



Glad Tidings



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

April 2017

Holy Week

Worship: Join us during Holy Week as we journey with Jesus to the Cross and Empty Tomb! We'll gather for:

Palm Sunday, April 9 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 14 at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15 *No Service*

Resurrection Run, April 16 at

5:45, 6:00, 6:15, & 6:45 am

Easter Sunday, April 16

Worship at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am (a different Sunday worship schedule)



Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 9:45 am



Lent:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/lent17.html>

Holy Week:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/holyweek17.html>

Easter:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/easter17.html>

Easter Morning Resurrection Run!

Those fabulous **Sunday** morning runs/walks have precedence in the Bible as the women RAN from the tomb because they couldn't contain their excitement! Here at PoP we are going to greet Easter morning with our own Resurrection Run/Walk. All distances and paces are welcome and we will conclude our Run/Walk with a hymn around the fire and donuts. Each group will have two different speed 'coaches' and the 'coaches' will have map routes so nobody gets lost.

5:45am: 5+mile loop leaves from PoP

6:00am: 3+mile loop leaves from PoP

6:15am: 1+mile loop leaves from PoP

6:45am: hymn, donuts, and fire (AKA how runners worship the risen Christ)



Lenten Sharing Bags are due April 9.

Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to serve during the **Holy Week and Easter Sunday services**. Sign-up sheets are posted on the window in the narthex; please sign up if you are available to serve at any of these services. Thanks!

Lenten Soup Supper

We need food donations for our final Lenten Soup Supper on **Wednesday, April 5th!** Please sign up in the narthex or contact [Pamela Cook](#) if you are able to bring soup, salad, or bread. Our other Soup Suppers have been sponsored by: Fellowship Team, Women's Book Group, Church Council, and Choir; we thank them along with Pamela Cook & Melanie Zobel!

Easter Eggs

We need filled Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Sunday!** We have some empty recycled eggs that are available in the foyer; just pick up, fill, and return them by 8:30 am on Easter morning. Please email Kim Drissel (Drissels@comcast.net) if you would like to donate filled eggs (indicate number of eggs) or if you can help with the Easter Egg Hunt (9:45 am). Thanks for helping with this popular, annual event!



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar this Easter, please have your order and payment in by **Sunday, April 9**. Lilies and hyacinths are available for \$12/each. Flowers can be donated in honor or memory of a friend or loved one and may be taken home after the last Easter service. Order forms are available in the narthex.



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From Pastor Steve...

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“Do not be afraid.” (Matthew 28:5) These were the first words spoken by the angel to the women at the empty tomb. At first glance, these words simply seem to mean “don’t be afraid of the angel.” Most people who see angels in the Bible are afraid of them, and before anybody can pay attention to what the angel has to say, the angel first has to assure folks that they don’t need to be afraid of the messenger.

But the angel wasn’t all that they had to be afraid of. In fact, the women - and all the early disciples - really couldn’t be blamed for being afraid. The same temple authorities who wanted Jesus dead also wanted them dead. The Romans, who crucified Jesus under the charge that he was a threat to the Roman Empire, continued to believe that Jesus’ followers might be a threat as well. And many of the disciples’ friends and family members wanted nothing to do with them after they decided that Jesus was the Messiah.

It was a scary world that the first disciples lived in, even after the Resurrection of Jesus. And so perhaps the words “do not be afraid” aren’t simply the assurance that the angel won’t hurt them. Perhaps “do not be afraid” is the key to living in the light of the Resurrection.

For in fact, not being afraid in spite of the scary stuff around them was one of the key characteristics of the early Christian community. The first disciples were willing to talk about their experience of the Risen Jesus even if people mocked or rejected them. They were willing to live their faith even if it got them thrown into prison. And to the amazement of some of both the Jewish and Roman authorities, their confidence in Jesus’ Resurrection even made them not be afraid of death anymore.

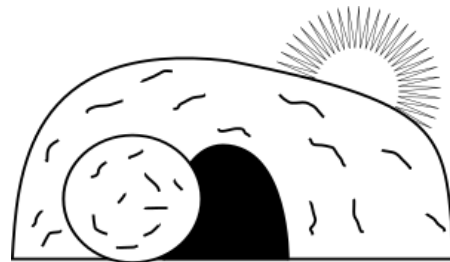
While most of us don’t face the kinds of threats for our faith that the early disciples faced, our world is still filled with lots of things that really do threaten us and our neighbors. There’s a lot to be afraid of. And yet, when we can live without fear because of our faith in Jesus’ new

life for us and for the whole world, we also bear witness to the Resurrection in ways that our words alone never could.

And living without fear is NOT the belief that bad things won’t happen to us. (The first disciples knew that bad things would be in store for them, too.) Instead, living without fear means living in a way that the fear doesn’t control us. It means living in a way that fear isn’t the most significant thing anymore. In fact, it means living in such a way that our confidence in Jesus’ gift of new life empowers us to move forward in life in spite of any fears we have.

“Do not be afraid.” It’s the first gift of the Resurrection. It’s the way we show forth the Resurrection in our lives. And it’s the first step in living into the new and eternal life that Jesus has already begun to give us.

Yours in Christ,



April Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar

9:45 am Sunday School (except 4/9 & 4/16)

11:00 am Worship with organ and piano

A Supervised nursery is available during all Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women’s Bible Study

Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Adult Choir

Every Thursday

6:30 pm Youth Hand Bell Choir

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

8:00 am Men’s Group

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

COMING UP...

April

- 1 April Fools' Day
- 5 Soup Supper/Evening Prayer (pg 1)
- 5 Finance Committee Meeting
- 9 Palm Sunday (pg 1)
- 9 No Sunday School (pp 2, 4)
- 11 Church Council Meeting
- 13 Maundy Thursday Service (pg 1)
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- 13 Church Council Meeting

For a current calendar, see:

http://poplutheran.org/Media/calendars/pop_calendar.pdf

SPECIAL PRAYERS

. . . My need was met because someone came and communicated . . . in words I could not express. . . .

Pastor John B. McGarvey

PoP Members

Eardie Baka, Elizabeth Langum Chung, David family, Alex Garretson, Steven Hill, Roy Johnson, Pat Juhrs, Mike & Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Nancy Swanson, Laura Wilson.

Sympathy

Family of Judy Herron Brown (sister of Jim Herron)

Family of Clifford "Kip" Forlines (cousin of Tom Kettler)

Thanksgiving

Birth of Quinn Sullivan Lafrinere (grandson of Lesa & Steve Sullivan)

Baptism of Rylan Nazelrod (daughter of Lauren & Richard Nazelrod; granddaughter of Melinda (Fox) Edwards)

The complete Prayer List is available from the credenza in the narthex and in the Weekly Email sent on Thursdays.



STEWARDSHIP

All PoP Donation Statements for 2016 have been mailed or emailed. If you did not receive one, please contact Helen Griffith at

finsec@poplutheran.org.



ADULT EDUCATION

Women's Retreat

Join us for our Women's Retreat on **April 29th 9:30 am-4:00 pm** at the Kentlands Clubhouse. Our theme this year: *Tiny Beautiful Things*. The day will include conversation, creativity, fun, and JESUS! The cost is \$40, which will cover lunch and incidentals. Please sign up in the narthex. Questions? See Pastor Christine.

Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session on **Tuesday, April 18, 7:30-9:00 pm**. Check the Weekly Email and bulletin insert for location and topic. Come join us! You don't need to sign up, but if you know you're coming, please let Pastor Steve know!

Bible Art Journaling

Bible Art Journaling meets on **Sunday, April 23 from 6-7:30pm!** All are welcome to this devotional class which encourages you to engage actively with the word of God through doodling, illustration, and note-taking in your Bible. We meet once a month, but you do not need to attend every session. Please bring a 'journaling Bible' with you to class. Questions? See Pastor Christine.

PoP Women's Bible Study

We are continuing our discussion of the book Jesus Feminist by Sarah Bessey. We have been able to discuss two chapters each week. You do not have to come every week.

PoP Women's Bible Study meets **every Tuesday at 12:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open, fluid group of women. All are welcome to join us. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch. If you have questions or want to be included on our email distribution list, please contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School Schedule

There will be no Sunday School on **April 9th and 16th** due to MCPS Spring Break and Easter. Sunday School will resume on **April 23rd** and will end on **May 21st**.

Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Easter event will be held **Thursday, April 20 from 6-7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Families with pre-school - elementary age children, and their siblings, are invited for dinner, crafts, a Bible story and fellowship. Sign up in the narthex, email Judy Bruening, or just come! We will provide a main dish. If you would like to bring a side dish/salad or a dessert sign up in the narthex or let Judy know. If you just have younger children, you are welcome to join us for fellowship, too.



Questions? Contact Judy Bruening (Judy.bruening53@gmail.com)

Confirmation Finale Potluck!

The Confirmation class will be holding their end-of-year family potluck on **Sunday, May 7** following the late service, (around **12:15pm**.) We celebrate the outgoing Confirmands (scheduled to be confirmed in late October,) and look forward to our younger students moving up to their second Confirmation year! We also thank ALL parents and adults who have faithfully served the Confirmation program this year!

Sunday School

This February, the Middle School Sunday School class served local elementary school, Stedwick Elementary, by helping to make games to donate to the kindergarten classes. Led by Meredith Kuykendall, they learned about how educational games can blend learning and having fun! Mrs. Kuykendall has since reported that the kindergartners are greatly enjoying the games that the Middle School class helped create.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Yard Sale!

It's time to start planning for our annual Yard Sale. The date for the Yard Sale is **Saturday, June 3**. Start going through your treasures and outgrown items to collect for yard sale drop off beginning **Sunday, May 28** after the church service. If you are interested in helping with planning, contact the office (office@poplutheran.org). Keep your eyes open for announcements of more ways to help before and during the Yard Sale.

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars and tell your friends, Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School 2017 is scheduled for **July 17th - 21st (9am-12pm)**. This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory - Created by God and Built for a Purpose".

VBS is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. **Registration forms will be available on the Prince of Peace website as well as at the church starting in May.** Registration fee is \$50 per participant with a max of \$150 per family. Each family will receive a CD of the VBS music and a T-shirt for each child. Need based scholarships are available.

Join us for a wildly creative, inventive, interactive, adventure with God. If you have any questions please contact Lori Kohne (lorikohne@hotmail.com).

Interfaith 5K

Mark your calendar for our 2nd annual Montgomery County Interfaith 5K scheduled for **September 4th**.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

YOU CAN *Gaithersburg* **HELP**



Support the Gaithersburg HELP Food Pantry. Currently there is a great need for Cereal! Please leave any non-perishable foods donations in the designated bucket in the foyer. Many thanks for all the ongoing donations!

FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Dinner Out

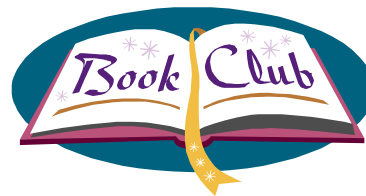
The next Saturday Dinner Out will be **Saturday, April 29, at 6:15 pm** following the Saturday service. This month we will be meeting at Jersey Mike's in the Kentlands (249 Kentlands Blvd). As a reminder, Saturday Dinner Out is a great time to come together and get to know (and eat with!) other families at Prince of Peace in a casual environment. All are welcome - including Sunday Church-goers!

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will discuss Catch-22 by Joseph Heller. "The phrase "Catch-22" has since entered the English language, referring to a type of unsolvable logic puzzle sometimes called a double bind." We will meet at **7:30 pm Thursday, April 20**, at the home of Mike DeGeorge. All men of POP and their male friends are invited for beer, munchies, and good fellowship. Please RSVP to Mike at mpd1023@aol.com.

May: (note the day change)

The Men's Book Club wraps up its 2016-17 season with a discussion of The Arsenal of Democracy by A.J. Baime. "Ford Motor Company and its production of the B-24 Liberator heavy bomber take center stage." We will meet at **7:30 pm, Wednesday, May 17** at the home of Bob Wimmer. All men of POP and their male friends are invited for beer, munchies, and good fellowship. Please RSVP to Bob at robert.wimmer@toyota.com.



Women's Book Group

The Book Group will gather on **Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 pm** to discuss The Widow by Fiona Barton. This novel follows the twists and turns of an unimaginable crime. The Widow is a debut thriller that explores the dark spaces that exist between a husband and a wife. There is a lot Jean hasn't said over the years about the crime her husband was suspected of committing. She

was too busy being the perfect wife, standing by her man while living with the accusing glares and the anonymous harassment. Now, she's a widow, and there is no reason to stay quiet. There are people who want to hear her story. They want to know what it was like living with that man. They want the truth but the one lesson Jean has learned in the last few years is that she can make people believe anything. (324 pages)

All POP women are welcome to attend. RSVP to Susan Victor at her new email address: svictor@asha.org.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

May 11 - Brooklyn

by Colm Toibin
hosted by Lisa Woodard

June 8 - When Breath Becomes Air

by Paul Kalinithi & Abraham Verghese
hosted by Deborah Dixon

July 13 - Hillbilly Elegy

by J. D. Vance
hosted by Judy Bruening

August 10 - Angle of Repose

by Wallace Stegner
hosted by Hope Walker

September 14 - Stones from the River

by Ursula Hegi
hosted by Nancy Speicher

October 12 - Leaving Time

by Jodi Picoult
hosted by June Herron

November 9 - The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts

by Joshua Hammer
hosted by Nancy Morton

December 14 - A Man Called Ove

by Fredrik Bachman
host TBD

January 11 - The Last Days of Night

by Graham Moore
host TBD

RECENT EVENTS



What a difference a day makes. . .



THANK YOU!

Many Thanks to Pamela Cook and Melanie Zobel for the creative seasonal Bulletin Boards they put together throughout the year! Stop by the hallway and checkout their latest creation (and read some of the announcements, too, while you're there).

Many Thanks to Jean Bernstein, Sally Acheson, Martha Rogers, and AJ Oddo along with their crew of adults and youth for the wonderful Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday!

POP OFFICE

Lost & Found!

Each week we find something, usually a travel mug or two! Found items from both buildings are kept in the Narthex coat closet. Claim your items before they are donated to the Yard Sale!

Flower Chart

The Flower Chart has been posted and still has lots of openings! Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a person or special occasion. A donation of \$30 covers the flowers for a week, and they are yours to take home after the late service. Sign up on the Chart posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and place your donation (marked "Altar Flowers") in the Offering. Thanks for adding to our worship experience!



Volunteers Needed for the 11:00 Service!

If you are willing to help out as an Usher or Communion Assistant, please sign up in the narthex or contact the [Office](#). You will be scheduled approximately once every two months.

Recycling Toner/Ink Cartridges

We need your used toner and ink cartridges! Bring them to PoP for recycling and we can get a credit toward purchasing office supplies.



Please leave them in the designated box on the table in the foyer. We can save hundreds of dollars each year through this program. We appreciate those who have already been participating!



Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR is still there to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage](#) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

PoP Phones

We are experiencing phone problems in the Office. If you do not get through, please wait a few minutes and try again. Email is a great way to reach us:

Office - office@poplutheran.org

Pastor Steve - pastor@poplutheran.org

Pastor Christine -

pastorchristine@poplutheran.org

PLEASANT VIEW HISTORIC SITE – VOLUNTEER DAYS IN APRIL

The Pleasant View Historic Trust (which owns the church next door) with Earth Stewardship East received a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to complete a major storm water management, native plant landscaping and public education project. The project kicks off with conservation landscaping on April 22 and 29 (9 am - 1 pm). They're hoping folks from area churches can participate with them.

April 22 (Earth Day) is for everyone aged 8+ and **April 29 (Youth Volunteer Day)** is specifically geared for teens although adults can volunteer, too. Students can earn SSL hours.

Flyers for each work day can be found in the Narthex and posted on the bulletin board. Keep checking back for additional work days. The project will be completed in 2018, in time to mark the 150th anniversary of the purchase of the property by freed slaves.

This will, also, create a more attractive PVHS site encouraging more people to take the time to visit this very interesting place of local history. A greater sense of community tied to this special place will be created with volunteers from area churches helping to carry out this important project.

Please RSVP to Merikay Smith by either email (merikays@verizon.net) or by clicking "Going" on Facebook (Earth Stewardship East).

More information can be found at <http://eartheast.org/new-page/>.

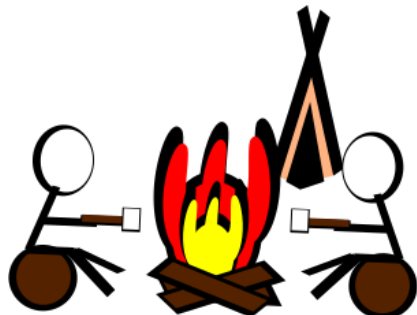


FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Lutheran Social Services (LSS/NCA) has a critical need for new foster parents, especially those willing to open their hearts to youth older than 13 and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors. Each year, as many as 500,000 children in the United States enter the foster care system, including children who have been temporarily removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect and unaccompanied refugee minors (URM) torn from their families by war and violence. Working in partnership with DC Child and Family Services Administration (CFSA), children who have been removed from their home are temporarily placed with foster families until they find permanent adoptive homes or can be reunified with their families. Foster families provide critical support to these children at a critical juncture. Through patience, faith, and love, foster parents help children regain their sense of security and confidence so they can believe in themselves and their futures. While the job of a foster parent can have its challenges, it is an opportunity to have a tremendously positive influence on a child's life. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please visit the LSS website: http://lssnca.org/programs/childrens_services/foster_care.html.

IT'S SUMMER CAMP!

Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp Registration is now open! Send a child or grandchild to week-long camps like Horseback, Hammock, Night Owls, Sports, Wild & Crazy, Arts, and Cooking - something for everyone; located in nearby Jefferson, MD. Brochures are available on the bulletin board; or visit www.mar-lu-ridge.org to view the Summer 2017 Brochure, register online, and download forms for camp. Attend an Open House on **Sunday, April 30 or May 21 (2:00 - 4:30pm)**. Summer Camp is a great adventure; join the fun!



THINK ABOUT IT

The accounting department of a large insurance company was working on year-end reports when the computers went down. An emergency call was put in to the systems analyst. Busy with other troubleshooting, the man didn't appear until three hours later. Yet even then several clerks cheered, "He's here! Our savior!" the analyst said with a smile. "I remember what they did to the last savior."

--Marla J. Kiley

Woman--last at the cross, and earliest at the grave.

--E.S. Barrett

My Sunday school class of kindergarteners was studying the creation story. After several weeks, we were ready to review.

"What did God make the first day?" I quizzed. "The second day?" They answered both questions correctly.

"And what happened on the third day?" I asked.

One little child, face shining with enthusiasm, exclaimed, "He rose from the dead!"

--Michele L. Hardie

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