

THE PRINCE OF PEACE COMMUNICATOR

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Prince of Peace is a...

- Hub of spiritual transformation using God's Word, Sacrament, and Prayer,
- Equipping us to build networks of vibrant Christian communities,
- Extending to our homes, to our neighbors, and beyond, making disciples of Jesus.

Worship

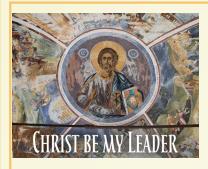
Saturdays 5:30pm Sundays 8:15 & 11am Sunday School & Adult Education 9:45am

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Sermon Series Continues

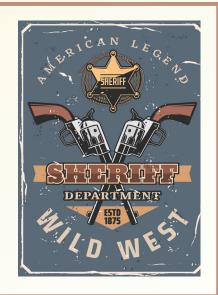
With the arrival of the fifty days of Easter, preaching texts will switch from Gospel texts to stories from the Book of Acts and the Epistles. This is the pattern of the Narrative Lectionary, which PoP is using for its preaching texts. So we'll focus on Peter's Vision and Paul's Mission and texts from the book of Romans until we return to Acts for Pentecost. The eleven weeks of

the summer will then be given over to topical sermons based on a summer theme. Join us each week as we proclaim and consider God's Word from the Scriptures.

Wild West Murder Mystery & Chili Cook -Off

Join us at 5:00 on Sunday, May 19, to sample our Chili Cook-off entries and to solve a Wild West Murder Mystery—*The Shoot-out at the* "Yah, Sure, You Betcha" *Corral*.

Please sign up to bring some corn bread, a salad, or dessert to share, dress up in your Western duds, pop open a long-neck, and join a team of suspects in search of whodunit. Child care provided, but children who can read are welcome to join the posse in search of the culprit. Brad.Womble@poplc.org



Senior Pastor Call Update

Pastor Adam Wiegand, his wife Marianne, and daughter Kristia visited Prince of Peace April 23 and 24. The purpose of this visit was to give Pastor Adam a chance to learn more about Prince of Peace and the (continues on page 10)

As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

Happy Easter!

We give thanks to God for all the people who filled our spaces and the volunteers who helped make Easter 2019 a very special occasion!















Sunday School Teachers Needed for Grace Ethiopian

Grace Ethiopian church is hoping to reestablish children and youth ministries on Sunday afternoons. Every Sunday Ethiopian families are in worship at Prince of Peace from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. We are asking the Lord to provide us four teachers from 2:00pm – 3:30pm who would be willing to provide a gospel message for our elementary and teenage students while their parents continue to worship. Each class has approximately 5-10 students. We will provide the training and teaching materials if you are willing to serve these wonderful English-speaking young people. This would be a beautiful blessing to the Ethiopian community.

In the book of Acts 16:9-10 it is written, "During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, Come over to Macedonia and help us. After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

God bless you for prayerfully considering this call to the work of God's mission right here in Springfield. Please contact Pastor Mezmur Tesfaye zemezmur@gmail.com or John Durkin john.durkin@poplc.org if you would like to learn more.



2019 Confirmands

The confirmands will share their faith stories at 7:00pm May 4, and participate in the rite of confirmation at 11:00am on May 5. My hope is that as we gather in support of these young people they will be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to pray for each of the students and their families. Pray that they may be continually sustained by God's Word and by the people of God who He has placed in their lives. May Prince of Peace always be a place these students can continue to grow in their faith and love for Jesus Christ.

~John Durkin, Minister to Families and Children



The 10th Annual SEMPER FI 5K Run/Walk is Saturday, May 11, 2019!

For our May GO! Project, Prince of Peace will partner with the Semper Fi Fund to provide financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured service members and their families. For registration: Go to the website www.semperfi5k.com and select "Register now" and follow the steps. In order to have an accurate count, please use our group 'Prince of Peace Lutheran Church' when registering. There is a \$5 discount code, "POPLC", that people can enter when they register online. Deadline to register is May 10! Mecia.Rockett@poplc.org

GO!

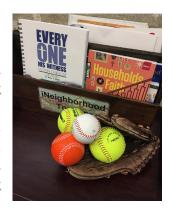
Go Church. Go Local. Go World.



iNeighborhood News

FREE iNeighborhood Training

Two very exciting events are coming up! Join the Southeastern District Staff for Spring Training for iNeighborhood on May 20-24. Each day, a 30 minute online session will take place where SED Staff members will share purpose, theological foundation, and encouragement for each of us to be connecting people with Jesus in our neighborhoods.



Reaching Others for Christ (ROC) Family Conference

POP families are invited from 2pm on Friday, July 27, until 4:30pm on July 28 for the district's annual ROC conference at the Sheraton in Roanoke, VA. Guest speakers will be the authors of our I-Neighborhood training materials, Rev. Mark Woods (*Every One His Witness*) and Tony Cook (*Households of Faith*). This overnight event includes worship, keynote sessions, break-out sessions for adults, and an amazing and FUN Children's Program and a Teen/Youth Event. POP will reimburse any member (and their family members) who sign up and attend the event. The only cost for

families will be the hotel room rate of \$109 (includes breakfast), Friday dinner, and transportation to/from Roanoke. Register at http://se.lcms.org/

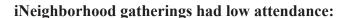
POP iNeighborhood Network Points of Care meet to CONNECT!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 In August 2018, we launched our iNeighborhood Network at POP. The iNeighborhood Network seeks to foster closer relational connections between members of POP and their neighbors. Some POP members have stepped up to serve as Points of Contact or Points of Care (POC) for their neighborhood. These members provide prayer and care as well as seek opportunities for fellowship and service to their local neighborhoods. On Saturday, April 6, the POCs gathered at the Crosson home for a time of connection to share stories of what is happening in their neighborhoods and to encourage one another.

Here are some lessons learned from that day: Communication and persistence:

There were many stories of unanswered phone calls, and even someone getting hung-up on.

In the last case, the gentleman was hard of hearing and a home visit actually cleared up the misunderstanding. Overall, phone calls were the least effective way to get a hold pf people. Hand-written cards, delivered through the mail, turned out to be the most effective method, short of knocking on their door and delivering a goodie bag with cookies. In many cases, trying different communication methods is very beneficial. *Lesson: It pays to be persistent.*





This is something that is very neighborhood dependent, but was still a common theme. Sometimes meeting at a restaurant rather than a home drew more people to come out. There were some stories of people having more success with one-on-one check-ins and fellowship around food and adult beverages. One POC goes on weekly walks with someone in her network, building the relationship there. Lesson: Be open to how God is at work, even if it's one neighbor at a time.

Connections with people who are disconnected with church:

There were some stories of members disenfranchised with church. Some elderly members who haven't been to church for a long time were visited by a Pastor to receive home communion. Sometimes members who moved out of the area were removed from our member list. With these stories, disconnected members learned they were not forgotten and that someone from Prince of Peace was there to specifically care for them. Lesson: Disenfranchised members still need care and we love them.

This month we invite you to read Matthew 13:1-23. In this parable, Jesus explains what can happen to seeds that are sown. Most of the options are failures (seeds eaten by birds, scorched by the sun, choked by weeds). Only one sowing option ends with a success, not just any success, 30-100 times what was sown. What does this mean? What is success in the Kingdom of God? What is your role in the kingdom?

Each of us is a sower. We are called to throw the seeds, everywhere, irrespective of where it lands. Seeds of care, love, service, and seeds of God's Word. We are not in charge of results. As Greg Finke would say "that's above our pay grade." All we are called to do is throw out the seed and trust our Heavenly Father that He is working to water and grow the seed.

Here's a practical tip to throw out the seed in your neighborhood. *Look for God-cidents* -- moments of interruptions in your day or minor irritations that bubble up and open you up to another person's story. These are times God is trying to get your attention and inviting you to be on mission with Him. Take the time to listen. Be open to where God leads you to respond.

DCE Stacey Crosson, Minister of Care and Outreach, and David Mahen, Lay Leader of POP Care and Outreach Leadership Team

If you would like to volunteer to be a POC in your neighborhood, please contact David Mahen at mahen.david1010@gmail.com.



A Community of Women Committed to the Call of Christ www.poplc.org/women

Wednesday Mornings
9:30-11:30am
wowwednesday@poplc.org

Faith Shapers
Soul-Tending Reading
Meets monthly on Tuesday
Evenings

faithshapers@poplc.org

Holy Comforters

Quilt making for charity

Continues through May

Thursdays, 9-3:00pm

Room 27

Ladies' Night Out
Monthly Fellowship Events
dbastaich@cox.net

Contact DCE Stacey Tasler Crosson, Minister of Care and Outreach, for more information

Email: <u>Stacey.Crosson@poplc.org</u> Cell: 571-326-5580

Join us May 15 at 9:30am for Seeds of Hope, the WoW Closing Brunch!

Wednesday WOW is closing out our year with a beautiful, yummy spring brunch! All women are invited to join us on May 15 at 9:30 am for a morning of music, fellowship, and learning together. Stacey Crosson will lead us in a devotion and discussion of our theme for the day, Seeds of Hope. Come enjoy a potluck brunch and the company of your sisters in Christ! (Questions? Contact jennifergross@outlook.com)



Ladies' Chesapeake Bay Fishing Trip

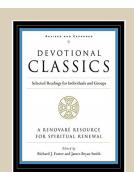
Saturday, May 18, 2:30-8:30pm

Stacey.crosson@poplc.org

Faith Shapers Book Study

Tuesday, May 28, 7 to 9 pm

On Tuesday, May 28, Faith Shapers will discuss a selection from the book *Devotional Classics* edited by Richard Foster and James B. Smith. We will read "Praying to Will One Thing" by Soren Kierkegaard, starting on page 350. The *Devotional Classics* selections are short, usually taking about 20 minutes to read. So



this is a great way to jump in and sample some of the well-known spiritual writers of our faith without the time commitment of a whole book. Join us even if you haven't had the time to try Faith Shapers before!

Looking ahead, we will read *The Eternal Current* by Aaron Niequist on June 18. Start reading today!

Faith Shapers meets at Prince of Peace in Room 11. For more information, contact Jennifer Gross (jennifergross@outlook.com).

New Members

We have twelve new members joining Prince of Peace this season! The Affirmation of Faith for New Members will be held May 4 and 5, 2019 at the service that each new member attends. Please come and welcome them! New member classes for this session have ended until next fall. However, if you are interested in joining Prince of Peace, please contact Mecia Rockett at mecia.rockett@poplc.org.



Small Group Spotlight

With warmer weather comes great opportunity to get outdoors. Outdoors with some peers makes a great opportunity for a small group. This is the case for small group leaders Devin Gerdes and Robert Martin

who co-lead a co-ed hiking/outdoor activity small group here at POP. When POP Students launched its campaign for small groups at the beginning of the year, Gerdes found the spring semester to be a great window to offer the chance for he and his fellow peers to get out into the open air. Having completed the Small Group Leadership Training in February, Gerdes reached out to Martin in the hopes to tag team together.

With both having interests in the outdoors and also very keen into offering something a bit different, Gerdes and Martin sought to create a time where once a month on a Sunday afternoon, their group would meet at a different park or hiking trail, tackle the course together, and spend time in God's Word along the way. When asked how becoming a small group leader has impacted their faith Gerdes replied, "When you make a lesson you learn more than when you're just listening to it. It requires you to research and sort information." Martin added, "When I am listening to other sermons or others who speak, I always think of I can pass it on to others [in my small group]."

Visit <u>POPSmallGroups</u> if you are interested in joining or leading a small group.



Student

Sunday School

9:45-10:45am Meet in Youth Room

Small Groups

Crafting Women
Fridays | 7pm | 7708 Gralnick Pl

Teen Women Bible Study
Sundays | 1pm |
9112 Fishermans Ln

Co-ed Outdoor Activity
Sunday's (monthly) | 2pm |
location varies

Visit SmallGroups.Church/ find/princeofpeace for contact info

Midweek

Senior High Youth Weekly, 7:00-9:00pm

Prayer + Praise

Third Wednesday, 7pm Youth Room

Sign up for the Student
Ministry email blast:
www.poplc.org/connect/
students

Follow @poplcva_students on
Instagram!



Need more info?
Katie.Boltwood@poplc.org



Happy 50th Birthday Prince of Peace School!

This year, Prince of Peace School is celebrating 50 years of School Ministry. We opened our doors in 1969 with the encouragement of the congregation and the foresight of Pastor Ralph Wiechmann along with the creative energy and inspiring leadership of Marianne Latall, the school's first Principal. Our school continues to serve our Church as a primary outreach ministry to our local neighborhood and to the surrounding communities ~ nurturing the faith life of little ones and their families, ages two-and-a-half through

kindergarten. The school's mission: To share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed through excellence in education with young children and their families.

We had a very special Happy Birthday Worship Service at 11:00am on April 28th for children and their families. Many alumni teachers and children from near and far came to celebrate. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. We remembered stories from their days at Prince of Peace and shared new stories of what is happening now in their lives. The photos show the fun that was had by all!

So many friends helped make this celebration happen! Our Worship Team, Stacy Adducci, Kathy Forsythe, Cina Deaton, Jane Leeling and Pastor Gary. Our Planning Committee, Bonnie Hughes, Heidi Frego, Lisa Wentzel, Russell Ray, and John Durkin. Flowers were provided by Mike and Barbara Bryan. Linda Harley and Atilio made sure the food and tables were set up and ready for our party! There were so many people that made the day special, we thank each and every one of you!

We thank the LORD for piecing together our lives and work to His, weaving us with His love, and binding and securing us with His promise to always be with us. In honor of our special birthday the School had a tree planted to the right of the church entrance for all to enjoy! Happy Birthday Prince of Peace School!!

First Communion

It has been a long-standing tradition at Prince of Peace to offer opportunities for children 3rd grade and older to take classes to prepare them for First Communion. This three-week course is designed for 3rd – 6th grade students and a parent to attend together. It's fun, informative, and interactive and it's led by our Pastors and staff. Our next class begins Sunday, May 19, 2019 in the youth room from 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm. (We will not meet Memorial Day Weekend) Email John.durkin@poplc.org to sign up.



First Friday

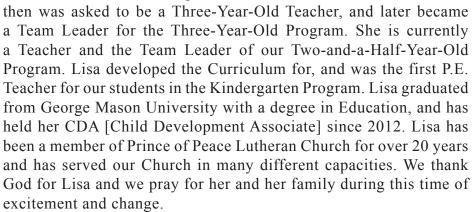
The maximum number of children signed up for the May 3rd First Friday, a new event where parents can bring their children to Prince of Peace for a night away (approx. 50)! Many happy parents were able to enjoy a quiet evening while their children had a fun time of games, movies, food and fellowship with other youth at Prince of Peace. Look out for the next First Friday scheduled for June 7th and sign-up right away if you'd like your child to participate. Spaces fill up fast!

www.poplc.org/connect/families-children/

Dear Prince of Peace Members.

The School Board met this month, and a decision was made regarding the position available for Principal. It is with great joy that I can share with you that Mrs. Lisa Wentzel has been selected to be the new Principal of Prince of Peace School!

Mrs. Wentzel may be very familiar to many of you here at Prince of Peace. She has worked at our School since 1999. Her career started as a Teaching Assistant; she



I look forward to serving the children and families here until the end of this School Year. I know that our School will be in safe hands with Lisa as the Principal. I plan to be available throughout the summer to help during this transition.

God's Blessings, Cindy Deatherage



ROAR: Life is Wild God is Good

July 29-August 2, 2019, 9am-12pm

A one-week, half-day (morning) Vacation Bible School:

For rising Kindergartners – rising 5th graders. We offer a limited number of spaces for 4 year olds (by 9/30/19). And child care is available for parent

volunteers! There are 75 volunteer opportunities that might appeal to you or your children 6th grade and up. We can't do it without you. https://vbspro.events/p/events/poplcva





Praying As One

Send your prayer requests to: prayers@poplc.org

Please pick up your copy of the monthly prayer guide at the Welcome Center.

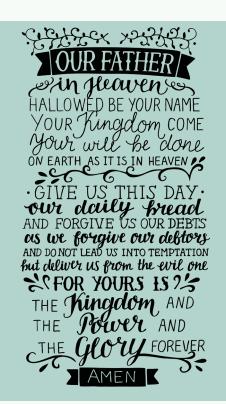
Recent Faith Stories:

Jesus Christ is risen!!
Alleluia!!

Share YOUR Stories:

Write them in the "Friendship Folder" located in the pews or send an email to

Tanya.Tucker@poplc.org.



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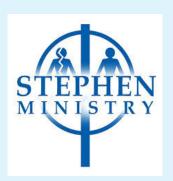
West Springfield/Washington, DC area—since during the call process, the intent of that visit was for Prince of Peace to learn more about Pastor Adam! As such, this visit included time with staff, our Circuit Counselor, BoSL, L10+, Call Committee, the preschool, WoW, youth, and the Congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate the visit and who came out to meet with Pastor Adam, Marianne, and Kristia. Please continue to pray for them, St. Paul's in Saratoga, and Prince of Peace as Pastor Adam discerns where the Lord is calling him. As always, questions or concerns can be shared at any time with the BoSL at BOSL@poplc.org.

Caregiver Essentials Class

Monday, May 20, 12:30 to 2:30pm

You are not alone. A multitude of services are available right here in Fairfax County! Learn about what's available and how to access services and resources for your family. Stacey.Crosson@pople.org





Stephen Ministers Commissioning

May 18 & 19

We congratulate Debbie Bastaich and Karen Murphy as they have completed nearly 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training for this special day.

What is a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing

Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. If you would benefit from meeting with a Stephen Minister or know someone who could, please contact Kerri Grimes, Stephen Ministry Leader. kogrimes@gmail.com or at 919-273-0250.



English as a Second Language students learn English at Prince of Peace through line dancing!



Love in Action

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15 Jennifer Douglas and Jaimie Douglas have joined the seven-member board chaired by Bob Coyle. Aivars Baumanis, Nancy Boriack, David Mahen, and Craig Mosford also serve on the board. We praise God for these two new board members and give thanks for their missional hearts.

How can I support the good work of Love in Action? Members of the congregation are encouraged to donate to Love in Action by listing Love in Action separately on their donation envelope. Your tax-deductible donation will be accounted for on your Prince of Peace giving statement. If you have a heart for missions, you can support Love in Action with your prayers and your financial gifts.

For further information about Love in Action please contact board chairman Bob Coyle at coyle.relm@verizon.net.



Jennifer Douglas



Jaimie Douglas

Do you know we have a church library?

Have you used it? Please contact Aaron Duke aduke@hazenandsawyer.com if you are a regular user of the library OR if you'd like to help out with library maintenance.

Board of Servant Leaders Erin Summers, Chair David McLean, Vice Chair Craig Mosford, Secretary Chris Martin

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MAY 2019						
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