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There may be no other day of the Church Year that reminds us more starkly and graciously that, in the words of Hebrews 12, "...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses." For centuries this day has been set aside to recall in our love and loss the lives of sisters and brothers who have gone before us—indeed those whose lives we have shared by the grace of God.

Sunday, November 1 we will gather, sing as we are able, pray, listen, share the meal and commend yet again our loved ones who have died since last All Saints' Day. We will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all who have been baptized into the Lord's Church in the past year.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

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It is the gift of God's Word and water experienced by each of us at our Lord's command that binds us all together—both with the little one who cannot yet speak and with the beloved ones who no longer speak with us. Even so, we are one in the crucified and risen One, called, cleansed, forgiven and graced.

All Saints' Day is coming. Let us worship together, and pray for Sophie Aust, who will affirm her baptism.

“...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.”

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ENDING SUN NOV 1 / ALL SAINTS' DAY

60TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE ENDS

Sunday, November 1, All Saints' Day will mark the end of our 60th Anniversary observance.

May 10, 2020 was our anniversary day and happened to fall on a Sunday. We had planned to celebrate with our Bishop, extra-special music and a reception and other surprises. But while the virus may have prevented our gathering, it didn't stop us from the most significant part of our celebration.

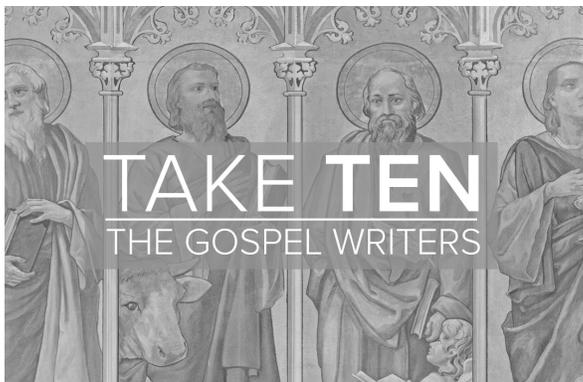
As we entered the new year, we launched a joyful challenge of ourselves in our anniversary year: \$60,000 for our 60th. Yes, some of the funds were needed to accomplish major work on our organ—an investment that has powerfully supported our song for over 15 years. In addition, we needed to replace well-worn chairs and tables in our Parish Hall.

However, the great majority of our funds went to do what our



Lord calls us to do—serve our neighbors in Christ. We were blessed, brothers and sisters, to help the Cottner family realize their dream of a Habitat home. We now will turn over the balance of funds to Habitat for another family.

What a blessing! As we look back at our 60 years of being Christ to our neighbor, the Spirit has provided us the means now to celebrate by serving yet again.



ON WEDNESDAYS / NEW SERIES BEGINS IN NOV

TAKE TEN: THE GOSPEL WRITERS

Our series continues on Wednesdays as we continue to explore the authors of the the gospels. Look for a new TAKE TEN series to be introduced in November. We appreciate your excitement with the series, so feel free to share on social media and YouTube.

THANKFUL FOR ALL THE WAYS OUR LORD GIVES

“HOW CAN I KEEP... FROM GIVING?”

You may remember Marv Kaufmann—our brother in Christ who lived here for many years before moving to Wisconsin to be near his son. We heard from Marv and his son recently. They shared with us how Marv has been spending his time during the virus days. Marv, 92, lives at an independent living facility where he’s come to know lots of people.

Marv sent us a book for children [and parents!] that he wrote and illustrated. “Cheep, Cheep, Cheep” tells the story of a family, their chicks and life. He has also helped initiate a ministry of reading to friends whose eyesight has become dim.

For weeks we have been pondering all that our Lord gives. We have even made a change to the words of that blessed hymn, “How Can I Keep from...



Giving?” With all that our Lord provides of talent, time and all our resources, in the goodness of the risen Christ, how CAN we keep from giving?

Thank you to all who have completed and submitted our Estimates of Giving and Time/Talent information. If you have not yet had time, please consider doing so as we move ahead in our work in our Lord.

WED DEC 2 / 7PM

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Wednesday evening December 2 at 7pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to enjoy a meal together as is our custom.

But we will gather briefly to take care of our necessary business: elections, appointments and consideration of our Ministry Spending Plan for 2021. The pastors will briefly present their reports, and we will also hear reports regarding the status of Preschool and Ruth’s Promise ministries given the year’s challenges. Please plan to attend.

WED NOV 25 / 7PM

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Each Sunday when we gather for worship, we do so in thanksgiving for all God’s gifts. November brings us to a time carved out in our nation’s calendar as a national holiday: Thanksgiving Day.

This year we will continue our Prince of Peace tradition of worshipping on Wednesday before the holiday. Wednesday November 25 at 7 pm. There will be no meal this year. So, why not bring some of the makings of a meal for others? If you are able, bring foodstuffs that we will present to the Lord with prayer and then take to our friends at Religious Community Services.



SUN NOV 22

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Christ the King Sunday, November 22, draws the Church Year to an end. The Church Year stretches from the first Sunday of Advent to Christ the King. On this Sunday and other Sundays around this time, our readings often focus on end times. And as we do, we ponder how our Lord rules over all and will indeed come “to judge the living and the dead.” This Sunday also means the end of a year of contemplating gospel readings from Matthew. While Christ the King Sunday has only been observed since the 1920’s, it provides us with a marvelous perspective at the Church Year’s end, helping us to recall who truly is the leader over all. Come let us worship the Lord!



SUN NOV 29

ADVENT BEGINS

Yes, it does sound a bit early. The brief 4-Sunday season of Advent begins Sunday, November 29—a time of preparation and expectation. A season of hope, Advent steers us from straining forward to our Lord’s coming on the horizon to preparing ourselves for our Lord’s coming in our hearts and among us even now. Coming to the end of a calendar year filled with uncertainty and much hurt, we are blessed now to be embraced by the hope given in Christ Jesus—to be sure, the hope who is our Lord.

SUN NOV 29

ADVENT WREATHS

On Sunday November 29, don’t forget to bring your advent wreath to worship. Lay it on the chancel steps for our prayers asking God’s blessings in this holy season.





HELPING HUNGER MINISTRIES NEAR & FAR

FIRST FRUITS

Congregation Council voted to give \$250 to the Clearwater Free Clinic which has provided problem oriented health care to low-income uninsured residents of upper Pinellas County by means of office visits, medications, lab work, x-rays, and specialty referrals. This nonprofit, non government health organization has been a resource for scores of people for since 1977.

Council also voted to grant \$250 to the RCS Express Center, an arm of RCS, which offers “get it now” services assisting with hunger, homelessness, domestic violence and basic needs.

First Fruits is a fund that is composed of monies tithed from bequests to Prince of Peace and is set aside to assist ministry among those agencies and organizations carrying out the work of the gospel.



SUN NOV 22 / 8AM-1PM

ONEBLOOD DRIVE

How can I keep...keep from giving! Now that we are once again worshipping in person, we will be having a Blood Drive on Sunday, November 22. The Blood Mobile will be at Prince of Peace from 8am until 1pm. If you feel you are able to donate at that time it would be most appreciated.



FRI NOV 13 / 10AM / VIA ZOOM

LOSS IN TIME OF COVID-19

On Friday, November 13 at 10am, we will gather for a time for all who would like to discuss how we are navigating these difficult times. It may be the virus alone, or perhaps other losses have contributed to the grief you have been experiencing. We will gather by Zoom in a virtual coming together that gives us a chance to be heard and to hear from and see friends we have missed since March.

Each Zoom meeting will take place at 10 am. Please contact the Church Office to let us know of your desire to join us or email jane@poplargo.org You will receive a link to join us on Zoom prior to the day of the meeting. Parish Nurse Jane and Pastor Ann will facilitate these meetings.



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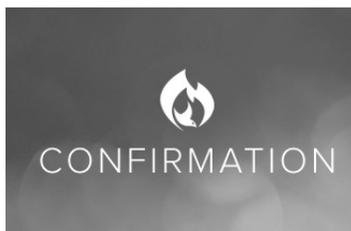
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CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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. In October some of these classes began 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 6:15pm.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On November 1 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.



YOUNG ADULTS KICKBALL & FELLOWSHIP

On November 8 at 4pm young adults will gather at Taylor Park for a game of kickball and a time of fellowship. Please let Pastor Adam or Angie Pryor (angiepryor@rocketmail.com) know if you will be able to join us.

BEGINNING NOV 22

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH BAGS

Starting November 22nd, Advent Wreath Bags will be available for each family of children and youth in the congregation. Families are invited to assemble their wreaths and then join together each Sunday of Advent as we light our candles together. A different family each week will lead our time of prayer Zoom as we light our candles starting with the first Sunday of Advent November 29. The entire congregation is invited to join this time of prayer and light their own Advent Wreaths at home.





THURS NOV 19 / 7PM / PARISH HALL

BOOKED FOR DESSERT

Meeting Thursday, November 19, at 7pm via Zoom, temporarily without any dessert but we have lots of books to talk about. Following is our November book and we hope you'll join us!

November *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett



LED BY TOM OLSON ON ZOOM

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Meetings schedule: 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.



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

OCTOBER 19, 2020

COUNCIL MEETING

- + Received status report for nominating process for 2021 Congregation Council
- + Greeted new Coordinator of Discipleship and Congregational Care, Kristen Theile

- + Discussed report of in-person and online worship
- + Learned that the city of Largo has postponed the Holiday Stroll this year and discussed our plans for other traditional events in our life together during Advent/Christmas.



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