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During the [Wednesdays in Lent](#) (March 12 - April 9), we will have soup suppers 6:15-7:15 pm and Evening Prayer 7:15-7:45 pm. You can help by bringing soup, salad or bread. Signup sheets are in the narthex. Please consider inviting a friend who might benefit from experiencing God's peace and community.



The link for our Lent page is: <http://poplutheran.org/worship/lent14.html>

Easter Flowers ~ If you would like to donate flowers for the altar this Easter, please have your order and payment in by Sunday, April 13. 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.

It's that time again! Please email Kim Drissel (Drissels@comcast.net) if you would like to donate some stuffed eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt (indicate the number of eggs). We have some empty recycled eggs that will be in the Egg Depot in the narthex so that you can just pick them up and return them filled. Also, please email me if you would like to help with the Easter Egg hunt. Thanks for helping with this annual, popular event!

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!

Food for the Easter Vigil - please sign up in the narthex if you can bring hor d'oeuvres, cheese or a dessert for the "first feast" of Easter after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19 at 8:00 pm.

Holy Week Worship: Join us during Holy Week as we journey with Jesus to the Cross and Empty Tomb! We'll gather for:
Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 pm
Good Friday, April 18 at 7:30 pm
Easter Vigil, April 19 at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

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



Easter Egg Hunt for Children
at 9:45 am

The link for our Holy Week page is: <http://poplutheran.org/worship/holyweek14.html>

The link for our Easter page is: <http://poplutheran.org/worship/easter14.html>

April 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
6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Every Wednesday

5:00 pm Youth Handbell Ensemble
7:30 pm Adult Choir

Every Thursday

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

7:45 am Men's Group
5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship





From Pastor Christine...

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A phrase that gets tossed around frequently within church culture is 'outreach': community outreach, social outreach, evangelical outreach, shut-in outreach, neighborhood outreach.... You get the idea; the list could go on and on. What often happens in conjunction with these terms are many and varying expectations of what 'outreach' looks like, all of which have merit and benefits.

Outreach may be: donating money to those in need; publicity via door hangers, postcards, welcome packets; participation in events within the community...and many more could be added to this list.

I think we can all agree that these are all 'good' things, however the damaging thing which has happened in the institutional church is 'outreach'. Back up - do you know what I mean by that?

You may have thoughts about what I mean, but allow me to explain. The way the institutional church has expressed the love of God is by 'reaching out' to those beyond the walls of the church for a few moments in time and then retreating. We do something and once that something is over, the momentary relationship is over. When it comes time for the next event, we need to 'reach out' again. Doing this over and over again our 'arms' get very tired.

And not only our arms, but our brains too. See, I believe that we as a church want to do good in the world; we want to share God's love; we want to affect people's lives so we are constantly trying to 'reach out'... but sometimes we just don't know where we are most needed.

One of the things which most attracted me to Prince of Peace is its desire for 'outreach'. It is what I love most about my job. So, why am I questioning it?

I'm not questioning the desire which the premise is based on, just how we've enacted it. The best way to alleviate the tired arm syndrome is by

never letting go, by joining arms with pillars in the community on a continual basis.

The joining of arms takes effort, planning, and commitment. It's not a one time shot and then the relationship is over. I plan on facilitating this effort, but I (and the church) need YOUR help.

What I need from you:

- If you are on the PTA for a local school;
- If you have a vet, doctor, or dentist in the immediate area;
- If you are a coach with a local sports team;
- If you are involved in local government or safety or public service;
- If you are involved with local charity organizations...

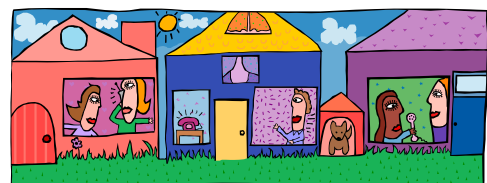
Please email me your connections.

I'd like to gather those of us with like-minded connections in the community so that we can assess ties which already exist. We can begin building long-term relationships with places and people that ALREADY matter to us.

I know it may be hard for you to envision how this is different than what we've done in the past, but believe me it is. We want other organizations to know that we care about them and their concerns - that we want to support them.

While churches never intend on making people feel like we just want them to show up on Sunday morning, sometimes it can feel that way to those who aren't accustomed to church. The best way to diminish this concern is by supporting them and not asking for anything in return.

I hope that you will take a few moments to really think about what connections you have to the area surrounding the church (5 mile radius) and email them to me. I suppose I should give you fair warning: I'll respond to your email and want to know more. I'll want to hear why that organization or person is important to you. And I'll want YOU to partner with ME and PoP and GAITHERSBURG for the sake of the Gospel. I know you're up to it!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fenced-in, deer-proof garden plots

are available in *Fruitful Fields*, the name given to our community gardens located on the church property at the far end of the parking lot, directly behind the Besecker Building. There are three large beds for growing vegetables to give to **Gaithersburg Help**, surrounded by smaller beds to “grow your own.” To reserve one of the individual raised beds, email larryspeicher26@gmail.com or add your name to the **Garden Plot sign-up sheet** in the narthex. All plots will be ready to be planted by May 1.

Compost for Fruitful Fields

Do you wish to contribute to the Fruitful Fields gardens? Are you feeling wasteful for throwing your vegetable and fruit scraps in the trash? Do you want to help provide fresh vegetables for Gaithersburg HELP but don't like to garden? Do you use the garden plots here but dislike having to carry compost to work into your bed? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then we have a solution for you. There are four compost bins located out by Fruitful Fields. We are still working on our first bin, but with your help, we could soon have that one filled and start on the second one. Worried about messing up containers with food scraps? Compostable bags are available at Whole Foods, MOMs, and online. Bring your scraps and help feed the plants!

Yard Sale: Computer Equipment

Since desktop and laptop computers take time to prepare for a new owner a request is made each year to bring these items to church early. Other computer equipment should be brought the week of the yard sale setup. Please read carefully the remaining paragraphs for more details.



Popular at the yard sale:

Laptops; computers; LCD monitors; laser printers (*with a test page*).

Not so popular: Scanners; inkjet printers (*unless accompanied by a dated, recent sample test page*), CRT monitors.

Accessories we could use: PC speakers, mice (with center wheel)

Guidelines:

1. Desktop systems and laptops should be delivered in advance (now is fine), but no later than two weeks prior to the yard sale setup Sunday. For this year the deadline is **May 11th**. Please drop off in the church narthex. All other items should be held and brought to the computer sales area the week of yard sale setup.

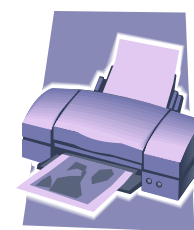
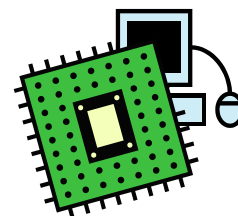
2. Computers may be fully functional or have some problems (please describe on paper and attach to the case). Include with the computer, if you have them:

a. Operating system CDs with the Product Key (leave authentication stickers on the computer case)

b. Owner manuals, cables and power supply adaptors.

c. Other matching components (*all should be in working condition*): monitor, speakers, keyboard and mouse.

3. Computer peripherals (*all should be in working condition*): printers, monitors, speakers, accessories.



Please contact Gordon Gipe (gordon.gipe@gmail.com) if you have questions concerning your donation or to discuss where you can recycle old, unusable computer equipment.

Creation Care Event

Keep your eye on the bulletin inserts and Weekly Email for more information about this exciting annual event. Participation will occur during the Sunday School hour on **April 27**. See you there!

RECENT NEWS



Building the Foundation to Support our Mission! - March Update

Pastor Christine facilitated a meeting on 2/25 with some interested members of the congregation. We discussed the current fellowship needs, current ministry needs, and brainstormed ways the kitchen might support future community and congregational needs. As we proceed with this project, we want our building and kitchen to not only be more functional and usable, but to also assist us in serving the greater Gaithersburg community.

At the meeting, we discussed shortcomings, needs, and hopes and discussed the ministries and events that our kitchen serves now. Through our conversation we learned that storage, refrigeration, and preparation area are of utmost importance. Additionally, gathering spaces are crucial. It was also encouraging to see that the space now allocated for a kitchen in the design could be adjusted to meet these needs! We will continue discussions about the design of the kitchen and we welcome thoughts or questions. Feel free to contact [Jim Bostrom](mailto:jimbostrom.md@gmail.com) (jimbostrom.md@gmail.com), [Tom Kettler](mailto:tek@kettlerforlinehomes.com), Building Committee Chair (tek@kettlerforlinehomes.com) or [Pastor Christine](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

[Pledges](#) and [donations](#) will help make this dream a reality!

RECENT EVENTS

Thrivent Financial, the nation's largest non-profit, fraternal benefit society offering life insurance, annuities and mutual funds, provides a program of charitable giving that is directed by each policy member. During the past year the 34 Thrivent members at Prince of Peace have given \$1,818 back to our church. (Thrivent gave back over \$100 million to congregations and other charitable organizations.) Representatives from Thrivent met with a small group on March 23, including members of PoP, to discuss preparing for retirement. If you want to find out more about Thrivent, visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. If you have additional questions, please contact [Gordon Gipe](mailto:gordon.gipe@gmail.com) (gordon.gipe@gmail.com), your Thrivent congregational advocate.

THANK YOU!

The congregation thanks the Wimmer family for volunteering and shoveling the church sidewalks this past winter.

Pastor Christine's Installation

Thank you very much to the Fellowship team of Pamela Cook, Melanie Zobel, Nancy Swanson and Lisa Woodard for organizing the reception following my installation. It truly meant a lot to me to be welcomed so warmly and thoughtfully. It was all beautiful. Thank you also to everyone who brought goodies and attended the worship service and/or reception. Thank you again. --
Pastor Christine

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Many thanks to all the youth and adults who helped with the Pancake Supper and those who attended to support our youth. We raised over \$300 to support this summer's Workcamp! Special thanks to Jean Bernstein for coordinating the event and our other adult VIPs: Martha Rogers, Pam Malmgren, Jessica Prentice, Ric Kienzle, Gordon Gipe, Tracy Solomon, and Katherine Niederhelman.



Cooking



and



eating pancakes.



Then,
burning the
palms.

Ash Wednesday



Receiving ashes . . .

. . . and something more.



Nails - to remind us to pray.

Youth Sunday



A collage of a few of the faces of Youth Sunday. Many thanks to all the youth who participated making this day special. Go to PoP's home page (www.poplutheran.org) to find out how to listen to the sermons given by Chris Schaefer, Laura Hampe, and James Rogers on YouTube.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship and Finance Committees are excited to kick-off a new initiative called the **Step Up Campaign** as a focused effort to ensure the Mission Pillars of Worship, Faith Formation, Service and Fellowship of our Church are fully supported.

Stepping Up is defined as moving up one step on the Current Weekly Giving Profile ladder shown below, where the number below the step is the average weekly gift and the number above the step represents current households contributing at that level.



As an example, someone who is currently averaging \$5/week would take a **step up** by increasing giving to a minimum of \$10/week, or currently averaging \$12.50/week by increasing to a minimum of \$20/week.

And for those who review this graphic and realize they want to do more, we invite you to take a **Leap of Faith**, defined as moving your average weekly giving at least two steps. For example, someone who is currently averaging \$18/week would take a **Leap of Faith** by increasing giving to a minimum of \$30/week.

A video of this campaign is available online (www.youtube.com/watch?v=LckQzNesJy0). We've all experienced the benefits tied to the expression: "many hands make light work." That certainly holds true here. Please join others and take a step up in your average weekly contributions in order to fully support our budget and our mission.

We're excited about the future of our Church! Stay tuned as we track progress and update you on all the ways we are supporting our Pillars. For more information or if you have specific questions, contact [Chuck Dixon](mailto:chuckdixon@mac.com) (chuckdixon@mac.com).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

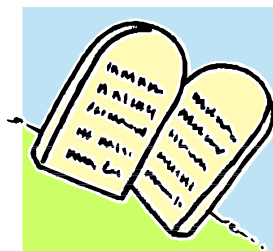
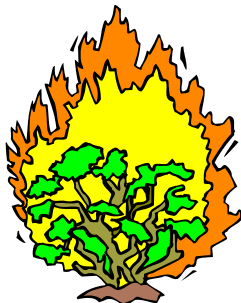
Art, drama, cooking, games, science... these are all ways elementary-age learners have been exploring Bible stories. As always, we also explore the stories by reading and discussing the Bible and/or Bible story books.



Ruth and Naomi is a story of God's love. In an art workshop, we created a cardstock "grace quilt." This gave learners the opportunity to

share God's grace by writing messages of encouragement to each other. In cooking, sticky buns reminded us that God helps us stick together. In drama, our actors made costumes and told the story of Ruth and Boaz from the grain's point of view. God cares for us through one another!

Moses discovered God's plan for him through the burning bush. We focused on how to discover the plans God has for us. In cooking workshops, learners made safe "burning bushes" out of bunches of grapes and flame-colored whipped topping. In a video and games workshop, we watched a clip of the animated *The Ten Commandments* (2008). A game of "blazing ball toss" emphasized paying attention to the needs of people around us.



In The Plagues science workshop, we created our own "plagued" water. Then learners devised their own water purification systems. We can answer God's call to decrease water pollution.



Both cooking (we used popcorn (we used popcorn to show that if you apply heat/pressure to something trapped, you can free it) and drama workshops focused on all of the plagues and on God's freeing of the Hebrew slaves. A game show spoof of *Let's Make a Deal* had the pharaoh as a contestant. God is in charge!



Holy Week and Easter will be the next rotation for preschool - elementary age groups. This will take us through Palm Sunday. There will be no Sunday school on 4/20 (enjoy the Easter egg hunt!) and 4/27 (enjoy Creation Care Sunday activities with your family!). Sunday school resumes with the last rotation of the season on 5/4 and ends for the summer on 5/18.



Kid Corner

Hey, Kids! Check out Kid Corner the next time you come to church service. There you can find your own bulletin, Pre-Reader and Reader, for the service where you can explore what the grown-ups are learning in your own way. Crayons and pencils for you to use can be found in baskets. Want to learn more about the lessons? Several Sparks Bible for Kids with a list of the lessons are on the corner of the table. Want to color more? Coloring, sticker, and activity books are in the basket under the table. Don't want to color? All kinds of books are in the basket on top of the table. Sometimes, you might find something else fun in that basket. Grab something from the table and enjoy the service (quietly) your way while the adults enjoy it their way. (Shhh - Don't be surprised if some of the adults wish they could spend service your way, too!)

Workcamp

Workcamp is back! A team of youth and adults from PoP will be headed to Buffalo, NY, **July 5-12**, to engage and support the community by repairing and refurbishing houses of families and individuals in need. To find out more info or register to go, please contact [Chris Schaefer](mailto:Chris.Schaefer@ymail.com) (christophe.schaefer@ymail.com) soon - spots are filling up quickly!

Workcamp Fundraiser

Please join us for our next Work Camp Dine Out fundraiser at BGR (The Burger Joint) at Washingtonian Rio, on Tuesday, April 29th from 4-9pm! (www.bgrtheburgerjoint.com/locations/) **Just let them know when you order that you are participating in the fundraiser or bring [the special flyer](#)** (poplutheran.org/media/flyers/bgr_flyer.pdf) **and we will get 15% to support the service trip to Buffalo in July.**

Got Mulch?

We have a team of active youth ready, willing, and able to do the dirty work for you. Just provide the mulch, and we'll take care of the rest. Our scheduled dates for spreading are **April 12 and 26**, but we are open to alternative suggestions as well. Sign up in the narthex or contact Chris Schaefer (christophe.schaefer@ymail.com). All freewill donations received will support the Workcamp service trip this summer.

Student Corner

This column is dedicated to the extra activities our youth participate in outside of Prince of Peace. Please remember to submit any and all information by the deadline for Glad Tidings to Martha Rogers (GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com) - thanks!

James Rogers is performing in "High School Musical" with the Midnight Players at Poolesville High School. The performances will be **Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 pm; Friday, April 25 at 7:30 pm; and Saturday, April 26 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm.** Come on out for a fun and interesting evening (or afternoon)!

Please keep all our youth in your prayers and support their endeavors outside of PoP!

Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Easter event will be held Thursday, April 24th 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 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](mailto:Judy.Bruening@gmail.com) (Judy.bruening53@gmail.com)

Handbell Ensemble

Children in 1st-6th grade rehearse on Wednesdays, 5-5:45 pm. For more information, contact Danielle Drobny (danielledrobny@gmail.com).

Upcoming Youth Events

Please refer to the website calendar or the Youth Ministry bulletin board for details about events throughout the year. Also, don't forget that the High School youth meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Drissel (Drissels@comcast.net).

ADULT EDUCATION

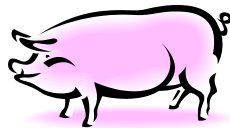
Adult Bible Study

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 am for "[Surprised by Hope](#)", an adult study on the resurrection and its implications for the mission of the church today. Grab your coffee and meet us in the Youth Center. Each class stands alone so come when you can. It is based on the book, *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright, but reading the book is not necessary. Our class will include a 15 minute video segment followed by discussion questions and conversation. Lent is a great time to really delve into the resurrection and begin to think more broadly about what hope in Jesus Christ really means. The class will meet throughout Lent and be facilitated by Pastor Christine. She promises to challenge you to think more broadly. If you have questions, please contact [Pastor Christine](#). For more info, check out this link: [Surprised By Hope Group Bible Study by N.T. Wright - YouTube](#).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Lenten Activity

This year's Lenten activity is a focus on world hunger with our gifts carrying God's love to others, making a difference in their lives and in the world. Through the congregation's generous contributions we hope to be able to provide two family farms to help families achieve a fresh start. The farm includes a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs and farming tools. Agricultural training and marketing support are also provided to the family. With new tools and techniques, crops will grow bigger, and stronger than ever before. Eggs, milk, and meat from farm animals will provide enough food to eat and sell on the market, helping a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty - for good.



Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin or visit www.ELCA.org/goodgifts.

Interfaith Women's Shelter

On April 8th PoP will be preparing and serving dinner to the 30 women at the Interfaith Women's Shelter in Rockville. Sign up in the narthex to donate food or volunteer to serve. All food donations should be delivered to the church

by Monday the 7th. They will be reheated if necessary before taking to the Shelter. Dinner will be served on the 8th at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions contact Deborah Kalas (dkalas@empowerit.com) or Nancy Morton (nancy.morton@octagon.com).

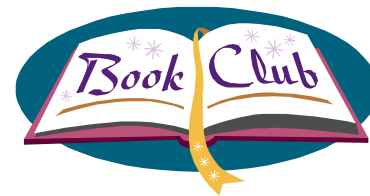
FELLOWSHIP

Pop Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group is currently reading the book *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. This is a book which explores and questions heaven and hell and eloquently expresses the profound love of God. Although they will finish this book soon, it is a great time to join this fluid and accepting group. Join us on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm. Questions? Contact [Pastor Christine](#) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

Men's Book Club

The POP Men's Book Club will discuss Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five* at its next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 24. The May book selection will be decided at this meeting. Location TBD. All men of POP and their male friends are welcome. For more information, contact Charles Sullivan (Charles@HomesFlash.com).



Women's Book Group

"Redemption. Forgiveness. Love. And a glimpse into the broken foster care system. All of these themes, woven together with the language of flowers, make for an incredibly moving book." These comments were shared by Christine Luong about *The Language of Flowers* on *Goodreads*. This debut novel by Vanessa Diffenbaugh is the book group selection for April. Nancy Wolejsza hosts the gathering at her home on Thursday, April 10th, starting at 7:30 pm. All POP women are invited. We will also select books for the rest of the year; all members are welcome to make recommendations. Our guideline is that you have to read the book before recommending it. RSVP to Nancy (nawolejsza@aol.com).

The Women's Book Group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month. All POP women are welcome to participate for one meeting or for all. If you would like to receive email reminders, please send an email to Jennifer Maloney (Maloney.jenn@gmail.com).

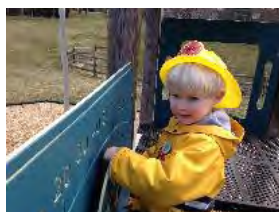
Future Dates, Book Selections, and Hosts:
May 8th-The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty, hosted by Lisa Woodard

June 12th -The Scapegoat by Daphne du Maurier, pool party hosted by Susan Victor and Joan Kowalik

PoP Playgroup

PoP playgroup meets at the church nursery on **Saturday, April 12th at 11am**. All the March snow should have melted by then, so we'll enjoy some outside time on the playground if the weather is nice! Please join us for a story, games, and a snack!

PoP Playgroup is a great way for families and their babies/toddlers/preschoolers to connect with each other. Please contact Jamie (jlplast@hotmail.com) or Lauren (laurenkategibson@gmail.com) for more info!



Lead the Way

Registration is open for the 3rd Annual Derek Sheely LEAD THE WAY 4.0-Mile Run and 1-Mile Walk on May 31, 2014 at 8 am at Northwest High School in Germantown. There's a unique stadium start and finish, medals for all finishers, music, 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. It is believed that Derek died from Second Impact Syndrome, which is when a second concussion is sustained before the brain can recover from a first concussion.

There is a growing concern about concussions in sports: the CDC estimates that there are 3.8 million sports-related concussions in the U.S. each year. ***This equates to one concussion every 8 seconds!*** An estimated 90% of these concussions go unreported and therefore untreated.

THE DEREK SHEELY FOUNDATION is educating 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 over 5,000 Concussion Awareness Kits 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.

Visit www.thedereksheelyfoundation.org to register for the race. We also need volunteers: please email Kristen Sheely at Kristen@thedereksheelyfoundation.org for information on ways you can help.

COMING UP...

April

- 2 - Soup Supper/Evening Prayer
- 8 - Women's Shelter dinner
- 9 - Soup Supper/Evening Prayer
- 10 - Women's Book Group
- 12 - POP Playgroup
- 12-13 - First Communion
- 13 - Palm Sunday
- 17 - Maundy Thursday Service
- 18 - Good Friday Service
- 19 - Easter Vigil
- 20 - Easter Services/Easter Egg Hunt
- 21 - Church Office Closed
- 24 - Men's Book Group
- 24 - Faith-Full Families
- 27 - Creation Care Event
- 29 - BGR Burger Joint at Rio Fundraiser

May

- 1 - Fruitful Fields opens
- 11 - Mother's Day
- 17 - Habitat for Humanity Work Day
- 24 - Backpacking trip
- 25-30 - Yard Sale prep week
- 26 - Memorial Day
- 31 - YARD SALE!

June

- 21 - Habitat for Humanity Work Day

July

- 5-12 - Workcamp
- 12 - Blood Drive
- 21-25 - Vacation Bible School



THINK ABOUT IT

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 correctly.

“And what happened the third day?” I asked. One little child, face shining with enthusiasm, exclaimed, “He rose from the dead!”

Michele L. Hardie

The sky is the daily bread of the eyes.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A three-year-old girl listened intently to the children's sermon. The minister explained that God wants everyone to get along and love each other.

“God want us all to be one,” he said.

To which the little girl replied, “But I don't want to be one. I want to be four!”

Marilyn McCoy

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