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Imagine Advent: Experience His Wonder, Hope & Healing



"Anticipation is born of Hope."

~photo by Sue Knudson



Photo by Sue Knudson



~Photo by Nancy Scheuerman



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

DECEMBER 2019 | FROM THE FILES

Attendance	Total/By Service	
Wed., Oct 30		70
Nov 3		316
First Service	148	
Second Service	168	
Wed., Nov. 6		53
Nov 10		329
First Service	122	
Second Service	207	
Wed., Nov. 13		(cancelled)
Nov 17		311
First Service	116	
Second Service	195	
Wed., Nov. 20		80
Nov. 24		332
First Service	119	
Second Service	213	
Wed. Nov. 27		86

COUNCIL CORNER (highlights from Nov. 12th meeting)

Congregation Council Corner for the Newsletter:

- Ministry Fair was a great success. A number of new ministry member sign-ups occurred. Ministry brochures available in Narthex.
- Christmas worship service times remain 10:30 am, 2:00, 4:30 & 8:00 pm; Request approved for Easter services and the following Confirmation Sunday to be three (3) services of 8:00, 9:20, and 10:45.
- Stewardship pledging up from last year this time, through Nov. 25, 2019 general fund intent is \$458,319, vs. last year \$438,315.
- 'Connections to the Cross' charter recently approved. This is an adult education team that we intend to go to ministry status soon.
- \$100,000 is needed to replace roof in 2020. We're already \$36,000 on our way to this goal in building improvement fund.
- Bill Lempesis is approved to fill in as interim At Large Member for Global Mission, Social Concerns, Worship Support, Advocacy for rest of this term.

2019 GIVING FOR 2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

All giving that is to be included on 2019 giving statements must be received in the church no later than Sunday, December 29th, 2019.

Any offerings received after Sunday, December 29th will be included on 2020 giving statements.

Please contact Ruth at rnelson@popappleton.org with any questions or concerns.

~ Thank you!

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EMERGENCY PASTORAL CALLS

If you ever have a pastoral emergency after hours or during holidays, please call the main church number, 739-5255, then press "9" to leave your name, phone number and a brief message as to the emergency, and one of the pastors will contact you as soon as they are available to do so.

IMAGINE ADVENT

What does **Wonder, Hope and Healing** look like to you? Perhaps, an open hand, a smile, an outdoor scene, a full plate, a child playing, a warm fire... How would you describe it in a word or brief phrase?

For our Advent Midweek services starting Wednesday evenings in December, at 6:15 p.m., we will explore these themes, images and thoughts and WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION:

Dec. 4 – Wonder (Submissions received, *Thank you for sending in your WONDERFUL photos!*)

Dec. 11 – Hope (deadline to submit pictures is Dec. 1*)

Dec. 18 – Healing (deadline to submit pictures is Dec. 8*)

Advent worship services will follow our traditional “*Joyous Light*” liturgy and the worship leaders will conduct the worship, but your images will provide the message for the evening! (*Note, the final service December 18th will be a Healing Service as well.*)

**Disclaimer: we'll need some time to prep the images for projection, so please send your images with ‘Advent Pic’ as the subject to admin@popappleton.org by the deadlines shown above; please provide 1 photo per topic per person; in jpeg format (best quality you can); while we hope the images ‘speak for themselves’ you may include a word or two about your submission, or reference a bible passage which pertains to it. We will credit you by name for your image to help make connections with one another, unless you ask to remain anonymous.*

Join us as we IMAGINE ADVENT & the coming of Christ - let the Holy Spirit inspire you!
(Preview of just a few samples on front cover.)

Pastor Roger



FALL RETREAT FEEDBACK

A big thank you to those who provided feedback about our fall retreat in October. We had a 60% response to our evaluation questions and here are the results:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Overall, I found the event educational and informative.</i>	17	9	1	0	0
<i>I connected with other attendees/members I had not known before.</i>	11	15	1	1	0
<i>I have a clear understanding of the PoP Vision 2024.</i>	10	11	6	0	0
<i>I feel equipped to ‘tell my story’ given the information shared.</i>	10	14	2	0	0
<i>The length/duration of the event was appropriate.</i>	18	10	0	0	0
<i>Overall, I’m pleased I attended.</i>	22	6	0	0	0

We appreciated the comments that were added to the surveys! We will use them to help plan for our congregation’s needs going forward, as well as the next congregation retreat.

Here are just some of the comments that were received:

What was most helpful?: “Connecting with other members of PoP and reflecting on our role in our community.”

“Loved the prayer walk.”

“Telling my story- easier than I thought!”

“Appreciated the faith stories and hearing other people.” “Seeing the energy of PoP at the event.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may have heard about “**GIVINGTUESDAY,**” a Global Generosity Movement focused on Giving Back, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world on **December 3, 2019...**it’s a day that encourages people to do good. Well, Prince of Peace certainly supports doing good in our community (we’ve been doing it since 1966!) and we’ll accept contributions December 3rd or any day!

In fact, if you are not aware, please take note that PoP has a **MISSION ENDOWMENT OUTREACH FUND** ministry whose purpose is this: The Prince of Peace Mission Endowment Fund is a means by which special gifts of members, friends of the congregation, organizations, corporations etc. can be received, managed, and distributed to extend the programs and ministries of our church. The Fund enhances the mission outreach of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church by supporting meaningful member causes, community needs, ELCA Synod work, and ELCA National projects. *The goal of the Mission Endowment Fund is to manage and distribute Fund gifts to have a lasting impact, perhaps a lifetime and beyond.*

Funding and Investment - Dollars in the fund come primarily from one-time contributions or bequests. The Fund does not draw from weekly contributions of members. The Fund is not intended to interfere with or supplement the regular stewardship or other programs of the church. The bulk of the funds are invested separately from the annual church budget and are managed by the ELCA Synod’s Endowment Fund Pooled Trust. There is also a small Mission Endowment Fund line item amount in the Church’s annual budget, intended to hold excess withdrawals from the Synod Trust Fund.

Governance and Distributions - Distribution of fund dollars is directed by the Mission Endowment Fund team. The team’s mission and activities are defined in our congregation’s by-laws, and the Fund team members are elected by the congregation.

How Can You Make a Gift? - Anyone can contribute a gift of any size to the Mission Endowment Fund. Examples of types of gifts include:

- **Cash** – memorializing or honoring someone with gifts of cash.
- **Bequests** – remembering the Fund in your estate planning.
- **Insurance** – naming the Fund as the beneficiary of an insurance policy.
- **Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds** – giving these securities directly to the Fund.
- **Real Estate/Personal Property** – giving gifts of property.
- **Life Income Agreements** – make a gift while maintaining your income.
- **Charitable Trusts**
- **Charitable Gift Annuities**

To make a gift, please contact PoP’s Finance Manager, Ruth Nelson, and she will assist you in getting started.

WILL YOU HELP SUPPORT THE FAMILY FIRST MINISTRIES’ CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE?

Please consider donating new toys (unwrapped) for the annual Family First Ministry Toy drive. Put them in the box (in corner by Luther’s Seal) **by December 20th.** Toys will be distributed at their annual community give away for families who don’t have the means to get gifts for their kids, in downtown Appleton. Thank you in advance for reaching out to bring Christmas joy to our community.



WE’RE UPDATING OUR MEMBER PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Please let the church office know if you have a change in any contact information, (email, phone, address.) We recently sent out a ‘test’ to check member emails on file; those which came back as undeliverable/invalid have been removed from our database. Also, **please send us UPDATED DIRECTORY PHOTOS by December 30,** (to admin@popappleton.org, with ‘Directory’ as the subject; or submit photos directly to our online app at:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

(Note, you must sign up, then verify your email address (using the one published in the directory which is the one in our database for you) in order to log on the app.)

MINISTRY COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER NEEDED

FOR PILLARS (HOMELESS CONNECTIONS) A really easy job because I can supply you with all you need! You don’t even need to come up with recipes! Contact Trisha Kostelny at kostelny4@gmail.com or 734-4927. This is a very rewarding experience! Responsibilities:

Quarterly- Once quarterly, do announcements and distribute pans at services.

Monthly - Send in announcements to church to ensure our need for volunteers at our monthly shift are covered. Purchase salad and fruit side dish ingredients and take to shelter, along with ready-made pans of food on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Update SignUpGenius.com to reflect current needs for volunteers.

HELP REDUCE ISOLATION OF OLDER ADULTS

Make a difference in your community – become a volunteer driver for *Make the Ride Happen*. For just four hours a month, you could help older adults and people with disabilities remain independent and living in their own home by transporting them to appointments or social engagements in the Fox Cities. *Make the Ride Happen* is a program of Lutheran Social Services. Volunteers use their own car and gas. Choose a shift once a month, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon or noon to 4 p.m. To apply, contact Carol or Jan at the ‘RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program’ at rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org. or call them at 920-832-9360.

POp ADVOCACY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: ESTHER



Website: <http://esther-foxvalley.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/esther.foxvalley>

ESTHER stands for:

Empowerment Solidarity Truth Hope Equity Reform

Organizer: Bill Van Lopik

Office Assistant: Francisca Hiscocks

Our Beginnings.

ESTHER held its founding Covenanting Event on November 7th, 2004, with six congregations. Prior to our covenanting, gatherings of interested religious and lay leaders were held starting in May, 2002.

ESTHER is an interfaith social-justice organization. We are grassroots and non-profit, focusing our work in the Fox Valley region of Wisconsin.

ESTHER aims to bring together people of faith and communities of faith to build community and to identify and act on [issues of injustice](#). Faith communities covenanting with ESTHER are united based on shared values such as equality and human dignity. We work with congregations and individuals in collaboration with community partners and public officials so that everyone can have a voice and role in bringing about strong and just communities. ESTHER sometimes seeks to mobilize support for or opposition to particular legislation or rule-making; we do not, however, advocate for candidates or parties.

We seek to:

- Bring healing and unity as an interfaith community that reaches beyond the divisions of race, creed, and socio-economic status
- Build solid relationships with one another and with community leaders
- Identify and address root causes of poverty, oppression, and injustice
- Be agents of change that unite the community and spread a message of hope
- Work at local, state, and national levels to promote justice
- Empower people to overcome injustices and respond to the social-justice concerns of people in the communities of the Fox Valley

ESTHER is an affiliate of WISDOM, the Wisconsin affiliate of GAMALIEL.

Executive Officers of ESTHER

Fr. Joe Mattern, President

Nancy Jones, Vice President

Melissa Hughes, Treasurer

Connie Kanitz, Secretary

GOD'S EARTH, OUR HANDS - POINTS TO PONDER:

We are all stewards and caretakers of this world God has given us as a home for our current generation and for future generations to come. Prince of Peace's new Ministry-Team, "God's Earth-- Our Hands" asks 'How can we be better caretakers, what is climate change and what does it have to do with me?'

"What is Climate Change, anyhow; and what does it have to do with me?"

First of all, 'weather' is the day to day changes in temperature, humidity, wind speed, etc. at a given location over a short time period. 'Climate Change' on the other hand, is the global change in weather patterns over decades or longer. So, Climate Change is a world-wide phenomena, whereby for example, temperature changes in one region can feed storms or shift ocean currents in other parts of the world. It is this systemic connectedness that makes global climate change so important.

So what is this Global Warming thing, when it's snowing outside?

'Global Warming' is the slow increase in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere due to an increased amount of heat energy from the sun being trapped in our atmosphere and not radiated back into space. Added heat energy causes an increase in world-wide temperatures. The burning of fossil fuels which produce carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide are the gases that trap that heat (Greenhouse effect). Trapped energy means warmer oceans, more intense storms, melting glaciers and changes in rainfall and drought patterns. Extreme and unpredictable weather can produce cold or wet areas as well as hot or dry areas. Since the end of the 18th century, when coal burning came into common use, a global warming trend has been linked to higher concentrations of greenhouse gases and carbon in the atmosphere. With the present day combustion of excessive fossil fuels, temperatures rise even higher.

What does this mean and what can we do about it?

We'll cover more on this topic next month...

~ Submitted by Carin Allhiser

(member of "God's Earth-- Our Hands" Team)

In the meantime, to find out more about the ELCA's *Caring for Creation* initiatives, go to: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Caring-for-Creation>. A copy of their *Climate Change 101* paper can be found [here](#):

P.S. Due to the well-attended Climate Change 101 discussion held here at PoP, we will be holding a follow-up gathering to finish those discussions and hear more on how we are being affected by Climate changes here in Wisconsin. Stay tuned for a date and time.

DECEMBER 2019 | WORSHIP SUPPORT

Week of:	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
ACOLYTES					
8:00	August Robertson	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
9:40	TBD	TBD	Natalie Ross	TBD	TBD
Wed @ 6:15 pm	Bailey Wheeler	Meghan VanGruensven	TBD		
ASSISTING MINISTER					
	Mark Steine	Bill Lempesis	Leah Johnson	Mark Steine	Dave Erickson
GREETERS					
8:00	East Anne Jackson/Sharyn March	Brad & Nan Bunnow	Arlyn & Pat Plate	Dean & Kaathy Buffington	Greg & Kay Lockhart
	West Dean & Pam Gruner	Reinhold Family	Dave & Sharon Erickson	Bill & Marilyn Helmeid	Al & Karen Peckham
9:40	East Dennis Sauberlich	Yvonne Gurholt	Mbatia Family	Mike & Cindy Romnek	Tom & Nancy Scheuerman
	West Kris Gurholt	Lempesis Family	Gary & Michelle Weisman	Kislewski Family	Gene Begalske
HOSPITALITY HOST					
	Ginger Howard	Cindy Czarnik-Neimeyer	Tom Scheuerman	Kathy Buffington	Kris Gurholt
NURSERY CARE					
8:00	Lynda	Linnea	Linnea	Lynda	Lynda
9:40	Lynda	Lynda	Lynda	Lynda	TBD
Wed. Advent 6:15	Linnea	Linnea	Linnea		
PARAMENTS/CANDLES					
	Carrie Sinotte				
USHERS					
8:00	Bryan Reinhold Dean Buffington				
9:40	Ivan Wenig / Scott Perrine				

WORSHIP SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Advent Supper Hosts, Ushers, Greeters, etc.)
PLEASE SIGN UP NOW FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES' (On Wallboard in the Narthex.)

Advent and Christmas

at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 2330 East Calumet, Appleton, WI 54915

Sundays of Advent:
 December 1, 8, 15, 22
 Services at 8:00 am & 9:40 am
 nursery care provided

Wednesdays of Advent
 December 4, 11, 18
 Supper: 5:15-6:15 pm
 Service at 6:15 pm
 nursery care provided

*All-Congregational
 Christmas Program
 December 15 at 9:40 service
 Potluck reception to follow

Christmas Eve Services
 10:30 am
 2:00 pm
 4:30 pm
 8:00 pm



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'TIS THE SEASON...members of any age are encouraged to participate in our tradition of **lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath** to start services on Advent Sundays (Dec. 8, 15 & 22); please sign up on the wallboard in the Narthex to reserve a time that works for you and/or your family.

GIVE BACK WITH YOUR HOLIDAY AMAZON SHOPPING!



Shop using [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchase to Prince of Peace every time you shop, at no charge to you: Go to www.smile.amazon.com; in the 'Or pick your own charitable organization' box, type "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church," then hit the select button and shop as you normally would!

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent ("Hope" photos due) NO Faith Formation 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM "Season of Service" Project: College Care Plugs & Advent Poster Coloring 9:00 AM SCRIP Available Today 9:40 AM Baptism: Hubner 9:40 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (PoP ROX) 10:40 AM Hubner Family/Baptism Luncheon 10:45 AM Grace Garage Meet-Up (CLR) 11:00 AM Global Mission Meeting (Library)	2 10:00 AM AA Meeting 1:30 PM Gathering Rm Res. 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 6:30 PM PoP A. Stitch (Narthex) 7:00 PM NA Meeting	3 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting 10:45 AM 4th Gr Classroom res. 1:15 PM ChristCare Group (Library) 6:30 PM Property Ministry	4 SCRIP SOLD Before/After Advent Service 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:25 AM Soli Deo HB 10:00 AM AA Meeting 2:00 PM Gifts of Hope Wrapping 5:15 PM ADVENT Supper 5:15 PM Peace Ringers 6:15 PM ADVENT Worship Service (Wornder) 7:00 PM Canticle Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation(Lrg Grp/FH)	5 9:30 AM Gathering Rm Res. 10:00 AM AA Meeting 4:00 PM Bob M/Music Mission	6 7:00 AM Habitat Annual Gathering 10:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM ACoA Meeting	7 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 7:00 AM AA Meeting 9:00 AM Boy Scout Troop 127 Christmas Tree Sale 10:00 AM AA Meeting 11:30 AM WELCA Christmas Program/Potluck Luncheon 4:00 PM Funeral Service: Girard
8 2nd Sunday of Advent ("Healing" photos due) POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Choir) 9:00 AM "Season of Service" Project: Advent Poster Coloring 9:30 AM Faith Formation Time 9:40 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (Soli Deo HB) 10:45 AM Grace Garage Meet-Up (Teen Rm) 10:50 AM Actors Only Script Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9 SARAH/NAOMI Circles Luncheon 8:30 AM CWU Board Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM Salvation Army Gathering Rm Res. 1:30 PM Grief Support Group (CLR) 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM ESTHER Circle (Karen P./Pat H.) 7:00 PM NA Meeting	10 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM RUTH Circle (N. Witrock; Hos/E. Cotton, BS) 10:30 AM Helping Hands Meeting 10:45 AM 4th Gr Classroom res. 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	11 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:25 AM Soli Deo HB 10:00 AM AA Meeting 5:15 PM ADVENT Supper 5:15 PM Peace Ringers 6:15 PM ADVENT Worship Service (Hope) 7:00 PM Canticle Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation (Lrg Grp/FH)	12 9:30 AM Gathering Rm Res. 10:00 AM AA Meeting 11:30 AM PoP Hi-Fivers Potluck & White Elephant 11:30 AM PoP Page Turners Book Club (at Weatherlyane) 4:00 PM Bob M/Music Mission	13 Fellowship Hall Reserved 7:00 PM ACoA Meeting	14 Fellowship Hall Reserved Salvation Army Bell Ringing 7:00 AM AA Meeting 9:30 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:00 AM AA Meeting
15 3rd Sunday of Advent Fellowship Hall Reserved 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM SCRIP Available Today 9:40 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & RECEPTION	16 PoP NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10:00 AM AA Meeting 1:30 PM Gathering Rm Res. 6:00 PM Grief Support Group (CLR) 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 6:30 PM PoP A. Stitch (Narthex) 7:00 PM NA Meeting	17 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting 10:45 AM 4th Gr Classroom res. 1:15 PM ChristCare Group (Library)	18 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:25 AM Soli Deo HB 10:00 AM AA Meeting 5:15 PM ADVENT Supper 5:15 PM Peace Ringers 6:15 PM ADVENT Worship Service (Healing) 7:00 PM Canticle Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation (Lrg Grp/FH)	19 9:30 AM Gathering Rm Res. 10:00 AM AA Meeting 3:30 PM Advocacy Ministry Meeting 4:00 PM Bob M/Music Mission	20 10:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM ACoA Meeting	21 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 7:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting
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29 FINAL YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS DUE NO Faith Formation 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:40 AM Worship with Holy Communion	30 PHOTO DIRECTORY PICTURES DUE 8:00 AM OFFICE HOURS 10:00 AM AA Meeting 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 7:00 PM NA Meeting	31 NEW YEARS EVE 8:00 AM OFFICE HOURS 10:00 AM AA Meeting	1 NEW YEARS DAY - Office Closed 10:00 AM AA Meeting	26 8:00 AM OFFICE HOURS 10:00 AM AA Meeting	27 8:00 AM OFFICE HOURS 10:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM ACoA Meeting	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting

January

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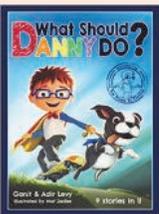
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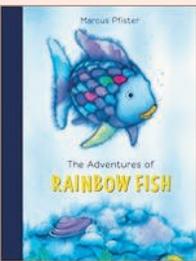
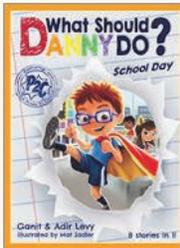
POP's CHURCH LIBRARY CORNER

These four new children's books were a memorial donation to the children's library.



9 Stories in one book by Adir and Ganit Levy, **What Should Danny Do?** is an innovative, interactive book that empowers kids with the understanding that their choices will shape their days, and ultimately their lives into what they will be. Written in a "Choose Your Own Story" style, the book follows Danny, a Superhero-in-Training as he encounters choices that kids face on a daily basis.

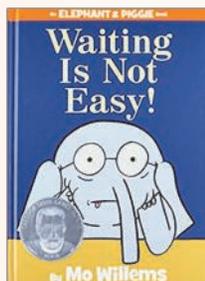
8 stories in 1 as Danny returns in an all new adventure! In **What Should Danny Do? School Day** children get to decide how Danny's day at school will end! Children love being able to make all the choices for this Superhero-in-Training and control the outcome of the book. Try to reach all 8 endings in this "Choose Your Own Story" adventure.



Five Rainbow Fish favorites are now available in one place in this collection. Help Rainbow Fish in each story as he follows his heart, summons his courage, and makes new friends! "An award winning series, **The Adventures of Rainbow Fish** teaches children not only about fish and marine dwellers, but also such values as working together

to solve problems, valuing each other's unique differences, and using creativity to make up with friends who are different instead of fighting with them."- Midwest Book Review

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In **Waiting Is Not Easy!** by Mo Willems, Piggie has a surprise for Gerald, but he is going to have to wait for it. And Wait. And wait some more...

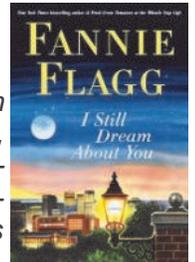


POP PAGE-TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Please note, we will be meeting off-site, a week earlier than usual, on **Thursday, December 12th at 11:30 am for lunch together at the Weathervane at 186 Main St, Menasha.** Please call Karen Peckham to let her know you plan to attend (920-734-7451). All are welcome!

For December we're reading the book **I Still Dream about You*** by Fannie Flagg.

**Synopsis: A comic mystery romp through the streets of Birmingham, Alabama, past, present, and future. Meet Maggie Fortenberry, a still beautiful former Miss Alabama. To others, Maggie's life seems practically perfect—she's lovely, charming, and a successful real estate agent at Red Mountain Realty. Still, Maggie can't help but wonder how she wound up in her present condition. She had been on her hopeful way to becoming Miss America and realizing her childhood dream of someday living in one of the elegant old homes on top of Red Mountain, with the adoring husband and the 2.5 children, but then something unexpected happened and changed everything.*



Maggie graduated at the top of her class at charm school, can fold a napkin in more than forty-eight different ways, and can enter and exit a car gracefully, but all the finesse in the world cannot help her now. Since the legendary real estate dynamo Hazel Whisenknott, beloved founder of Red Mountain Realty, died five years ago, business has gone from bad to worse—and the future isn't looking much better. But just when things seem completely hopeless, Maggie suddenly comes up with the perfect plan to solve it all.

Maggie has heartbreaking secrets in her past, but through a strange turn of events, she soon discovers, quite by accident, that everybody, it seems—dead or alive—has at least one little secret.

I Still Dream About You is a wonderful novel that is equal parts Southern charm, murder mystery, and that perfect combination of comedy and old-fashioned wisdom that can be served up only by America's own remarkable Fannie Flagg.



ADVENT SUPPERS AT PRINCE OF PEACE!

All are welcome to join us for hot dishes, bread, salad and desert on Wednesdays, (December 4, 11 & 18) at 5:15 p.m. prior to our Advent worship services held at 6:15 p.m. The Advent suppers will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and friends for food and fellowship! Volunteers are needed to provide desserts – sign up on the ministry board in the narthex. In addition, we would like individuals or families to volunteer hosting the suppers along with the Witness Ministry team for one Wednesday night or all three. Hosting duties would include greeting, serving, and other small tasks. For more information, please contact Cindy Romnek at cromnek@popappleton.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

The Witness Ministry is hosting a sub lunch and Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 22nd from 11:00 – 1:30 p.m. We have reserved Lamers bus for individuals and families to come along for the ride. The carolers will be visiting homebound/medically bound members and area assisted living facilities. We will be having a sub lunch from 11:00 – 11:30 in the narthex area, prior to our Christmas Caroling outing. This is a family outing for members, friends and neighbors Please sign up on the Witness Ministry board if you are interesting join the ride. For more information, contact Cindy Romnek.



GIFTS OF HOPE

We are wrapping things up for the Gifts of Hope outreach for the Appleton East High School students. We are looking for volunteers to help wrap the gift boxes on Wednesday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. Come join us to help celebrate giving to our backyard neighbors! For more information, contact Joanne Siekierke or Cindy Romnek.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS FOR SENIORS OF ALL AGES! ATTENTION SENIORS – “HI-FIVERS” – 55+ YEARS! POTLUCK AND WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE

Come join us on Thursday, December 12th at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck. Enjoy a scrumptious potluck with our fellow members and friends. . Hot sandwiches and coffee will be provided. All are welcome to attend! Everyone are encouraged to bring a small white elephant gift to exchange. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 10th to Joyce Lee at roadrunnersb@hotmail.com or 1-831-601-9440; or Cindy Romnek at church (739-5255).



BLESS OUR POP ‘COLLEGE KIDS’

Prince of Peace is collecting names and address of college students from our church family, including graduate and commuter students. Together, the Youth and Witness ministries would like to reach out to the students throughout the year to let them know that we love and support them in their life journey.

To kick things off: Help us “bless” our college kids with **care packages** from Prince of Peace. You can get involved by making a monetary donation, donating items, helping prepare care packages or writing a handwritten note.

Some suggested donated items for the care packages are: healthy snacks (i.e. granola bars, nuts, dried fruit), gum, stress balls, chap stick, fuzzy socks, small hand lotions, candy and microwave popcorn packages.

Please drop off your donated items in the in the Congregational Life Room (CLR) TODAY, where all are then invited to help assemble care packages after both worship services. For more information or to add your student to the list, (or to have them receive future packages), contact Cindy Romnek or Corrina Czarnik.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Lunch & Learn Seminar

We invite you to learn how planning for your final wishes may shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden. Join us for a light meal and learn more about pre-arrangements, veteran benefits, cremation, burials, and more.

Wednesday, December 4
11:00am

Wichmann Tri-County Chapel
1592 Oneida Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Please RSVP at (920) 297-2742

WE WILL DISCUSS

- Cremation & Burials
- Traditional Funerals
- Veteran Benefits
- Payment Plans
- Pre-arrangements

Use Funeral Pre-Plan to Secure Final Plans

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YOUTH, FAMILY ...

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

Anna Reinhold (Birth - 3rd Grades) areinhold@popappleton.org

Brigetta Wingender (4 - 12th Grades) bwindgender@popappleton.org

Corrina Czarnik (HS Youth Connections & Outreach) corrina@popappleton.org

FAITH FORMATION 2019-2020 CALENDAR

DECEMBER

1st- **Season of Serving in the CLR** (College Care Packages & Advent poster coloring.)

8th- **Seasons of Serving in the CLR** (Advent poster coloring to decorate the walls of PoP for the Christmas season)

- **FF full music practice** for Christmas Program during normal Faith Formation time
- **Christmas Program script read-through with actors only @ 10:50 am** in the Sanctuary

14th- **Full Christmas Program Rehearsal** (FF kids & actors) 9:30-11:00am

15th- **All Congregational Christmas Program @ 9:40am**

22nd- **No Faith Formation Classes** (Merry Christmas!)

29th- **No Faith Formation Classes** (Happy New Year!)

WILL YOU SHARE IN OUR SEASON OF SERVING?

During this time leading up to and including Advent, we have been working on special projects in our Congregational Life Room (CLR) each week for Prince of Peace's *Season of Serving*. On November 10th and 17th, while enjoying a buffet of yummy Sunday refreshments and warm fellowship, PoP family members and guests were invited to make fleece tie-blankets. (photos below)

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!!



In total, 24 blankets were completed and donated to the local Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team.



When: Sunday, December 15 starting at 9:40

What: A Christmas program experience for everyone followed by a potluck of snacks and treats

Who: The entire congregation is welcome!

Sign up at the table in the Narthex for:

- Roles in the play
- Dinner music in the Fellowship Hall
- Snacks or treats to share
- Help with preparation and/or cleanup

Looking to share your time and talent?

Please contact Anna Reinhold or Brigetta Wingender if you are interested in helping with the Christmas program or reception!

On November 24, we assembled 100+ **“Love Our Neighbor” stockings**, complete with sweet treats and postcard invitations to join us for Advent, Christmas and regular worship activities at PoP.



Extra postcards to share with your neighbors can be found in a basket on the table in the Narthex... help yourselves & bring a friend to worship this Christmas!



A huge “Thank you” goes out to our youth and adult volunteers who then took the filled stockings out and about, to hang on our neighbor’s doors.



We will continue our **“Season of Serving” projects** as we once again invite everyone to **stop in the CLR to help with the next two projects and enjoy more yummy treats!** **Dec. 1st: College Care Packages and Advent Poster coloring**, (see page 9 for College Care Package collection and distribution details).

Dec. 8th: we’ll continue coloring the BIG Advent posters, which when finished, will be hung to beautify our church walls leading up to Christmas.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR REMINDERS

DECEMBER

4,11,18 Advent activities - TBD
25th No Confirmation

JANUARY

1st No Confirmation
2nd OASIS and Small Groups resume
9th Acolyte Training for 7th Graders at 7:10 pm
- 6th, 8th and 9th grade small groups

REDEEMERS:

Please come and join us for some fun community service **ringing Bells for the Salvation Army** at Festival Foods in Darboy on **December 21st from 12-1 pm**. Let Brigetta or Corrina know if you are available by Dec. 18th.

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION ACTIVITY REMINDERS:

December 4th – **LARGE GROUP Service Project and Team Building**; 9th Grade students meet at Walmart on Calumet to go shopping for Adopt-a-Family

December 11th – **LARGE GROUP God’s Earth Our Hands** presentation

December 18th – **LARGE GROUP Game Night & Cookies Christmas Celebration!!**

December 25th and January 1st – No Confirmation

9TH GRADE FAITH MENTORING:

The final step of our Confirmation Curriculum is for our 9th grade students to meet with a Faith Mentor to have conversations of faith with an adult member of our Congregation. This year’s mentoring sessions will run from January-April, meeting roughly twice a month. This is an invaluable experience giving both mentor and mentee the opportunity to share what their faith means to them, ask questions, discuss things that have helped to shape their faith, and to create an opportunity to develop meaningful connections at Prince of Peace. Mentor training will take place early in January, to help get them started for this amazing experience. We also provide discussion questions to help guide conversations. So, our 9th Grade Confirmation students are seeking out their Faith Mentors now. If you are approached, we ask that you prayerfully consider accepting this opportunity to build a wonderful connection with a youth at Prince of Peace. If you are unable to be their mentor, please let them know as soon as possible, to give them enough time to ask someone else. For questions, please consult one of the coordinators, Corrina or Brigetta.



**ON SALE AT THE WELCOME WINDOW
December 1, 4 & 15**



ORDER YOUR
**POINSETTIA PLANTS
FOR CHRISTMAS**

Beautiful poinsettia plants can be ordered once again! These plants will be decorating our chancel for Christmas and may be taken home after the last service on Christmas Eve.

This year's choice of colors are: **red, pink or white.**

- **Small (6 inch pot; single plant) = \$12.00**
- **Large (7.5 inch pot; double plant) = \$27.00**

Orders should be received on or BEFORE December 8. Place your orders, with check attached, in the box provided in the church office or mail it in by the due date. Please make checks payable to *Prince of Peace Lutheran Church* with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. Early orders will ensure that we get the best selection and every effort will be made to accommodate color choices. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Size: _____ Color: _____ Qty. _____

In Honor / Memory of: _____

Order Total: \$ _____

For Office Use: Cash _____
Check # _____

Boy Scout Troop 127

Annual Christmas Tree Sale

When: Saturday, December 7
(December 14 if there are still trees left)
Time: 9 am-4 pm (or until trees are all sold)
Where: Prince of Peace Church,
west parking lot
Cost: \$50 per tree, cash or check

Questions: Contact Michelle Anderson, call/text 920.540.5535 or
michelle.andersons@gmail.com

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Sunday Worship Services*

8:00 & 9:40 a.m.

with Faith Formation at 9:30 during the school year.

Mid-Week Service* (during the school year):

Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m.

***Confirmation afterwards at 7:00.**

**Holy Communion is open to those who believe
Christ is truly present in the bread & wine.**



DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

