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REFORMATION SUNDAY: IT'S NOT FOR EVERYBODY

For Lutheran Christians Reformation Day is October 31 [and you thought it was just for Spider boys and Frozen girls!]. It is the day Martin Luther nailed those theses to the parish door in Wittenberg and ignited what we call the *Reformation* in the Lord's Church.

But not all groups of Christians observe this day. We Lutheran Christians, however, have for ages used the nearest Sunday to draw attention to this time and even use the same scripture passages each year as well. Jeremiah proclaiming how God will make with us a new covenant; Paul declaring that following the law doesn't justify or make us right with God, grace does; our Lord stating that as we continue as his disciples, we will know the truth and the truth will make us free.

We need reminding of these things. In fact, isn't that why we worship regularly in the first place? God is worthy of our worship, and you and I need to be reminded regularly what we believe and why.

Otherwise, this all too possessive world will take us captive, turn us in on ourselves, make us think <u>we</u> are at the center.

Our blessed Lord is always reaching out to us, reforming his church and seeking to form our hearts to his ways. Listen carefully during our **Live Generously** stewardship emphasis, and you will hear more of the changes the Spirit works in us as we *Live* in the freedom of a *Generous God*.

So, get ready for Sunday, October 28! Sure, a Reformation Sunday observance may be more of a Lutheran Christian tradition. But who could argue with roots that sink deeply into the rich soil of the gospel of a gracegiving God who sets us free to live in faith.



Let's turn aside, pondering what it means to "Live Generously."

GIVE-

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

Many of you have taken advantage of electronic giving in the past. There is now an additional option for electronic giving. *Vanco*, our online payment processor, now offers a mobile app - **Give Plus.** It is very easy and is free to download on the *App Store* and *Google Play!* This app uses the same login information as the *Vanco* website and allows you to:

- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities

If you have questions about electronic or mobile giving, please contact the church office: 727.585.9969.

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 | ELCA World Hunger

Over 800 million people world-wide cannot access the food they need to live healthy lives. In August, \$300 was provided to the ELCA World Hunger *Global Farm Challenge* and was matched dollar-for-dollar.

"...do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share...take hold of the life that really is life." – I Timothy 6

By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have seen at worship that our **Live Generously** stewardship emphasis has begun.

It was in the power of the Holy Spirit that Paul encouraged his brothers and sisters in Christ at the end of his letter to be generous and ready to share...to take hold of the life that really is life. And we know who the Author of this blessed life is – the Holy One who is most generous. The God who created you and me has given us all that we have and all that we are.

In the coming weeks we will discuss more what it means for you and me to **Live Generously**. We will even consider how the Spirit works to strengthen our faith and indeed change us, form us more into our Lord's beloved people as we do so.

During our Sunday morning learning time from September 30 – October 14, join Pastors Adam and Joe in the COC. We will consider God's generosity toward us, how we respond and the work of the Spirit in our hearts in every season.

Sunday, October 21 is our Consecration Day. In the coming weeks we will receive a letter containing an Estimate of Giving card and a Time/Talent summary. We encourage you after prayerful thought to complete these items, as we all look to continue our ministries in our Lord in 2019. Bring them to worship on October 21, where we will present them to God, offer prayers of thanksgiving and seek God's blessing.

What a blessing that we may turn aside and ponder aloud, and in our hearts, the abundant blessings of God!

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

October 24th at 7:07PM

Last month's prayer around the cross brought together over 60 of us—children, youth and adults—to share in a blessed time at the end of the day. We gather in the sanctuary literally around a cross, and we sing, pray, listen for God's Word in scripture and sit in contemplative silence. There is no rush. We pray for our world and for friends in need, for



strangers and for our work as God's people here. Some friends choose to light candles and place them around the cross, as a way of helping us recall those for whom we pray. They reflect the Light in whose name we gather. Come for a peaceful moment at the end of an otherwise hectic day, surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ—all in prayer. Invite and bring a friend.

ONEBLOOD AT POP - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 [8AM-1PM]



OneBlood will be at Prince of Peace to receive your donation of whole blood. If you are able, become a donor. A critical number of voluntary donations are required every day to meet the need for blood. We appreciate your life-saving efforts!

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAYS

Sundays [October 7-14] Live Generously

Sure, we always say that all we have comes from God. But just what DOES that mean? If God gives so generously, how might we Live Generously?

Let's spend some time together considering the gifts of God for the people of God. And as we do we will grow in our understanding of how we live and how God's generosity and our response actually change our hearts. The door is open for everyone!

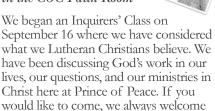
Sundays [Oct 21 – Nov 25] Making Sense of Scripture

Making Sense of Scripture is a dialogue that encourages readers to bring their questions or doubts to the table when reading scripture.

During this conversation we will discuss how we read and interpret the Bible, as well as how we may question scripture – and how scripture questions us.

Pr. Sharon Dorr will lead this class.

Inquirers' Class Sundays through October 28th - 10AM in the COC Faith Room



more friends to be a part of the group.

On Sunday, October 28 at 11AM, all who wish to make Prince of Peace their church home will come forward with the group during worship, and we will voice prayers of thanksgiving for them. After worship we will greet these friends during a reception just outside the sanctuary. We thank God for opportunities in so many settings to learn and grow as God's own in Christ.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays [October 3] | Domestic Abuse

The issue of domestic abuse has been in the news more and more in recent years. While it may be sad that the issue seems so prevalent, it is a blessing that we can discuss it together and seek as the faithful of God to understand what friends may be enduring and to know how we may be a help. Counselor Eleanor Salemi will lead these classes.

Wednesdays [October10 - November 14] | Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White

Based on a book by Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton, this class explores how persons of faith can model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral and religious issues that divide us.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 4

It was this festival day of the church - *All Saints' Day, November 1* - which prompted Luther to post his words of protest on October 31. He knew that people would be streaming through the church door the next day and

would read his words.



We will observe *All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 4*. It is a day in our life together when we remember all of the saints who have gone before us - all who now rest in our Lord. Washed into our Lord's Church, we may live confident of the grace, mercy and power given us to live in faith through all the world throws at us. It is also a day to praise God for the new saints among us, baptized just this past year.

In the coming Sundays, please write on the attendance insert the names of friends or family who have passed away or who have been baptized in the past year. You may also contact the Church Office: 727.585.9969. Let us worship together in the joy of celebrating our "sainthood" in Christ!

PoP Youth Events & Happenings

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On November 4th at 11AM worship, we will celebrate the *Rite of Affirmation of Baptism* of Nathan Koberna, Mackenzie Mendenhall, and Ricky Mendenhall. All three have been a part of our confirmation ministry for the past three years. Thanks be to God for all the teachers, mentors, and classmates who have supported them as they have grown in their faith.

ELEMENTARY YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE

October 7: 12:15pm, Giving Fair

November 9-11: Trail Blazers

December 2: 12:15pm, Advent Party

YOUTH SCHEDULE LOOK-AHEAD

October 13: High School Service Day

October 19-21: Confirmation Retreat at Luther Springs

November 4: Affirmation of Baptism

December 15: Christmas Toy Shop (HS), Advent Party (MS/HS)

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Elementary youth gather in the Learning Center and begin with music time in the Blue Room before heading out to their classrooms. There will be a classroom for grades K through 2 as well as one dedicated to grades 3 to 5.

Middle school youth meet upstairs in the Community Outreach Center.

WEDNESDAY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POP YOUTH

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 meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15pm to 7:15pm upstairs in the COC.

High school youth are invited to join in Bible Study and youth group on Wednesday nights from 6:15pm to 7:15pm – we'll meet in the Youth Room in the COC.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUTH & FAMILY

Visit <u>www.poplargo.org/youth-family</u> to gain more information about PoP youth, faith formation and upcoming events.

High school youth 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 discuss the movie and its relevance to our faith and scripture. Don't forget to grab some freshly popped popcorn on the way in. The second film of the year is *The Queen of Katwe*.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT!

On October 19-21, 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 study Christian worship with other youth from across the Florida Bahamas Synod.



A festive new musical season awaits us! As we approach this year's new Art For Faith's Sake music series, we look forward to experiencing the joy of music in worship together! Exciting and interesting musical and cultural events are offered as an outreach to our community.

Save the date for what is to come, and plan on sharing this wonderful experience a friend! Visit www.poplargo.org for the full AFFS season calendar and downloadable season flyer (you may also obtain one from the Church Office).



If you'd like to send gifts of support, simply scan the QR code with your smartphone to send gifts to **Art For Faith's Sake** (gifts are tax deductible). You may also mail contributions to: Art For Faith's Sake
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
455 Missouri Avenue
Largo, FL 33770



October 7 | 3PM Shawn Thomas, Organist

Art For Faith's Sake makes its debut on October 7th with our very own Parish Musician Shawn Thomas playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Buxtehude and more!

UPCOMING KEY SEASON PERFORMANCES

January 20 | 3PM - Paul Jacobs Chair of the Organ Department, Julliard School

February 17 | 3PM – FluteAmici A UNIQUE FLUTE EXPERIENCE – WITH MUSIC RANGING FROM THE $18^{\rm TH}$ – $20^{\rm TH}$ CENTURIES.

POP MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The PoP Men's Fellowship is starting our new fall schedule! The men of the congregation, friends and guests meet on the *3rd Saturday at 8:00am* for breakfast, fellowship, devotion and prayer. Afterwards, a speaker or presenter shares on a current topic. **Our October 20**th topic will continue from last mont's video entitled "Is **Genesis History**?" Having established a paradigm for combining Genesis and conventional history, we now move on to consider more: "How Do We Measure Time?" *For more information, contact Tom Olson: t.l.olson@att.net*

OCTOBER BAPTISMS

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

- Received update that city has required additional forms regarding total signage on property
- Approved First Fruits gift of \$300 for Religious Community Services' Haven House
- Heard presentation regarding various approaches we may take in a congregational visioning process; Council will prayerfully consider information and discuss at next meeting
- Appointed a Financial Review Team
- Received update of Preschool activities

RUTH'S PROMISE ADULT DAY STRETCHES & GROWS

On October 25 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, "The Journey of Dementia."

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**.

MORE HAPPENINGS FOR YOU

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

TELL IT ON MISSOURI

An update on PoP's Electronic Messaging Sign

As we reported last month, documentation for the sign has been submitted to the City of Largo. At submission, however, we were given additional forms which required our contractor, Thomas Signs, to measure and take photographs of all signs on our property. We do not know the rational for such a request, but apparently it is a requirement. Our contractor has been diligent in his work, and we await a day, we hope, in the near future when construction of the sign can begin. In the meantime, ministry in Christ at PoP continues by God's grace!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Hospital Stays

Joyce Streicher Norbert Richter Felice Johnson June Litzman Ellen Proplesch

Deaths

Dorothy Danler

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.

Wednesdays Together

5:30pm, Wednesdays at PoP

Come along for supper and fellowship followed by opportunities for learning and growth in faith. Learn more: 727.585.9969

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: *t.l.olson@att.net*.

PoP Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8am on 3rd Saturdays

Meet us in the Parish Hall for breakfast and fellowship.

Homeless Empowerment Prog.

11:15am on 4^{th} \hat{S} aturdays

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.









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

LEGEND: "HC: Holy Communion "AA, OCP: Akoholics Anonymous, Our Common Problem "**CodAnon: Codependents Anonymous "***TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly	**AA, OCP: Akoholics AI ***CodAn	OCTOBER NOTES	31 9:15 Preschool Church Time 9:30 Ruth's Promise 9:30 Ruth's Promise Wednesdays Together 5:30 Supper Together 6:15 Education Hour 6:15 Children's Choir 7:30 Parish Choir	30 7:00 Gardening Angels 9:00 Staff Planning 9:30 Ruth's Promise 6:00 TOPS**** 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Bells Angels	29 9:00 Largo Learning Academy 8:00 Al-anon 8:00 AA, Families	28 Reformation Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 Parish Choir 8:45 & 11:00 HC* 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 Inquirers' Class 11:00 Receive NewMembers 12:15 New Member Reception
27 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:15 Homeless Emp. Prog	26 9:00 Prayer Partners 6:00 AA, OCP**	8:00 Walking in Faith 9:00 PoPTARTS @ Aquarium 9:30 Navigating Dementia Care (Ruth's Promise) 12:00 Game Day & Cards 4:00 Prayer Shawls 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:30 CodAnon***	24 9:15 Preschool Church Time 9:30 Ruth's Promise 9:30 WELCA Board Wednesdays Together 5:30 Supper Together 6:15 Education Hour 6:15 Children's Choir 7:07 Prayer Around the Cross 7:30 Parish Choir	7:00 Gardening Angels 9:00 Staff Planning 9:30 Ruth's Promise 6:00 TOPS**** 6:30 AA, OCP** 7:00 Bells Angels	22 9:00 Largo Learning Academy 6:30 Girl Scouts - Troop 42 8:00 Al-anon 8:00 AA, Families	Confirmation Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 Parish Choir 8:45 & 11:30 Parish Choir 8:45 & 11:00 HC* 10:00 Education Hour 10:00 Inquirers' Class 3:00 Cancer Support Group CONFIRMATION RETREAT
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Worship at Prince of Peace

We celebrate Holy Communion each <u>Sunday at 8:45AM and 11:00AM</u>. 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: <u>www.poplargo.org</u>.