



GLAD TIDINGS



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

All are welcome to Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on **Tuesday, March 5** in the Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm. Youth 6th grade and up are needed to cook and serve a delicious dinner of pancakes and sausage. Gluten-free/allergen-free pancakes are also on the menu. A free-will donation will be taken during the dinner, which will support our many wonderful Youth Activities.



Movie Night!

On **March 23rd at 6:30 pm**, we are hosting a free viewing of the highly acclaimed movie ['Holden On.'](#) This movie is based on a true story and tackles the hard subjects of: suicide, mental health, and pressure on young people. After the movie a panel of experts will be available to answer questions on the subjects. Appropriate for middle school and older. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Questions? See Pastor Christine.



Come join us as we begin our Lenten journey at our Ash Wednesday service on **March 6 at 7:30 pm**. Then during the **Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 13**, we will have **Evening Prayer at 7:15 pm**.

Each Wednesday evening during Lent you are invited to join us as we gather for spiritual engagement and fellowship. From **6:30-7:15 pm** Self-guided Centering Stations will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Concurrently, refreshments of wine, cheeses and light desserts will be available in the Narthex. **You may come at ANYTIME between 6:30-7:15 pm** for centering and fellowship. **Holden Evening Prayer will begin at 7:15 pm** in the Sanctuary.



NOTE:
Check Weekly Email and the bulletin inserts for the web links for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.



Lenten Sharing Bags are back!

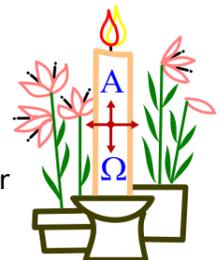
March 9th through April 14th, we will be collecting items for two local charities: Interfaith Clothing Center and Shepherd's Table.



See page 4 for more information.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar this Easter, we will start taking orders and payment on **Sunday, March 24**. Lilies and hyacinths 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 will be available in the narthex. Keep an eye on Weekly Email and bulletin inserts for cost and due date.



During the winter months, if inclement weather requires us to cancel services or activities, a notice will appear on the website homepage (poplutheran.org) and be left as a message on the church phone (301-869-3666).



From Pastor Christine...

Pastor Christine Dunn
(pastorchristine@poplutheran.org;
301-869-3666)



It's hard to believe that the Lenten season is almost upon us. During Lent we are typically more intentional about our spirituality and our relationship with God. It is a time where seeds can be sown within our hearts and minds for growth and renewal.

A few ways we will be engaging our hearts and minds this Lenten season:

In worship we will be using a different translation of the Bible. We use the New Revised Standard Version, however there are a multitude of translations available. Through reading different versions we can gain greater insight into the intent of the words the writers chose, thereby helping us to have a fuller and broader picture of God, creation, humanity, and context. This Lenten season we will be using *'The Inclusive Bible,'* which seeks to free the text from sexist language, gender bias, and social stereotyping. This translation is much, much more than being mindful of pronouns. It is a faithful translation of the original Hebrew and Greek words and intent, while also helping inform the reader of context. Additionally, it doesn't corrupt the text by changing things for the sake of political or social agendas (i.e. Jesus is a man; that pronoun is appropriate and truthful). One of the things I appreciate about reading different translations is it helps me to hear the word of God freshly. In my opinion, this translation reads smoothly and beautifully. It is true that you may stumble a bit, or it may be a bit awkward because it's different, or you may have to think about it more, but I don't think that talking about God should always be easy or comfortable. I hope you'll listen differently to the readings this Lent and please suspend judgment until after you've had the opportunity to listen and reflect.

Also during Lent we will be offering contemplative and fellowship time on Wednesday evenings (beginning March 13th). For most of us our lives can feel hectic and disjointed. Our Wednesday evening worship experiences seek to

counter this reality with relaxed conversation with friends and spiritual activities. Beginning at 6:30pm simple foods of cheeses, desserts, and wine will be provided in the narthex. Stop by on your way home from work and catch up with friends. Concurrently, in the fellowship hall a self-guided spiritual activity will take place. These activities will focus on themes such as: unity, grief, prayer. Please come any time between 6:30pm-7:15pm for fellowship and contemplation. Then at 7:15pm, Holden Evening prayer will be offered in the sanctuary. This is a meaningful and touching service that lasts only 20 minutes. It is a beautiful way to close out the day and greet the evening. I hope you will all try to attend at least once over the course of Lent.

Finally, on March 23rd at 6:30pm we will be hosting a viewing of the highly-acclaimed movie *'Holden On.'* Prince of Peace has paid the licensing fees, so we are offering it free of charge. This movie addresses the hard issues of suicide, mental health, and pressures placed on young people. After the movie we will have the opportunity to reflect, talk, and ask questions with the help of a panel of experts made up of a therapist, doctor, suicide hotline member, and high school coach. As many of you may be aware, suicide is a health issue within our schools and community. The church can be a place of safety and support for those contemplating suicide and for families facing this hard situation. This movie is appropriate for middle-school and older. Feel free to bring friends!

As you can see, we are offering a variety of experiences to speak to your soul, mind, and heart. We are looking forward to journeying through Lent again with you. If you have questions about any of the offerings, please feel free to contact me.



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 7)
Women's Bible Study will not meet on March 5.

Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Adult Choir (pg 7)

Every Thursday

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

8:00 am Men's Group (pg 7)
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COMING UP...

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19 Good Friday Service
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21 Easter Sunday
21 Resurrection Run
21 Easter Egg Hunt
23 Theology on Tap
25 Faith-Full Families
28 First Communion Class

May

5 First Communion Class
12 First Communion Class
18 First Communion Bread Baking
18-19 First Communion
26 Start Summer Worship Schedule
26 Start Yard Sale collections
27 Memorial Day
27-31 Yard Sale Prep

June

1 YARD SALE!

For a current calendar, see:

<https://poplutheran.org/church-calendars/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday events will be on April 21:

- Resurrection Run at 5:45 am
- Worship at 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 am
- Easter egg hunt at 9:45 am

The Yard Sale (The Big One!) will be on June 1.

We are busy planning for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is ROAR Life is wild God is good! Mark your calendars for July 22 - 26. We hope you can join us for another fun adventure.

Montgomery County Interfaith 5K will be on September 2.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

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

Pastor John B. McGarvey



PoP Members

Eardie Baka, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Kevin Ely, Dara Gibson, Roy Johnson, Mike Langum, Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Jim Mc Nerney, Heather Robinson, Sherry Schiebel, Denny Tritinger, Paul Welborn, Laura Wilson, Angelo Witten

Sympathy

Family of Alma Daniel (mother-in-law of Brittany Daniel)

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

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP 2019!

Prince of Peace has 5 members who'll be joining non-profit org., Haven Universe, for their 2019 trip to Honduras! Chet & Nancy Wolejsza, Ric & Grey Kienzle, and "returning champion" Catherine Shober will be traveling in June to assist with medical missions, construction projects, & local outreach. The PoP team asks for prayers and financial contributions toward trip and supply costs. Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to Haven Universe and placed in either the offering plate or the Mission Trip envelope in the Council President's mailbox in the narthex. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by March 17th. Contributions (large or small!) and continued prayers for a safe & successful mission would be greatly appreciated!

SPOTLIGHT

This month we are looking at Being a Good Neighbor.

Lenten Sharing Bags are Back!

Beginning March 9 through April 14, we will collect for the Interfaith Clothing Center and Shepherd's Table. 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.

[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; Combination locks; Lysol Wipes

[Shepherd's Table Items:](#) Deodorant - Men and Women; Disposable plastic Ponchos; Safety Razors; Paper Napkins; Coffee and coffee creamer (powder); Syrup; Silverware (spoons and forks)

Questions? Contact: Bertha Carreras
(bgcarreras@gmail.com)

Yard Sale in Lent??

The Lenten season is not too early to start planning for Yard Sale (June 1). During this season of reflection and preparation, some people take the time for purposeful decluttering. For ideas on how this can work, consider taking the "40 Bags in 40 Days Challenge" (<https://www.whitehouseblackshutters.com/40-bags-in-40-days/>). The goal is one bag a day, but you can have more or less as appropriate (and you don't have to limit yourself to Lent). To make this work DO keep your treasures for Yard Sale separate from the things that need to go to the trash. Contact Rebecca Claycamp (rdclaycamp@gmail.com) with questions.

•What defines a "Bag"?

No requirements here. You don't even have to use a bag. Any size or shape of container is OK. Do what makes sense for you.

•Is everything supposed to go to Yard Sale?

Nope! Some items need to go to the trash, you may decide that you should sell items, and items will be perfect as donations for Yard Sale. All of it counts (even the trash)!

•If I want to stick to the 40-day challenge, can I work ahead to build in some days off?

Absolutely. In fact, remember that you technically have 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, so the Challenge has a built-in day-off each week. If you're feeling super motivated, you might end up filling up several bags on a particular day. In that case, you've "earned" a few days off when life gets in the way. And if you don't get started until the Second Sunday of Lent, no worries. Even 10-days of effort puts both you and the Yard Sale in better place.

•What if I don't have 40 bags-worth of clutter?

You can still join in on the decluttering fun by getting rid of 40 items during the Challenge period (consider it the lite-version!)

•Where can I get more ideas and motivation?

While the website listed is a "home" for the concept, just google "40 bags in 40 days" to get lots of ideas and encouragement. Some people post their progress on Facebook and Instagram.

Sunday School

PreK/K and Elementary learners studied the story of the Good Samaritan and considered what it means to be a good neighbor. They acted out the story, had a bandaging competition, made delicious bandage-shaped snacks, told the story by decorating small cakes, and ate yummy fruit. No one went hungry the last few weeks!



“bandaged”

bandage snack



small cake



preschool girls with fruit

PreK/K practiced being good neighbors by sorting toiletries for donation to Interfaith Works Empowerment Center which provides services to people experiencing homelessness. In addition to the toiletries which members donate at POP’s back door, PreK/K leader Jamie Pflasterer applied for a Thrivent grant to purchase additional toiletries.



with basket of toiletries

Please drop off travel-size (unopened) soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, alcohol-free mouthwash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste throughout the year in the toiletries basket in the vestibule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Counters



Who doesn't love to count money?

Come join the counting team for fun with money!! We

have a wonderful team at Prince of Peace who count and enter the donations into the computer. No experience necessary- there isn't much to it! It's a great way to make new friends and find an easy way to participate at PoP. We are looking for a couple more people to count after church about once a month. We have a very flexible schedule to fit our lives.

For more information or to volunteer, email Helen Griffith (Hgriffith22@gmail.com)

Ushers and Greeters



Critical Need for Ushers and Greeters! Please consider volunteering to serve 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!

STEWARDSHIP

All PoP Donation Statements for 2018 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.



2019 Offering Envelopes are now available on the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up today!

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

You can support Prince of Peace with each Amazon 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

Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Lent event will be held Thursday, March 21st 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](mailto:Judy.Bruening@poplutheran.org) (Judy.bruening53@gmail.com)

ADULT EDUCATION

PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. We will read and discuss [Life That is Good](#) (based on the book of Proverbs) on March 12.

Please join us any week you can and feel free to bring a bagged lunch. Questions? See [Pastor Christine](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

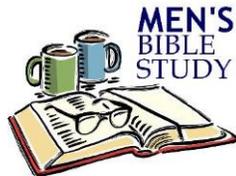


We will not meet on March 12 and April 16. Enjoy Lent and Holy Week on those Tuesdays.

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

Gaithersburg HELP

Dramatic POP Sports Upset!



The previous unbroken record of POP Souper Bowl votes going to the losing team has been shattered. The Patriots not only won the Super Bowl, but had the higher number of Souper Bowl donations -Patriots 175 cans plus \$35, vs Rams 138 cans plus \$8.01 (really). The big winner of course was Gaithersburg HELP, and all of the clients who will be enjoying those stews and soups. Thanks to all for your enthusiastic generosity.

Of course HELP appreciates soup donations any time, not just in February, so feel free to bring in donations any time. Winter is always the time of highest need. Seasonal jobs are scarce and utility bills are high, resulting in tight budgets. This year's furlough also caused increased need. Cereals, tuna and peanut butter are always in high demand.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship: We need great new people to join our team. Please add your name and email to the Fellowship list. There's no pressure, you can pick and choose the events you would like to be involved in!!! Contact [Pamela Cook](mailto:Pamela.Cook@poplutheran.org).

Saturday Dinner Out

We invite you to PoP 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 9, we will be going to Cava Grill (213 Kentlands Blvd) and invite you to join us around 6:15pm. 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

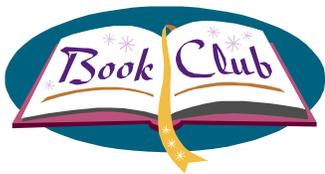


On Saturday, April 6, we will be going to YoYoGi Sushi (317 Main St in the Kentlands).

Men's Book Club

Sometimes we must look to the past in order to understand the future. The members of the Pop Men's Book Club will discuss a timeless classic, 1984 by George Orwell. A classic dystopian story and eerily prescient of the state of modern society, 1984 describes a world where our location, searches for information, and opinions are continuously recorded via our phones, voice-controlled and internet-connected "smart speakers," and computers.

We will meet at the home of Mike DeGeorge on **Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 pm**. Beverages and munchies will be provided. All men of PoP and their male friends are cordially invited. Please RSVP to Mike at mpd1023@aol.com



Women's Book Group

On **Thursday, March 14, 7:30 pm**, the Women's Book Group will gather in the Fellowship Hall at POP to discuss Rocket Men: The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man's First Journey to the Moon by Robert Kurson. Jennifer Maloney will be hosting this event.

The book is described as the inside, lesser-known story of NASA's boldest and riskiest mission: mankind's first journey to the Moon on Christmas in 1968, an account of three heroic astronauts who took one of the most dangerous space flights ever.

Please RSVP to Jennifer at maloney.jenn@gmail.com.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

April 11 - Costly Grace: A Contemporary View of Bonhoeffer's the Cost of Discipleship by Jon Walker, hosted by TBD

May 9 - The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks, Sarah Pekkanen, hosted by TBD

LENTEN CREATION CARE CALENDAR

You're invited to join others throughout the region in taking on a Lenten Creation care practice. Each day calls on us to take a different action and each of these actions will help to preserve God's great gift of Creation. Check out the [calendar](#) here.

GIBSON FAMILY UPDATE

Our Care Team has resumed arranging evening meals for the Gibson family on Tuesdays & Thursdays. If you can help, signups will be posted on [Dara's Caring Bridge calendar](#). By providing meals, we can alleviate some of their daily burdens, allowing Lauren & Dan to focus on Dara and the decisions to be made. Please know that your love, prayers and support provide a foundation for the Gibsons' courage and strength as they move forward in this journey. Questions/Need help signing up? Contact [Sharon Wahl](#).

Note to Federal Employees-As Lauren & Dan are once again taking Dara to radiation treatments and medical appointments, they are needing to take leave during this time. If you would like to support them by donating leave, please see the 3/15/18 Journal entry on Dara's Caring Bridge page (<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/daragibson/journal>).

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you are unable to open the link in the newsletter, copy the link into your browser. It should work then.

NEW POP WEBSITE

The NEW Prince of Peace website is launched! Browse to: <https://poplutheran.org>. Some users may see a warning, "Website not secure." This is a ghost of the old website, <http://poplutheran.org>. However, the new, secure website is the only one currently published to the internet. To make the error disappear, you can clear/delete your browser history or try deliberately searching for "<https://poplutheran.org>" to add it to your browser history manually. If you experience problems with the website, send a help request to support@poplutheran.org.

OFFICE

The Flower Chart for 2019 has been posted! Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a person or special occasion. A donation of \$35 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!



Serving in Worship Schedule

The Serving in Worship schedule for March and April has been posted on our [website](#) and the bulletin board in the narthex. Please review it and make arrangements for any conflicts. Thanks!

ELCA 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. With wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, and an earthquake, there are many immediate needs here 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.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

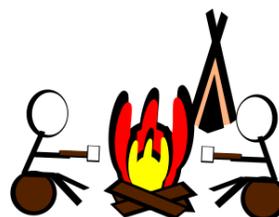
SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ready to jump into a new adventure?!? The programming at Mar-Lu-Ridge is Christ-centered, fun, and safe. Residential camps for ages 6-17, day camps for ages 6-10, and off-site Mobile Mar Lu day camps are offered.

Check out the [brochure](#) for information about the different camps and cost. Also available is a [registration link](#).

Do you love working with children and being outdoors? Is God calling you to serve in a new and exciting way? We have just the job for you! Check out our [application](#) today!



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