

# PEACE CONNECTIONS

Special Edition ~ August, 2019  
Christian Education Classes for Adults and Children

## Confirmation Class 2019

“If ever the church is to flourish again, one must begin by instructing the young.” ~ Martin Luther

All seventh and eighth graders, and any ninth graders who have not been confirmed in the church, are invited to join our Confirmation Class. We use a two-year rotating model based on the re:form curriculum, changing topics every other year. This fall, our program will focus on Jesus, and on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Parents and students are invited to meet at 12:15 pm on Sunday, August 18, to learn about the program, expectations, and schedule. Starting on September 8, we will meet over bag lunches approximately twice a month on Sundays from 12:15 – 1:45 pm. We hope that all our students will also participate in our service day for God’s Work Our Hands on September 22, and will join in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 27, when our ninth graders will be confirmed in their membership.

Come and see! . . . what God is doing in your life!  
Pr. Robin Craig

## This issue:

Confirmation Class 2019  
PAGE 01

Christian Education Classes  
PAGE 02

Adult Gospel Study  
Discovery Group  
PAGE 03

Adult Interact Class  
Wednesday Bible Study  
Women’s Discipleship Group  
Adult Forum  
Prince of Peace Staff  
PAGE 04

# Christian Education Sunday School Classes

As the 2019-2020 school year approaches, so does our preparations for our Prince of Peace Christian Education year. Our Sunday school year begins on Rally Day, September 15th. We have planned a collaborative art project; this “Sonshine” project will brighten our Christian Education hallway for years to come and we hope you choose to participate.

Many exciting and new activities that encourage faith engagement and community service are part of our schedule this year. Our class structures are as follows:

Children ages 4 and under are encouraged to attend the nursery during Sunday school hour. The nursery will have children’s music and activities facilitated by Megan. It is at the discretion of parents as to whether your four-year-old attends nursery or PreK classroom.

Our Prekindergarten – Kindergarten class (ages 4 and 5), taught by Laurel Covell and Rikki Wilhelm (we are looking for an additional team to help teach), uses the SPARK Activate Faith curriculum. With interactive lessons, the children begin to explore and learn about our faith and the bible.

The 1st – 2nd grade class, taught by Kathy Kettler, Fran Molnar and Emily Saunders uses the SPARK Activate Faith curriculum which builds a lasting foundation of faith and Bible engagement.

The 3rd – 6th grade class, facilitated by John Bontempo, Chrissy Frey and Beverly Braun will delve into two realms of faith: bible study and community service. Each month children will participate in a community service project that includes hands on work and collaboration with POP members and committees. Bible study will consist of learning to use the bible, following the church ecumenical calendar, studying women in the bible and first communion.

The 7th – 8th grade class, facilitated by Matt Wenham uses the CoLABorate: Bible Study curriculum which allows students to discover the history and richness of Old and New Testaments using proven learning methods such as problem-based learning and helps youth take an honest look at the holy mystery and the complexity of Scripture to move them onto a path of growth and discovery. The lessons each Sunday will be chosen to coincide with confirmation class lessons.

The 9th – 12th youth classes are facilitated by our Youth Director, Hilary Lucas. Current events, social issues, guest speakers and what it means to be a Christian in today’s society are all topics of discussion in class. Youth are also involved in group activities and community service outside of our Sunday school hour.

All are welcome to participate; we look forward to seeing you!

Beverly Braun, Christian Education Coordinator  
For more information, go to: [Prince of Peace Christian Education](#)

## Calendar

SUNDAYS AT 10:10 AM

Christian Education  
Adult Gospel Study  
Adult Interact Class  
Adult Forum

TUESDAYS

Discovery Group  
*2nd & 4th Tuesday of month*

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Bible Study  
Women's Discipleship  
*3rd Wednesday of month*

## Youth at Prince of Peace

Youth at PoP is geared towards both Confirmation and High School students. This year we are going to be joining the 7-8th graders on service activities and fun events with our 9-12th graders so they can all start building relationships for the 2021 Youth Gathering trip. Youth Kick Off Sunday will be September 15th at 12pm. Lunch will be provided and 7-12th graders and their parents are encouraged to attend. At the meeting a calendar of events for the year will be distributed and after the meeting the youth will go out to an Escape Room and ice cream to really kick off the year! Throughout the year, youth can look forward to lock-ins, fundraising events, service projects around the greater Cleveland area!

Every Sunday starting September 15th, 9-12 graders are welcomed to "Faith Impact" class where we discuss how our faith impacts our life and how our every day lives impact our faith. Class discussions are open to all topics and topics can be provided by youth for class discussion. Faith Impact class will also be using various videos, YouTube channels, and current events for discussions.

Hope to see you there!  
Hilary Lucas

## Adult Gospel Study

*2019 Sunday, between services, in the Library on the upper level.*

The Adult Gospel Study discussion group meets regularly Sunday between services. We draw people who attend each service to discuss the Scriptural lessons used during the service each week. If you see us gathering or see us talking, come on in!

This small group continues to meet during the summer and will continue each Sunday during August and September, except for any Sunday with a single service.

Bibles and Bible study experience are welcome but not required. Readings and prayer of the day are provided. Visitors, new members, old regulars and all family and friends are welcome. We do have out of town visitors, children and grandchildren join us and participate.

You are welcome to attend as you are able and join any class while in session. Mark Givens is the regular facilitator of this discussion group. Other volunteers may also lead on specific Sundays.

## Discovery Group

We are headed into our 21st year of study of the scriptures and of the prayers we offer up in this Group. The Discovery Group began in 1998 back at the former St. Andrew Lutheran Church on Clague Rd in N Olmsted. When St. Andrew merged with POP in January of 2008, the St. Andrew Discovery Group continued on as before and became the Prince of Peace Discovery Group.

This fall we will begin our Discovery Year on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 10:00 am in the Prince of Peace library. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday from September 10 through December 10, 2019. We break for winter, resuming our sessions again from Tuesday, March 10 through June 26, 2020.

During Discovery 2018-2019, we have been exploring and discussing Scripture from a booklet called Engaging God's Word. The focus of our study this current calendar year is from the book of Deuteronomy.

In calendar year 2020, we will begin our study from the bestselling Annual Bible Commentary resource known as "International Sunday School Lessons" – a series of international Bible Lessons which covers both books from the Old as well as the New Testaments.

Anyone at Prince of Peace or a friend or relative of someone at PoP is invited to join us. Your presence in our midst would truly be a blessing to us and hopefully to you as well as we honor and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May God bless each and every one of you at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Joe Frantz, Moderator for the PoP Discovery Group

## Adult Interact Class

Interact is a small group that wrestles with contemporary issues. Some of the members have even referred to it as "Christianity for Dummies". We are a very informal, open group that loves having new people join our discussions introducing different perspectives on things. While we do try to stay on topic, it is not unusual to find our discussions going in a very different direction sometimes addressing a current event or a topic that has the attention of a member in the group. We occasionally identify books to read but our goal is always to structure our discussions so that they are independent of each other so if you miss a class, no big deal. Please join us 10:15(ish) in the Charter Room (Administrative Wing). Classes begin Sunday, September 15, 2019. Lead by Dave Saunders.

## Wednesday Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study is changing focus and time for the Fall. We will be reading and discussing a spiritual classic, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard J. Foster. If you've ever wondered how to incorporate prayer or study or solitude into your life, or asked how worship serves as a spiritual practice, this is the class for you!

Please purchase the book and accompanying workbook journal in advance – both are available on Amazon or can be ordered from your local bookstore. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. starting on September 11, 2019. As always, you are welcome to come once, once in a while, or every week. Pastor Robin is a certified spiritual director as well as an ordained pastor, and has led many retreats on spiritual practices. She's looking forward to sharing this gold mine of Christian spirituality with friends at Prince of Peace. Feel free to invite other friends as well!

## Women's Discipleship Group

A women's group that meets every third Wednesday of the month. Lead by Becky Kear.

## Adult Forum

Guest speakers share insight on selected topics of general interest during the Christian Education Hour on an intermittent basis.

## Prince of Peace Staff

Pastor Robin Craig  
revrobincraigprinceofpeace@gmail.com

Judy Kazak, Congregational Care Coordinator  
julykazak@yahoo.com

### Administrative:

- Mary Humer, Marketing & Comm. Manager  
princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com
- Sue Iceman, Operations Manager  
princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

### Christian Education:

- Beverly Braun, Christian Education Coord.  
christianeducation.pop@gmail.com
- Hilary Lucas, Youth Director  
poplutheranyouth@gmail.com

### Worship Music:

- Ian Faleer, Chancel Choir Director
- Don Jackson, Organist
- Cindy Strieter, Contemporary Music Director

James & Lisa Arrigo, Sextons  
jamespopwestlake@gmail.com

Dave Saunders, Church Council President  
david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com

28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145  
440/871-5565  
www.princeofpeacewestlake.org  
princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com