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Norah, Karen, Maggie, Martha, Zodwa

"Little Africa" was born during their visit!



Lamer's Dairy



"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me."
~ Matthew 10:40



Allison gifting PoP shirts to each.



Community Clothes Closet



Madison / State Capitol



Presenting this banner as a gift to PoP

"We Are A Family of Christians - Growing In Faith & Reaching Out In Love"

Attendance	By Service	Total
Aug 5		223
First Service	105	
Second Service	118	
Aug 12		209
First Service	95	
Second Service	106	
Wed. Aug. 15	8	
Aug 19		197
First Service	84	
Second Service	108	
Wed. Aug. 22	5	
Aug 26		205
First Service	110	
Second Service	95	

CHANGES TO CHURCH RECORDS

(e.g. address, phone number, email or membership status): Please contact the church office when changes occur, so we can update church records accordingly. Now accepting new photos for the directory as well. Please contact the office if you have questions about transfers. 739-5255 or Admin@popappleton.org.

Parents of adult children: If your adult children have moved out of your house, please have them notify the church office with their current address and contact information if they do/do not wish to remain members of PoP. We will forward records to their church of choice if they have transferred elsewhere.

“MANY THANKS” FOR MEETING THE CHALLENGE!

On behalf of the Church Council, the Spring Appeal Leadership group, the Pastors and the whole of Prince of Peace, we celebrate with great thanksgiving the \$99,300 generously gifted by 117 of our PoP families. Please know we have groups diligently working on our three initiatives and will share updates as plans become better fleshed out. Below is one such update -

INITIATIVE #2 - What's been happening...:

In the past year, several PoP members participated in a “Reimagining Church” project with the East Central Synod of WI. Having formed an internal Reimagining Church Action Team (RCAT), members of this group have since been working together on one of the three key initiatives as outlined in the recent Spring Appeal, specifically dealing with the objective to “**Equip and Mobilize People/Offer Rich Adult Education Programs.**”

So, in July, two members of the RCAT (Michelle Landsverk and Dean Gruner) met with PoP members Megan Shoher and Al Peckham, to explore options for a ‘powerful learning experience for as many members as possible to mutually connect with Christ and each other.’ This led them to the idea of potentially implementing a “congregational read” (e.g. similar to a “community read”) whereby anyone can participate, learning from the same source/book and be included in an exchange of what the material means to them and our PoP family/community. Of course, a crucial step for a successful congregational read they’ve surmised, will be to find the best resource for us to use which will be simple to understand, easy to follow and accessible to all while helping us to grow our faith in this crazy world we all live in. No small task, right!?! Their next step will be meeting to review topics and materials that could be used and to discuss possible time frames to bring this concept to life. Stayed tuned, a recommendation will be forthcoming this fall!

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PASTOR JENNIFER’s 25th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

On Sunday, August 26, we recognized Pastor Jennifer’s 25th Anniversary of Ordination, with Council Vice President Nancy Scheuerman presenting her a gift, followed by



treats and visitation afterward. (Reprinted on the next page, is her bio, giving us an insightful view of Pastor Jennifer’s journey to us. Enjoy!

Pastor Jennifer DeNetz 's Bio

Pastor Jennifer was born in West Bend, Wisconsin. She has an older brother, Michael, who resides in Sheboygan with his wife. When Pastor Jennifer was nine years old her mother died of cancer. Her father later remarried and their family moved to Tomahawk. Her father passed away when she was thirty. Her stepmother resides in Wausau. Pastor Jennifer also has two stepbrothers and one stepsister. She is the youngest.

Her family attended Trinity Lutheran Church in West Bend where Pastor Jennifer was baptized and confirmed. She remembers God first coming into her life while attending Sunday School. Singing songs was one of her favorite parts. Her favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace." Jesus was always a fascination for Pastor Jennifer growing up. Her fascination always left her curious. In her freshman year of high school she played volleyball, basketball and ran track. She states she was never very good at any of them, but had fun anyway. She later participated in drama and choir which she was much better at.

Pine Tree Restaurant in Tomahawk is where Pastor Jennifer began her working career as a dishwasher. This led to waitressing and bartending. She also worked for a temporary agency that allowed her to expand her horizons and wear a sandwich board advertising Taco Bell. She recalls also being a finger, but when the opportunity came to be a Twinkie, she turned it down and moved on.

She earned her Bachelor's of English Education from Concordia Lutheran College in Moorhead, MN. After graduation, Pastor Jennifer ventured to California. She taught English for a year to sixth through eighth graders at Trinity Lutheran School in Hawthorne, CA. Over that next year she and another teacher discerned together the call to ordained ministry. Most pastors at the time were males but with her lifelong fascination for Jesus, Pastor Jennifer made the decision to attend seminary and moved to Dubuque, IA. During her time there, she was an exchange student for a year in Neuendettelsau, Germany, returning to complete her studies at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA. She's certified as a spiritual director through St. Norbertine center for Spirituality in Green Bay and completed the program of spiritual formation offered through Luther College.

Her first call to serve as a pastor was at Calvary in Green Bay. Her second call was to Our Redeemer in Menasha for ten years. This was followed by another call of 10 years at Trinity in Waupaca. She then answered our call to Prince of Peace, with Gracie, her black cat with a white collar. She enjoys Appleton with its many theatrical and music events, many places to walk and her lovely condo where she tends her potted plants.

"I am the vine, you are the branches" – John 15:5

IGNITE THE LIGHT

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the followers of Jesus Christ with fire, igniting in them the power to witness to their faith. This power of the Holy Spirit has been given to us in Holy Baptism. The Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts and talents so we can witness in word and deed. This fire of the Holy Spirit burning in us grows stronger when we worship, pray, study scripture, serve those in need, etc.



We will ignite the light of our faith Sunday, September 9th as we come together again to worship and begin our fall programming year.

Each of us has been given some kind of ability or skill for building up the body of Christ. What is yours? What do you have a passion for? Where do you see a need? Where can you serve? The Holy Spirit has given us gifts and talents for us to enjoy, but also so we can bless others. The Holy Spirit also calls us to grow in the ways we share our faith. At one congregation I served, I was told not to ask Don (not his real name) to give any announcements. He did not want to talk in front of people. "Ok," I said. So the next time an announcement came around from the ministry Don was on, I asked him, "Would you like to give the announcement?" No, not really," he said. "Well, you can stand in the back and talk; most everyone knows who you are." I encouraged him. He eventually said yes. The next time the ministry was to give an announcement I asked him again. He said, "Well I think it would be better if I stand in the front so people can see me." "Yes, that would be a good idea." I replied. Don eventually became a lector. So Don went from never talking in front of people to proclaiming God's Word to the congregation. The Holy Spirit can ignite our light in us in ways we never asked for or imagined, so we can be a blessing to others with our faith in God.

Join us on Sunday, September 9th and **Ignite the light of your faith!**

Are you good at music, teaching, fixing things or leading? Are you an encourager, an organizer, a person who works behind the scenes, a companion or good listener, do you like writing, photography or are well-versed with computer know-how or tech gadgets? Whatever your interest may be, there's more than likely an open spot calling for you within a ministry need at church. Some needs we don't even realize are there until someone shares an idea or thought of how to apply them! So please, know that we will ask or encourage if we see there's a need, but if you are looking for ways to share your gifts, we'd very much welcome you to ignite the discussion first!

Pastor Jennifer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

98 SMILING FACES THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!



98 bags filled with beautiful outfits for the first day of school were blessed and delivered to their smiling recipients on August 13th. THANK YOU for your help in making Christmas in August 2018 a great success! This special project would not be possible without your support, and we are so grateful for our congregation stepping up each year to help deserving children in our community start their school year.

Thanks also goes to the CIA team for all of the time they put into decorating the trees, getting haircut & shoe certificates ready, filling out ornaments, sizing and sorting, shopping for remaining items and bag delivery: Shirley Walker, Ann Jackson, Ruth Reichelt, Brigetta Wingender & the 9th grade youth group and parents (see more pg 11), Brady & Linda Neumann, Nette Kimball & kids and Julie Lawler. Thanks to all from this year's coordinators Joyce Lee and Andrea Lodoen. *(Who did a super job for their first year managing this HUGE undertaking!)*

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Seniors meet during fair weather months for a PoP family tradition of food and fellowship. Please join them as you are able at **9:00 a.m., the 4th Thursday of each month, at Angel's Restaurant** (1401 E. John St.) for breakfast and conversation. Call Elaine Cotton at 733-7907 with questions. **Next gathering: Thursday, September 27.**

Found in fellowship at this past month's breakfast were:

Top / L to R:
Jim Hemmen,
Gwynne & Dick Sauer, Frank & Lorraine Krenz, Betty Ann Nelson, Sue Burroughs, Florence Zehren, Don & Barb Mendyke.

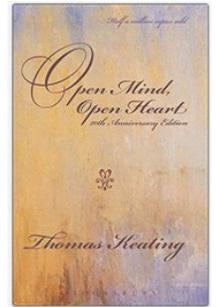


Bottom / L to R:
Janet Hemmen, Dennis Sauberlich, Gene Begalske, Howard Ahrens, Linda Diedrich, Ruth Reichelt, Yvonne Gurholt, Diane Reschke, Alice Anderson, Elaine Cotton. (Jim Hemmen)



'CENTERING PRAYER' SATURDAYS

Earlier this year, a group of Prince of Peace members started learning about 'centering prayer.' If you missed that series but are interested in learning about and experiencing centering prayer, you're in luck! We will be **starting a new series as of Saturday, August 16th**. We will meet **Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** in the CLR at Prince of Peace for 12 weeks. During this next series, we will be reading the book ***Open Mind, Open Heart*** * by **Thomas Keating**, discussing the book, and practicing centering prayer together. (**the 20th Anniversary Edition, available on Smile/Amazon.com*) If you're interested in participating or would like more information, feel free to speak with Pastor Jennifer. Otherwise, please **join us on Saturday, Sept. 16th at 9 a.m. with your copy of *Open Mind, Open Heart*, ready to discuss the 1st chapter of the book!**



PASTOR JENNIFER'S SABBATICAL PRESENTATION

Have you ever been to Iona, Scotland? If you would like to know about Iona, Scotland and Pastor Jennifer's experience there, join her on **September 30th at 9:20 a.m.** in the Congregational Life Room. She will give a picture presentation of her sabbatical experience of Iona and other places in Scotland.



As a polling site for the City of Appleton, PoP often receives calls as to how and where to register and/or vote. If asked, please share the information below or refer folks to the "[Find My Polling Place](#)" website online, or contact the City of Appleton Municipal Clerk's Office at 920-832-6443 for information for a specific address. *The following information is being shared as a community service and is in no way espousing any political view or endorsement of any candidacy, office, organization or position.*

Prince of Peace will have representatives from the Appleton League of Women Voters on hand to learn how to register to vote later this month. (Tentatively scheduled for September 23rd)

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League neither supports nor opposes candidates for office at any level of government. At the same time, the League is wholeheartedly political and works to influence policy through advocacy.



Prince of Peace and Christ the King Lutheran Churches are teaming up this year to help with the upcoming annual HABITAT

FOR HUMANITY INTERFAITH BUILD. We will be joining with members of several other faith traditions in the Fox Valley to build two houses on S. Story St. in Appleton. Our work together will make home ownership affordable for two local families.

Your help is needed to work on the house and/or provide a lunch for the workers. No building skills are necessary to help with the construction. Here are the needs we are seeking Prince of Peace members to fill:

- Tue., Sept. 11 - 1 construction volunteer
- Thu., Sept. 13 - 2 construction volunteers
- Sat., Oct. 6 - 2 construction volunteers
- Sat., Oct. 11- Provide a meal for 15 workers

Sign up ASAP! Please contact [Aaron Juhl](#) at 439-1160 or 522-2177 and he will help you sign up. If none of those dates fit your schedule, we are also seeking financial gifts for the work of Habitat. This summer, the Appleton Conference of the ELCA will match all donations PoP members make to Habitat for Humanity (up to a maximum of \$2500).

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you for saving the box tops and labels for education. We continue to collect labels year round in support of our local schools! The collection box is located in the hallway above the mailboxes across from the offices. Please check the expiration date as companies will NOT accept box tops that have expired. We appreciate your support!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS (LWR) SUPPORTED BY WELCA

Lutheran World Relief School Kits, assembled by Women of the ELCA (WELCA), will be distributed throughout the world in areas of need. The items still needed should be new or gently used, clean and free of stains or damage. Please only donate items that are on the list (see below). Please place items in the blue bins on the table in the Narthex! If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to WELCA noting 'LWR Kits' in the memo line. Send to Dena Weber, 2301 Ashbury Dr. Apt. 14, Appleton, WI 54913.

- 70 sheet ruled notebooks 8" x 10 1/2" (4 per kit)
- Blunt scissors
- Boxes of crayons, 16-24 count size
- 30 centimeter rulers (may have inches on reverse side)
- Pencil sharpeners
- 2.5" erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (NO gel ink)
- #2 Pencils with erasers (NOT pre-sharpened)
- Metal nail clippers & sturdy combs

We could also use shipping boxes (must hold up to 40#) approx. 11" W x 10" H x 18" L (e.g. like boxes used for copier paper)

Please put items in the blue bins in the narthex.



CROP Walk is one of many ways that we can put our faith into action, helping to feed the hungry here in the Fox Cities and around the world. The CROP Hunger Walk is a simple event that can make a big difference. Local people simply make a donation and walk. In solidarity with those who start their day walking miles for water and food, "we walk because they walk."

Prince of Peace raised \$1,400 for last year's Walk. That's almost 10% of the grand total! We're hoping we can match or maybe even exceed that contribution this year.

This year's walk will be held on October 14, 2018 at Memorial Presbyterian Church in downtown Appleton. Registration will be at 12:30 PM, with the walk starting at 1:00 PM. Participants can choose a 1, 3, or 6 mile route. In an effort to conserve resources, this year the organization is encouraging online registration of walkers and contributions. Please use the link below to sign up to walk, or to make a donation to the Prince of Peace walkers: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/appletonwi/PoP>.

Once you're on our page, there are buttons to click to participate in the walk or to donate.

If you have any difficulty signing up or donating, or have more questions, please contact [Aaron Juhl](#) (or 439-1160) and he would be happy to help you out.

Thanks for supporting this worthwhile effort to help end hunger in our area and around the world!

You are invited to a special Prince of Peace "God's Work, Our Hands" work day at Riverview Gardens in Appleton, Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9:00 – Noon.

Please join fellow PoP members in volunteering for this great community organization—"72 acres with a mission." "Riverview Gardens is a non-profit organization in Appleton, Wisconsin with a mission to provide job training for people in need, to transform their lives and our community.

This is a great opportunity for families. Children ages 10 -16 are encouraged to participate as long as they are accompanied by an adult. For more information or to sign up by e-mail, contact Nancy Jones at: njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com OR call 731-9250. Once you sign up, please watch for a message with itinerary and Waiver attachments.

SEPTEMBER 2018 | WORSHIP SUPPORT



ASSISTING MINISTERS

September 2 Kris Gurholt
 September 9 Leah Johnson
 September 16 Keith Tomlinson
 September 23 Lori Adams
 September 30 Monica Koller/Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

USHERS

8:00 am Bill Robarge / Ron Joten
 9:20 am Brennen & Chris Howard
 10:45 am Scott Perrine/Lee Grosskreutz
 (Sept 30 - WELCA, all services)

ACOLYTES (CONFIRMATION YOUTH WILL SIGN-UP FOR DATES LATER THIS MONTH)

September 30 Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

GREETERS

September 2	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:45 am</u>	
East	Dean & Kathy Buffington	Rowinsky Family	
West	Peggy Miller-Ponschock	Chris Howard Family	
September 9	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:20 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>
East	Greg & Kay Lockhart	Mbatia Family	Ron & Carol Peterson
West	Greg & Sue Knudson	Adam & Jackie Piette Family	N/A
September 16			
East	Marilyn Miland/Jean Kahler	Roger & Leah Johnson	Belongea Family
West	Reinhold Family	Tom & Nancy Scheuerman	N/A
September 23			
East	Terry & Shirley Clemmons	Ron & Carol Rank	Chris & Mary Volkman
West	Dean & Pam Gruner	Rachel Latham	N/A
September 30	Women of the ELCA (WELCA)		

PARAMENTS & CANDLE VOLUNTEER: (Green) Lyn Almquist

NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS: Lynda Chavez

WORSHIP SUPPORT:

CHOIRS TO START 2018-19 SEASON!

HANDBELLS: On Wednesdays starting September 5th, **Soli Deo** rehearsals begin at 9:30 am; **Peace Ringers** begin rehearsals September 12th at 5 pm. (Peace Ringers is a great musical outlet for youth looking for an after-school lesson time!)

CANTICLE CHOIR: Also begins Wed., Sept. 6th at 7:10 p.m.

Everybody's got a place in a choir somewhere!

Contact [Sondra Joten](mailto:Sondra.Joten@elca.org) at 920.739.5255, ext. 108 OR call or text her at 920.213.2713 if you are interested in participating in any of the above.

Come to the 'Oasis'
 Wednesday nights this Fall!
 A midweek worship service
 to catch your breath,
 take a break, renew your spirits.

OASIS WORSHIP at 6:15 p.m.
CONFIRMATION Small Groups at 7:00 p.m.
starting September 12th

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 STUMP THE ORGANIST Sunday 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion	3 Labor Day Observed - Offices Closed 7:00 PM NA Meeting	4 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Bluegrass Rehearsal 6:30 PM Property Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM Stewardship Ministry Meeting	5 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soli Deo HB rehearsal 6:30 PM Adult Education Planning Meeting 7:10 PM Canticle Choir rehearsal	6 <i>Gathering Room Reserved</i> 6:30 PM PoP A Stitch 6:30 PM Witness Ministry Meeting	7	8 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 AM RIVERVIEW GARDENS 'GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS' WORKDAY
9 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:20 AM Blessing of FF Leaders/Helpers 9:20 AM Crowning of Princes/Princesses 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Communion + FF 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (BG)	10 8:30 AM CWU Board Meeting 10:00 AM Salvation Army 1:15 PM SARAH Circle (C.Cavanaugh/R.Reichelt) 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 6:30 PM NAOMI Circle 6:30 PM Women of Faith Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM ESTHER Circle (N.Becker-Nagan/P-Henningsen) 7:00 PM NA Meeting	11 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 AM RUTH Circle (TBD) 6:30 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Social Concerns Meeting	12 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soli Deo HB rehearsal 5:00 PM Peace Ringer HB rehearsal 5:30 PM OASIS Rehearsal 6:15 PM OASIS Worship/Lesson 7:00 PM Confirmation: Parent/Student Orientation 7:10 PM Canticle Choir rehearsal	13 <i>Gathering Room Reserved</i> 9:30 AM	14	15 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 AM Centering Prayer Series 1:00 PM GAME DAY at PoP (1-4 pm)
16 ICE CREAM PIE & SANDWICH SOCIAL 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Choir) 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (Choir; FF) 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (PoP ROX)	17 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 7:00 PM NA Meeting	18 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 PM Bluegrass Rehearsal	19 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soli Deo HB rehearsal 5:00 PM Peace Ringer HB rehearsal 5:30 PM OASIS Rehearsal 6:15 PM OASIS Worship/Lesson 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:10 PM Canticle Choir rehearsal	20 <i>Gathering Room Reserved</i> 9:30 AM PoP Book Club Meeting 6:30 PM PoP A Stitch	21 PRAY. ACT. FAST. - Day of Global Fasting <i>Women's ECSW Fall Retreat</i>	22 <i>Women's ECSW Fall Retreat</i> 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 AM Centering Prayer Series
23 CROP WALK REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP League of Women Voters of WI Visitation 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Soli Deo HB) 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (Soli Deo HB; FF) 10:30 AM FROLIC Class 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion (BG)	24 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 7:00 PM NA Meeting	25 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Tuesday Bible Study	26 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soli Deo HB rehearsal 5:00 PM Peace Ringer HB rehearsal 5:30 PM OASIS Rehearsal 6:15 PM OASIS Worship/Lesson 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:10 PM Canticle Choir rehearsal	27 9:00 AM Senior-Breakfast at Angel's Restaurant 1:30 PM PoP Book Club Meeting <i>Gathering Room Reserved</i> 5:45 PM Personnel Meeting	28	29 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 AM Centering Prayer Series
30 WELCA THANKOFFERING SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Choir) 9:20 AM Pastor Jennifer's Sabbatical Presentation 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Communion + FF 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (PoP ROX)					August Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



EVERYONE'S INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN!

Come and enjoy playing all different types of games that interest you. Games of all kinds will be provided for all ages. Friends and neighbors

are invited to play too! You can bring your own games too! To kick off the year, we will be meeting on **Saturday, September 15th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the narthex at church. A great time for all! For more information, contact [Ashley Bubolz](#) @ 734-7958; (or Cindy Romnek @ 739-5255).

FALL NEW MEMBER CLASSES

If Prince of Peace has become a spiritual home for you and/or your family, we encourage you to explore the many opportunities that the Lord has provided in our church family community. Are you considering joining Prince of Peace? Mark your calendars for the upcoming new member classes. The new member gathering and **classes are scheduled from October 7th through November 4th on Sunday mornings from 9:20 – 10:20 a.m. in the Congregational Life Room.** An informational letter will be sent out at the beginning of September to all individuals or families who are interested in joining.

For more information contact [Cindy Romnek](#), (739-5255).



IGNITE THE LIGHT!

CALLING GOD'S HANDS to DO HIS WORK:

Are you good at music, teaching, crafting, storytelling, fixing things or leading? Are you an encourager, an organizer, a person who likes working behind the scenes, a companion, good listener or willing to pray or commune with someone who can't get to church? Do you like writing, photography or are well versed with computers or tech and social media? Can you spare time before/after services to prepare communion or help during worship when you attend? Whatever your interest may be, there's more than likely an open spot calling for you within a ministry need at church. Some needs we don't even realize are there until someone shares an idea or thought of how to apply them!

Don't get us wrong, we will ask if we know there's a need, but if you are looking for ways to share your gifts, we'd very much welcome you to *ignite the discussion first!* In the meantime, here are a few ways to participate here at church that we're looking for help with!

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Prince of Peace engages a large network of volunteers for its various ministry teams and small tasks. We need your God-given gifts to serve a mission-driven and a growing church. Serving opportunities are seven days a week! We need families and individuals to "Build the Body of Christ!" And we need volunteers for this upcoming school year! Please prayerfully consider volunteering in one of the following areas:

- Quilting projects (sewing & non-sewing help)
- Small outdoor projects around the church,
- Projection for Sunday worship services
- Greeting/guiding visitors and members
- Singing music in choir/ensembles
- Playing in a handbell choir
- Ministry leaders of small groups
- Mentoring 9th grade youth
- And so much more!

Volunteer opportunity forms are in the narthex underneath the ministry board. For more information contact Pastor Roger, Pastor Jennifer or Cindy Romnek, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator (739-5255).

We are called to love the Lord with our Head, Heart, Mind and Strength and serve Him with our Hands – and there are hundreds of ways to step into service and build our relationship in faith at Prince of Peace.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
PIE & ICE-CREAM
SOCIAL,
SUNDAY, SEPT. 16TH
FROM 10:30 - 12:30**

The Witness Ministry is hosting a Pie & Ice-Cream Social for Prince of

Peace members and our neighborhood friends. Please join us on Sunday, September 16th any time between 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We will be serving up hot sandwiches, chips, ice-cream and homemade pies. Please take this opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to join us. We are also asking for donations of pies for this special event; sign-up forms are on the Witness Ministry board. For more information, please contact [Kris Gurholt](#), Witness Ministry Chair (279-0888), or [Cindy Romnek](#) in the church office.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH SMALL FALL PROJECTS?

Fall is a great time to fix small projects around the home and place of work. Some examples are changing smoke alarm batteries, fixing handles on cabinets, or fixing other small projects. Please contact [Bob Merrill](#), Helping Hands Fix It Leader (858-6423).



POP BOOK CLUB

Some of our book club 'regulars' include:
 Standing, L to R:
 Janet Hemmen,
 Karen Peckham,
 Shirley Walker,
 Pat Henningsen;
 seated: Anne Jackson,
 Leah Johnson.

Meetings are usually

held on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the POP Library. If you have questions, please call Karen Peckham at 734-7451.

September's book is ***The Cherry Harvest* by Lucy Sanna**. A copy is available in the POP library for shared check out. (This book is based in Door County.)

Synopsis: A memorable coming-of-age story and love story, laced with suspense, which explores a hidden side of the home front during World War II, when German POWs were put to work in a Wisconsin farm community . . . with dark and unexpected consequences.

The war has taken a toll on the Christiansen family. With food rationed and money scarce, Charlotte struggles to keep her family well fed. Her teenage daughter, Kate, raises rabbits to earn money for college and dreams of becoming a writer. Her husband, Thomas, struggles to keep the farm going while their son, and most of the other local men, are fighting in Europe.

When their upcoming cherry harvest is threatened, strong-willed Charlotte helps persuade local authorities to allow German war prisoners from a nearby camp to pick the fruit.

But when Thomas befriends one of the prisoners, a teacher named Karl, and invites him to tutor Kate, the implications of Charlotte's decision become apparent—especially when she finds herself unexpectedly drawn to Karl. So busy are they with the prisoners that Charlotte and Thomas fail to see that Kate is becoming a young woman, with dreams and temptations of her own—including a secret romance with the son of a wealthy, war-profiteering senator. And when their beloved Ben returns home, bitter and injured, bearing an intense hatred of Germans, Charlotte's secrets threaten to explode their world.



New fiction:

The Cherry Harvest by Lucy Sann is historical fiction that takes place in Door County during the summer of 1944, revealing a hidden side of World War II home front when German POWs are put to work on a Wisconsin farm with dark and unexpected consequences.

New Non-fiction

Jennifer Marshal Bleakley's novel **Joey: How a Blind Rescue Horse Helped Others Learn to See** tells the story of a beautiful Appaloosa who became injured at the height of his show career and moved from one owner to the next, ultimately experiencing severe abuse and neglect. A rescue group found Joey nearly dead from starvation—and blind. Then he came to Hope Reins, a ranch dedicated to helping kids who had been abused, emotionally wounded, or unwanted by teaching these children to care for rescued animals. It's a heartwarming story of loyalty, friendship and healing.

You may have seen the inspiring movie based on Bart Millard's award-winning song, **I Can Only Imagine**. His memoir takes you behind the scenes of his life and beyond the movie based on it. Although the movie is "based" on actual events, adaptations were made to sell tickets. Why was Bart's father so bitter, angry and abusive? Read the real story of how God repaired a dysfunctional family, transformed a monster into a man of God, equipped Bart to forgive his dad and prepared him for ministry through music.

DVD Bible Study

Acts of God is a six session small group study on the question of suffering. Each 30 minute session addresses a different topic including pain, betrayal, temptation and adversity. A leader's guide and one participant guide is included.

New Children's Books

Cornelia Maude Spelman is a therapist whose books **When I Miss You** and **When I Care about Others** address emotions children face and helps them understand and manage their feelings so they can relate successfully to other people. The first addresses loneliness and the second empathy.



Stop by the Welcome Window to pick up gift cards to use for every day shopping or last minute gift giving! Cards in stock are for: Meijer, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Festival, Woodman's, Pick'n Save, Piggly Wiggly & Starbucks! Figure Scrip into your family budgets to get a routine of picking them up. Every bit helps earn cash back for PoP which we then 'pay forward' through our Youth and Witness ministry programs.

YOUTH, FAMILIES & OUTREACH

For any Faith Formation/Confirmation/Youth Outreach questions or concerns, please contact us through the church office #739-5255 or by email:

Anna Reinhold (Birth - 5K) areinhold@popappleton.org; Brigetta Wingender (1st -9th Gr) bwindgender@popappleton.org.



FIRST DAY OF FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Little Lambs- 5th Grade Faith Formation Classes begin Sunday, September 9-- come get energized, celebrate and ignite your faith as we begin a new year in Faith Formation! At the 9:20 service on September 9, our Faith Formation teachers and Confirmation leaders will be blessed, and our incoming Little Lambs class will be crowned the Princes and Princesses of Prince of Peace. Faith Formation class for all grades will be in the Fellowship Hall for a kickoff celebration from 9:40-10:30!

FROLIC Faith Classes are back this fall!

Frolic Faith Classes meet one Sunday a month in the nursery from 10:30-11:10am. These classes are designed for young children (ages birth-3) to participate with their parents/guardians. Each lesson has a theme (i.e. new friends, helping others, movement and praise) and consists of story time, songs with rhythm instruments and play time. Snacks are provided and older siblings are always welcome!

Mark your calendars for our fall Frolic Faith Classes:

- Sunday, September 23
- Sunday, October 14
- Sunday, November 11

No class in December, but we will resume in January!



We invite you to join us for this special time to grow in faith with your child and connect with families at Prince of Peace! (You do not need to register for these classes.) If you have any questions, please contact Anna Reinhold.

NEW THIS FALL!—FAITH FORMATION PLANNING TEAM (WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS!)

Your Faith Formation Coordinators are looking to form a Faith Formation planning team this fall to support the Children's Ministry here at Prince of Peace. The purpose of this team will be to brainstorm ideas that will help grow the program in meaningful ways and develop plans to be carried out by our volunteers, the Faith Formation team and the Coordinators. This will include short term planning (the year ahead) and long term planning (3 year goals). For the Faith Formation planning team to be a representation of all the grades, we would love to have about 8 parents/guardians- one from each grade (Little Lambs through 5th grade). We would like to hold meetings bi-monthly on Sunday mornings. If you are a parent or guardian of a child in our Faith Formation program and are interested in a high-impact and low-commitment volunteer opportunity, consider joining our Faith Formation Planning Team! If you are interested, please contact Anna Reinhold or Brigetta Wingender (see top of page for contact information).



UKULELES ON THE LAWN ...

On August 12th we had our final "Ukuleles on the Lawn" as part of the PoP Summer Fellowship Series. Lots of brave folks tried the ukulele this summer at these Sunday events, as well as at PoP Camp!

Or, take one home to try...

If you'd like to give this a go, we have ukuleles ready to be checked out for a week or two at a time — stop by either Anna Reinhold or Brigetta Wingender's offices on a Sunday morning and we would be happy to set you up!

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST “THANKS” AGAIN!!

On August 6th, some of our high school youth at Prince of Peace got together and helped prepare the bags for the Christmas in August drive. We would like to thank Brady Neumann, Cason Mohr, Kylie Meyer, Abby Gronert, Logan Lowry, Mariel Strasser, Olivia Wingender, and Isaac Resch along with parents Jenn Resch and Linda Neumann. Under the direction of Joyce Lee, these 7 youth came to sort and put the items in the delivery bags, and then moved all 98 of them into the Sanctuary to be blessed. Following all that work, we had sub sandwiches and lively conversation about the upcoming fall and things that our youth would like to be a part of in the coming year! We are so excited to watch this amazing group “Grow in Faith and Reach out in Love!”



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION FOR 6TH-9TH GRADERS!

Registration forms have been emailed or you can access the link online through the PoP website and fill it out online. Here is the link [http://www.popappleton.org/children-youth/confirmation-\(6th--9th-gr\).html](http://www.popappleton.org/children-youth/confirmation-(6th--9th-gr).html). Here you can access the online form or you can print it and deliver it to Brigetta Wingender's mailbox.

There is a \$30 registration fee which goes towards journals, supplies and activities.

The first night of Confirmation is Wednesday September 12th, beginning with Oasis at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary and immediately followed by Orientation in the Fellowship Hall. Confirmation students are expected to attend, along with a parent/guardian. We will be having a Popcorn bar while we go over the upcoming year, expectations, new things, old things, and what to expect! Please plan to attend with your son/daughter!



On August 12th, Prince of Peace celebrated and recognized Mason Kaltenbrun for earning the “God & Family” emblem of the P.R.A.Y program through the Boy Scouts of America. The P.R.A.Y. program requires young people to study scripture and then design service projects to put into action what they have learned. He completed the requirements of study and service for the God and Family award earning the right and privilege of wearing a yellow emblem in recognition of this accomplishment. Mason has now earned two of the 4 emblems in the P.R.A.Y program. We would like to once again congratulate him on this accomplishment and look forward to recognizing him in the future when he earns the next two emblems!

MIGHT YOU BE WILLING TO SHARE TIME WITH OUR POP YOUTH AS SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDES?

We have an amazing opportunity for PoP members to walk along our Confirmation youth in their faith journey. We are looking for folks to guide out small group discussions on Wednesday evenings with 6th-9th graders, from 6:15-8pm (OASIS worship followed by small group time). Our focus will be on the Old and New Testaments. Pastor Roger and/or Pastor Jennifer teach about the topic of the week during OASIS. Following service, small groups and their guides head to their designated spaces to discuss the current topic, using guided questions provided in the Faith Journal that each student and group guide receives. There is also an opportunity for the students to share their Highs and Lows and to pray for each other during the small group time. The discussions are always vibrant and energetic. It is a great opportunity to build faithful connections with our youth, and for you to walk alongside the students as their faith grows! During Lent and Advent, we step away from the journals to do service projects, games, and team-building activities. (Did we mention we have treats at the end of each semester?!?) If you enjoy watching faith in action, and are looking for a way to connect with our Confirmation youth, this is your chance!! If you are thinking that this sounds interesting but would like to know more before saying “YES,” please contact [Brigetta Wingender](#) to discuss options - we're even willing to work with you on alternative scheduling options to suit busy calendars.

Join us to learn how ordinary people who feel passionately about issues can take small and large steps to make a difference in our world by following *Cherish All Children's* model of pray, educate, connect, and act.

Featured Speakers

Pastor Cindy Crane, Lutheran Office of Public Policy Director, on the Christian Roots of Advocacy
Jennifer Deleon, WELCA Director for Justice, on Immigration
Katrina Shankland, State Representative, on Civic Engagement 101

Breakout Session Topics

Gun Violence
Immigration
Domestic Violence
Poverty and Hunger
Human Trafficking

Lunch will be provided. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

This event is co-sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Women of the ELCA, ECSW.

It is **free and open to the public**. High school students are welcome.

	God's Work, Our Hands: Let's Get At It!
	Advocacy for Justice in Today's World
	Saturday, September 8, 2018 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran 2000 Roosevelt Drive, Plover, WI 54467

Please register via Event Brite [HERE](#) or contact Shirley Paulson spaulson1949@gmail.com for more information.

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Sept. - May: 8:00, 9:20* & 10:45 am

*Includes Faith Formation for 4K -5th Grade

Wed. OASIS Worship:

Begins September 12 at 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation Classes @ 7 p.m.

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