



GLAD TIDINGS



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

March 2018

Lent, Holy Week, & Easter Sunday

Join us for [Wednesdays in Lent](#) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. A Labyrinth & refreshments are available **6:30-7:15 pm** with Holden Evening Prayer at **7:15 pm**. Consider inviting a friend who might benefit from experiencing God's peace and community.

[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, March 25 at 8:30 & 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 pm
Good Friday, March 30 at 7:30 pm
Holy Saturday, March 31 *No Service*

[Easter Sunday](#), April 1

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



Resurrection Run, at
5:45, 6:00, 6:15, & 6:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 9:45 am

For information about Lenten activities, what to expect Easter Sunday, and how to participate, see pages 3 and 4 or the links below.



Lent:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/lent18.html>

Holy Week:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/holyweek18.html>

Easter:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/easter18.html>

Lenten Sharing Bags are Back!

Through March 25th, we will collect for the [Interfaith Clothing Center](#) and the [CARing Project](#). Please pick up a bag from the narthex (or use your own), fill with as many donation items as you'd like, and leave all donations in the narthex by Palm Sunday, March 25.



[Interfaith Clothing Center items](#): NEW travel-sized toiletries: shampoo, bar soaps, deodorant, hand sanitizer; NEW cotton underwear (men, women, and children - all sizes); NEW Socks (men, women, and children - all sizes); Bath towels & washcloths; Diapers (newborn size)

[CARing Project items](#): Boxes of granola bars, Snack packs of crackers, Juice Boxes, Activity and learning books, Math and Word games (especially grades 2-5)

Questions? Contact: [Becky Carr](#) (pandbcarr@verizon.net).

Needed: Ushers

Critical Need for Ushers! Please consider volunteering to serve as an Usher at your preferred Sunday service. If willing, sign up in the narthex or contact the Office

(office@poplutheran.org).

You will be scheduled every 6-8 weeks. Thank you for helping us fill this critical role!



All PoP Donation Statements for 2017 have been mailed or emailed. If you did not receive one or have any questions about your Statement, contact Helen Griffith at finsec@poplutheran.org.



From Pastor Christine...



Pastor Christine Dunn
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301-869-3666)

This 'Note from the Pastor' may be a bit different than usual. A bit more practical and a bit less flowery. My reason for this boils down to: Life is hard. And unexpected. And painful. And frail. Very, very frail.

I'm sure that truth is exactly the dose of positivity you needed for your day (please note the thick sarcasm).

And we will all die (just when you thought this couldn't get more *uplifting*).

I know it's not fun to talk about (or even think about), but avoiding the topic of death doesn't make it go away. Nor does theologically leaping over death straight to eternal life protect from the pain, decisions, and reality of death in this age.

And so I encourage each of you to have a conversation with your families about what's important to you should you become seriously or terminally ill or die suddenly. Again, I know this isn't a 'fun' conversation.

Recently I was given a few copies of 'Five Wishes,' an advance directive (i.e. Living Will) which encourages the individual who fills it out to consider the following:

Who will make care decisions for me?
What kinds of medical treatment do I want (and not want)?
How comfortable do I want to be?
How do I want people to treat me?
What do I want my loved ones to know?

The document guides the individual through questions and scenarios, helping one reflect on what is important to them should they find themselves in a dire situation.

Once it's signed and witnessed by two people it is recognized in Maryland as a legal document.

If the time comes when we can no longer speak for ourselves, we will have to rely on others to carry out our wishes and make certain what's important to us happens. We give assurance to those who love us that they are doing what we would want and we get to live enveloped in trust. Those who love us or care for us can only honor our choices if we make them known, and we can only make our wishes known if we take time and effort to think seriously about what we wish to accompany us to the very end.

As I mentioned, I was given a few copies, so if you'd like one, please email me or stop by my office (Pastor Steve has a few too). If we run out, then we will get more. You can find out more about Five Wishes here:

<https://www.agingwithdignity.org/maryland>

In the hope of the resurrection,

Pastor Christine

March 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 Sunday Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (pg 6)

Every Wednesday

7:45 pm Adult Choir (pg 6)

Every Thursday

6:30 pm Youth Hand Bell Choir

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

8:00 am Men's Group (pg 6)

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship



COMING UP...

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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

Lisa Adams, Eardie Baka, Madelyn Berkeley-Miltzer, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Steve Crookshank, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, David family, Ellen DePalo, Debbie Forish, Alex Garretson, Dara Gibson, Steven Hill, Roy Johnson, Pat Juhrs, Mike Langum, Remi Langum, Kaitlyn

McGurgan & her family, Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Denny Tritinger, Susan Victor, Laura Wilson.

Sympathy

Family of Ron Bromwell (friend of Sherry & Steve Fischer)

Family of Bill Kratz (father of Laura Garretson)

Family of Paul Martin (father of James Rogers' girlfriend)

Family of Dianne Werley (friend of Ann Callahan)

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

SPOTLIGHT

This month we are looking at Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

Labyrinth and Evening Prayer

Seldom do we travel in a straight line. It is rare that our journey follows a singular path. Our lives are filled with twists and turns, some leading us towards God and some leading us away; some turns take us to new and exciting places and some turns are difficult and traumatic.

Lent is a season of conversion and turning. We acknowledge the ways we have turned from God in our lives, and we focus on turning our hearts and minds back towards God.

As is our Lenten practice, we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer at 7:15pm. However, this year, instead of soup suppers we will offer two 'stations' to feed your soul and help you refocus on God.

Each Wednesday from 6:30pm - 7:15pm a labyrinth will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Each week the intention of the labyrinth will be different and you will be provided information upon entering the Fellowship Hall. The labyrinth and its activities will help you focus, give thanks, and turn to God. If you've never walked a labyrinth, please make plans to at least try it once during Lent. If you have walked a labyrinth before, I am confident you will find these activities meaningful in your spiritual journey.

During this same time, refreshments will be available in the narthex and we hope that people will make time in their busy lives to catch up with friends.

You may come anytime between 6:30pm and 7:15pm to do the labyrinth (you may take as much or as little time with it as you like) and to share fellowship.

During Holden Evening Prayer our scripture readings and reflections will focus on different aspects of turning to God and different ways that occurs within individuals.

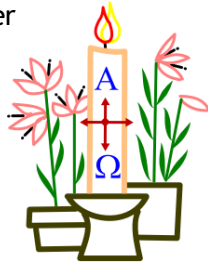
If you have questions, please see Pastor Christine.

Lenten Creation Care Calendar

<http://ipldmv.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2018-MD-Carbon-Fast-Calendar-FINAL.pdf>

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar this Easter, please have your order and payment in by **Sunday, March 18**. 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.



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!

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 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)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be on **April 14, 9:30am-2:30pm**. The theme is "Feasting on God!" More information to come on location, cost, and description of the theme. In the meantime, mark your calendars and invite your friends.

Yard Sale

The Yard Sale (The Big One!) will be on **June 2**.

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars and tell your friends, Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School 2018 is scheduled for **July 23-27 (9am-**

12pm). This year's theme is "Shipwrecked-Rescued By Jesus". 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 venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive while learning there is someone bigger than their struggles and stronger than their weaknesses.

If you have any questions please contact Lori Kohne at lorikohne@hotmail.com.

Interfaith 5K

Mark your calendar for the Montgomery County Interfaith 5K on Labor Day, **Monday, Sept 3.**

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

Have you ever considered giving to Prince of Peace online? It's so easy to do! Just go to the church webpage (poplutheran.org) and click the green Donate Online button. There you can create a profile and set up your donations to be direct deducted from a bank account or charged to a credit card in any time increments you'd like. You can also use the website for one-time donations. The benefits to you are that it provides reliable tax records, it allows for easy management of donations, and you don't have to worry when you leave your checkbook sitting on the kitchen counter! We all have very busy lives, and can't always get to church, so giving online can help all of us provide consistent support for the church. And because of this consistency, the church can then properly budget for the year. Online giving is a win for the church and for the congregation. Please contact Chris Michel (michel_christian@yahoo.com) or Kwame Mensah (mensahkn@gmail.com) with any questions.

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!



AmazonSmile

Don't forget to use AmazonSmile for all your Amazon shopping --- you can support Prince of Peace with each purchase! Use our AmazonSmile link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>) and PoP receives .5% of your purchases. Use AmazonSmile every time you shop! AmazonSmile is completely integrated with Amazon.com; you use the same account and have the same shopping cart, Wish List, Registry, and account info. It's easy to set up and use. First click on the following link to tell Amazon that you want donations to be made to Prince of Peace: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>; then

whenever you want to make a purchase at Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com instead of www.amazon.com. (AmazonSmile will remember the nonprofit previously selected.) It's easy!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Parents Night Out is Back!

Parents, would you like a date night or just a few quiet hours to yourself? Drop off the kids at PoP on **Saturday, March 10th, from 6-8:30pm**. The kids will have a fun evening with pizza, crafts, games and a movie while you enjoy an evening out. Kids will be supervised by PoP youth and a freewill offering will go to help our youth attend the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.

Sign up in the narthex or email Susan Hawley (susanhawley@ymail.com).

Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Easter event will be held **Thursday, April 5th 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)

ADULT EDUCATION

Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session. Many of you may have heard of these kinds of events, where folks gather (often at a restaurant or pub) to talk about issues of faith. Pastor Steve leads one of these events each month. Check Weekly Email and the bulletin inserts for the next date, 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 typically meets one Sunday evening per month. Our next gathering will be **March 11 from 6pm-8pm**. Carmen Hill, a member at Prince of Peace, uses her artistic skills to guide us in our creativity based on a brief scripture lesson led by Pastor Christine. No advance preparation or materials are necessary. This is a fun and creative way to get into God's Word and to enjoy one another's company. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Christine.

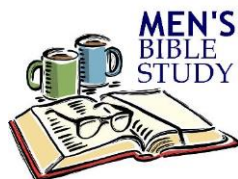
PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets **every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm**. We are reading [Grounded](#) by Diana Butler Bass. You do not have to attend every week. Please join us and feel free to bring a bagged lunch. Questions? See [Pastor Christine](#) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



Men's Group Bible Study

Men's Group Bible Study meets **every Saturday morning around 8:00 am**. Join us for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and a discussion on the Bible readings for the weekend. It's a good way to get ready for the Sunday sermon!



MUSIC

Adult Choir

The POP Adult Choir is looking for singers! We are a group that loves to sing, and we warmly encourage all levels of experience to sing with us. We rehearse every **Wednesday 7:30-9:00 pm**, and we sing at the late service one Sunday a month. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Choir Director, Lindsey Paradise (Lindsey_paradise@yahoo.com).



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Back Door Ministries

Box Tops for Education

We support the Navajo Lutheran Mission School in Rock Point, Arizona, with donations of "Box Tops for Education". These special Box Tops can be found on products from brands such as: General Mills, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Old El Paso, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty & Scott. The Navajo Lutheran Mission uses the earnings to support the many needs of the school. Our collection basket is on the Social Ministry table in the foyer at the back door. Thanks for supporting this project!

Other Collections

Our other Back Door Ministries include:

- collections of food & diapers (for Gaithersburg HELP)
- cancelled stamps (for the Village at Rockville)
- hotel-size toiletries (for local Shelters)
- used ink/toner cartridges (receive credit toward office supplies)

Leave your donations in the baskets in the foyer. Thanks!

FELLOWSHIP

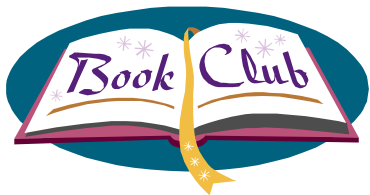
Saturday Dinner Out

We invite you to PoP Saturday Dinner Out immediately following the Saturday evening service! This is a casual way to gather with others, break bread, and enjoy some fellowship. On **Saturday, March 3 we will be going to Cava Grill in Kentlands (213 Kentlands Blvd)** and invite you to join us **around 6:15 pm**. We keep it low-key and just pull tables together to enjoy each other's company. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Ric Kienzle (r.kienzle@yahoo.com).



Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club celebrates the Ides of March with a lively discussion of Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President by Candice Millard. "James A. Garfield was one of the most extraordinary men ever elected president . . . Nominated for president against his will, he engaged in a fierce battle with the corrupt political establishment. But four months after his inauguration, a deranged office seeker tracked Garfield down and shot him in the back. But the shot didn't kill Garfield. The drama of what happened subsequently is a powerful story of a nation in turmoil." All men of Prince of Peace and their male friends are welcome to attend our meeting on **Thursday, March 15, at 7:30pm**. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Our host will be Garry Linton. Please RSVP directly to Garry at cglinton@verizon.net.



Women's Book Group

Our book for March is The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan. Kathy Mellott will host this gathering on **March 8 at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Please RSVP to Kathy at ufda_gal@yahoo.com.

Anthony Peardew suffers a painful loss and his consolation is in rescuing lost things and writing stories about them. Forty years pass and he feels he must return these lost things to their rightful owners.

As his life nears an end, he bequeaths this mission to his unsuspecting assistant. This novel explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

April 12 - The Paris Architect
by Charles Belfoure
host Alice Benson

May 10 - Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood
by Trevor Noah
host Cherie DeGeorge

RECENT NEWS

The Church Council elected officers at their February meeting. They are: Ric Kienzle, President; Rebecca Claycamp, Vice President; and Chris Michel, Secretary. Also serving on Council: Lisa Adams, Lauren Gibson, Kwame Mensah, Aubrey Merchant-Dest, Michaela Staab (youth position), Susan Tritinger, & Sarah Kuykendall. We thank them for stepping up to leadership positions in our congregation!

THANK YOU!

Souper Bowl Results



And our inability to pick the Super Bowl winner continues...Souper Bowl tally: Patriots 176, Eagles 110. But the big winner is Gaithersburg

HELP! Thanks to all who contributed and especially to Dick Walker and Jamie & Camden for their tremendous effort to get everything packed and transported (in the rain no less!). And to Jamie and family for setting up an awesome collection display with the two teams. It's not too late to bring in soup or other non-perishables. Our collection bucket for the Gaithersburg HELP food pantry is always in the foyer.

Pancake Supper was Super!



Many Thanks to our helpers and our attendees for supporting our fundraising efforts for the Youth Gathering! We appreciate the leadership of Jean Bernstein, Sally Acheson, Lori Kohne and Martha Rogers but we couldn't have done it without all the parents that helped: Christina Schneider and Jack Pogorelc in the kitchen, Janet Levine with clean-up, Chris Michel and Sam Bornhorst with pick-up and tables, and our wonderful youth!



Pamela & Melanie

You can never say 'Thank You' too early or too often. Many thanks to Pamela Cook and Melanie Zobel for their hard work with the refreshments for the Wednesday Lenten services during February while working on the hallway bulletin board for March.

POP OFFICE

The Flower Chart for 2018 has been posted and there are 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!



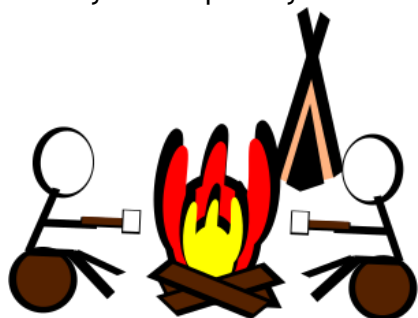
WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Want to learn about the Women of the ELCA (WELCA)? Check out their website: <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/>.

To learn more about our local Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization (SWO), please visit the SWO website (dwyercl2.wixsite.com/welca-metrodcsynod) and read the SWO Newsletter, The Joyful News (metrocelca.org/publications/joyfulnews/).

IT'S SUMMER CAMP!

Registration is open 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: Space, Adventure, Horseback, 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. Join us at an Open House; it's a great way to see the camp and meet our staff! **March 18 & May 20 from 2-4:30pm.** Visit our website (<http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>) to view the brochure or pickup one from the narthex Bulletin Board - choose your camp today!



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](http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response) to donate or learn more about how you can help. [<http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>]

THINK ABOUT IT

It was one of the worst days of my life: The washing machine broke down, the telephone kept ringing, my head ached, and the mail carrier brought a bill I had no money to pay.

Without a word, my son took his pacifier out of his mouth and stuck it in mine.

--Clara Null

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