



GLAD TIDINGS



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Reformation Sunday, October 30

Why Wear Red??

On the eve of All Saints' Day, October 31, 1517, a young Roman Catholic Priest named Martin Luther posted a list of 95 theses, or statements on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He requested a meeting of the church leaders to discuss and debate the substance of these 95 theses concerning church practices. Luther desired that the church would reform its practices to be more in keeping with the Word of God as contained in the Bible. What started as an academic debate - mostly over the selling of indulgences and the Grace of God - touched off a chain reaction that resulted in the events that we now call the Protestant Reformation.

So, why do we wear RED clothing on Reformation Sunday? Everyone is invited to wear the liturgical color RED, on **October 30**, because RED represents the Holy Spirit. Luther believed that the Reformation was a direct result of the Holy Spirit moving him and others to action. This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God even today.

Adapted by Debbie Chan from the website of Luther Memorial Lutheran church in Syracuse, New York

KID CORNER

Hey, Kids! Do you stay with Mommy and Daddy during the worship service but sometimes get bored? Did you forget to bring your book to look at so you can stay quiet and not get too antsy?

If you answered yes to either of these, visit KID CORNER on your way in to the service. There you can find something to help keep you busy. Some things you might find are books to read, pages to color, little bags of crayons, small quiet toys, and your own special bulletin (You know, the papers Mommy and Daddy look at to tell them what is happening in the service.).

Next time you come to church, show KID CORNER to your parents. It is near the door at the closet where everyone hangs up their coats in the winter.

See you at church!

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 all Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

Every Wednesday

5:30 pm High School Youth Group

7:30 pm Adult Choir

Every Thursday

5:00 pm Youth Choir

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

7:45 am Men's Group

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

Songs, Dances and a Poem - Please join Danielle Drobny as she performs in her first solo piano recital here at Prince of Peace!!! The special event will be held on **Sunday, October 2nd at 6pm**. Danielle will be performing works by Federico Mompou, Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. Admission is free and there will be a wine and Hor d'oeuvre reception immediately following the recital. Donations will be graciously accepted to help support the Music Ministry's guest musician fund. Questions? Contact Danielle Drobny at danielledrobny@gmail.com.

From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler (pastor@poplutheran.org;
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Over the past several months, I've been working with the Council to articulate some big picture focus and goals for Prince of Peace as we move forward in the next 10-20 years. Partly prompted and developed by our Building Committee discussions, we've had some really good



conversations about the qualities, gifts and challenges that have as a Christian community. Most of the things we talked about weren't new, but I think it's important to put them down in writing, clearly and concisely.

I'd like to use my article this month to share the document we've developed. I'll be sharing this again as we move into our Stewardship focus in the fall. Called "Looking towards 2021 and beyond", I hope this will be an opportunity to think and talk about who we are as God's people in this place, and the things we need to do and be as we move into the future.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - Mission Focus Looking towards 2021 and beyond ...

Jesus gave his first disciples a new relationship with God. He formed them into a community and empowered them, through word and deed, to share that relationship and community with others in the world. We are situated in a dynamic, yet often fragmented community in which people are often physically, emotionally and spiritually disconnected. Prince of Peace's mission is to help people in our community become more connected to God and to others.

As we consider our past and look towards our future, we recognize that we have been blessed by God to experience and empower such connections and relationships especially through:

- Worship
- Serving Others
- Engaging Children and Youth in ministry
- Learning & Faith formation

These are the key areas we will emphasize and strengthen in order to continue to be faithful

disciples of Jesus and to reach out to others. We have a sense of urgency about this, because we realize that our area is growing, becoming more diverse and increasingly transient. We recognize the responsibility and opportunity we have to share what God has given us by being intentional about inviting others into our community and helping new people to connect more fully with God and others, especially those from different or even no faith backgrounds.

We also recognize that people in our area lead more hectic lives than before. Work and family commitments often make participation in church activities sporadic or difficult. Therefore, we are committed to ensuring that there are a variety of activities and opportunities to help people find and deepen their connections to God and others.

As we look towards the future, our Council has recognized several key challenges that we will continue to address over the long term. Each year, as part of its planning, Council will adopt at least one or two specific goals to address one or more of these challenges. These challenges include:

- Ensuring that, as people come and go, the caring and welcoming "feel" of our congregation continues to be strong and nourishes the experience of connection to God and others. Welcoming and including people right away, without the expectation that they will necessarily stay for a long time, will be increasingly important;
- Developing paid and volunteer leadership that can help our ministries grow in numbers and in quality, especially in light of the difficulty of most lay volunteers to commit large amounts of time to leadership;
- Expanding and improving our physical facilities in ways that allow us to engage in a variety of activities and services that promote connections to God and others through the development of community, service and worship;
- Implementing and utilizing new and existing technologies in ways that promote better connections, community and communication

Yours in Christ,

Special Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who joined in celebrating my 20th Anniversary of Ordination! I was overwhelmed by how many of you came to one of the celebration events, spoke to me, called me or sent e-mails or Facebook messages of support! As I reflect on my 20 years of service, I thank God for the privilege of serving, and for the support and encouragement of all you here at Prince of Peace!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Blessing of the Animals!



At our 5 pm Saturday service on October 8, we'll hold the service outdoors and have a special blessing of animals! Come and bring your pets!

POP Silent & Live Auction

Gather friends and neighbors because on **October 15** we will be holding our 2nd annual PoP Auction! The evening will kickoff with a dinner starting at 6pm followed by a live and silent auction from 7pm-8:30pm (childcare will be available). Come join us for great music, great food and most importantly great fellowship!



Last year we raised close to \$15K and much of that was thanks to your generous donations. Some of our most popular items were vacation rentals, services such as golf lessons or babysitting, quilts and baked goods for now or for special occasions such as Thanksgiving or Christmas. We are starting to collect donations now so if you would like to make a

donation or have any questions, please contact Lori Kohne at lorikohne@hotmail.com.

Stewardship

Giving so far in 2011

As many are aware, giving to churches and other charitable institutions doesn't come in evenly throughout the year. This is true also at Prince of Peace.

Each year, Prince of Peace passes a budget which predicts a certain amount of giving. Normally at Prince of Peace, at the end of the third quarter of the year, we receive about 67% of contributions for the year. At the end of the third quarter this year, we have received an amount equal to 69.5% of our anticipated giving. This is the best response we've had in three years!

While we still rely heavily on giving in the next quarter, we're grateful to all who have kept up with their giving and who have given more this year in order to support and strengthen our many ministries!

Prince of Peace now has a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader!



Turn Your IRA Required Distributions into Charitable Donations

The IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70 ½ and older take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from their IRAs each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual RMDs are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who don't need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to charity, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a worthy cause while effectively lowering your tax bill. Prince of Peace qualifies as a charity eligible to receive this donation. This provision of the tax code, to donate your IRA distribution to a charity and receive a tax break, expires on December 31st

of this year unless extended by Congress. If you are not 70 1/2, please share this information with your parents or grandparents. Making a donation to the Prince of Peace building fund, youth ministry, or to the designated fund of your choice would be a meaningful way to further these important ministries of our church.

As always, you should talk to your financial or tax professional before making a decision that effects your tax situation. If you or your financial advisors have any questions about how to accomplish this, please contact Mike Kalas (michael.kalas@gmail.com) on the PoP Finance Committee.

Education

Susan Junghans (KSJunghans@verizon.net)

Our season of Sunday School is in full swing. Pick up a flier in the narthex for the location of our youth classes. Contact Janet Levine (Lyle1Janet@msn.com; 301-540-7992) or Susan Junghans (KSJunghans@verizon.net; 301-217-9420) with questions /comments.

We also have four Adult education options during Sunday School hour:

- * Exodus Bible Study (led by Kurt Junghans, meets in Youth Center)
 - * Guided Bible Study by Cricket Keeth (led by Bob & Bridget Pavlak, in Pastor Sarah's office)
 - * Young Adult Bible Study (in Pastor Steve's office)
 - * Chat with a Pastor (in the Sanctuary)
- Grab a coffee and come hang out with other adults.

Chat with a Pastor on Sunday morning during an informal time to discuss whatever is on your mind. Chat about what? About anything you think you'd like to talk about: How does faith inform our understanding of current events? What was that 2nd reading about? What burning theological question has always been on your mind? Meet in the sanctuary at 9:45am.

Youth Ministry

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans from July 18-22, 2012. The Youth Gathering takes place once every three years, and it's an incredible experience as nearly 30,000 high school youth from all over the country to join together in worship, learning and service! Check out the website for the Gathering (<http://www.elca.org/elca/youth-gathering.aspx>)

to learn more! Registration will take place on **October 9 @ 2pm**, and we must have all of our information uploaded and ready to send before then, so a commitment (along with a \$150 deposit) will have to be made before then. Please contact Chris Schaefer (christophe.schaefer@ymail.com) or Astrid Crookshank (crookshank_astrid@comcast.net) if you're interested in coming along!

October is a great month for Youth Ministry because it captures three of our most popular events here at POP! They are as follows:

Parent's Night Out- Saturday, October 22nd from 6-9 PM. Drop your kids off at the church for fun, dinner, and fellowship! The kids love hanging out with our High School Volunteers, and you get three free hours to shop, eat, visit, or just take a nap! Kids must be potty trained and a good will offering is accepted to support Work Camp and The Gathering.

Halloween Party-Friday, October 28th from 7-8:30 PM. This annual event is packed with games, a Haunted Mansion, a Haunted Forest, and Trunk-or-Treating. Bring your kids in costume for a roaring good time!

High School Lock-in- Friday, October 28th after the Halloween Party. After the Halloween Party, the HS kids stay and spend the night. It's a great time for worship, socializing, and just being together. All HS kids are welcome to attend!

WORKCAMP 2012 - Workcamp is a great opportunity for youth and adults to grow in faith as they spend a week serving those in need. For those high school youth that want to join us next year for a great week of service, great company and meeting new friends - put **June 24th - June 30th** on your calendars. We are headed to Reading PA !

If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Susan Soileau at 301 340 1219 or s10620W@ymail.com Input even at this early date is appreciated for planning purposes.

Please refer to the website calendar or the Youth Ministry bulletin board for details about events throughout the year. Also, don't forget that the High School youth meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Drissel at (301)349-2848; Drissels@comcast.net.

Fellowship

Fellowship Committee - If you enjoy food, fun and fellowship, we would love to have you as a member of the Fellowship Committee. It's a great way to get to know other members of Prince of Peace and encourage Christian Fellowship within the congregation and the community. The Fellowship Committee is responsible for planning/coordinating and preparing meals for various church-wide social events such as the Walk through the Bible, Auction, Lenten and Advent soup suppers and the annual Congregational meeting, as well as other smaller fellowship related groups. If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact Lisa Woodard (Fellowship Chair) at 301-762-2343 or woodard4@comcast.net

Tables For All -- What are two of the top ten best reasons for being Lutheran? That's right, food and fellowship - and you can combine both in Tables for All. Get to know other folks from Prince of Peace through casual dinners held at participants' homes. This adult fellowship activity is low stress and lots of fun. We do three "rounds" in a calendar year: October/November, January/February, and March/April. Eight people (singles or couples) are grouped to enjoy a potluck dinner at one participant's home. The host provides the main dish and the other people are assigned to bring either side dishes, salad, bread, or dessert. It is mapped out for you each round, so all you need to do is sign up in the narthex or contact Becky Carr (carrfive@comcast.net).

Social Ministries

Jennifer Maloney (maloney.jenn@gmail.com; 301-602-6358)

Annual Mini-Walk for the Homeless... it's not too late to complete a registration form for the Walk. You can participate in our Walk along the POP Nature Trail or be a virtual walker. Registrations will be accepted through 10/10 so complete one today! Our Walk (10/2, raindate: 10/9) is a wonderful opportunity to show our support for Gaithersburg HELP. Last year, with the help of POP walkers, HELP raised \$67,478. Nearly half of the money was from bonuses based on the number of registered walkers. POP registered a record-breaking 209 Walkers. Please register so we can top that this year!

Looking for an unusual gift to commemorate a Birthday, Anniversary, or other Big Day? Check out the Gaithersburg HELP Alternate Giving program. Choose a meaningful gift to give a loved one while

helping families in the Gaithersburg area to deal with emergency situations. Gifts range from \$8 to \$50 and include items such as diapers, groceries, and a cab ride. See the website (www.GaithersburgHELP.org) for details.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND TEA

The Social Ministry Committee will again serve Fair Trade coffee and tea at the POP Auction and sell Fair Trade products **October 15th and 16th**. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) sponsors Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and handicrafts. According to LWR, "By purchasing Fair Trade products, more of the money you spend reaches the small-scale farmers and producers who labor to create the things we enjoy every day..." There are many benefits to Fair Trade. "In addition to paying a previously negotiated price to the farmers, the buyer must also pay a social premium to the farmer's cooperative. These social premiums serve as an additional way to attack the causes of poverty. The premium allows the cooperative to provide additional services to the farmers like water systems, roads, education and medical care....Fair Trade encourages good stewardship of the environment....Farmers are prohibited from using the 12 most dangerous chemicals, recognizing that they contaminate water and are harmful to people." A selection of coffees and teas will be available; we invite you to try them and take some home.

COORDINATORS FOR GIFTS OF HOPE NEEDED

Each Advent season, Social Ministry sponsors Gifts of Hope. This program allows individuals to buy a Gift of Hope, such as a Hair Appointment for a resident of the National Lutheran Home or services for a woman transitioning out of homelessness at N Street Village, as a Christmas gift. The Coordinators will be responsible for preparing the materials, organizing volunteers for the Gifts of Hope booth Saturdays and Sundays during Advent, and completing the final paperwork for the Synod. Please contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com or 301-602-6358 if you are interested.

Service trip to Guatemala - On Sunday, **October 23**, directly after late service, Chris Schaefer will talk about an upcoming service trip to Guatemala. The trip is open to all members and friends of the Prince of Peace community ages 16 and older. The trip will take place **February 3 - 12, 2012** and will be organized through the non-profit group [Hearts In Motion](#). Chris will discuss his experience and show photos from 2 trips he has been on before with the organization and answer questions about the

upcoming trip. This is simply an informational presentation open to all who are curious about international service trips - no commitment is required."

The National Lutheran Home Auxiliary's Fall Festival is coming...**Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:30am-2pm**. Come enjoy shopping for wonderful treasures, handmade crafts, baked goods and fudge, and much more. Enjoy a delicious lunch 11am-1pm. Enjoy the Home Chorus as they perform at 2:30pm. Independent Living Cottage tours at 10:30am and 1:00pm. Donations of baked goods and used household items, books, and jewelry are needed. Call 301-424-9560 if you want to make a donation. All proceeds benefit the residents of the National Lutheran Home & Village at Rockville (NLHV). NLHV is located at 9701 Veirs Drive, near Wootton Parkway in Rockville. For more details and a map, pick up a flier from the Social Ministry table in the foyer.

WILLING HEARTS AND HANDS NEEDED to assist with the Fall Festival, **November 12**, at the Village at Rockville (National Lutheran Home). The Auxiliary sponsors this event to raise money to enhance the lives of our residents. We need a chairperson and helpers for our Grandma's Attic sale (used household goods) and our jewelry sale. We promise you'll enjoy wonderful fellowship and feel good about helping a worthy cause. Please contact us at auxiliary@nlhv.org or call 301-354-8460 for more information and to sign up--you'll be glad you did!

PB&J for the Hungry - Gaithersburg HELP, our local food pantry, is very low after an overwhelming summer. To celebrate Back-to-School we are collecting peanut butter and jelly to help restock the pantry. Leave donations in the foyer - we always have a collection basket there - please consider picking up something to donate each time you shop. The Sunday School will also be participating in this collection. If you have children, please encourage them to bring some to Sunday School. Thank you to all those who donated throughout September; we've had an awesome response so far!

It's time for the United Way - United Way, CFC, and other workplace giving contributions account for a large percentage of non-profit organizations' income. Please consider designating your employer-sponsored drive (United Way, CFC, America's Charities, etc) contribution to the following charities. Our congregation is a supporter of these organizations. CFC/United Way codes shown below.

Gaithersburg HELP #30374/#8432

Assists local residents with food, diapers, prescriptions, and transportation

Upper Montgomery Assistance Network #15276/#8881

Provides emergency funds for local families facing eviction or loss of utility service

Lutheran Social Services #78343/#8146

Provides assistance in the areas of foster care, refugees, immigrants, AIDS, abused women and children, and the disabled

Lutheran Volunteer Corps #54430(CFC)

A year-long volunteer service program which provides volunteers for shelters, medical clinics, tutoring programs, and advocacy work on housing, hunger, etc.

National Lutheran Home #12809(CFC)

Provides a continuum of care for the aged of the Lutheran community regardless of their ability to pay

N Street Village #90946/#8281

Provides meals, emergency shelter, support groups, medical care, counseling, and treatment programs for homeless women and low-income families in DC

Refuge in Times of Trouble

If you know someone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need that is a member of the congregation, please let us know! The Social Ministries Committee can offer services such as food, cards, or other specific needs. We can't help if we don't know. Contact Pastor Sarah Scherschligt at 301-869-3666 or at pastorsarah@poplutheran.org if you need help or know of someone who does.



Questions about social ministry? Contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com; 301-602-6358 for details and/or to be added to the committee list.

Women's Book Group

The POP Women's Book Group will meet on October 6th at 7:30 pm at the home of



Linda Marmillion to discuss The Hunger Games by Susan Collins. Mary Kate, who reviewed the series on Amazon.com, wrote "Collins is both a talented writer and a gifted storyteller, two things that do not always go hand in hand. In The Hunger Games trilogy, she has created characters that will stay with me and has given them a hard and difficult story that will haunt me. She also managed to keep the quality of the series high throughout which is not always the case with a book series." All POP women are welcome to attend book group; come for a specific book discussion or join the group for its monthly meetings.

To be included on the email list, send your name and email address to Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com.

To join the conversation in October, RSVP to Linda at pmarmillion@comcast.net.

Future book group dates and selections:

Thursday, November 10th - Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey: The River of Doubt by Candice Millard

Thursday, December 8th - The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachman

Thursday, January 12th - A Fierce Radiance: A Novel (P.S.) by Lauren Belfer

PoP Women's Luncheon - all women from PoP are welcome to meet for lunch on **Monday, October 3rd**, at the home of Karen Kimmel-Miltzer at noon. Please bring your own lunch and something to drink. Please call Karen at 240-477-4137 to RSVP and for further details if needed.

The Next luncheons will be:

Monday, November 7th 12 PM (Noon)
Monday, December 5th 12 PM (Noon)

Coming up in the next few months ...

Special Congregational Mtg - Nov. 13 @ 12:15 pm

Christmas Cantata - Dec. 4 @ 5 pm

Christmas Pageant - Dec. 11 @ 6 pm

Christmas Eve Worship - Dec 24 @ 5, 7 & 10 pm

Christmas Day Worship - Dec. 25 @ 10 am

Chili Cook-off - Jan. 7, 2012

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Feb. 21, 2012

Workcamp - June 24-30, 2012

ELCA National Youth Gathering - July 18-22, 2012

Vacation Bible School - July 30 - August 3, 2012

Contact the Pastors

Pastor Steve and Pastor Sarah are working together to make sure that pastoral care needs are met. To be certain that one of them is always "on," Pastor Steve takes Fridays off while Pastor Sarah takes Mondays off. You can reach both of them at the church office, or contact them by cell phone or email: Pastor Steve: 301-980-0160; pastor@poplutheran.org; Pastor Sarah: 202-870-8363; pastorsarah@poplutheran.org.

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