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"HOW DID YOU LEARN TO GIVE?"

For several weeks, we have been asking for stories. It all stems from the day that a group was meeting to discuss our stewardship emphasis. As we were sharing our own experiences, this question popped out.

It is a good one for all of us to consider! Maybe a family member set the example. Maybe a friend invited you to come along and give yourself to a project or to a friend or family in need. Surely, lots of this kind of giving took place in the wake of the recent storm.

Yes, when we say "giving" we mean our time, our energy, our abilities, and yes, our finances, too. After all, hasn't God given us everything?

The source of all we have and are is our Lord. Scripture brims over with examples of how God gives so faithfully. Each of us daily and all of us as a community of Christ followers are blessed to turn aside regularly to ponder our Lord's giving.

So why not ponder how WE learned to give! Who taught you? Whose example did you follow and are you following to this day? It may be from childhood or from not so long ago.

For the next few weeks we will be hearing and reading stories during worship from our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ about how they learned to give. Our youth will be helping us to think about it in a very special way on one of those Sundays, too!

Sunday, October 22 will be our Consecration Day when we will bring forward our time, abilities and financial promises for the new year. It is a blessed day of prayer and thanksgiving for the way our Lord provides and how in response we may give. You will receive more information in the mail.

And if you have a story you would like to share, inspire us! Send it to the Kari Sheppard at ksheppard@me.com or drop it by the Church Office.

"...they gave themselves first to the Lord and, then by the will of God, to us..." - II Corinthians 8:5

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Come visit our Peace Garden!

PEACE GARDEN AND COMMEMORATIVE WALKWAY UPDATE

Our third order for engraved pavers has been placed, and we expect delivery by the end of October. There are also funds available from an anonymous donor for those who have not yet placed an order due to personal financial circumstances. Notify the church office at 727.585.9969 if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

We are especially grateful for all of those who have helped make our Peace Garden a beautiful, welcoming place on our campus. This is a “forever” project. Plants will change with the seasons, engraved pavers will be added as orders are received, and community friends who come into the COC each week will experience the love of our caring congregation. What a blessing!

FIRST FRUITS: AUGUST

A tithe from all bequests goes to First Fruits.

Each month, the Service Commission selects organizations for Congregation Council to assist through First Fruits. In the month of August, Council approved gifts to:

\$300 | Clothes to Kids

In 2016, Clothes to Kids provided 10,150 school wardrobes to low-income or in-crisis school aged children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

Reformation 500

In the decades that followed Vatican II, an ecumenical approach to worship brought Christian denominations together. Common liturgical texts and a three-year lectionary – held in common with Roman Catholics – began appearing in worship books of Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists and many others.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

8:45AM Holy Communion – Receive New Members

11:00AM Holy Communion – Affirmation of Baptism

Brass, timpani percussion and handbells at both worship times
Featuring newly commissioned hymn and anthem.

??GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER??

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 6:30PM

A fun evening of delicious food, delightful conversation and a room full of “mystery guests!” Everyone who signs up (singles & couples!) will be paired with 4 to 6 other people for a dinner party. Here’s how it works:

Guess
WHO?
coming
to Dinner

BE A HOST: Welcome people to your home, and cook the main course (only the number that fit at your table).

BE THE COOK: Go to someone’s house and bring a vegetable or a side dish to coordinate with the main dish.

BE A GUEST: Go to someone’s house and bring an appetizer or a dessert.

THE TWIST | You won’t know who’s ‘coming to dinner’ until everyone shows up at the hosts home – not even the host! You’ll receive directions to your host’s home, info on the main course, and the number of people to prepare for.

Sign up by October 1st at the red & white checked box or at www.poplargo.org. For questions, contact one of the following:

Dorothy: 727.223.5534, jdluetzow@msn.com

Angie: 727.768.9961, angiepryor@rocketmail.com

Marcy: 727.481.5640, marcys@tampabay.rr.com

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On October 29th at 11:00AM worship, we will celebrate the rite of Affirmation of Baptism of Emily Behrendt. Emily has been a part of our confirmation ministry for the past three years. As Emily affirms her faith the congregation will also be commemorating the 500th year of the Reformation. Thanks be to God for all of the teachers, mentors, and classmates who have supported Emily as she has explored her faith.

Retirement Reminder

As a reminder, our brother in Christ, Don Rolander, will be retiring soon. All Saints' Sunday, November 5 will be his last day "on the bench" supporting our congregational song. On that day after 11 AM worship we will have a very special reception in Don's honor.

We have set aside Sunday, January 21 for a luncheon to celebrate our friend's ministry with us over 42 years. The event will take place after worship on that day at the Clearwater Country Club starting at 1:30PM. There will be gifts, stories to share and lots of fun.

We encourage you to make your reservations now for the January event. The cost per person is \$10. The actual cost is more, but the congregation is paying that additional amount. In order to accommodate everyone, the planning team asks that you make reservations as soon as possible. *All reservations need to be made by November 15.* Capacity of the facility limits our seating for this event to 200.

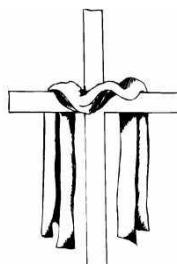
During the Sundays of October, Lois Joldersma and Marian Wuertz will be outside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings to greet you and receive your reservation. You may also contact the Church Office.

Thank you to the Planning Team for their diligent work. Lois Joldersma, Carol Millspaugh, Frankie and Don Rogers, John and Marian Wuertz.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AROUND THE CROSS

Wednesday, October 18 is the commemoration day St. Luke Evangelist. Following our meal and learning times on that night, we will gather in the sanctuary for prayer for healing. Scripture teaches that Luke was a physician, so on this special day the healing work of our Lord is what we seek together. Readings, prayers, song and silence all comprise this weekday time of worship

Join us on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:07PM for Prayer of Healing Around the Cross.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On October 6-8, our confirmation students will be heading to Luther Springs for a confirmation retreat hosted by the camp. It will be an opportunity for our middle school youth to learn about the Reformation with youth from across the Florida Bahamas Synod.

INTRODUCING THE NEW SEASON OF ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE [AFFS]

Through our ministry of music here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, we joyfully approach our annual season of the arts!

Exciting and interesting musical and cultural events are offered as an outreach to our community. As we look to a new and festive season, save the date for what's to come – we start our new season this month!



October 29 | 8:45AM & 11AM REFORMATION: CELEBRATING THE 500TH

AFFS makes its debut with our celebration of the *Reformation's 500th Anniversary* featuring Festival Choir, Children's Choir, brass timpani and organ.

KEY SEASON PERFORMANCES

December 17 | 3PM
A RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS WITH FLORIDA PRO MUSICA

February 18 | 3pm
RING SARASOTA HANDBELL RINGERS

March 11 | 3pm
GREGORY ZELEK, ORGANIST

April 8 | 3pm
DICK MALEY & WYSIWYG
TRADITIONAL DIXIELAND GOSPEL SERVICE

THANKS FROM RUTH'S PROMISE, NEW SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Thanks to incredible support from Thrivent, community and business advocates, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, and Ruth's Promise volunteers, Ruth's Promise Adult Day Program held a successful Hometown Solutions for Living with Dementia Seminar on August 29, 2017. The seminar provided information and support to eighteen participants and Ruth's Promise welcomed three additional respite participants so that their caregivers could attend.

The seminar focused on caregiving strategies, including finding support from the faith community, unique considerations for seniors with urinary tract infections and dehydration, and attendee-specific caregiving questions.

Eight community advocates and supporters had display tables providing information about community resources. They also provided door prizes for seminar attendees.

Thirteen incredible volunteers assisted with everything from registration and welcoming to food preparation and supply. They even helped with "emergency" temperature control!

Thrivent funds were used for food, supplies, and promotions, so that all other donations could go directly into the Ruth's Promise Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund allows anyone who might benefit from Ruth's Promise to attend, regardless of ability to pay. A total of \$676 was raised for the scholarship fund. The seminar was so well received that Ruth's Promise plans to offer seminars on a quarterly basis.

The next Hometown Solutions Seminar is scheduled for November 14, 2017 and will focus on safe navigation with presentations by a physician discussing medications, a senior resource police officer addressing safety issues, and an attorney discussing documents advised for seniors. Each presenter will focus especially on dementia caregiving. We are excited to have received a grant from Better Living For Seniors to continue the seminar series.

Ruth's Promise is also grateful and thrilled to announce that we have received a large donation from the estate of Mrs. Margo Reagan. Mrs. Reagan died in May and while she was not a member of Prince of Peace or a participant in the Ruth's Promise ministry, she heard much about it through members Terri Ziegler and Nancy Cabelus. Margo chose to support the efforts of Ruth's Promise in her will. Many thanks to Mrs. Reagan and thanks be to God! With this donation, the Ruth's Promise Advisory Committee is exploring ways to add another day of the week to this ministry. In order to do this and to keep the same quality care we have been providing, we are going to need many additional volunteers.

Volunteering with the Ruth's Promise ministry is a fun way to proclaim and share God's love. Volunteers find that we receive as much as we give while volunteering. No experience is necessary and training will be provided.

Please contact Dr.Cate at 813-384-7571 or Terri at 727-365-1866 for more information about volunteering or the Hometown Solutions seminar.

OCTOBER BAPTISMS

Lang Adams	Gloria Grassick	Dawn Leonard	Bonnie Moseley	Lois Robertson
Kathy Ahlstrom	Royce Haddad	Barb Lindenmeyer	Pamela Most	Dorothy Strinka
Maxine Bitting	Ronald Hamilton	Philip Lockerbie	Marian Moticha	Abigail Stuart
David Burgin	Kristina Hartmann	Brian Loesch	Rod Olson	Joseph Stuart
Lorelei Churan	Ruth Hellriegel	Alexander Luxa	Sandra Olson	Corey Taylor
Helen Combs	Lillian Hougaard	Krisjanis Mackus	Beryle Patton	Ellen Weaver
Jason Dahlvik	Kimberly Hume	Jack Mallard	Sherry Paulson	Marian Wuertz
Lucy Dahlvik	Caroline Iusi	Kaye Marudas	Lori Pemberton	Nancy Yost
Libby Diehl	Stephen Johnson	Hailey McEntegart	Joseph Postma	Ronald Ziegler
Edward Evans	Paul Kammerer	Linda McPherson	Ernest Pottinger	Rosemarie Ziegler
Ann Fields	Art Kudelko	Brian Mendenhall	Suzie Quido	Carolyn Zill
George Garbutt	Robert Kuefer	Wini Mizzoni	Linda Radde	
David Grassick	Rick Larsen	Marty Monfre	Alicia Ransdell	

Hospital Stays/Surgeries

Ken Hanke Rose Bird Bret Bretnall Sharon Hadada Hilda Torchia
Bonnie Adams Kathy Barrick Carol Turrell Stacey Johnson

Deaths

Peggy Rohrbacher

Fall Learning & Education for All

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER

Sundays and Wednesdays, we wrap up our journey through the turbulent times of the Reformation era. We will then launch into new opportunities for learning at both times. Check out the new offerings below!

SUNDAY

Reformation Roots (Oct. 1, 8, 15)

We will continue our study with a look at the Women of the Reformation.

Then on the last two weeks we will assess the impact of Luther in this volatile period.

WEDNESDAY

Reformation Roots (Oct. 4)

We will have one more session in our walk exploration of the reformation movements. On this night, we will discuss the Roman Catholic reformation. Yes, the term “reformation” is not just another way to refer to Lutheran Christians. Come, let’s learn more. See you on Wednesdays.

SUNDAY

Vanishing Grace (Oct. 22, 29)

“Why does the church stir up such negative feelings?” Philip Yancey has been asking this all his life as a journalist. His perennial question is more relevant now than ever: research shows that favorable opinions of Christianity have plummeted drastically—and opinions of Evangelicals have taken even deeper dives. Yet while opinions about Christianity are dropping, interest in spirituality is rising. Why the disconnect? Why are so many asking, “What’s so good about the Good News?” In *Vanishing Grace*, Yancey shows the desperate need our world has for grace, and how Christians can truly make the gospel good news again. Join us for this thought-provoking series.

“THE POWER OF ADDICTION” | WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 11 - 25

A three-week class on addiction

A local licensed mental health counselor, Jennifer Petello, will facilitate the classes. What would you like to know about addiction? Take a moment and jot down some thoughts/questions on the attendance card insert. You may also speak with Jane our parish nurse.

As always, invite a friend or family member who might benefit from such a series on addiction. All are also welcome at the Wednesday suppers preceding the educational opportunities.



PRAYING WITH THE REFORMERS

For many weeks, we have been learning more about the Church’s reformation. That series of historic events 500 years involved more than just Martin Luther. We have seen where individuals from many countries played key roles during these turbulent decades.

Leading up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we have been pondering what happened in various ways over the past year.

What better way to learn more of other participants in that Church change than to pray with them. In the coming weeks, we will be offering on Sundays a small paperback book of prayers written by John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer, Martin Luther, John Wycliffe and many more. You can use it in your personal devotion time, share it with a friend, as you wish. Each prayer includes a scripture reference. There are also brief descriptions of each reformer.

We will have these books near the sanctuary. The cost is \$7.

INQUIRERS’ CLASS

Sundays at 10am in COC, Faith through October 29th

As followers of our Lord, we are always learning and growing in the faith.

Some of us here on Sunday mornings come from other Lutheran congregations, while some of us grew up in traditions very different.

Regardless, we are blessed to be together in this place and season serving our Lord. Inquirers’ Class is for all who wish to learn and talk about matters of faith.

So, bring your questions, meet the staff, and engage in conversation about the faith we share.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONGREGATION COUNCIL

September 21, 2017

- Established policy regarding medical insurance for full-time employees who receive Medicare coverage
- Voted to send \$500 from First Fruits fund to Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief
- Received report from Preschool regarding the current full enrollment
- Voted to create a range for retirement contributions of full-time employees
- Considered possibilities of an electronic sign on Missouri Avenue
- Received report of weaker than normal financials in August
- Heard status of Search Team for new Parish Musician and Planning Team for Don Rolander's retirement
- Discussed youth service projects leading up to the ELCA Youth Gathering in June, 2018

MORE HAPPENINGS FOR YOU

Booked for Dessert – October 19th at 7pm in the Parish Hall
This month we're reading *The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son on Life, Love and Loss* by Anderson Cooper & Gloria Vanderbilt

“MAMA WON’T FLY” – DINNER & A PLAY

4pm Saturday, October 21st / \$36, Dinner & Play

An outrageously hilarious race against the clock begins when Savannah Sprunt Fairchild Honeycutt agrees to get her feisty mother all the way from Alabama to California in time for her brother's wedding. Savannah's problem? Mama won't fly. With only four days to make it to the ceremony, this determined daughter has no choice but to drive cross-country with her equally willful mother, Norleen Sprunt, in Mama's vintage sedan. **Join the PoPTARTS for this side-splitting dinner & play!**



CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORTS

At the September Congregation Council meeting, leaders learned that financially we experienced a weaker month than normal. In fact, our giving was the lowest in August for at least the past 5 years. Combined with the fact that hurricane Irma prevented us from gathering on Sunday September 10, our financial position at this point is not as strong as it can be. The fall, particularly November and December, are traditionally stronger months for giving – not only here at PoP, but in congregations across the country.

Thank you for your faithful giving to our Lord. All our God-given resources make possible the ministries we pursue by our Lord's guiding hand. We encourage you as always to give as you are able.

LIVING IN CHRIST SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Gardening Angels

7am-9am, Tuesdays at PoP

Help plant, trim, cut back, weed, and pick up debris on our church property. Join this co-ed group for a little work, lots of laughs, fun and fellowship. Call Tom: 727.244.3373.

Walking in Faith

8am, Thursdays at Taylor Park

Take an early morning stroll in the park – walk at your own pace with a lively group of friends! Meet us at Shelter 1. The walk takes just under an hour, then we're off to Panera Bread on West Bay for bagels and coffee! Put on your walking shoes, and join us! Call the Church Office for more info: 727.585.9969

Grief Support

3pm on 3rd Thursdays at Denny's

Folks find meaning in this shared experience of getting together monthly. All are welcome. Contact Jane: 727.585.9969.

Habitat for Humanity

8am on 1st Saturdays

Love to serve? Volunteer on first Saturdays! Contact Charlie: 727.559.1131.

Men's Bible Study

8am on 2nd & 4th Saturdays

The men gather in the Community Outreach Center for coffee, conversation & study. Contact Tom Olson: deuchtlo9@frontier.com.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

8am on 3rd Saturdays

Meet us in the Parish Hall for breakfast and fellowship.

Homeless Empowerment Prog.

11:15am on 4th Saturdays

PoP assists HEP and serves in the buffet line. No special skills are needed – just come and serve! Contact the Church Office for more: 727.585.9969.

2017

October



Keep up with all Prince of Peace events with your
PoP At-A-Glance Calendar! Questions? Just call the
Church Office: 727.585.9969.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 17th Sunday After Pentecost 8:15 & 10:30 Parish Choir 8:45 & 11:00 HC* 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 Inquirers' Class	02 10:00 Naomi Circle 8:00 AA, Al-anon 8:00 AA, Families	03 7:00 Gardening Angels 9:00 Staff Planning 9:30 Ruth's Promise 6:00 TOPS*** 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Bells Angels	04 9:15 Preschool Chapel 10:30 Two for You Dementia Support Group Wednesdays Together 5:30 Supper Together 6:15 Education Hour 6:15 Children's Choir 7:30 Parish Choir	05 8:00 Walking in Faith 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Commission Meetings 7:00 Girl Scouts Service Team 7:30 CodAnon***	06 9:00 Prayer Partners 6:30 AA, OCP** 6:30 Girl Scouts / Brownies	07 8:00 Habitat for Humanity 6:30 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? 
08 18th Sunday After Pentecost 8:15 & 10:30 Parish Choir 8:45 & 11:00 HC* 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 Inquirers' Class 7:00 Compassionate Friends	09 10:00 Elizabeth Circle 6:30 Girl Scouts / Juniors 7:00 Miriam Circle 8:00 AA, Al-anon 8:00 AA, Families	10 7:00 Gardening Angels 9:00 Staff Planning 9:30 Ruth's Promise 6:00 TOPS*** 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Bells Angels	11 9:15 Preschool Chapel Wednesdays Together 4:30 PoPTARTS Meeting 5:30 Supper Together 6:15 Education Hour 6:15 Children's Choir 7:30 Parish Choir	12 8:00 Walking in Faith 12:00 Game Day / Cards 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Girl Scouts Service Team 7:30 CodAnon***	13 9:00 Prayer Partners 6:30 AA, OCP**	14 8:00 Men's Bible Study
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22 20th Sunday After Pentecost PoP's Consecration Day 8:15 & 10:30 Parish Choir 8:45 & 11:00 HC* 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 Inquirers' Class	23 6:30 Girl Scouts / Juniors 8:00 AA, Al-anon 8:00 AA, Families	24 7:00 Gardening Angels 9:00 Staff Planning 9:30 Ruth's Promise 9:30 Practical Grace 6:00 TOPS*** 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Bells Angels	25 9:15 Preschool Chapel 3:00 WELCA Board Wednesdays Together 5:30 Supper Together 6:15 Education Hour 6:15 Children's Choir 6:45 Brass 7:30 Festival Choir 8:45 Percussion	26 8:00 Walking in Faith 12:00 Game Day / Cards 4:00 Prayer Shawls Ministry 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:30 CodAnon***	27 9:00 Prayer Partners 6:30 AA, OCP**	28 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:15 Homeless Emp. Prog
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LEGEND:

*HC: Holy Communion

**AA, OCP: Alcoholics Anonymous, Our Common Problem

***CodAnon: Codependents Anonymous



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Worship at Prince of Peace

We celebrate Holy Communion each Sunday at 8:45AM and 11:00AM. We have a fully-staffed childcare center for infants, toddlers and children under 4 years old available on Sundays from 8:30AM to 12:15PM. Coffee and fellowship follows 8:45AM worship, with Sunday School from 10-10:50AM. Visit us online: www.poplargo.org.