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CHILDREN'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

August 4th, 9am - Noon



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



FREE school supplies
FREE haircuts for kids
RAFFLES & GIVEAWAYS!

KICKING OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR THE RIGHT WAY

August 4th, 9am-12pm | We're gearing up for our annual **Back-to-School Health & Safety Fair!** As the time draws near, there is so much to look forward to!

Get a head start on the school year with packets of **FREE** school supplies (while they last) as well as **FREE** haircuts for kids, **FREE** school physicals*, **FREE** vision screenings, and information from more than 30 community providers! Explore the **BIG** trucks of Largo Fire Rescue, Largo Police, the Sheriff and more!

It's an exciting weekend just before the first official bell of the

2018-2019 school year, and there's no better time to get refreshed and adequately prepared for the new year ahead!

We'll have a drawing for two new bicycles as well as other giveaways and books. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge!

Be sure to invite your friend and neighbors to this valuable opportunity!

FREE School Supplies - Face Painting – Raffles – Giveaways – More!

Want to get involved? Look for the **school bus on page 2** to learn more!

**Children should be registered for physicals by 11AM (excludes sports physicals) and must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.*



Invite a friend to the Health & Safety Fair!



VOLUNTEER FOR THE ANNUAL HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR!

PoP's annual HSF will be a great success with your help:

HSF Setup, 9am August 3rd

We'll need extra hands to help set up the Hall, kitchen and medical rooms.

HSF Setup

7:30am-9:00am August 4th

The early bird catches the worm! Help us complete set-up to get ready for our big day ahead!

Health & Safety Fair

9am-12pm, August 4th

Break Down/Clean Up

August 4th, 12pm after the HSF

This crew will help us round up all of the materials, tables, and dust that we've stirred up throughout the day!

MORE WAYS TO SERVE

- Spanish interpreters and smiling faces to welcome our dear friends in the community
- Face painters
- Donate new and gently used books for all ages
- Prayers for the event day and all who will attend
- Fair day is a great day to wear your PoP shirt!

For more information, contact Faye or Jane in the Church Office: 727.585.9969. You may also sign up on Sunday's attendance cards and under the Portico.

Find the yellow school bus on **page 6** of the newsletter for information on how you can help with this year's supplies for HSF.

VOLUNTEER - SERVE - PROVIDE SUPPLIES

WE NEED YOU!

We'll need volunteers of all ages in all areas of the campus. *Check out the left column to learn just how you can be involved!*

If you're interested in providing supplies for the annual Health & Safety Fair, find the other **little school bus on the page 4** to know more about how you can help (*place school supplies in the Red Wagon in the Narthex*).

PIZZA & PACKING - AUGUST 1ST

We'll need helpers on **Wednesday, August 1st** to help pack 500 packets of school supplies for this year's Back-to-School hHealth & Safety Fair.

We'll begin at 6:00pm - pizza will be served! Meet us in the Parish Hall!



PICKING UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF...

Wednesdays Together resumes August 15th!

We'll begin with supper at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall, followed by fellowship and opportunities for learning and growth. If you are interested in becoming a part of our Wednesdays Together volunteer team to lend a

"helping hand," call Faye in the Church Office: 727.585.9969. *We will host a planning meeting on Wednesday, August 8th.*

RALLY DAY! AUGUST 19TH AT 10AM

We're kicking off our Sunday School year and Wednesday nights with an opportunity to "reach out."

In the fall, we'll take the time to be intentional about inviting others into the mission and ministry we share. Let's gather in the Parish Hall and kick-start a new season!

On Sundays August 5th & 12th, reusable grocery bags will be distributed after worship. Each family is encouraged to take two bags - fill up one bag with food and personal hygiene supplies for RCS (see list page 4) and share the second bag with a friend or neighbor to fill. **Bring your filled bag on August 19th;** your neighbor is encouraged to bring theirs, too! If they are unable be with us that day, they can return their bag to you. When we gather for Rally Day, we will collect these donations and prepare food packs and hygiene kits that can be distributed to those in need.



We will also have the opportunity to look back at all the ministry that has taken place at PoP over the summer: photos and stories from VBS, the ELCA Youth Gathering, and camp at Luther Springs and Lutheridge. Rally Day will also provide a snapshot of our year ahead - from adult learning opportunities to youth and children ministry as well as choir and handbell opportunities. **Come - join us for a day of service, celebration and learning...and bring a friend!**

'WE' Summer Sundays Wraps Up

The EPIC Story of Creation – Sundays at 10AM in the COC

We've been tracing God's big story from creation to new creation and gathering as all ages to experience part of God's story through drama and activities as we talk and learn together.

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We'll continue our journey through **Sunday, August 12th**, with inter-generational events centered on creation, The Fall, Abraham, The Exodus, David, Jesus' birth, Jesus' ministry, Jesus' death and resurrection, the spread of the gospel, and the new heaven and new earth. There's still time left to join us for this unique summer education experience!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 26TH!

We're officially kicking off fall Sunday School! With our new Sunday School classes beginning August 26th, we're looking forward to new learning opportunities, discussions and fellowship.

View more of our elementary and youth classes and schedules on the **following page!**

EXERCISE FOR OUR SPIRITS: A TIME OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

"... train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

- 1 Timothy 4:7-8

We carve out time for doing our physical exercises, but what about our spirits? How do we "exercise" to strengthen them? Spiritual formation is a journey

through which we use exercises and questions, and we experience direction and encouragement that draw us into a closer connection with God. The Lord has made a relationship with us and now wants to strengthen our spirits in this marvelous relationship.

Starting Tuesday, August 21 at 7pm we will meet once a week for 9 weeks to read and discuss and pray together. The group size will be *limited to 8 people*. The group will be led by Bret Bretnall and Susan Cherwien. Please let Pastor Joe know if you're interested in participating.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN AUGUST

Sundays [starting August 26] *"How Do I Begin?"*

So, we talk about sharing the faith God has blessed and given us - helping others experience the good news of Christ. But, *"How Do I begin?"*

It's a good question. In our time together we will read scripture, hear individual stories and learn more about what we have to share with others and how in many different circumstances we can do so. The door is open for everyone!

Wednesdays [starting August 15] *"Welcome!"*

"Tell me about your church," says an interested friend. What would you say? Welcoming a new person to PoP begins there and in how we welcome him or her when that person comes among us. For years we have called *"inviting"* one of our discipleship faith practices as God's people here. Let's learn more about how we can be always attentive to those inviting opportunities that present themselves each week. *See you on Wednesday!*

Sing a NEW Song! Join the Parish Choir!

The Prince of Peace Parish Choir is being intentional about **"Each One, Reach One"** – we're excited about growing our Music Ministry together!

Join us as we lift our voices in worship! We invite all to share in the joy of singing – **Parish Choir begins on August 19th!** We'll provide a robe and a music folder. Take your pick: 8:45am or 11:00am Sunday worship. Warm-ups begin at 8:15am or 10:30am, respectively.

Rehearsals for Parish Choir begin August 15th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Come for supper, then work it off during choir! You enjoy attending an adult class between eating and exercising! Contact Parish musician, Shawn Thomas: 727.585.9969 or shawn@poplargo.org.

PoP Youth Events & Happenings!

SUMMER SPLASH! MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH POOL PARTY!



Take a chill from the summer heat – middle and high school youth are invited a Kick-off Pool Party at the Carmody's house. Join us on **Sunday, August 26th at 4pm.** Please bring a snack to share. Burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

3M MONDAYS: MARK, MISSION & A MEAL! *Mondays through August 6th / 8:30am-5:30pm*

This summer, our '3M Mondays' studies come from the Gospel of Mark – middle and high school youth will share in the same serving and fellowship opportunities. Each Monday, we gather for a full day of activity: a service project in the community, a meal out at a restaurant, and a study on the book of Mark. The afternoons also include relaxing at PoP, watching movies, and other fun activities. *Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend! \$10 weekly throughout the summer.*

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING: A LOOK BACK



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 26TH

Elementary youth will gather in the Learning Center and begin with music time in the Orange Room (this may change) before heading out to their classrooms. There will be a classroom dedicated to grades K-2 and grades 3 to 5. **Middle school youth** will meet upstairs in the Community Outreach Center.

High school youth will meet upstairs in the Youth Room for our Faith & Film class. Over the course of 3-4 weeks, we will watch a feature film, split into 30-minute segments. Each week, we will discuss the movie and its relevance to our faith and scripture. Don't forget to grab some freshly popped popcorn on the way in!

WEDNESDAY LEARNING FOR POP YOUTH

6:15pm – 7:15pm beginning August 15th

Elementary youth are invited to participate in the Children's Choir which meets from 6:15pm to 7:15pm on Wednesdays.

Our confirmation ministry for middle school youth will resume its Wednesday meetings in the Parish Hall, with an orientation session for parents and students. Classes will continue on Wednesday nights from 6:15pm to 7:15pm.

High school youth are invited to join in Bible Study and youth group on Wednesday nights – we'll meet in the Youth Room in the COC.

RCS FOOD BANK WISH LIST (FOR RALLY DAY!)

Canned Soup	Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, chili, stews, low sodium hearty soups)
Canned Fruit (non-syrup)	Canned Veggies (beans, greens, tomatoes, low sodium)
Beans - canned or dried	Cereal - low sugar, high fiber



AUGUST BAPTISMS

Frank Beekman	Donna Domalske	Joseph Haraschak	Alessandra Koths	Franklin Pemberton	Marcy Streicher
Jason Blank	Duke Fields	Jacquelyn Hartmann	Zachary Koths	Gabrielle Reeves	
Michael Brewster	William Glasgow	Lynn Henderson	Max Millspaugh	Donald Rolander	
Susan Cherwien	Ken Hanke	Richard Johnson	Sierra Mitchell	June Rothfuss	
Rick Christie	Sue Hanke	Chris Koberna	Lauren Murphy	Don Simons	

Tell It On Missouri: Electronic Messaging Sign

THANKS BE TO GOD!

We have received the funds needed to construct our electronic messaging sign on Missouri Avenue.

We have signed the contract with Thomas Signs and are now completing the paperwork necessary to submit the design to the city of Largo for permitting. At this time, we do not have a projected starting date for construction, but when we do, we will share it with everyone.

Thank you for your gifts toward this project. Our hope is that the sign will not only help our local friends to identify this place as Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, (it is surprising how many folks over the years have driven by and not realized we are "a church"), but we see the sign as a channel for communicating who we are and for sharing the ministries in our Lord that we are carrying out here.

From the very occasional newspaper ad to consistent daily word of mouth conversations, to our website and social media posts, we want to share with all how we believe our Lord is at work in and through us at PoP.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group meets the **first and third Sundays from 3PM to 4:30PM in the COC, Faith Room** (*there will be no meeting on August 5th*).

This group is intended for those who are preparing for surgery, following surgery or having therapies post-diagnosis. If you have recently completed treatment and feel that this shared experience and support will be helpful, do come!

Please let our parish nurse, Jane Corcoran, know of your desire to be a part of the group or if you need additional information: 727.585.9969.

FIRST FRUITS: *A tithe from all bequests goes to First Fruits*

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

\$300 | Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries supports existing overseas Lutheran healthcare projects in primarily African nations.



POP-UP TENTS & FOLDING CHAIRS

We are in need of pop-up tents and extra folding tables for the fair – are you able to provide any for use during this time? Please call the Church Office: 727.585.9969. *Thanks be to God for your generosity!*

POP PRESCHOOL RECEIVES HIGH EDUCATION RANKING



As a school that serves students receiving government support for childcare (School Readiness), we were observed by the Early Learning Coalition to assess the quality of services that our school provides.

This assessment program is The Performance Funding Project (PFP) which rewards School Readiness providers with additional funds for meeting increased quality standards. Childcare centers teachers and family childcare home providers participate in quality improvement strategies such as specialized training, professional development, coaching and child assessment practices. This "pay for performance" pilot project is designed to award providers for achieving and maintaining high level of quality as indicated by the Classroom Scoring Assessment System (CLASS).

Providers are assigned to a tier based on a composite score from their CLASS assessment.

Each level of proficiency has different support strategies designed to improve or maintain the quality of services provided to the children in care, such as professional development opportunities, the creation of a career pathway, implementation of child assessments, coaching and technical assistance.

Providers in tiers two and above receive a higher child (School Readiness) reimbursement. We received the news that we were leveled at tier 4 (the tier system is a ranking system with tier 1 being low and tier 5 being high). We couldn't be prouder of this achievement! It is nice to be validated for the work we do day to day with our children. *God is with us!*

Overjoyed,
Kelly Mende, Preschool Director



SERVICE COMMISSION COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

With our annual health and safety fair swiftly approaching, we'll also need ample school supplies. If you are able, please provide a few! Our supply list includes such items as: #2 pencils, notebook paper, 3-prong folders, erasers, glue sticks and colored pencils. Please place school supplies in the **Red Wagon** in the Narthex.



We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of school supplies. *Thanks be to God for your generosity! **Want to know more?** Visit us at poplargo.org.*

RUTH'S PROMISE ADULT DAY STRETCHES & GROWS

On August 23 from 9:30am to 11:30am, Ruth's Promise Adult Day continues our four-part summer series called *Navigating Dementia Care* (replacing our *Time for Two* dementia support group), with this month's topic being, "**All in Your Approach.**"

Sessions will be held in the Prince of Peace Community Outreach Center on the fourth Thursdays, monthly through October. **This program is free due to the generosity of our sponsors.**

To **RSVP**, please contact Terri: 727.365. 1866 or tmsziegler@gmail.com; OR contact Dr. Cate: 813.384.7571 or catemccarty@gmail.com. For a picture of the scope of our program, visit ruthspromise.net.

LIFE LINE VASCULAR SCREENINGS

August 24 | 8:15am - 5:30pm

Once again, Prince of Peace is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms; peripheral vascular screening of the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and bone density screening, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. *Look for the white information sheet located in the Parish Hall, or in the church office; talk to our Parish Nurse, Jane; or call 1.888.814.0416.*

Part of our Christian walk is caring for all that we have been given; let us not forget the precious gift, our bodies, given to us from the Creator of life.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Hospital Stays

Bonnie Adams Tommy Wells Norman Sande
Jo Lamp Marian Dinsmore

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.

Booked for Dessert

7pm on August 16th in the Parish Hall

This month we're reading *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamole.

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

Our twice-monthly Men's Bible Study continues throughout the summer months! The men gather in the Community Outreach Center for coffee, conversation & study. Contact Tom Olson: deuchtlo9@frontier.com.

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.





2018

August



**18th Annual Back-to-School
Health & Safety Fair is August 4th!**

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
AUGUST NOTES **AA: OCP: Alcoholics Anonymous. Our Common Problem ***CodAnon: Codependents Anonymous ****TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly *HC: Holy Communion LEGEND:	01 9:30 Ruth's Promise 5:30 Wednesdays in the Park 6:00 HSF Pizza & Packing 	02 8:00 Walking in Faith 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:30 CodAnon***	03 9:00 HSF Setup 9:00 Prayer Partners 6:00 AA, OCP** 	04 7:30 HSF Setup 0900 18th Annual Back-to-School Health & Safety Fair 9:00 Prayer Partners 12:00 HSF Breakdown 		
05 11th Sunday After Pentecost 8:25 & 10:40 Summer Singers 8:45 & 11:00 HC* <i>Reusable Grocery Bags</i>	06 8:30 FINAL 3M Mondays: Mark, Mission & A Meal 10:30 Naomi Circle 3:00 Hunger Task Force 6:00 Commission Meetings 8:00 Al-anon 8:00 AA, Families	07 7:00 Gardening Angels 9:00 Staff Planning 9:30 Ruth's Promise 6:00 WordSmiths Group 6:00 TOPS**** 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Stewardship Task Group	08 9:30 Ruth's Promise 5:30 Wednesdays in the Park	09 8:00 Walking in Faith 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:30 CodAnon***	10 9:00 Prayer Partners 6:00 AA, OCP**	11 8:00 Men's Bible Study
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19 13th Sunday After Pentecost 8:15 & 10:30 Parish Choir 8:45 & 11:00 HC* 10:00 Sunday School Rally Day 3:00 Cancer Support Group <i>Bring Grocery Bags Filled!</i>	20 6:15 Executive Committee 7:00 Congregation Council 8:00 Al-anon 8:00 AA, Families	21 7:00 Gardening Angels 9:00 Staff Planning 9:30 Ruth's Promise 12:00 Conference Meeting 7:00 Exercise for our Spirits 6:00 Poetry Group 6:00 TOPS**** 6:30 AA, OCP**	22 9:30 Ruth's Promise 3:00 WELCA Board Wednesdays Together 5:30 Supper Together 6:15 Education Hour 6:15 Children's Choir 7:30 Parish Choir	23 8:00 Walking in Faith 9:30 Navigating Dementia Care (Ruth's Promise) 4:00 Prayer Shawls 6:00 Preschool Board 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:30 CodAnon***	24 8:15 Life Line Screenings 9:00 Prayer Partners 6:00 AA, OCP**	25 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:15 Homeless Emp. Prog
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