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New Worship Theme
"Christ Be My Leader” will be the theme that guides our worship life in the coming months. The words come from a hymn by Timothy Dudley-Smith set to the Irish tune Slane. (Continued on page 7)

Operation Christmas Child
It’s time to fill shoeboxes full of gifts to bless boys and girls in need around the world, while introducing them to the love of Jesus! (Continued on page 3)
Senior Pastor Call Committee Update

The Senior Pastor Call Committee (SPCC) has completed Steps 2 and 3 of the process. Under Step 2, the Congregational Profile was approved by the BoSL at its August 27 meeting and made available to the congregation on September 8. Copies can be obtained by stopping in the church office. Under Step 3, the open nomination period was September 8 through September 23. The list of nominations received is available in the church office. Under Step 4, the list will now be sent to the Southeastern District President John Denninger to be reviewed. While the list is with the SED, the SPCC will continue listening to the congregation and begin work on developing phone interview questions.

The SPCC also conducted a ‘Getting Ready for the Future’ Survey. The Survey was distributed via Constant Contact email to be completed online. Paper forms were also available upon request. The SPCC would like to thank Tiffany Sears for her commitment and grace in helping work out the glitches in the online survey. Because of the delay in achieving a workable survey, the deadline for submitting the survey was extended for an additional week to September 30. The SPCC will share results with the congregation once compiled and reviewed.

The SPCC offered its third round of “Listening Tours” following each worship service during the month of September. At the September 30 Town Hall, the SPCC provided updates to include an overview of the Congregational Profile, preliminary survey results, additional communication plans, and shared the list of nominations received.

Please continue to join us and the Prince of Peace Prayer Committee in praying for Holy Spirit guidance and patience for the SPCC, the congregation, our staff, our Vacancy Pastor, our Circuit Visitor, and our next Senior Pastor.

As always, questions or concerns can be shared at any time with BoSL at BOSL@poplec.org or at a monthly BoSL Sunday Listening Forum or a bi-monthly (on the odd-numbered months) Saturday Listening Forum.

Vicar Mark Boriack Called as Assistant Pastor

At a Voters Assembly held on Sunday, September 16 in between worship services, 59 voters in attendance unanimously voted to call Vicar Mark Boriack as Assistant Pastor in the ministry area of prayer and healing at Prince of Peace. Vicar Mark is part of the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program at Concordia Seminary in St Louis. This call represents a fulfillment of the desire Prince of Peace expressed two years ago when members voted to support candidates in the SMP program. Vicar Mark will continue his studies and become a fully ordained pastor next year. We thank God for the gifts Vicar Mark brings to our congregation and community!
Operation Christmas Child (continued from page 1)

Please use an average cardboard or plastic shoebox of your own or take one from the display table in the Narthex. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. A $9 gift donation per shoebox is requested to help cover shipping and other ministry costs. This may be placed inside the shoebox or paid online to Operation Christmas Child. Due to new custom regulations, toothpaste and candy are no longer allowed in the shoebox gifts. **The last day to turn on your shoebox is Sunday, November 18th.** Due to your generosity, we collected over 150 boxes last year. This year we would like to collect 175 boxes. Thank you in advance for your participation. Olivia Frego mhfrego@cox.net (703) 313-7640
Women of the Word
The theme for our 2018 Women of the Word (WOW) Ministry is JESUS LEAD THE WAY! We are making it our goal this year to memorize Psalm 143:8, “Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.” Memory verse cards are available on the women’s ministry table – be sure to pick one up! More information on the various ministries of WOW can be found on the ministry table or at http://www.poplc.org/connect/womens-ministry/

Join us one for these women’s Bible Studies:

- Sunday Morning WOW meets on Sundays from 9:45-10:45am in Room 11 (downstairs). We study a different woman of the Bible each week so it’s a great pop-in, pop-out class. POC is stacey.crosson@poplc.org
- Tuesday Evening Small Group: First and third Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Room TBD, will study The Liturgy of the Ordinary. POC is Kate Bitely at kate.bitely@gmail.com
- Wednesday WOW meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for breakfast, worship, fellowship, and a variety of Bible studies. POC is Jennifer Gross at jennifergross@outlook.com

Breakfast on the Lake
Saturday, October 20, 2018 (9-11am) We will meet at Lake Accotink for a morning of outdoor fellowship and fun. Breakfast will be provided. Ladies can hike around the lake, canoe, or just enjoy the scenery. If it rains, we will meet at POP for breakfast and an alternative program. POC: Debbie Bastaich, dbastaich@cox.net, call or text at (571) 345-8000.

Faith Shapers Book Study Group
Tuesday, October 23 (7pm) All women are invited to discuss Blessed Are the Misfits: Great News for Believers who are Introverts, Spiritual Strugglers, or Just Feel Like They’re Missing Something by Brant Hansen. This thoughtful but humorous book is for all of us who want to believe in Jesus, but inwardly fear that we don’t belong, worry that we don’t have the requisite emotion-based relationship with God, and are starving for good news.

And plan ahead to read November’s selection, The Emotionally Healthy Church by Peter Scazzaro. Faith Shapers meets at Prince of Peace in Room 11, downstairs past the youth room. For more information, please contact Jennifer Gross at jennifergross@outlook.com
**Student Ministry**

**Sunday School**

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

**Midweek**

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

**Prayer + Praise**

Third Wednesday, 7pm
Youth Room

Follow @poplcva_students on Instagram!

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Sign up for the Student Ministry email blast: [http://www.poplc.org/connect/students](http://www.poplc.org/connect/students)

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The next PoP mission trip to support the school and clinic at the Village of Hope in Haiti will be from Saturday, April 13, to Saturday, April 20, 2019. That is, from the day before Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Some members from our daughter congregation, Vine & Branches in Aldie, Virginia, will be joining us on this trip. The trip has been timed to coincide with Spring Break in the Fairfax County Public Schools. Please pray for the Lord’s guidance on the possibility of your joining the mission team. The needs in Haiti are great and a visit to that country can be a life changing experience, especially on Good Friday. If you are interested in learning more please contact Jim Roberts at JMRoberts3@hotmail.com
Oh My Son is an Opera tableaux written by the Spanish composer Marcos Galvany. The work is in the style of Handel’s Messiah with Chorus, Soloists, and Orchestra.

The Music Ministry will be presenting this work throughout the 2018/2019 liturgical year. The 9 chorus numbers will be spread out in conjunction with the choir’s standard anthems. A special full performance will be held on April 27th at 8 PM which will combine the Chancel Choir, Junior Choir, HIMnals, Orchestra, and 4 soloists.

Adapted from the Bible’s accounts of the Nativity and Passion in the four Gospels, Oh My Son tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth through a series of short scenes, or tableaux. The opera emphasizes the humanity and emotions of each character and reminds us that while we most often hear the narratives from a divine point of view, all of the individuals in the accounts are very much human, facing deeply human struggles. Though Jesus resigns himself to God’s will in being crucified, He is overwhelmed in the face of death and His Father’s seeming abandonment. Mary, when tested with the death of her son on the cross, suffers in agony before coming to acceptance. At the foot of the cross is a grief-stricken sinner, who cries out in desperation that she cannot help the man who once saved her from a life of sin. Even Pilate, before he hands Jesus over to the priests to be crucified, struggles between uncertainty and belief. This opera is the story of the cross in its many human dimensions — grief, betrayal, compassion, doubt, faith, and redemption. But most of all, Oh My Son is the story of a selfless and world-changing act of love.

Prince of Peace Concert Series

November 18th | 3 PM Barclay Brass // December 16 | 4 PM Prince of Peace Christmas Concert // April 27 | 8 PM Oh My Son // May 16 | 7:30 PM HIMnals Blessings Concert

Prince of Peace is excited to announce a new concert series featuring both outside music groups and our own music ensembles. The series brings us an opportunity to share wonderful music with both our congregation and members of our community.

Leading the series on November 18th at 3 PM is the Barclay Brass. The 15 member ensemble is comprised of some of Washington DC’s top brass musicians. Barclay Brass members perform with premier military bands, major symphony orchestras, and are in demand as freelancers all over the country.

On December 16th at 4 PM we will hold our annual Christmas Concert featuring all of our ensembles, soloists, and guests.

April 27th at 8 PM, POP presents Oh My Son. Oh My Son is an Opera tableaux written by the Spanish composer Marcos Galvany. The work is in the style of Handel’s Messiah with Chorus, Soloists, and Orchestra. Adapted from the Bible’s accounts of the Nativity and Passion in the four Gospels, Oh My Son tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth through a series of short scenes or tableaux. The opera emphasizes the humanity and emotions of each character.
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Our final concert of the season is our Annual HIMnals blessings concert on May 16th at 7:30 PM. Works will include the group’s favorite Anthems from HIMnals and songs from Living Water. Michael.Rossi@poplc.org

New Worship Theme (continued from page 1)

A biblical text for the theme is the line in Peter’s words to the Jewish Council in Acts 5:31 - “God exalted him (Jesus the Christ) at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.” Under this theme then we will invite Jesus to be our leader in all things as we worship his exalted name.

This connects us to our search for a new Senior Pastor, a leader to guide and direct us. As important as that person will be for us, our theme reminds us that we already have a Leader and Savior in Christ Jesus and we are looking for a pastor who will help us to follow Christ.

The lessons for each Sunday will come from the Narrative Lectionary, focusing on the Gospel of Matthew. From Sept. 8/9 through Advent we will trace the Hebrew Bible’s narrative of God’s grace in the lives of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. At Christmas we’ll move into the stories and teachings of Jesus in the Greek Testament.

Worship Flags

Worship flags are another way for God’s people to proclaim His name. They can be used to honor and praise God. People lift up prayers, or meditate, while using flags. Some just want to soak in His presence. During VBS, the kids were invited to worship God through flags. Now that invitation is open to everyone. Flag practices will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month 4:30-5:30pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!

Drop in for part of the time, or stay for the whole time. Flags, instruction and worship music provided. Come and try your hand (and body) at flagging. Questions, please contact M.E. Sorenson - sorenson.me@gmail.com

Praying As One

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

Send your prayer requests to:
prayers@poplc.org

Faith Stories:

God answers prayers every day!

Prayed long and trustingly for a house to sell in a past location so we could buy a new house at a new job location. Both contracts have come to be in a blessed way.

God has healed me almost completely of pain. The pain is now manageable and I am so thankful! Praying as the school year begins that this will continue.

Share YOUR Stories:

Write them in the “Friendship Folder” located in the pews at any worship service or by sending an email Tanya.Tucker@poplc.org. We will include your answered prayers in the Communicator.
“I had no idea Lutheran Hour Ministries did all of that!”

You may be familiar with Lutheran Hour Ministries from the radio program—The Lutheran Hour. The Lutheran Hour is the world’s longest-running Christian radio broadcast (currently in its 86th season), and, on Reformation Sunday (October 28), the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler will step behind the microphone as the speaker of The Lutheran Hour.

But, there is much more to Lutheran Hour Ministries (“LHM”) than just The Lutheran Hour radio program. For example: LHM has ministry centers in over 30 countries, each with local staff working hand-in-hand with dedicated volunteers and church partners. LHM is providing resources to equip each of us to share the Gospel with those we interact with in our daily lives. (www.lhm.org/learn) LHM is expanding its media outreach by developing a podcast network. LHM is using digital and social media to make connections and reach people with the Gospel (www.THRED.org). It’s common to hear people comment “I had no idea Lutheran Hour Ministries did all of that!” If you want to learn more, watch the Communicator and the weekly communications, as we will be sharing more in the coming months; visit www.lhm.org/sent/; or talk with David Leege. #wearesent

Our 2018 Fall season of Sunday School is off to a great start! Contact John. Durkin@poplc.org to register your child today!

Bringing the Bible to Life Recap

Bringing the Bible to Life Seminar was a wonderful success. Thank you to The Education Team, and Tom Lambiase for hosting and to Linda Harley for hospitality. And a huge thanks to Dr. DeLancey for bringing his heart and passion for the locations and history of the Bible. The Holy Spirit gives us faith, but these locations, and artifacts testify to the reality of Scripture.
Caregivers Essentials

Caregiving Essentials Topic for October: Normal Again versus Dementia

Join us Monday, October 22 from 12:30-2:30pm for a discussion led by Insight Memory Care Center on changes that occur with age, warning signs of a memory problem, and what to do if someone you love is experiencing symptoms of dementia or memory impairment. A light lunch is served at 12:00pm. RSVP with DCE Stacey Crosson at 571-326-5580. Our first session is picture below with over 25 people in attendance.

Grief Share Classes  Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Room 21

Grief Share meets on Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm in room 21 at Prince of Peace. If you are struggling with grief and loss or know someone who is, please join us for this class which explores different aspects of grief and learn ways to weave God’s hope and promise into your grief experience. For more information on Grief Share, visit www.griefshare.org.

Caring People Needed

Are you the type of person who finds it natural to touch base with a sick friend but have wondered how you can do more to bring a spiritual dimension to your care? We invite you to consider becoming a part of our Hospital Calling & Visitation ministry here at PoP. With Christ’s love and care in your heart, this ministry can open doors for you to share that love with others from the PoP family when they are sick or hospitalized.

Pictured to the right is Pastor Tim visiting with Ken Lutz

For information on care needs please contact DCE Stacey.Crosson@poplc.org
Be sure to visit the iNeighborhood mural on the wall between the nursery and room 24. Painting is being done by visual faith artist Erika Radke. It includes this beautiful verse from John 1:14 which reminds us who we follow into our neighborhood ministries: “The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.” (The Message version) Go Church! Go Local! Go World! This art will be done by October 13th so be sure to stop by while you are at the Oktoberfest and check it out! Copies of the mural to color will be made available at the information center in the church lobby.
Save the Date!

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
October 27, 2018 at 8am
You are invited to support our Boy Scout Troop for their annual Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanksgiving Potluck
November 10, 2018, after Saturday night Worship
Please plan on joining your Prince of Peace family for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Linda.Harley@poplc.org

POP Clean Up Day
Date in early December TBD
Please plan to join us for our annual clean up day when we make our outside grounds look beautiful. We need your help! Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

Holiday Giving
A list of options for showing the love of Christ through a variety of GO! projects will be made available in next month’s Communicator.

Annual Christmas Concert
December 16, 2018 at 4pm
You don’t want to miss our annual Christmas Concert featuring all of our ensembles, soloists, and guests.

Hypothermia
December 23 -30, 2018
The core planning team is currently forming and the small groups and volunteers who volunteered last year are being contacted to ensure they get their preferred sign-up times. On October 15, a sign-up genius will be released to the congregation at large to ensure all volunteer spots are filled. This is a great opportunity to GO ON MISSION in the Springfield community and serve “the poor and needy among you.” Stacey.Crosson@poplc.org

Women’s Retreat
February 22-24, 2019
Meadowkirk in Middleburg, Virginia. Registration opens November 1! This year’s theme is “Contentment on the Way.” The first five people who register will receive “The Early Bird Gets the Book Worm” award at the retreat (which includes an amazing book as a gift!) Stacey.Crosson@poplc.org

To contact STAFF or BOSL use their name in the format: first.last@poplc.org or bosl@poplc.org

To contact a PASTOR use: Gary.Rueter@poplc.org Pastor.Tim@poplc.org

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**Weekly Worship Attendance**

*September 2018*

1st wknd: 348  
2nd wknd: 430  
3rd wknd: 412  
4th wknd: 360