



# GLAD TIDINGS



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## Holy Week, and Easter

Follow the links below to keep up with the many activities and other information for this season that takes us into spring!

Holy Week Page:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/holyweek15.html>

Easter Vigil Page:

[http://poplutheran.org/worship/easter\\_vigil\\_2015.html](http://poplutheran.org/worship/easter_vigil_2015.html)

Easter Page:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/easter15.html>

## 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

## Easter Morning Resurrection RUN

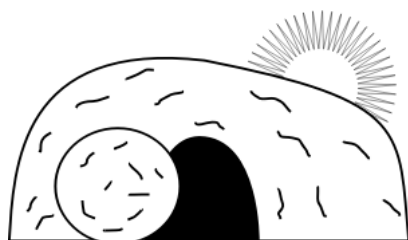
Those fabulous Sunday morning runs/walks have precedence in the Bible as the women RAN from the tomb because they couldn't contain their excitement! Here at PoP we are going to greet Easter morning with our own Resurrection Run/Walk. All distances and paces are welcome and we will conclude our Run/Walk 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

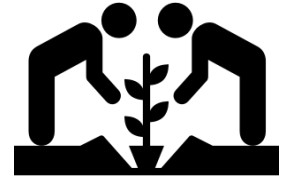
6:15am: 1+mile loop leaves from PoP

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



## Fruitful Fields

Growing your own food is the ultimate in eating locally. Have you been wanting to try your hand at growing some of your own food but aren't sure how to get started? Join other Prince of Peace members and friends in Fruitful Fields, the Prince of Peace community garden. There are 3 fenced areas behind the Youth Center; each has a large center plot where we grow food to donate to local charities. Individual plots surround the center plots, and are available for you to grow



your own vegetables, herbs and flowers. We will have a schedule for those who are able to periodically help water the plots as well as pick and deliver donated produce. For more information on how to participate,



contact [Marybeth Stockman](mailto:Marybeth.Stockman) (mb\_stockman@hotmail.com). You can also check out the Fruitful Fields page on Facebook.

## Dine Out Fundraiser

Please join us for our final dine out fundraiser supporting the Youth ELCA Gathering trip this summer to Detroit. Not Your Average Joe's in Kentlands has chosen the POP Youth fundraiser as their April Not Your Average Cause program. This means that **every Tuesday in April they will donate 15% of all purchases** (lunch or dinner) made by Prince of Peace Lutheran supporters at Not Your Average Joe's in Gaithersburg. Diners must present the servers with Not Your Average Cause certificates which are available on the church website and in the narthex. *Thank you to everyone who has supported any of our dine outs this year, all proceeds from these events will support the group headed to Detroit.*





## From Pastor Christine...

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301-869-3666)

As I write this, Easter is almost upon us. All winter I've been saying, "I'm so done with cold and snow!" I've been waiting for spring to arrive, longing for longer days and fresh air. And here it is...

I stand at its threshold.  
But so often I miss the turning of seasons. This in-between time gets lost in my longing for the ground to dry, the time to slow down, and the busyness of my soul.

The other day I was picking Cooper up from baseball practice (a sure sign of spring) and I glanced at my car clock and suddenly realized it was 7:30pm and the sun was just beginning to set.

The gift of light; the gift of newness; the gift of life.

Easter is this way too.  
We are standing right at the threshold of the rebirth of everything, but the mini-resurrection signs which are all around us will swirl by into the past if we don't slow down and take them in.

And so I invite you to receive this blessing as we come into this season of life:

*Awaken to the mystery of being here  
And enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.  
Have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.  
Receive encouragement when new frontiers beckon.  
Respond to the call of your gift and the courage to follow its path.  
Let the flame of anger free you of all falsity.  
May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame.  
May anxiety never linger about you.  
May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.  
Take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.  
Be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.  
May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder.*

-John O'Donohue

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

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

### Sympathy

Family & friends of Marilyn Carter  
Family & friends of Christopher Engels (brother of Greg Engels)

### Thanksgiving

Baptism of Garrett Webb (son of Heather & Gregory Webb)  
Baptism of Dara Gibson (daughter of Lauren & Dan Gibson)  
Baptism of Brianna Leitzen (daughter of Sara Michael & Keith Leitzen)  
Sherry Schiebel for recovering health  
Engagement of Lee Joseph Oliver and Callie



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## 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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Yard Sale!

It's time to start planning for our yearly Yard Sale. The date for the Yard Sale is Saturday, May 30. Start going through your treasures and outgrown items to collect for yard sale drop off beginning Sunday, May 24 after church service. If you are interested in helping with planning, contact the office ([office@poplutheran.org](mailto:office@poplutheran.org)). Keep your eyes open for announcements of more ways to help before and during the Yard Sale.

## RECENT NEWS

### Fruitful Fields Needs Your Help

Fruitful Fields, the PoP Community Garden, is in need of Lowe's or Home Depot Gift Cards to buy lumber and hardware for fence and gate repairs, tools and equipment to make the gardens more successful. The gardens are used to grow produce, part of which is donated to Gaithersburg HELP. If you can support the garden in this way, please leave your donation in the church office labeled "Fruitful Fields."

### Worship Volunteers Needed!

Please check out the Want Ad poster and signup sheets in the narthex or the VolunteerSpot [online signup](#) to see how you can help out with our worship services. We especially need ushers, snack volunteers, and simple sewing assistance with baptismal stoles.

## RECENT EVENTS

On Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22, our youth participated in many of the volunteer positions such as Greeter, Usher, and Communion Assistant. They, also, were active participants in telling the Children's Sermon and the Adult Sermon. Look at the pictures below to see how much they enjoyed helping!



## THANK YOU!

Our Lenten Sharing Project was a big success!! Thanks to our many generous members we *collected 82 bags of supplies* for needy individuals and families served by Interfaith Works. Interfaith Works is an interfaith coalition working together to meet the needs of the poor and homeless in Montgomery County by sheltering, clothing, and feeding our neighbors in need, and by providing supportive services with the goal of helping them achieve self-sufficiency. Thanks for supporting this project!



## SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT is a new column which focuses on a group in or resource provided by PoP. This month we are still looking at Volunteering. Last month, we focused on volunteer positions for the Saturday and Sunday worship services. However, there are many other ways to volunteer - some on a continuing basis, some on a case by case basis. One example is those great Wednesday night soup suppers during Lent and Advent. Members of the Fellowship Committee work hard to make sure the chairs, tables, and serving tables are set-up and cleaned up after the meal. The food is provided by church members who attend the event and want to share.



Two events coming up which will need many volunteers to help are the Yard Sale in May and Vacation Bible School in July. Please

consider helping to make these events as successful as in the past.

Volunteering for them is anything from hands-on work to simple donations. Notices will appear in the bulletin inserts, Weekly Email, and Glad Tidings closer to each event. Watch for those sign-up sheets. These events are important not only to our church family but, also, our community.

Keep volunteering, whether it is on a regular basis or a case-by-case situation. You will find someone with a big smile and a thank you!



## STEWARDSHIP

### 2015 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN --

#### All In for Prince of Peace

As you know, this year we are asking everyone to help us by filling out a pledge card to indicate their commitment to Prince of Peace. We now have 71 households that have signaled they are "All In" for Prince of Peace. THANK YOU!!

We are also spending a time of focus on each of the pillars of our Mission. We are currently focused on WORSHIP and will continue that focus throughout the remainder of our journey through LENT and the celebration of Easter!! THANK YOU to all of you that do so much to make our regular and special worship time so meaningful.

Finally, let's challenge ourselves during the remainder of the Lenten Journey and get that thermometer up over 100 households participating in this year's pledge drive as we collectively work together to support the mission of our church!

Please contact [Chuck Dixon](mailto:chuckdixon@mac.com) ([chuckdixon@mac.com](mailto:chuckdixon@mac.com)) with questions or comments.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Easter event will be held Thursday, April 16th from 6-7:30 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](mailto:Judy.Bruening@gmail.com) ([Judy.bruening53@gmail.com](mailto:Judy.bruening53@gmail.com))

### High School Youth

High School weekly meet-ups have moved to Tuesdays (6-7:30pm). Join us for fellowship, pizza, and discussions on life and faith and where they intersect. All high school aged youth and their HS friends are welcome to attend. For opportunities for youth of all ages, please check the [Children & Youth page](#) on the PoP website for calendars of events. Questions? Contact [Chris Schaefer](#).

### 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](mailto:Drissels@comcast.net)).

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Adult Bible Class

A prayer writing workshop will be held sometime in the later part of April. Adult Bible study is scheduled to resume on **Sunday morning, April 26.**



### Pop Women's Bible Study

Join Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm as we study the book of Exodus. Selected readings are assigned for each week (4/7 No Class; 4/14 - Chap 22,23,24; 4/21 - No Class; 4/28 - Chap 25,26,27), subject to change. This is a great time to join this open and fluid group. We base our meetings around the joy of coming together over the word of God. Come when you can; bring your lunch or a snack, if you would like. If you have questions or want to be included on our email distribution list, please contact Pastor Christine ([pastorchristine@poplutheran.org](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org)).

## MUSIC

### Handbell Ensemble

Children in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade rehearse on Wednesdays, 5-5:45 pm. It is still not too late to join! Contact Danielle Drobny ([danielledrobny@gmail.com](mailto:danielledrobny@gmail.com)).



## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### The Auxiliary at the Village at Rockville

We will hold our annual membership drive for the Auxiliary April 18<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 April 18 through May 3 between services or leave your membership form in the POP Office. Contact Donna Von Wald ([dlhsjvw@rcn.com](mailto:dlhsjvw@rcn.com)) for more info or to help with this project.

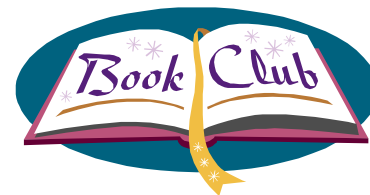
The Village at Rockville is also a great place to volunteer. It is conveniently located near Darnestown Rd and Glen Mill Rd. There are many opportunities to volunteer such as reading to or visiting residents, wheelchair escorts, administrative duties, leading activities, and sharing your talents. Pick up a Volunteer brochure at POP or contact Volunteer Services (301-354-8447, [volunteers@thevillageatrockville.org](mailto:volunteers@thevillageatrockville.org)). There are also opportunities for students to earn SSL hours.

Looking for an easy opportunity to get involved at Prince of Peace? Consider becoming our Keyperson for the Auxiliary at The Village at Rockville. The responsibilities include advertising their Events at POP and conducting one Auxiliary Membership Drive at POP each year. If you would like more info, please contact Donna Von Wald ([dlhsjvw@rcn.com](mailto:dlhsjvw@rcn.com)). You can get a feel for it by helping with the Membership Drive in April.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club of PoP is eschewing high-brow historical fiction in favor of "just plain old fun" reading pleasure as we dive into John Grisham's *Sycamore Row*, a direct sequel to his wildly successful *A Time to Kill*. Next meeting is **Thursday, April 16 at 7:30 pm**. Host is Steve Von Wald. All men of PoP and their male friends are cordially invited to attend for fellowship and camaraderie. RSVP to Steve ([stevevonwald@starpower.net](mailto:stevevonwald@starpower.net)).



### Women's Book Group

A story of friendship, loss, quilting, and prayer awaits the readers of *Prayers for Sale - A Novel* by Sandra Dallas. According to PT Cruiser, another reviewer on Amazon.com, the book "draws you in, encourages you to sit a spell and totally immerse yourself in the story." Join the Women's Book Group to discuss this "delightful" novel. (Tamela Mccann on Amazon.com) The group will meet **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm**

at the home of Lisa Woodard. RSVP Lisa ([woodard4@comcast.net](mailto:woodard4@comcast.net)).  
 The Women's Book Group meets the second Thursday of the month in members' homes; the group selects books together. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please send a message to Jennifer Maloney ([Maloney.jenn@gmail.com](mailto:Maloney.jenn@gmail.com)).

Future Book Selections:  
 May 14 - Open: An Autobiography by Andre Agassi, hosted by Susan Tritinger  
 June 11 - The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion: A Novel by Fannie Flagg, hosted by June Herron  
 July 9 - Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Lauren Hillenbrand, hosted by Susan Victor and Joan Kowalik  
 August 13 - Defending Jacob: A Novel by William Landay, hosted by Donna Rose

### PoP Playgroup

Get ready for the beach and join PoP Playgroup on **\*Sunday\***, April 26 at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center from 4-6pm. Hopefully we won't get snowed out this month! The swim center is located at 18000 Central Park Circle in Boyds. For directions and additional information, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/thingstodo/aquatics/germantown.html>



In May, the playgroup will have some outdoor fun! On **Saturday, May 9** we'll meet at the church playground at 11am for bubbles and chalk - and maybe even a short walk on the nature trail! In case of rain, we'll meet in the church nursery.



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



## SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

The Synodical Women's Organization is hosting their annual convention on **April 11** at **The Villages at Rockville** (formerly the National Lutheran Home) from **8:30am-4pm**. The primary topic presented will be Human Trafficking. The day will also include: worship, service projects, and bible study. You may register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-thy-neighbor-tickets-9665980207>. Pastor Christine will be the chaplain and worship leader for the day and can answer any questions you may have.

## NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC SINGERS IN CONCERT

*Christ Episcopal Church, 107 S. Washington St., Rockville will be the setting for an exciting choral concert on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 8 p.m.*

Stan Engebretson and Victoria Gau, Conductors Continuing their annual springtime tradition, the National Philharmonic will present a wide variety of beautiful choral music featuring traditional favorites by Brahms, paired with new music from Germany, Russia, and premieres of several new works by Washington composer and member of the chorus, Edward Rejuney. "Mr. Rejuney's music will be one of the great highlights of this program," according to Conductor Stan

Engebretson. "He is a master in composing rich choral lines with colorful textures for the voices, using eloquent lyrical texts. We have had the honor of performing his pieces before, and it has always been our joy to present his new work to Washington audiences."

Russian chant opens the program, newly arranged in a "surround sound" configuration with the singers performing throughout the nave immersed with the audience. Johannes Brahms contributes his gorgeous Quartets Op. 92 ("O Schöne Nacht"), which are known for their virtuosic vocal and piano styles. New music from Germany is heard in "Nunc Dimittis," written in a popular style by young composer Simon Wawer (b. 1979).

American Josiah Attwood is another young arranger who took the traditional hymn "Unclouded Day," and developed it into a large divisi work for 10-part choir.

Closing the concert will be many audience favorites including selections from Moses Hogan, who set the great spiritual, "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel."

The National Philharmonic Singers is a chamber choir and one of several performing ensembles of the National Philharmonic, which is in residence at the Music Center at Strathmore. As such, it promotes works suited for smaller ensembles, whether with accompaniment or *a cappella*. Its repertoire ranges from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. All donations will benefit the Community Ministries of Rockville. Directions to Christ Church may be found at [christchurchrockville.org/directions.htm#Platinum](http://christchurchrockville.org/directions.htm#Platinum), or call the church at 301-762-2191, ext. 3.

For more information, please visit [nationalphilharmonic.org](http://nationalphilharmonic.org), or call 301-493-9283, ext. 116.

## MAR-LU-RIDGE SUMMER CAMP

Come and join us this upcoming summer for a wonderful week of camp! The summer camp brochure with the full schedule and camp descriptions is available on the POP Youth bulletin board as well as online at [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org).

Mar-Lu-Ridge offers:

- a fun, small group and Christ-centered week in the woods in nearby Jefferson, MD

- affordable pricing starting at \$405 per week for overnight and \$165 for day camp
- friendships and memories that stay with your child
- a wide variety of unique specialty programs for all ages; Adventure, Arts, Sports, Service, Cooking, and Swimming are just a few!
- financial assistance so all children can attend camp
- ACA certification means MLR meets the highest safety standards

Interested families may join us at one of our Open Houses from 2-4:30pm on Sundays March 15, April 26, and May 31; or call to arrange a personal tour.

If you have any questions, please contact MLR by email at [MLR@mar-lu-ridge.org](mailto:MLR@mar-lu-ridge.org) or by phone at 301-874-5544.

Summer Camp is a great adventure; join the fun!

## I AM NEVER FAR AWAY

by Susan Weiner (POP member)

Here am I before the wind that knows my name,  
I am the blossom that shimmers like a tongue of flame;

I am the voice of bells that sweetens morning's breeze,  
I am the spoken word that shapes the leaf on trees.

In my hands infinity was shattered into light,  
And I loosed the sphere a sun would capture in its flight.

One day neutrons, protons, atomic nuclei, and quarks  
Seized and bound me in their tethered net of sparks;

And so I was raised on the transverse of a cross,  
Triumphant over iron nails to rescue you from loss.

Believe in me for I am the Resurrection, the Word, the narrow way.  
The peace I keep for you is confirmed in a tulip's spring display:

Let the fishes and the beasts herald the breaking of my day,  
For just as sunlight speckles morning's foal, I am never far away.

## COMING UP...

### April

- 2 - Maundy Thursday Service
- 3 - Good Friday Service
- 4 - Easter Vigil
- 5 - Easter AM Resurrection Run/Walk
- 5 - Easter Services/Easter Egg Hunt
- 7 - Not Your Average Joe's Dineout
- 9 - Women's Book Group
- 11 - Synodical Women's Org Convention
- 14 - Not Your Average Joe's Dineout
- 16 - Faith-Full Families Easter Event
- 16 - Men's Book Club
- 21 - Not Your Average Joe's Dineout
- 22 - Earth Day
- 26 - POP Playgroup
- 26 - New Members Dinner
- 28 - Not Your Average Joe's Dineout

### May

- 3 - New Member Reception
- 9 - POP Playgroup
- 10 - First Communion
- 14 - Women's Book Group
- 21 - Faith-Full Families
- 21 - Men's Book Club
- 23-25 Backpacking trip
- 30 - YARD SALE!

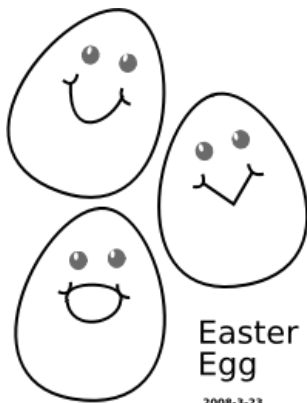
### June

- 13-20 - Cuba Mission Trip

### July

- 15-19 - ELCA Youth Gathering (Detroit)
- 27-31 - Vacation Bible School

## COLOR ME!



## 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!"

Without a word, the systems analyst turned to leave. Panicked, the accounting manager cried in alarm, "Where are you going?"

"I'm leaving," the analyst said with a smile. "I remember what they did to the last savior."  
--Marla J. Kiley

Woman - last at the cross, first at the grave.  
--E.S. Barrett

The resurrection is not only the Good News, it is the best news imaginable.  
--Ray C. Stedman

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