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VBS IS COMING!

Each year Vacation Bible School is an opportunity for children to learn the stories of the Gospel while being surrounded by the community of faith. Youth and adult leaders will nurture children as they learn stories from the Gospel, make crafts, play games, and sing songs together. It takes the whole community to make VBS a success each year, from those who will serve each day to those holding the children in prayer. As we prepare for VBS week we invite you to hold participants and leaders in prayer and to join them in exploring our theme stories this year.

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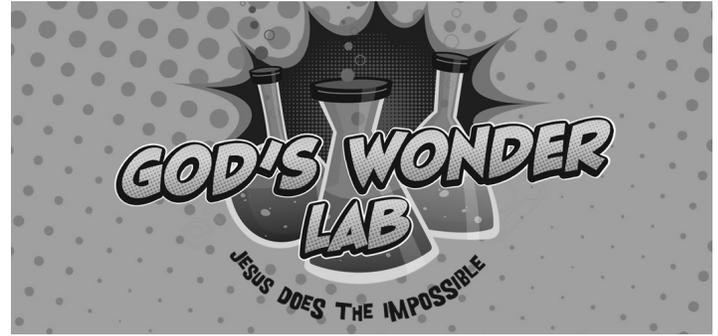
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Over the course of five days VBS participants and volunteers will explore five different stories where Jesus does the impossible.

- + **John 2:1-12** Jesus at the Wedding in Cana
- + **Matthew 14:22-33** Jesus Walks on Water
- + **Mark 5:21-3** Jesus Heals
- + **Luke 24:36-49** Jesus appears to his followers
- + **Acts 9:1-19** Jesus sends Paul

God does wonderful, even impossible things, through the miracles of Jesus Christ. Each of these stories proclaims Christ's love for us and demonstrates God's power to save us.



VBS Volunteer Meeting and Decorating Days

Our volunteer orientation and training for VBS volunteers will be on June 27th at 12:15. At this meeting final details will be shared as well as volunteer responsibilities for our youth volunteers.

VBS Decorating Days

- + June 20 at 12:15pm
- + June 21 from 9am-noon
- + June 27 from 1-4pm (final touches)

MASKS AND WORSHIP

The Centers for Disease Control has announced that it is permissible to gather indoors without masks or social distancing, if you are fully vaccinated. Because we have been following the guidance of CDC leaders, masks are now optional in our worship gatherings.

You may choose to continue wearing or discontinue wearing a mask.

In the coming weeks we will address other changes that we made during the challenging days of the pandemic, such as how we serve Holy Communion, our seating arrangements and more.

Throughout the course of the virus, we have sought to be diligent in our precautions in order to care for one another as God's people in Christ. This care for one another is rooted in our Lord's command that we love our neighbor.

SUNDAYS 10AM / FELLOWSHIP HALL

WIRED WORD

In the summer we will continue our time together in the Parish Hall between worship services. This weekly and relevant opportunity gives us a look at what is going on in the world around us through the lens of scripture. Recently, Pr. Richard Landeen helped us discuss issues that arose from reports that well-known pastor/writer Tim Keller now has pancreatic cancer. In other weeks the discussions have had various starting points: from the Suez Canal blockage to an obscure poem that went "viral" during World War II. Join us each week as we dive into scripture and conversation.



GIVING GENEROUSLY

ENDOWMENT FUND

The POP Endowment Fund was blessed this year to have resources to share with ministries local and worldwide. And in a year when we received 15 grant requests, it was humbling that the funds available for disbursement totaled \$12,000. Each year, if there are earnings in the Fund, we disburse 85% and plow the remaining 15% into the fund to assist its growth.

Thanks be to God for this unique way of giving from what we have received in our Lord's name!

Following are recipients of this year's Endowment Grants:

- + Resurrection House [a worshipping community of the ELCA in Dade City]
- + Neighborly [Meals on Wheels program in Pinellas County]
- + Zinga Children's Hospital [a ministry in Kenya providing health care for pregnant women and newborns; missionaries visited PoP in 2019]



- + Women with Purpose [a ministry in Pinellas County that helps pay bills for families under financial pressure because of the cost of cancer treatments]
- + Kimberly Home [help with installation of security system at this ministry site for single women and children]
- + LIV-UP [local ministry helping older adults to remain independent in their homes]
- + Ruth's Promise [scholarship for participants]
- + Community Dental Clinic [providing dental care locally for those without such care]
- + The Haven [assist with new bathroom at this shelter for women and children]

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

SUPPORTING KIMBERLY HOME

The Service Commission thanks you for your generosity of adorable new baby clothes, mountains of diaper boxes, containers of wipes, filling boxes overflowing with baby shampoo, soap, and diaper cream! Thank you for helping new Moms and families in need. What a blessing that we can serve and care for our neighbor. Thank you for serving!





SAT JULY 3

THRESHERS BASEBALL GAME

Join the Prince of Peace POPTART fellowship group for an evening of fun on Saturday, July 3. Baseball game, free food (until 8:30pm) and fireworks all for \$15 per person. Gate opens at 6pm. Faye will be outside the gate from 5:45 till 6:45pm to hand out tickets and wristbands. Sign up and pay online on POP website or call Marilyn Franz at 727-584-2087. Checks can be sent to the Church to Linda (be sure and put "July 3" in the memo). This has always been a fun family event and a great way to reconnect with friends. See you at the Game!

MON JUNE 21 2PM

PRAYER SHAWL UPDATE

Our little group has decided to meet 3 or 4 times a year to measure, record, add a blessing card and cross, and then tie with ribbon and pray over the shawls that were created in the previous months. We will gather, as we are able, during 2021 on the following Mondays at 2pm: June 21, September 20, and November 15.

If you knit, crochet or weave, please prayerfully consider creating a prayer shawl. Specifics on creating prayer shawls can be found in the prayer shawl flyer (and other available books and printed info) in the Church Office kitchen as well as supplies including yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles. There are also prayer shawl "kits" with directions on how to make prayer shawls using our donated yarn.



While you are there, you might want to read some of the many "thank you notes" in the envelope near the supplies. And while you create, consider praying for the eventual recipient of your prayer shawl. These shawls have given love, warmth and hope to many.

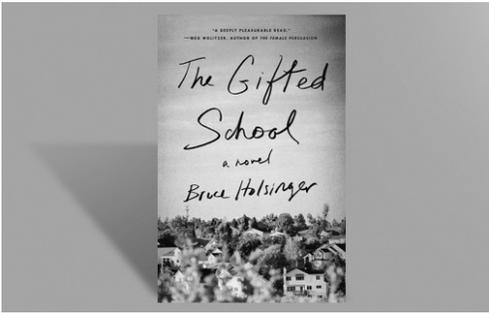
If you know someone who could benefit from this tangible gift of love from PoP, please sign out a prayer shawl in the Church Office kitchen.



ZOOM CLASS / FRI JUNE 11 AT 10AM

2ND FRIDAY ZOOM SUPPORT

We'll encourage, laugh and talk with one another as we journey through 2021. Join Jane Corcoran monthly on Zoom the second Friday of June at 10am-11:30am. Come be church together as we navigate our way through the months ahead. To sign-up, please contact MJ in the Church Office by email at mj@poplargo.org.



THURS JUNE 24 / 7PM / PARISH HALL

BOOKED FOR DESSERT

Join us for June's Booked for Dessert for wonderful fellowship and discussion around the book of the month! The book for June is "The Gifted School" by Bruce Holsinger. Join us in-person on Thursday, June 24 at 7pm! Please contact MJ at mj@poplargo.org to let us know you are coming.



UNSEEN GRACE / MEETING IN JUNE

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

In the midst of uncertainty when all we can maybe see is our stress and fears, Jesus comes to us offering grace. We invite young adults to gather, have food, fellowship, and talk about grace. We will meet June 6, 13, and 20 from 2:30-4:30pm at a young adult's home. Please email Kristen Theile at kristen@poplargo.org for more details.



SUN JUNE 6 COLLECTING FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

RCS FOOD COLLECTION

Our First Sunday Food Collection for Religious Community Services will be Sunday, June 6. We'll collect food donations to help stock the food pantry of our ministry partner RCS. We're grateful for your support as this ministry provides food for thousands of families in need across the community.



SAVE THE DATE: SAT AUG 7 / 9AM TO NOON

HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

We will be having the Health and Safety Fair Saturday August 7 from 9am-12pm. Partnering organizations, and doctors will be in compliance with CDC guidelines. We currently have different options on how it will be structured and will be sharing more information in the coming months. Please pray for this ministry and way of serving our community!

Mark miracles + a meal
[3 M MONDAYS]

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH / 8:30AM - 5:30PM
3M MONDAYS

This summer, our middle and high school youth, 3M Mondays studies come from the Gospel of Mark. Come join us for these five Mondays as we serve our neighbors and share in time of learning and fun. There is no cost to attend this summer! Bring friends too!
+ June 14 & 21, July 5 & 12, and August 2

CAMP LUTHER SPRINGS / JULY 21-27

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

We already have 18 youth who have signed up for camp this summer. Please speak with Pastor Adam as soon as possible if you are hoping to attend this summer. This year we are blessed to provide 90% of the camp fee. Prince of Peace children and middle school youth will be heading to camp at Luther Springs here in Florida the week of July 21-27. High school youth will attend Lutherock up in the North Carolina mountains the same week.



ANOTHER WAY WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

SHOWERED & EMPOWERED

Showered and Empowered is a ministry partner of PoP whose goal is to compassionately honor another's humanity by providing access to mobile shower and laundry facilities at no cost. We will be partnering and serving the community the first Friday of the month. At the event we pass out hygiene items, snack bags, and new socks. We are grateful to provide our community with this wonderful service!



SEXTONS UPDATE

EARL BROWN IS RETIRING IN JUNE

Since the construction of the Learning Center, the children of our Preschool have known that Mr. Earle is there to keep them clean and safe. Earle Brown has taken to heart his role on our staff, being here Monday through Friday after 5 PM to ensure that that building is clean, sanitized and ready to go for the next day. It's why the 5 year old building feels new when you walk in. Earle will be retiring from that role in early June. We thank God for his work among us.

BRIDGETTE MAYNARD IS OUR NEW SEXTON

And we are blessed to welcome our own Bridgette Maynard to serve as Sexton for our whole campus. Bridgette has been cleaning homes and businesses, along with home owner association properties for 20+ years. She will be assuming the duties of caring for the Learning Center as well as all our other buildings. We are very fortunate to have Bridgette as a member of our staff.



IN HOME CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED

NEEDING A HELPING HAND

Jane Corcoran had many responsibilities here over the years. One role that she played among us was to assist in helping to provide care in the home during illness and to locate assisted living facilities in the community. With many families who come here from out of town to help family members, this counsel from their loved one's congregation has been invaluable.

As we move ahead, Kristen Thiele, our Coordinator of Discipleship and Congregation Care, will be assuming this task. She has been working with Jane for 7 months and is becoming familiar with local resources. We are grateful that Jane can pass along these opportunities for serving to Kristen and thank God that we are able to serve in these ways.

MAY 17 MEETING

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

- + Management Commission reported that exterior painting of sanctuary has just begun.
- + First Fruits Fund gift of \$500 to the ELCA Asian Pacific Disaster Appeal to assist with Covid-19 issues in India.
- + Received report on the status of the search for a new Preschool Director.
- + Heard overview of new state requirements for licensure for our ministry, Ruth's Promise.
- + Learned of the Vacation Bible School's different approach for this year.
- + Reported that Bridgette Maynard will be serving as our sexton for the entire campus; Earle Brown, who has cared so diligently for the Learning Center since its construction, is retiring.
- + Received monthly report from Treasurer Randy Holm that financial balance at this juncture of the year is even.



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Melissa Bloom	Rev. Sharon Dorr	Mckenzie-Garcia	Al Tower
Carol Brown	Claire Gorman	Rick Mendenhall	Carol Usiak
Deborah Carter	John Hayner	Jennifer Metz	Carol White
Ronald Carter	Barbara Holm	Sandra Pomeroy	Judy Williams
Trevor Carter	Samuel Hume	Sarah Potts	Tish Wold
Pamela Cartier	Cameron Johnson	Carol Proplesch	
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