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PRINCE of PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palatine, Illinois



Bringing People Together

Conversations with Community Leaders



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“You all [Prince of Peace] really are a great role model for bringing people together!”

Erica Chianelli, Executive Director of FamilyForward

About a year and half ago, we wondered what was next for us as a church. Through a series of gatherings with church members and community leaders, we had important conversations about our greatest passions and strengths as a church and our Palatine community's greatest needs. Discovering the intersection of those three things would give us greater clarity about what was next. Frederick Buechner wrote, “*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.*”

So, in September 2022, we sent invitations and rolled out radical hospitality to host a luncheon and have a conversation with community leaders. About 30 leaders from across Palatine, representing nearly that many organizations—churches, non-profits, schools, park district, government, and emergency responders—showed up!

It was immediately evident that there were people around the room who didn't know each other. There were non-profits and services not known by the whole group.

What did we do at that first meeting?

The Prince of Peace staff and a few board members listened carefully to what community needs they were already actively addressing (because if we were choosing our next big thing as a church, we didn't want to be redundant.) I asked, “**What unmet community needs tug most on your heartstrings and keep you up at night?**” We heard about issues like affordable housing, accessible transportation, mental health, immigration, the need for volunteers, and more money to be ready to engage issues like these.

Do you know what else happened?

They asked us if we would keep hosting these gatherings, and they agreed that they would gladly come back to our church! Wow!

Do you know what else? They asked me to pray over the group and the people of our community and our ability to address these issues. An even bigger wow!

Flash forward to now. We've hosted four more community leader gatherings. One gathering per quarter. Over 80 different leaders have attended these events. It continues to grow with new people coming and others continuing to return regularly.

Just the other day, I attended my daughter June's play, *12 Angry Jurors*, at Palatine High School, and another high school parent working concessions with Kendra introduced herself. "Your husband is Pastor Karl from Prince of Peace. I was just there for a Community Leader Gathering!"

I cannot begin to express to you how exceedingly rare and special this is! God is on the move!



The reality is this: On the whole, the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod is a declining and dying church body. The church in America overall is struggling and declining in numbers. Many churches have major pastoral and staff vacancies, insurmountable financial obstacles, no able-bodied volunteers. Many have closed their doors. Many more will close their doors in the coming years. Very few are seeing positive engagement and growth. Very few have such a positive rapport and deep connections with their surrounding community! Fewer and fewer people are going to church or expecting anything positive to come from church.

This is not what we are seeing.

Prince of Peace, we are a leading church in our community. We have an incredible God-given opportunity and responsibility to lead the way in our community. We are healthy, growing, and we have God-given resources and abilities to use for the sake of our God-given mission!

We have gifts to share with each other, with our community, and with the church at-large!

The Spirit is at work among us!

What are we doing? Our mission is to share Christ's peace! See John 20:19-23. It's our way of saying we're a GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH.

Why are we doing it? We have six core values, eighteen words total, that describe our culture. I can boil it down to one word: Love! See John 13:34-35. In other words, we're a GREAT COMMANDMENT CHURCH.

Who are we becoming as a church? A family of everyday missionaries transformed by Jesus and transforming the world around us. See Acts 2:42-47. All that to say, we're seeking to be an ACTS 2 CHURCH.

We follow a simple pathway: **SHARE FOOD, SHARE FRIENDSHIP, SHARE FAITH IN JESUS.**

Along the way, we do what Pastor Matt outlined in his book, *How Are You Doing?* We CONNECT with people, we show them we CARE, we bring them into COMMUNITY, and we lead them to CHRIST!

Let's keep simply, boldly, and lovingly doing this together and see what God does with it!



Why Do You Serve?



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From musicians to readers to worship hosts to tech crew to hospitality and more, it takes a village to coordinate a worship service, and we have a modest group of dedicated individuals who make that happen. Read about volunteering from these worship team members:

Peggy Emerich

Lead Worship Coordinator and Communion Assistant

I remember sitting in church and Pastor C explained to the congregation that they were in great need of Sunday School teachers and I looked down at my boys who were in third and fifth grade at the time and they said, "Do it, Mom!" Instead of simply dropping them off at Sunday School, I got to enjoy being around my boys and the other kids learning about Jesus. I added *Faith Alive* [confirmation class] and led teenagers to stay involved in their church, growing in their faith. When my youngest went to college and he knew I needed something different, he advised me to continue serving, but that perhaps being a Worship



Coordinator would be more my speed as I was getting older (funny kid). Bottom line, I love being involved in the worship process.

Richard Habegger

Worship Coordinator, Worship Host, and Communion Assistant

I became a volunteer simply because I wanted to help Prince of Peace with a staffing need. However, what I get out of being a volunteer is the joy of serving the people coming through the POP doors:

1. The people have many questions that I can answer: seating, service timing and procedures, sign-in help, etc.
2. They enjoy a greeting from a friendly face and making a new friend.
3. Sometimes, people "just need a person to listen to their troubles and concerns."

So volunteering at POP is "not just about filling a POP slot;" it's about the people interaction and fellowship in Christ.



WORSHIP as a community

Charlene Gruben

Scripture Reading Coordinator

My favorite part about volunteering at Prince of Peace is that I get to meet a lot of great people who use their gift of speaking to do the scripture readings each weekend and for special services. I have been formatting the scriptures for the readers since 2015. When it comes to the special services, especially the holidays, I send out an email to all readers asking for volunteers, and I have the spots filled within one day. They are very willing to use their God-given talent to stand in front of the congregation to read God's word, and many have told me that they love to do it.

Sandi Campbell

Altar Guild, Connection Center, Outdoor Set-up Crew, and Worship Host

Why do I volunteer? My answer is pretty simple (like me): I do what I do because that's what God asks of me.

Troy Heinritz

Tech Team Engineer (sound, livestream, and slides)

I love working on the worship tech team because I get to not only showcase our amazing talent of singers and musicians to our in-person and livestream audiences, but we also get to spread the Good News beyond our walls as well, touching more lives than we ever could in-house.

Kris Shafer

Choral Soprano, Praise Band Vocalist, Communion Assistant, Scripture Reader, and Worship Host

I learned a long time ago that the more you put into something, the more you get out of it. When I first joined POP, I was determined to just go to church and NOT get involved in anything! However, I was getting so much out of this church that it felt wrong not to give back in some way. So I said yes to one thing. That led to another thing, which led to another...

I'm happy to volunteer IF I feel I'm using the gifts God has given me. It is easy to say NO when asked, but saying YES leads to the chance to expand on those gifts and you get to meet new people as well. It's a WIN/WIN!"

Jason Stallard

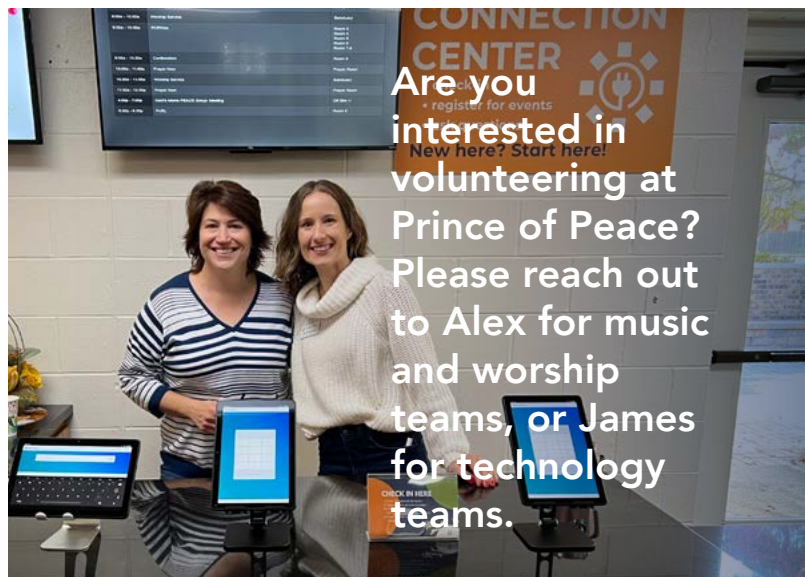
Tech Team Engineer (livestream) and Coffee Server

I enjoy volunteering my time as a worship tech because it helps connect people to Jesus who are unable to make it to church.

Bonnie Habegger

Lead Worship Host

I would tell someone thinking about volunteering at POP to try and find what area interests them most and give it a try. I know when my husband and I first tried Worship Hosting we were new to the church and the area. Quickly, we met many wonderful Christians and felt such a close connection to the church. I love being a part of the service and knowing I'm needed. Volunteers are needed everywhere at Prince of Peace. There is a "sweet spot" for everyone.





CONNECT in a group



In August 2023, Prince of Peace journeyed through my book, *How Are You Doing?* The book teaches you how to live intentionally for Jesus, so that your life, through your relationships, serves as a witness for Jesus, ultimately leading others to Him. During this church-wide campaign, at least six groups (three of them newly formed) walked through the book study each week. Carole Lange even led a group on Zoom and she said, “The *How Are You Doing?* group was a great experience. We [had the] chance to meet new people and share our experiences.”

Groups were not the only way people participated. Prince of Peace also offered a daily devotion, a weekly class, led by Pastor Matt himself, and a “Book and Beer” gathering.

All of these resources taught people how to show Jesus to their communities and friends that surround them daily. With almost 300 people in worship each week, over 120 people reading the book, over 61 people in a small group, 17 people in weekly study, and 11 people attending Book and Beer, *How Are You Doing?* was a success!

How Are You Doing?



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However, there is more than just numbers to consider. There is **implementation in life**. Since the *How Are You Doing?* campaign, more people are inviting people to church, and new friends are being made each week. One particular story has hit the heart of the teachings in the book.

Joe* a POP member, developed a friendship with a neighbor, and through connection and conversation, the friend began to ask questions about faith and where to get his son baptized. Joe proceeded to tell him all about POP. The very next day the friend called the church office to schedule his son’s baptism. It was originally scheduled as a private baptism, but at the last minute, the family elected to have it done during worship that day. This is *real* relational discipleship—connecting with others and living intentionally through actions and words to help others see Jesus. Jesus is on the move in many ways. Jump in and be part of the movement to God and live your faith.

**This person’s name has been changed to protect their identity.*



Thinking Glocal

Prince of Peace welcomed Rev. Dr. David Kim this October to preach and present about his ministry and his vision for the mission of the church.

Several times, he said, "You are either a missionary or part of the mission field!" He talked about the calling Jesus gave us in all the gospels and Acts. In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells the disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This is the foundation for Kim's ministry organization Glocal Mission. We are to go locally (Jerusalem) and globally (Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth). Currently, Glocal Mission operates in 16 different countries impacting lives through holistic ministries such as mission development, leadership development and community development.

David Kim's passion and energy for the gospel is contagious. When you hear him speak, you can't help but be excited for spreading the Gospel of Jesus to the world. He explained his foundational teaching of Good-Better-Best to those in attendance. His definition is also the basis for our discipleship idea of Food-Friendship-Faith:

Good – Make a Difference – FOOD

Through strategic implementation of community services, we can make an immediate difference in people's lives.

Better – Make Relationships – FRIENDSHIP

Our service should lead to opportunities to build lasting and inter-dependent relationships.

Best – Make Disciples – FAITH

Our highest call and greatest priority is to make disciples of Jesus who can make disciples.

That Sunday at lunch after church, 60+ people stood up and professed, "I'm going to BE a disciple. I'm going to MAKE a disciple. And I'm going to REACH one person who doesn't know Jesus." You may find a recording of his presentation at youtube.com/princeofpeacealive.



Answering God's Call to Serve



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What a September! We kicked off the ministry year with many new families in Children's and Student Ministry. We also have some amazing new volunteers helping us make these ministries run smoothly and giving their time to pour into the lives of our youngest members at Prince of Peace!

These amazing volunteers have been a gift to me and the children and students at POP and I would love for you to hear from some of the new volunteers about what led them to join these teams.



POPKids

Children's Ministry

Danielle Hiller

POPKids Teacher

Returning to serve in POPKids has been exciting. I enjoy meeting new leaders and new families. I love meeting new members and their children as they drop them off for POPKids. It is a natural way to spark conversations and welcome them to our church community.

Haley Plegge

POPKids Teacher

I joined POPKids because seeing the kids grow in their faith and also having fun while doing it makes me happy. I also learn a lot from the kids about friendships, family, and fun.

Dan Fay

POPKids Teacher

Earlier this summer, I asked our POP members to consider becoming a Kids Hope USA mentor. The number of individuals who expressed interest and completed the rigorous onboarding process was inspiring. As such, when Jennifer Edwards asked for POPKids and POPTeens volunteers, it was only fitting that I answered her call.

Although I have only been teaching Sunday school for a few weeks, the experience has been rewarding and I truly believe that I receive more than I give.

Jessica Bonadonna

IGNITE Small Group Leader

I started volunteering with POPKids several years ago when my kids were younger. Partly because I wanted to be involved with my kids' Sunday school program and lead them by example, but also to give back my time and gifts to help support this wonderful program that was created for my children to teach them who Jesus is.

I am very excited to join the IGNITE team this year and move up with my youngest from POPKids to POPTeens. I love that I am back with these kids, some of who I started with when they were in 1st grade and now are in 8th grade! It is so rewarding to be able to part of their lives.

Faith Koenig

FUEL Small Group Leader

I felt God call me to help in teen ministry for a while now. Working with these teens and developing their relationship with the Lord has been a blessing beyond comprehension.



POPTeens

Junior High Ministry



POPTeens

Senior High Ministry



New Space for Deeper Connections.



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Our new patio space has been carefully designed with comfort and conversation in mind.

Using funds from a POP Memorial fund, these thoughtfully arranged seating areas create intimate pockets where you can engage in meaningful discussions, fostering deeper connections and relationships.

The re-designed space also opens exciting possibilities for hosting events; from casual coffee hour to small group gatherings and community events. We look forward to seeing the space come alive with laughter and conversations.

As the days grow shorter and the air becomes crisper, we want to ensure our patio remains a welcoming retreat. With the addition of outdoor heaters and a gas fire pit, the patio will continue to be a place of warmth and comfort, allowing us to gather year-round, regardless of the weather. Many thanks to the many hands who helped prepare this space!







Big Band. Big Eats.



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When Jesus wanted to make connections with the communities he traveled through, he gathered with people over a shared meal and meaningful conversation.

The lives of the people he met, along with their communities were forever changed. POP endeavors to offer spaces to do the same! We want to excel in great hospitality, so that gathering around unhurried time and delicious food becomes the norm, and inviting your friends becomes second nature.

As we started the ministry year, POP hosted two such gatherings; a Big Band Concert and Picnic featuring Vintage Swing Band and the Second Annual Chili Cook-Off.

The sun came out for the Big Band Concert long enough to enjoy a satisfying potluck lunch while the sublime notes of Vintage Swing Band filled the air, transporting attendees to an era of timeless melodies. Alex Falls, our own musical genius, showcased his skills,

and a delightful surprise awaited everyone as Kendra Fay joined the ensemble, serenading us with her lovely voice.

Many friends from the community experienced the fun on the POP campus, while some neighbors stood outside their homes and enjoyed the concert. It was a perfect way to enjoy one of the last Sundays of the summer.





As September brought falling leaves, we prepared to welcome friends old and new for the second annual chili cook-off.

The diversity of flavors on display was a testament to the creativity and culinary expertise within our congregation. Attendees delightedly sampled each unique creation, casting their votes for the People's Choice Award.

Congratulations
to the 2023 Winners!

Best Spicy Chili: Jenny Hestrup-Miller

Best Chicken Chili: Karl Fay

Best Traditional Chili: Kris Shafer

Best Unique Chili: Antje Perrin

People's Choice: Kurt Prell

We ended the evening outside on the new POP Patio, enjoying conversation around the fire while roasting marshmallows, and sharing in the joy of great conversation on a beautiful fall evening.





SERVE

on a team

Interrupt My Day, God...



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It was just an ordinary day when POP Administrative Assistant **Dori Campbell** answered the church office phone. The caller was a former POP member (Betty*) seeking the contact information of a current POP member who she knew did woodworking. Dori provided the requested information and Betty was thankful. After she hung up, Dori felt a nudge to call Betty back to ask what type of woodworking project she needed. Betty said her husband had broken his leg and was currently in the hospital. She was looking for someone to build two ramps for their house, so that her husband could return home in a wheelchair.

Dori hung up the phone again and then shared the situation with me. I wondered if this could be a project for our Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT). Dori and I reached out to POP members Kathy O'Day, Jim Beckley, and Richard Habegger from Palatine LERT. Richard volunteered to visit Betty's home to scope out the project and draw up plans. I shared the story with my husband Brian, who is a Thrivent member. I had already used my 2 Thrivent Action Grants for the year but Brian had not, so he filled out the Thrivent grant application for the project materials. Thrivent approved the grant request and Richard was able to use the funds to purchase the supplies.

LERT member Steve MacKay joined Jim and Richard in constructing the ramps and then installing them at Betty's house. Steve even brought with a wheelchair

and served as a fill-in for Betty's husband so that Betty could practice maneuvering the wheelchair over the new ramps. The whole project transpired in about 3 weeks, and Betty was very grateful that we offered to help her and her husband so that he could return home.

We share this story to encourage you to be ready and willing for God to interrupt your day so that you can join Him in sharing Christ's peace! LERT welcomes new volunteers to join their team. Thrivent members may also use their Thrivent Action Grants to support any serving project. Contact Susan if you need project ideas or assistance completing the brief grant application.

**The name of this person has been changed to protect their identity.*





There's a New Team in Town!

Baseball is over for Chicago's teams and the Bears are probably not going to get to the Super Bowl, but the Comfort Dog Team is looking good! It's time to introduce some of the players...

Handlers

Coming in with previous experience are Debi Cooper, Lynne Ryan and Melissa Weiss. We also have additional pros on deck with Randy Gray and Kris & Jeff Ahlgrim. Rookie Anne Lewis hopes to join the team as well and several other rookies are showing real promise.

Ministry Partners

The team is strong in this area as many people show interest in filling these important positions. When the Handlers need to focus on the dog, Ministry Partners reach out to the people. Among them are Carol Suzuki (with Jeff Suzuki partnering as a possible Handler), Carol Halenar, Elizabeth Schuett, Lori McKinney, Gail Eiden, Annette Nikolich, Jan Kehe, Sue Mauter, Roger Hollenbeck, Susan Klemstein, and Kris Shafer.

Support Positions

The team could not take the field without LOTS of support in various positions. Lisa Schindler, Jennifer Corsaw, Sheryl Grandt, and Amy Udoni are ready to



put their administrative and organizational skills to use in scheduling, social media, and correspondence. Sheryl Grandt and Carol Halenar may double-team as photographers, and Annette Nikolich is already putting her All-Star experience to work writing grants to bring in funding for the team. There are many people behind the scenes offering to sew bandanas, so our dog will have a variety of uniforms in which to provide prayer support both today and in the future.

Caregivers

The team cannot join the league without a primary home and a back-up home. We are blessed that we may have the choice of two back-up homes and we are praying that those who are considering being our dog's main residence will decide yes soon, so we can take the field by Fall of 2024.

What can you do? THE TEAM IS NOT YET FULL! There is plenty of room so please contact our Top Dog/Coach, Kris Shafer on the Church Center app or by texting WOOF to 847-977-5066.



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Comfort Dog Ministry
Top Dog/Coach







Care Ministry: GriefShare, DivorceCare, Visitation, and Prayer



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Churches are known for many different ministries and actions like preaching about Jesus, great children's ministry, youth ministry, and other activities and actions.

Prince of Peace is known for our Care Ministry, especially GriefShare. This ministry is life changing for those who participate and lead. Don't take my word for it. Read what the leaders have to say:

When asked about her favorite part of the ministry, JoAnn Wiemann stated, "Witnessing the transforming love of Jesus helping people move forward in their grief journey."

Jan Kehe chimed in, "Seeing the difference in emotions from participants at Week 1 vs. Week 14. Many times, their entire outlook, attitude, spiritual health, and emotional health has taken an 'about face,' turning from anger and anxiety to hope and peace." This ministry does not end after the 14-week class as Jan continued to state, "There are two groups from the GriefShare sessions of the past three years that have stayed particularly "tight" with one another far beyond the GriefShare sessions. To see friendships develop that began in the most desperate and sorrowful times and yet have become sources of

light and hope and love is absolutely a glimpse of God at work!"

GriefShare is not the only Care Ministry Prince of Peace offers. Through **Visitation Ministry**, team members make regular visits and phone calls to people who need a friend and/or help.

A robust **Prayer Ministry** sends prayer requests to a team of prayer warriors, and employs a team that will pray with you after worship services. POP also has an awesome new prayer room with different tactile and meditative prayer styles. Check out room number 16, next to Pastor Matt's office.

"Prayer is here to stay. It's one of the ways that God communicates with us, shows us his grace, too," Carole Lange stated about the POP prayer ministry. "I can care for other people through prayer. Prayer is very powerful. God hears our every word."

Two teams—Team Cheer and Team Cards—have combined to form one large **Card Ministry**. These members send cards to people on POP's weekly prayer list and to those with ongoing health and/or care needs.

Finally, **DivorceCare** is back! This support group gathers weekly to heal and find peace in the middle or post divorce through the love of Jesus.

Do you have a heart for showing care to others? All these serving teams are welcoming new members. Contact Pastor Matt for more information.

From the Board of Directors



The Prince of Peace Board of Directors has continued to engage with Pastor Karl in the development of our ministry goals and plans.

On September 16, POP board and staff members came together for a very productive “lock-in” to workshop our key initiatives and direction. Teams broke out to

provide input to the current Prince of Peace Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis. In addition, we discussed ways to enhance facilitation and understanding of the current Prince of Peace Vision Frame.

The Board Endowment committee is working with Pastor Karl to develop goals for the utilization of the Prince of Peace Endowment Fund, which currently holds a balance \$298,764.

Based on recent institutional banking failures, POP board and staff have moved our assets to a bank that allows for greater protections above the FDIC limits.

If you have questions or concerns for the Board of Directors, please email board@pop.church. You may also reach any Board member using the contact information provided in the Church Center directory.





News from



CROSSPOINT LUTHERAN CHURCH



Crosspoint has had quite a year since they chartered as an independent congregation in August 2022.

They had a fantastic Christmas and Easter Holiday season, celebrating Christ's story with our church and new friends from the community. Crosspoint has seen growth in attendance, membership, and giving throughout the year. They have welcomed 10 new members, had the honor of baptizing six people and hosting two weddings! At Crosspoint, **"life is best connected with God"** and the members and staff at Crosspoint love seeing new faces and friends.

In May 2023, Pastor John Scott took a call to serve as the Senior Pastor at Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church in Ashburn, Virginia. This was a massive change for Crosspoint because Pastor John was the founding and only Pastor they have known. The Board of Directors and congregation voted to promote Vicar Tyler Coyne to full time in John's absence. They have been blown away by how members have stepped up, served, loved, and encouraged in this time of transition.

Prince of Peace has been a huge blessing to Crosspoint, as well. The financial support POP has given Vicar Tyler for his schooling has allowed him to learn and step up confidently in this new role. The blessing doesn't go unnoticed. Crosspoint is currently creating a call committee as Tyler will be ordained next June and can officially be called to Crosspoint.

Crosspoint thanks you for your support, prayer, and friendship over the last 13 years. Though this past year has found them in a big season of change, they have been incredibly blessed by our church, and our community. God has shown that He knows best, how His timing is perfect, and that His faithfulness and goodness never ceases! Praise God for who He is! Please pray for a fruitful 2024, trusting in who God is and whom He has created us (and Crosspoint) to be. To Him be the glory!





EMAIL US AT PRA

BIG NEWS! The Coyne family is expecting their second baby... and it's a girl! Audrey, Tyler, and Oliver are all excited for this next little adventure.

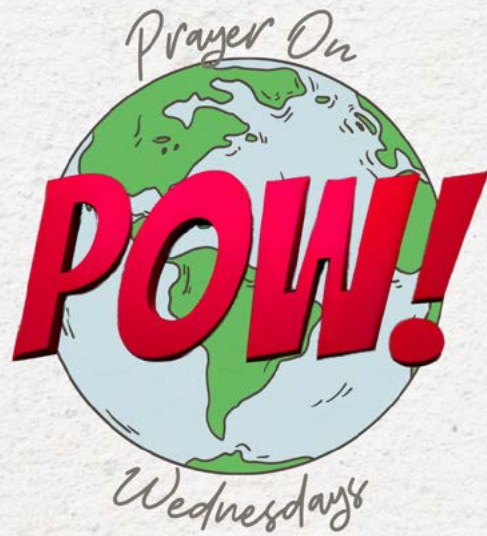




POPEvents

New events are added regularly. Here are a few to note. Look for "Things to Do at POP" on the Church Center mobile app or at www.pop.church for the latest information and a full list of events and serving opportunities.

Nov 22	Thanksgiving Eve
	▪ Worship @ 7pm ▪ Pie Fellowship ▪ Christmas Decorating
Dec 15	Hope-Filled Holiday FMSC Packing Event
Dec 3	Voters Informational Meeting
Dec 10	Voters Meeting
Dec 16	Big Band Christmas Concert
Dec 16-17	Christmas Sing-Along and Ugly Sweater Contest
Dec 23	Christmas Worship
	5:00pm ▪ Jazz
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship
	10:30am, 1pm ▪ Traditional 3pm ▪ Jazz 11pm ▪ Kithara Harp Trio
Dec 25	Christmas Day
	No Services
Dec 26	Church Office Closed through Jan. 1
Dec 30	Worship 5pm
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Worship 10:30am
Jan 1	New Year's Day Christmas Undecorating
Jan 12	Game Night
Jan 14	Discover Class
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Worship + Potluck
Mar 3	First Communion Workshop Discover Class
Mar 24	Palm Sunday
Mar 28	Maundy Thursday First Communion during worship
March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter Sunday
Apr 20-21	Rite of Confirmation during 5pm & 10:30am Worship



As we approach the Advent Season, we invite you to join us for a special mid-week opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Advent POW (Prayer on Wednesdays) promises four enriching evenings—November 29, December 6, December 13, and December 20—filled with fellowship, worship, and learning.

Shared Meals: Each Wednesday during Advent, we will come together as a community to share a meal, giving you a night off of dinner prep these four weeks, and allowing others to share their gifts of hospitality.

Time of Worship: Following our shared meal, we will gather for a time of worship, allowing us to center our hearts and minds on the coming Savior.

Exploring Advent: For those who are able to stay, we will delve deeper into God's Word.



discover peace. together.

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