



Kitchen Care

Help us keep the kitchen tidy and organized! Please check out our new kitchen rules so that we can keep it clean and tidy and make it easier for everyone to use.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

Please consider giving to ELCA Disaster Response to help those affected by natural disasters. Visit the ELCA Disaster Response webpage (<https://elca.org/disaster>) to donate.

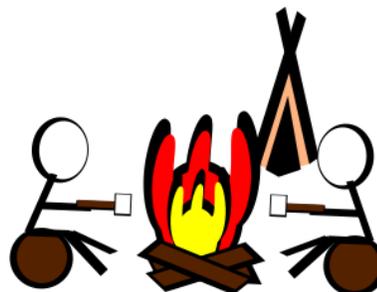
SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ready to jump into a new adventure?!? The programming at Mar-Lu-Ridge is Christ-centered, fun, and safe. Residential camps for ages 6-17, day camps for ages 6-10, and off-site Mobile Mar Lu day camps are offered.

Check out the [brochure](#) for information about the different camps and cost. Also available is a [registration link](#).

Do you love working with children and being outdoors? Is God calling you to serve in a new and exciting way? We have just the job for you! Check out our [application](#) today!



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