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## IN-PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS OCTOBER 4

On Sunday, October 4 we will return to in-person worship. We encourage everyone to watch on our website the video that shares what to expect and the precautions we are taking before, during, and after in-person worship services. **Please note that seating will be limited for in-person worship.** Online worship will continue to be sent out on Sundays around noon. We're excited to be able to worship with many of you in person and grateful for those who choose to continue to worship online as well!

WATCH THE IN-PERSON **WHAT TO EXPECT VIDEO** at [www.poplargo.org](http://www.poplargo.org)

# SAY HELLO TO KRISTEN THIELE

On Monday October 19 Kristen Thiele arrives to begin her work with us as Coordinator of Discipleship and Congregational Care.

Kristen will oversee our welcoming ministries: how we invite and include friends in our work in Christ; our various gifts ministries including Time/Talent assessments, LifeKeys; how we incorporate new members into our life together. She will also coordinate congregational leaders in large serving events, support care among PoP folk and initiate new mission opportunities.

Kristen comes to us from Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas where she has served as director of family ministries and outreach for 9 years. Along with her weekly responsibilities there, Kristen recently designed and led a feeding ministry in the



community which provided food to families hurting during this Covid period; they served 1,105 families and 1,160 low income seniors. She also has led groups in serving trips to Mexico as well as Los Angeles.

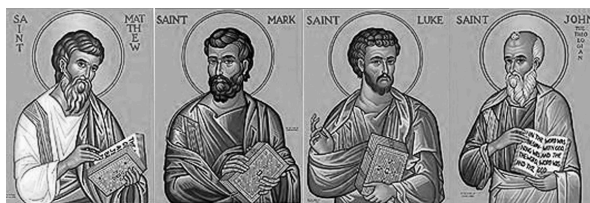
In addition to leading small group studies with women of the congregation, she has also spoken at WELCA retreats and conventions.

We are excited to welcome Kristen to Florida's west coast

and to our community in Christ Jesus especially. Even though we have been hesitant to gather during recent months, we are planning ways for us all to meet Kristen when she arrives. We will post those meeting opportunities when we work out the details. What a blessing it will be to serve with our sister in Christ!

## SEARCH TEAM

For months the Congregation Council appointed Search Team met, fashioned a position description and then combed through resumes. Lynn Henderson, Mark lusi, Margo Walbolt, Linda Zachow, and Terri Ziegler met with the pastors during the search effort. Prs. Joe and Adam are extremely grateful for this Team's enthusiastic and dedicated service.



## NEW SERIES ON WEDNESDAYS

# TAKE TEN: THE GOSPEL WRITERS

We're excited to announce a new "Take Ten" video series coming each Wednesday called, "Gospel Writers—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John...Who?" During the 4 Wednesdays of October, we will be considering who wrote the gospels. Mark wasn't one of the disciples. Neither was Luke. How did they know what to write? Scholars often have considered many clues in their investigations into the authorship of the books that we look to for the good news of Christ. Let's Take Ten to ponder WHO were these fellows?

## “HOW CAN I KEEP... FROM GIVING?”

It is an inspiring song of faith. The refrain goes “If Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?” In our stewardship emphasis we are borrowing the song with a little change in the last word.

Peter declares the good news in his letter.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... I PETER 1:3*

### DOROTHY HALLER'S STORY

Over the past few months the “singing” and the “giving” have been difficult due to the virus. Our friend, Dorothy Haller, was telling us of her experience.

I had to acclimate to the new normal. That was the most difficult.... no Wednesday night suppers where I saw everyone at one time as they collected their dinners and later hugged and chatted. Then the Education class, (which I definitely needed). There was no Helping Hands at the mobile home park where I drove residents to their doctor appts, shopping, etc. as everything was cancelled or closed. I missed the Eucharistic Ministry. This was where I learned confidence and met people in a different setting.

How  
can I keep...  
from Giving?

### So she found other ways of “giving.”

I worked with Gardening Angels where in the garden, I walked with God while the dew was still on the roses. (Hmm, I heard those words somewhere before)... What a joy to have His everlasting forgiveness and love.

I settled on my sofa and with needles and hooks, made wee teddy bears, dishcloths and Scrubbies to give to those who like them. I thank my Mom for teaching me needlework skills at a very young age. I think she had an ulterior motive in mind as I was very skilled in darning socks and mending clothes. I benefited from the love, prayers, and kindness of our church family and friends.

With the Lord blessing us so abundantly even in the face of this crisis, how can we keep...from giving?



### FOCUSING ON GOD'S GRACE & GENEROSITY STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Like many things in this year of the virus, our stewardship emphasis for the fall will look different. Throughout the year we look to the Lord in thanksgiving for all that we receive from the hand of our loving Lord. In the Fall, we often ponder God's grace and generosity and our responses more intentionally. We look forward to beginning our time of celebrating the One who inspires all our giving.

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# HUNGER TASK FORCE CONTINUES TO HELP FRIENDS IN NEED

The Prince of Peace Hunger Task Force has two very special projects. Every Thursday evening, one of our team picks up leftover bakery items at Panera in Belleair Bluffs and delivers them to one of two area facilities on alternate weeks.

Our second project is part of the Pack-a-Sack program which provides food and snacks for the weekend to 40 children at Fuguitt Elementary. Children must qualify and register at the school. Many children are fed by the Pinellas County school breakfast and lunch programs. The bags are packed by our Ruth's Promise guests each week and delivered for distribution to the children on Friday.

We are blessed with faithful volunteers and grateful for the support of our Prince of Peace congregation. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Carolyn Glasgow or call the Church Office at 727-585-9969.



## OCTOBER FOOD DONATIONS

# PACK A SACK FOR STUDENTS

In October the Hunger Task Force is collecting food for Pack-A-Sack. The donations can be dropped off at the Church Office. We need nutritional single-serve items (e.g. fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, raisins, cereal, pudding, peanut/cheese crackers and granola/fruit bars). Thanks be to God for your servant heart.

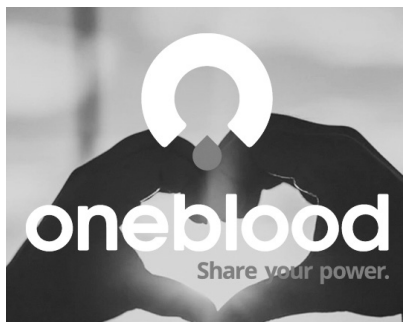




## HELPING HUNGER MINISTRIES NEAR & FAR

# FIRST FRUITS

For August \$250 was given to ELCA World Hunger as the Covid-19 pandemic economic impact has been linked to 10,000 child deaths each month from malnutrition. Also \$250 was given to Metropolitan Ministries which serves the homeless and stressed families in the Tampa Bay Area. See their websites for further information.



## HOW YOU CAN BE A DONOR AT THIS TIME

# ONEBLOOD DRIVE

We would like to thank those at Prince of Peace for all their generosity of donating at our Blood Drives over the years. Even though we are not currently having Blood Drives at Prince of Peace, we would like to encourage our past donors to continue this life saving service. A number of our congregation is currently doing so at the OneBlood Center located on Missouri Avenue. If you are able, and feel comfortable doing so, please consider joining our members who are continuing this vital service to our community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Frank Beekman at (727) 319-3217.



## FRI OCT 30 / 9AM-4PM AT POP

# HEALTH SCREENINGS

Life Line Screening will provide the annual vascular screening for carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral arterial (lower extremities) as well as screenings for atrial fibrillation and osteoporosis. The date is Friday, October 30th from 9 am to 4 pm in the Parish Hall. These ultrasound, noninvasive screenings have saved lives and prevented strokes and fractures. For more information, or to make an appointment call 1-888-653-6450, or talk with Jane Corcoran, the POP parish nurse.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH POP

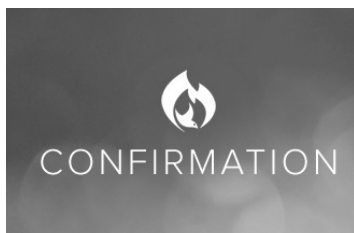
# UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

We don't want anyone to miss our communications to you. Have you changed an email or a phone number? Did you change the dates we have for your alternate mailing address for the summer or winter? Let us know contacting MJ at [mj@poplargo.org](mailto:mj@poplargo.org) or 727-585-9969.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children and Youth Sunday School are continuing on Zoom at this time. All students and teachers gather in the same “room” on Zoom and then are split up by age group for our learning time into break out rooms. Parents and teachers will receive a link by email. Please contact Pastor Adam if you have not received a link.



## YOUTH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Throughout September our confirmation students met on Zoom each week. Moving into October some of these classes will begin to take place in person. Parents and mentors, please watch your emails for specific dates and times. Every other week our high school youth gather for Bible Study and youth group at 6:15.



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On November 1st we will celebrate the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism for Sophie Anne Aust. Sophie has been a part of our confirmation ministry for the past three years. Thanks be to God for all of the teachers, mentors, and classmates who have supported her as she has grown in the faith.

## COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

- + Learned that Kristen Thiele, Coordinator of Discipleship and Congregational Care, will begin her work on Oct. 19
- + Discussed and approved in-person worship starting again on Sunday, Oct. 4
- + Learned of 60th Anniversary Team's decision to conclude the observance on All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, but not to hold a social gathering with refreshments
- + Approved First Fruits gifts to Homeless Empowerment Program and Eckerd Connects assisting families in need
- + Received status report from Nominating Committee; approved appointment of Susan Wood Jaberg to Mutual Ministry Committee; approved appointment of Faye Belskey and Pat Pierce to Preschool Board
- + Learned that sound board and cameras have been installed in the sanctuary



## UPCOMING CONCERTS



JANUARY 31, 2021 / 3PM

**ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

Music for flute, trumpet, and harp



FEBRUARY 21, 2021 / 3PM

**THREE ORGAN SPECTACULAR!**

Music for choir, handbells, and three organs



MARCH 28, 2021 / 3PM

**RING SARASOTA**

Florida's premier handbell ensemble



THURS OCT 22 / 7PM / VIA ZOOM

## BOOKED FOR DESSERT

Meeting the 4th Thursday of most months at 7 pm, temporarily without any dessert but we have lots of books to talk about! Please see our 2020-2021 schedule:

**October** *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett

**November** *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer



LED BY TOM OLSON ON ZOOM

## ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

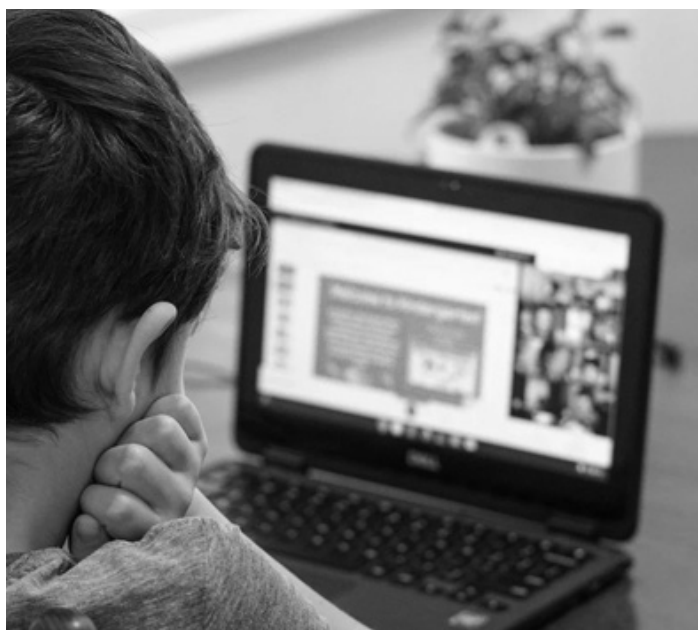
**Meetings schedule:** October 5 & 19, November 2, 16, & 30, and December 14 & 28.

PoP is hosting an online Bible study via Zoom to study Paul's letter to the fledgling Colossian church. We are meeting twice monthly, The next session is at 2:30 pm. If interested, please call the church office or Tom Olson at 727-518-8370 to sign up. The Sunday before, you will receive an email with details of the meeting and a link to the Zoom website.

### MENTOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## MENTORING IN SCHOOLS

One of our goals for Vision 2020 is to develop stronger connections with our local schools and meet the needs of students at Fuguitt Elementary School, Largo Middle School and Largo High School. We are looking for members in our congregation who would like to mentor a student. This would involve only a commitment of half an hour each week. All of our schools are in need of mentors. Pinellas County is currently doing all their mentoring virtually for at least the first semester, so you would need to have access to a computer or tablet. This is a very rewarding experience. If you would like to mentor, or have questions about mentoring, please contact Frank Beekman at (727) 319-3217.





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## OCTOBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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Maxine Bitting  
David Burgin  
Lorelei Churan  
Jason Dahlvik  
Lucy Dahlvik  
Christine Edens  
Edward Evans  
Ann Fields  
David Grassick  
Gloria Grassick  
Royce Haddad  
Kristina Hartmann  
Ruth Hellriegel  
Kimberly Hume

Caroline Iusi  
Stephen Johnson  
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Corey Taylor  
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Marian Wuertz  
Carolyn Zill



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