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November is a month that always seems to slip in unexpectedly. Just when you're starting to get used to the fact that there are pumpkins around and it's supposed to be fall [even if it doesn't feel so much like it] - **WHAM** - it is already November.

Already, because there's something about November that makes you feel like you are on the top of a giant waterpark slide and about to go flying downhill toward the great unknown.

Our Church Year calendar even contributes to the rush. We begin with an observance of **All Saints' Sunday** [November 4], a tradition of the Church that stretches back many centuries. We remember that we are all saints, set aside as God's own in Christ Jesus, for serving in our Lord's blessed work. We remember the saints of the Lord who have gone on before us to meet our Lord face to face — especially this past year — and give thanks to God for the new saints washed into the Church this year as well.

It is the last weeks of the Church Year. We'll hear several passages in worship about the last days before our Lord returns. In the midst of it all comes a civic holiday when we will feast and worship — **Thanksgiving.** While we give thanks whenever we are together, the Church has surely supported our government's leaders who have established a day for us to give thanks to the God who provides all.

Then suddenly it is the end – **Christ the King** – the last Sunday of the Church Year. In contrast to All Saints' Day [November 1], Christ the King is a relative newcomer, only being around close to 100 years. We end the year pondering our Lord's imminent and promised return, longing for his coming and hoping for the peace that only Christ Jesus can bring. We also pray that He would be "king" – that He would reign – in our lives even now.

Sure, November may come in its own November-ish way. But we praise our loving Lord that we may worship and serve in this season; that we may lift up our friends to the north who still dig out from the storms through our prayers and gifts; that we may remember and celebrate those God has given us to love; and that we may approach the Church Year's end, living in Christ generously each day.



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

ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE SEASON PRESENTS

SEASONAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 8:45AM & 11:00AM
FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS
Festival Choir & Organ

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018 8:45AM & 11AM

FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING Festival Choir, Organ, Bells

More from Art For Faith's Sake 2018-2019 Season of the Arts

A festive new musical season awaits us! Exciting and interesting musical and cultural events are offered as an outreach to our community. Save the date for what's to come, and plan on sharing this wonderful experience with a friend! Visit **poplargo.org** for the full AFFS season calendar and downloadable season flyer. **Upcoming Events:**

Santa Lucia Festival Sunday, December 9 at 7pm

A service of Readings, Carols & Anthems of the Advent Season with Choirs & Baroque Ensemble

There will be bakers, stars and "Lucia," with a party to follow – homemade cookies are needed for the reception, so sign up in the coming Sundays! Complimentary tickets for the Santa Lucia Festival will be available soon – kindly sign up for the number of tickets you plan on using, as seating is limited.

"...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

For the past several weeks we have been pondering what it means to Live Generously. Sure, sometimes it involves financial resources. But from the notes that friends have been posting on the banner in the narthex on Sunday mornings, Living Generously means so much more.

To Live Generously means:

- sharing gifts God has given with others, like tying quilts for those in need
- giving yourself over, volunteering your time
- listening intently for Christ's presence in those with whom we may disagree
- forgiving as we have been forgiven.

We have seen others Living Generously as they have risen early to come to PoP and trim bushes and care for the plants and property. Another slip observed someone Living Generously when she paid for a stranger's drink at a local Starbucks.

On our first Sunday we received 87 Estimate of Giving cards and Time/Talent inventories, so we are well on our way. We prayed God's blessings for them in worship. These EOG's and the Time/Talent information represent our plans and promises to the Lord for how we will dedicate ourselves to ministries in Christ in 2019. You may bring yours to worship or mail them to the Church Office. Please do so as soon as you are able.

Thank you for *Living Generously* in ways as varied as the blessed gifts God has given each of us. God continues to bless us and through us many friends nearby and around the world.

FESTIVALS & WORSHIP THIS SEASON AT PRINCE OF PEACE

November 4th | All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day) – On this 1,000-year-old festival day, we recall the saints who have gone before us – all who now rest in our Lord. It is also a day to praise God for the new saints among us, baptized just this past year.

November 21st | **Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7:00pm** – After sharing a meal together, we join in thanks for all God's generous giving.

November 25th | **Christ the King Sunday** – The last day of the Church Year is a festival time of remembrance, where we look back at what the Lord has done and look ahead knowing that Christ Jesus is sovereign Lord over all creation.

December 2nd | **First Sunday in Advent** – Advent, the blue season. Blue for the hope we all share in a God of grace and mercy who comes and will come. What a blessed time to be together, hearing the marvelous word of anticipation and singing the advent songs that quicken our hearts to our Lord.



WELCA ADVENT TEA - Sunday, December 2nd at 12:15pm We invite all women and girls to share in our annual Advent Tea! This year we'll have a short program on Christmas wrappings. Share in Christian fellowship as we enjoy a potluck luncheon. We'll hold a short WELCA meeting which will

include the election of Secretary and Treasurer. There will be a Thank Offering (no pennies please)! Contact Debra Lantz for more info: 727.538.9852.

LIVE NATIVITY & BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE



DECEMBER 1ST, 6:30PM-9:30PM

FOR THE LARGO HOLIDAY STROLL AT LARGO CENTRAL PARK

Each year, thousands come to the Largo Holiday Stroll to see over one million beautiful Christmas Lights, numerous Christmas displays, and various activities throughout the park. *Prince of Peace will tell the story of Christ's birth through our Live Nativity Display and our Bethlehem marketplace*.

It takes many hands to make this event a success – see the column to the right if you'd like to help! *Questions?* Contact Faye Belskey: faye@poplargo.org or 727.585.9969.

LEND A HAND? VOLUNTEER!

Continued from the left...

Organize & Assist

Set-up & Clean Up Costume Organization Cooks & Food Servers Sound Prep Team

Live Nativity

Nativity participants Greeters Narrators

Bethlehem Marketplace

Shopkeepers Census Takers (greeters) Floaters

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship - November 21st

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

7:00PM | Sanctuary



At Prince of Peace, on the evening before Thanksgiving, we set aside time to gather for worship, giving thanks to God for all the blessings of this life.

As an offering of gratitude, we invite you to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the RCS food bank. In addition, all monetary offerings will also go to the food bank.

We look forward to fellowship in worship after Thanksgiving Dinner together.

THANKSGIVING SUPPER

5:45PM | Parish Hall

All are invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!

On the Menu: Choice of Turkey OR Ham with all of the trimmings!

Cost: \$6.00 per person, \$2.50 per child under 12 years.

To help us ensure we'll have enough seats and food for everyone, sign up on the "Thanksgiving Dinner" list in the Parish Hall. Last year, 87 people came together for good food & great fellowship. *Be sure to RSVP by November 19th!*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting will convene on **Wednesday**, **November 28 at 7PM**.

Prior to the meeting there will be a meal beginning at **6PM**. The meeting's agenda will consist of reports of the pastors, the Preschool, Ruth's Promise, and the Endowment Fund. We will also elect new Council members and approve the 2019 Spending Plan for Ministries.

Please plan to attend our annual meeting.

HOMETOWN SOLUTIONS FOR NAVIGATING DEMENTIA

Thursday, November 15 | 9:30am to 2:30pm



This quarterly dementia resource seminar, sponsored by Ruth's Promise, provides the latest in community resources, while having sponsors generate scholarship funds to add to our Senior Citizen Services grant. Join us at Prince of Peace - the seminar is free, with refreshments and lunch provided. Respite care is available for those who RSVP early. This seminar's speakers include: Karen Keaton, Esq., America Living Will Registry; Margo Walbolt, Lutheran Intentional Village; Eoin Fitzpatrick, Holding Space for Self-Care; Daphni Tsongranis, Seasons Hospice; Dr. Cate, Engaging the Senses; and Erin Aaron, RN, Palms of Pasadena, ACE Unit. For additional information or to RSVP, contact Terri Ziegler, MSN at 727-365-1866 or tmsziegler@gmail.com; OR Cate McCarty, PhD at 813-384-7571 or catemoccarty@gmail.com.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - WEEKLY

Sundays [Through 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.

Wednesdays [Through Nov 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.

Wednesdays Together

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Each Wednesday, we gather for supper at 5:30pm followed by fellowship and opportunities for learning and growth.

Our final Wednesdays Together of the season will be November 14th.

If you love meeting new friends, consider being part of our volunteer team! Many hands make light work!

If you are interested, please call Faye in the Church Office: 727.585.9969.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

On Reformation Sunday we welcomed *ten new members* into the Prince of Peace family of followers. For the past several weeks they have been a part of an Inquirers' Class, discussing the faith God has given us in Christ Jesus, asking questions, meeting members of the staff and other leaders of the congregation and learning more about PoP.

In the December newsletter we will have pictures and introductions to our new sisters and brothers: Robert Cunningham, Rick Malivuk, Sandra Kastor, Mark & Roxanne Moses, Deborah Strauch, Sharon Sutherland, and Chris & Sue Swanson.

HOSPITALITY TEAM...

We will be hosting a Thank You Reception on **Monday, November 26th at 6:30pm** for all who have served for over the past year. Join us! **We're always looking for new members!** Do you like to help with special events by decorating, setting up, preparing food trays or pouring punch? *Then this team is for you!* Join us on for a brief meeting in Parish Hall on November 26th. You will be asked to serve as you are able. *Contact Faye for more information:* 727.585.9969.

NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Davis Adams Ann Aust	Jaden Helland Weston Kaufman	Robert Luxa Debbie Marshall	Michele Rumbaugh Eleanor Salemi	Cydney Wells Morgan Wells
Sophie Aust	Colby Koberna	Joan Mathre	Rev. Robert Salzgeber	Beverly Wildermuth
William Beggs	Nathan Koberna	Mark Moses	Linda Simons	Karl Wildermuth
Jay Beringer	Debra Lantz	Sandra Nance	Allen Temple	
Flynn Bluett	June Litzman	Linda Odette	Claire Thompson	
Charles Campbell	Aaron Lounsberry	Elijah Postma	Micki Thompson	
Carolyn Glasgow	Karen Lowry	Ruth Rauch	Rev. Thomas Weitzel	

PoP Youth Events & Happenings



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On November 4th at 11AM worship, we will celebrate the *Rite of Affirmation of Baptism* of Ricky Mendenhall, Mackenzie Mendenhall, and Nathan Koberna. 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

November 9-11: Trailblazers Retreat

December 2: 12:15pm, Advent Party

YOUTH SCHEDULE LOOK-AHEAD

November 4: Affirmation of Baptism

November 11: Mentor/Mentee Service Day

December 1: Night in Bethlehem @ Largo Stroll

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

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.

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.

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!

TRAILBLAZERS RETREAT!

On November 9-11, our elementary youth will be heading to Luther Springs to take part in their Trailblazers Camp weekend. Kids will enjoy regular camp activities, explore the season of Advent, create Advent projects and even bake cookies! Students will stay in cabins with counselors and can come on their own or with a church group. It is not too late to sign up! Please let Pastor Adam know if you are interested in attending.

MENTOR/MENTEE SERVICE DAY

As part of our confirmation program, on **November 11th** our confirmation mentors and their students will have a service Day at Taylor Park. We will gather for a cookout at **12:15pm at shelter #5**. Following lunch, we take part in cleaning up the park. This is a great chance for mentors and mentees to get to know each other better while serving our community. High School youth and families are also encouraged to attend.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER 2018 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

- Approved First Fruits gift of \$500 for Lutheran Disaster Response and their work with hurricane relief
- Received update that City of Largo has issued a permit and the process for manufacture and construction can proceed for electronic messaging sign
- Commissions reported regarding on-going ministries and activities
- Received and endorsed report from Nominating Committee for Council members to be submitted to the congregation for vote: Frank Beekman, Susan Cherwien, Rene Lowry, Frankie Rogers and Cara Carmody
- Receive reports of visitors who plan to make PoP their church home and of youth who will affirm their baptisms on All Saints' Sunday

PRINCE OF PEACE PRESCHOOL NOVEMBER EVENTS

On Friday, November 16 at 10AM in the Parish Hall, the parents and friends of Prince of Peace Preschool will be preparing a "Thanksgiving Meal" for the "Pilgrims and Native Americans" of Prince of Peace Preschool.



On Tuesday, November 13 at 11AM in the Parish

<u>Hall</u>, our kids and Ruth's Promise friends will enjoy Tom the Turkey, a play presented by Timeless Tales, a local touring company. Here are some photos of October classroom fun – friends loving friends.













TELL IT ON MISSOURI

An update on PoP's Electronic Messaging Sign

HURRAH! Just days before the Council met in October, we received notice that the City of Largo has finally issued the building permit for our new sign. Fabrication of the sign takes place here in Pinellas County, but there are components that now are on order and will be here very soon. While we are not projecting a date of construction here on Missouri Avenue, we surely hope to see "signs" of its arrival before Christmas. Regardless, we are hoping that the large hurdle has been cleared. Thank you for your patience. And to the winter resident brother who told us that he drove by as soon as he arrived just to see the new sign, please hold on – *it's on the way!*

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

HOSPITAL STAYS: Joyce Streicher Norbert Richter Felice Johnson June Litzman Ellen Proplesch David Webb

DEATHS: Nan Tower Al Stutzka Marian Curtis

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. Our Men's Bible Study is currently immersed in the Book of Revelation, pondering the last days on earth. Join us! 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 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 November



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

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EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

POPTARTS SEE "HUNCHBACK"

Friday, Nov. 9 at 8pm | \$29



Join us for this lush retelling of Victor Hugo's epic story of love, acceptance, and what it means to be a hero. As the bells of Notre Dame sound, Quasimodo – the deformed bell-ringer – longs to be part of the world below. Our very own Adele Luxa will be singing in the production's choir! *Meet up in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center at 7:30pm.* Sign up on today's attendance card, or just call the Church Office: 727.585.9969

Booked for Dessert 6:30pm in the Choir Room

Booked for Dessert is changing our November meet-up time to 6:30pm on November 15th. We'll be watching the movie of a book we discussed earlier – *Wonder*, starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, and Jacob Tremblay. No book reading required this month. Popcorn is provided!

We'll also finalize our book schedule for next year, so if you know of a book that you'd enjoy sharing with the group, please join us!

POP MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The men of the congregation, friends and guests meet on the *3rd Saturday* at 8:00am for breakfast, fellowship, devotion and prayer. Our November 17th topic will continue from last month's video entitled "Is Genesis History?" We consider the time when dinosaurs walked the earth and the abrupt termination of their species by a catastrophic flood. We also consider the genius of design of this universe by our God, the Creator. Our studies are preceded by breakfast and devotions. For more information, contact Tom Olson: t.l.olson@att.net

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 fellowshi^{*} follows 8:45AM worship, with Sunday School from 10-10:50AM. Visit us online: <u>www.poplargo.org</u>.