



Glad Tidings



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Confirmation Finale

As the 2016-17 Confirmation year is coming to a close, we have thoroughly enjoyed our learning, serving, and fellowship experiences this past year! These students have matured far beyond expectations!

Our final gathering will be held on **Sunday, May 7th** as we celebrate our Family Finale Potluck after the **11:00am service (around 12:15pm)**. We look forward to "graduating" the first-year students as they will mentor new friends in the fall, and we celebrate the Confirmation of our second-year students in October!

At the gathering sandwiches, fried chicken, and drinks will be provided - we ask that Confirmation families with last names beginning with the following provide a side dish or dessert:
A-M: Side dish; N-Z: Dessert.

Thank you to ALL the adult/parent volunteers for your dedicated time and efforts to the program this year - we look forward to celebrating an exceptional 2016-17 Confirmation class!

See page 4 for more Confirmation event dates.

On **Sunday, May 7**, PoP will provide dinner for UMD campus ministry (housed in Hope Lutheran of College Park). We need 6-7 people to make and serve dinner for approximately 30 students. We are providing a Taco Bar. We will also have good conversation and a brief time of worship with them. Plan to arrive at **4pm** - Dinner is served at **5pm** and we will be finished by **7pm**. To help, please sign up in the narthex or online <http://signup.com/go/mTjCWIY>. Food should be brought prepared, but can be warmed up there. Questions? See Pastor Christine.

Be sure to join us on **May 21** as we wrap up Sunday School for the summer and recognize our wonderful Sunday School volunteers!



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; sign-up sheets will appear in May. The Yard Sale is a great way to give back to the community, to meet members of the congregation you don't know, and to have FUN!!! The event is also an important fundraiser for the congregation. If each adult member can do at least two of the things on the list below, the event will be a huge success.

1. Say "YES" when approached by a Council member to lead a department.
2. Say "YES" when approached by a Department Head to help with a department.
3. Each time you drop off items, make sure that items arrive at the department they belong; sort clothes into designated sections.
4. After you properly drop off items, donate at least an hour to help with a department that needs it.
5. Have expertise? Help identify valuable items from the mounds of stuff.
6. Work any day/evening with truck pick-up (Sunday-Thursday).
7. Donate needed food items for our "snack bar."
8. Work in departments for at least an hour on June 3 between 7-10 am (the busiest time).
9. Starting the 28th, bring in large sized cardboard boxes, plastic grocery bags and spare hangers for Clothing section.
10. Volunteer to help with clean-up (2 pm on Saturday).

Worshipping together over the summer! This summer, from Memorial Day Weekend (5/28) through Labor Day Weekend (9/3), we will have **ONE Sunday service at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship!** The Saturday 5 pm service will also continue each weekend.



From Pastor Christine...

Pastor Christine Dunn
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As many of you know, last year Prince of Peace co-developed and co-sponsored the first annual Montgomery County Interfaith 5K. Our partners are Shaare Torah and the Islamic Society of the Washington Area. The race exceeded our expectations and we were able to give away over \$3300 to Gaithersburg HELP, along with food donations. We anticipate this year will be even better.

Since we are striving to be an all-county event, we have partnered with an additional beneficiary this year. This year our proceeds will be evenly distributed between Gaithersburg HELP and C-4. Gaithersburg HELP predominately serves the western side of Montgomery County, meeting the basic need of food, infant needs and transportation. C-4, which predominately serves the eastern side of the county, meets the basic need of clothing, infant needs, and school supplies. Both organizations distribute necessities at no charge to the recipient and depend upon monetary and material donations.

The Interfaith 5K helps to support the most fragile among us, while also helping to foster stronger community. Our board is made up of people from the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faith traditions. Part of our desire in hosting an event (rather than just gathering items/money) is to provide a safe and fun atmosphere for people from all over the county to interact with one another. Last year we had many comments about the positive conversations that participants had with others. This race is a great witness to how people of faith can come together to engender real and good change in the world.

This year, our race is Monday, September 4, 2017. The day includes a 5K, a tot-trot, and a fun run. It is a great way to spend your Labor Day morning. Please mark your calendars. You may run, walk, or volunteer to help.

Finally, we need sponsors! If you work for or own a business that might be willing to be a sponsor, please see me. Sponsorships start as low as \$250.

Every bit helps. If you have questions, please let me know. I'd love to talk your ear off about it.

May Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar
9:45 am Sunday School
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...

May

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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, Mark Berninger, Elizabeth Langum Chung, David family, Alex Garretson, John Goble, Steven Hill, Roy Johnson, Pat Juhrs, Mike & Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Dick Walker, Laura Wilson

Thanksgiving

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

Birth of Robert Winfield Reynolds (grandson of Cherie & Mike DeGeorge)

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Recognition of Graduates

Celebrating a Graduation this year? We are having a special Recognition of Graduates on **Sunday, June 11th**. If you or someone in your household is graduating, please email a brief bio to office@poplutheran.org by **Thursday, June 1st** including: Name, School, Degree (include any honors), and Post-graduation plans. Thanks!

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** (<http://poplutheran.org/childrenyouth/forms/VBS%20Registration%20Form%202017.pdf>) are available on the Prince of Peace website (http://poplutheran.org/childrenyouth/vbs_2017.html) as well as at the church. 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).

Registration Flash Sale May 1-2 for Interfaith 5K

The MoCo Interfaith 5k is back! We will be having our 2nd annual race on Labor Day Monday, Sept. 4, 2017. **Registration opens May 1 with a Friends and Family Flash Sale.** For 2 days only, registration will be \$20 per runner. Sign up early to take advantage of this great rate!

www.mocointerfaith5k.org

STEWARDSHIP

Electronic Giving

To donate right now or become an E-Giver, go to www.poplutheran.org or scan this QR code with your smart phone or tablet. Thanks for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace!



Mulch Mountain

Disappearing Day – 2017

Our church landscaping is overdue for a fresh layer of mulch. Volunteers are solicited for May 13th, (Saturday, 9am to noon) to help move the mountain of mulch that will be on our parking lot. Areas will be weeded, edged and ready. If you have and can bring wheelbarrows and other appropriate tools, that will help. Please sign up in online (<http://signup.com/go/JcjTypm>) or the narthex so our crew size can be estimated. Thank you!

ADULT EDUCATION

Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session. Keep an eye on the Weekly Email and bulletin inserts for day, time, 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, May 21 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

Keep an eye on the Weekly Email and bulletin inserts for the topic of study starting in May.

PoP Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You do not have to come every week.



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).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The Auxiliary at the Village at Rockville

Membership Drive

Look for our annual membership drive for the Auxiliary coming in May! Enrich the lives of the residents of the Village at Rockville (formerly the National Lutheran Home) by joining The Auxiliary. The Auxiliary provides the "extras" that make life for the residents an enjoyable experience: birthday parties and gifts, bus trips, Christmas gifts, hearing aid batteries, etc. Join or renew your membership between services or leave your membership form in the POP Office. Contact Donna Von Wald (dlhsjvw@rcn.com) for more info.

The Village at Rockville is also a great place to volunteer. It is conveniently located near Darnestown Rd and Glen Mill Rd. There are many opportunities to volunteer such as reading to or visiting residents, wheelchair escorts, administrative duties, leading activities, and sharing your talents. Pick up a Volunteer brochure at POP or contact Volunteer Services (301-354-8466, volunteers@thevillageatrockville.org). There are also opportunities for students to earn SSL hours.

Bloomin' Spring Sale

The Auxiliary at the Village at Rockville is holding a Bloomin' Spring Sale on Saturday, May 6 from 9:30am-1:00pm. All proceeds benefit Resident activities. Enjoy bargains galore: a variety of beautiful plants, birdhouses and planters made by a few of our residents, jewelry, baked goods/candy, and gift shop items. Located nearby at 9701 Veirs Drive, near Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road in Rockville.

FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Dinner Out

The next Saturday Dinner Out will be **Saturday, May 20, at 6:15 pm** following the Saturday service. This month we will be meeting at **California Tortilla (12211 Darnestown Road)**. 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!

Empty Nesters

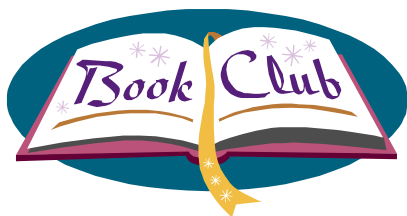
The Empty Nesters will have a barbecue get-together at the home of Nancy and Chet Wolejsza on **Saturday, May 20 at 6:30 pm** to welcome the spring and summer grilling season! We will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, & kielbasa (and wine & beer). Bring a dish to share. RSVP to Nancy (nawolejsza@aol.com) or sign up in the narthex.

At PoP, you're an Empty Nester if your children (if you have any) are all over 18. It doesn't matter whether you have children, where your children live, what your marital status is, or what your retirement status is. If you want to socialize with this diverse and interesting group, join us!

Men's Book Club

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, Tuesday, May 16** 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

Colm Tóibín's sixth novel, Brooklyn, is set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s, when one young woman crosses the ocean to make a new life for herself.

Eilis Lacey has come of age in small-town Ireland in the hard years following World War Two. When an Irish priest from Brooklyn offers to sponsor Eilis in America -- to live and work in a Brooklyn neighborhood "just like Ireland", she decides she must go, leaving her fragile mother and her charismatic sister behind.

Eilis finds work in a department store on Fulton Street, and when she least expects it, finds love. Tony, who loves the Dodgers and his big Italian family, slowly wins her over with patient charm. But just as Eilis begins to fall in love with Tony, devastating news from Ireland threatens the promise of her future. (262 pages)

Lisa Woodard will host at her home on **May 11 at 7:30 pm**. RSVP to Lisa (woodard4@comcast.net).

Future Book Selections and Hosts

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Preschool/Kindergarten Parables

As they learned the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, the Preschool/Kindergarten class made Cheerio crispy sheep with pretzel legs for snack. They also made lost sheep bottles filled with rice. Inside, they hid a sheep, a heart, a cross, and two coins which could be found by twisting and turning the bottle.



Holy Week Classes

Sunday School classes prepared for Easter by learning about the events of Holy Week in a variety of ways. These included:



discussion and



song in Opening,



reading the
Easter story in
Preschool/
Kindergarten,



And making
yummy palm tree
treats



and mini
quiches in
Elementary
classes.



All classes, Preschool
through High School,
joined Faithful
Families in making
decorative squares
which became the
Palm Sunday path in
the sanctuary.



Confirmation Save the Dates!

The Fall Confirmation Retreat for current first-year and new incoming Confirmation students is scheduled for **October 13-14, 2017 (Fri/Sat)**.

The Confirmation ceremony for current second-year Confirmands is scheduled for **Sunday, October 29, 2017 during the 11:00am service**. There will also be Faith Statement workshops held in the fall leading up to the date of Confirmation.

We will GREATLY miss our outgoing students and look forward to making new friends in the fall!

Thanks to ALL the adult/parent volunteers who dedicated their valuable time and talents this year - without you, the program would not have succeeded!

Have a great summer!

RECENT EVENTS



Marching in with palms on Palm Sunday.



...and the race is on!



How many eggs do I have?



The end of a busy, but fun (!), hunt.



Learning what 'Alleluia' means.



Celebrating Easter!

THANK YOU!

Sharing Bags

"Thank you!" to Becky Carr and Marybeth Stockman for coordinating the project; and to all those who donated: THANK YOU for making this drive so successful!

Here is the tally for the sharing bags:

Interfaith Works

54 packages of underwear

24 packages of socks

24 packages of T-shirts

23 bottles of shampoo, 15 large toothpaste, 75 toothbrushes

24 rolls of paper towels

88 rolls of toilet paper

Youth Haven Camp

24 flashlights

22 swim goggles

38 boxes of individually wrapped snacks

9 new bed pillows

1 large bag full of travel sized toiletries

12 sets of markers

4 gift cards

Eggs for Our Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to everyone who donated filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt! If you would like to recycle your plastic Easter eggs, leave them in the bucket in the foyer and we'll reuse them next year.

Easter Flowers

Many Thanks to all who donated Easter Flowers!



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!



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

OTHER NEWS

It's Summer Camp!

It's time to register for Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp in nearby Jefferson, MD. Are you ready for the best week of your summer? We have camps for any interest: Horseback, Hammock, Night Owls, Sports, Wild & Crazy, Arts, Cooking, Makers, and so much more! Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp offers Day and Residential camp opportunities for ages 6-17, plus Family Camp and Grand Adventure. Join us at an Open House on **May 21 from 2-4:30pm**; it's a great way to see the camp and meet our staff! Visit our website (<http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>) to view the brochure and choose your camp today!

Hospice Caring, Inc. New Volunteer Training In Silver Spring

Hospice Caring, Inc. is looking for new volunteers to take part in their upcoming training sessions on May 9, 10 and 11! They are looking for passionate individuals interested in volunteering as hospice caregivers (their primary need) and facilitators for both adult and children's bereavement groups. The training sessions, led by community professionals, cover topics such as communication, active listening, understanding grief, cultural competency and self-care. Newly trained Hospice Caring caregiver volunteers will provide companionship, home assistance and transportation to patients in need. Volunteer facilitators will assist in leading adult bereavement support groups, children's school-based Good Grief clubs and Health Classes. Training will take place from 8:30 am to 4 pm during the three-day period in Silver Spring (at LifeMatters, 8757 Georgia Ave. #600, Silver Spring, MD 20910). To register for training, please contact Penny Gladhill at pennyg@hospicecaring.org or [301-990-8904](tel:301-990-8904). For more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board or visit www.HospiceCaring.org.

Lead the Way



Registration is open for the 5th Annual Derek Sheely LEAD THE WAY Fun Run/Walk on Saturday June 10 at 8:40 am at Northwest High School in Germantown. There's a unique stadium start and finish, medals for all finishers, music, food, and door prizes!

THE DEREK SHEELY FOUNDATION, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was created to increase awareness of concussions, including supporting advancements in education, prevention, and treatment for all causes of traumatic brain injuries, with a focus on youth sports. **THE DEREK SHEELY FOUNDATION** is named in honor of Derek Thomson Sheely, a strong and healthy honor student, member of Prince of Peace, captain of his Northwest High School football team, and a two-time academic all-conference selection in college. In August 2011, during practice for his senior season at Frostburg State University, Derek suffered a brain injury. He did not recover. We believe that Derek died from Second Impact Syndrome, which is when a second concussion is sustained before the brain can recover from a first concussion.

THE DEREK SHEELY FOUNDATION educates young children and their parents about the signs, symptoms, dangers, and prevention of concussions so children can continue to enjoy sports safely. We have distributed nearly 8,000 Concussion Awareness Kits in 16 states, and our annual Race held in honor of Derek, who wore #40, raises money for this grassroots effort.

The Sheely family is dedicated to preventing other families from suffering through the devastating effects of concussions, and hope you will join us in this important cause. Please help us prevent traumatic brain injuries from affecting someone you know.

[REGISTER NOW](http://www.thederekshelyfoundation.org)
(www.thederekshelyfoundation.org)

[DONATE NOW](http://www.thederekshelyfoundation.org/donate/)
(www.thederekshelyfoundation.org/donate/)

Thank you for your continued help. Because of your support, we will award our sixth scholarship

next month, and we have distributed nearly 10,000 Concussion Awareness Kits in 19 states over the past six years. We will strive to educate others on the dangers of traumatic brain injuries, making sure that Derek's story is told to help others.

THINK ABOUT IT

Seth, our curious five-year-old, couldn't keep his eyes off us when we were taking Communion. A few seconds later, I stole a peek—he was watching his daddy at prayer after receiving the elements. "Good parental example," I thought.

My gratification was short-lived as Seth leaned over and whispered to me, "What's in that stuff? You eat it and go right to sleep."

--Sherri Yates

One weekend my little brother was visiting our grandparents in another town. They took him to church with them, and one Sunday after church, he asked what Communion was all about.

Granddad replied, "That was Jesus' last supper."

My little brother replied, "Boy, they didn't give him much, did they?"

--Elaine Borcher

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