



GLAD TIDINGS



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Yard Sale Needs You!!!



We are in full planning mode for our annual Yard Sale. **Yard Sale Day is Saturday, June 4.** Yard sale drop off will begin on **Sunday, May 29** after church service. Sign up can be done on posted sign-up sheets or on sign-up on the Yard Sale website at <https://poplutheran.org/yardsale/>. The Yard Sale is a great way to give back to the community, to meet members of the congregation you don't know, and to have FUN!!! The event is also an important fundraiser for the congregation. Direct any questions to Christian Michel at christian.c.michel@gmail.com or Bill Harral at billharral@comcast.net and they can also find just the "job" to match your time and talents. **Please DO come in during the week of Yard Sale** to help sort and price. It takes hundreds of person-hours to prepare for this event so EVERYONE's help is essential. And those who come in to help during the week can indulge in pre-sales!

Second Saturday Service - in order to provide an additional opportunity for worship apart from Sunday morning, **we will hold a 5 pm Saturday service on the 2nd Saturday of each month.** Our next service will be on **Sat., June 11.** This service will have the same sermon and readings as the Sunday service but will not be livestreamed.

Coffee house Fundraiser on May 14th



So much to celebrate from our Coffee House!

See page 8 for more information and pictures!

Thank You!

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace,

Thank you for all the ways you've shown support and reached out during the past few weeks after I lost Blake. He was the best doggie ever and loved seeing everyone at PoP! Thank you also for the many ways so many of you showed care and love to Blake over the years. Both us doggies appreciated it!



Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Construction is continuing on our new patio/courtyard!

During this time, the area near the church will be an active construction zone, so please stay out of taped off areas and use caution!



See pages 3 and 4 for more pictures!



From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
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301-869-3666)

"We beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed ... by letter, as though from us." (2 Thessalonians 2:2). Paul wrote these words to the early Christians in the city of Thessalonika, because they apparently were receiving letters claiming to be from Paul that told them alarming and untrue things!

Today, of course, this is done by email! Most of us are regularly warned by our banks and credit card companies not to respond to suspicious looking emails or to open the attachments. Occasionally, companies get "hacked" - that is, people actually get into the online databases of companies and steal information. More often, though, the emails we get are the result of "spoofing" - that is, it's a fake email address that appears to be from a legitimate source, hoping to get people to respond (usually to get personal information or money.)

These "spoofs" aren't limited to banks and credit cards. Over the last several years, a number of people at Prince of Peace have received spoof emails claiming to be from me or Prince of Peace. Please be on the lookout for these spoofs as well! Sadly, anyone at anytime can create a fake gmail addresss, for example, and set it up so that when it comes to your inbox, it says it's from "Santa Claus", "Mickey Mouse" or "Pastor Steve."

If an email seems weird, please check the actual address it's being sent from. If it does not come from a poplutheran.org domain, it is NOT from us. Also, remember that neither I nor anyone at PoP will ever ask you to send us a "gift card" (or to make any donation other than through our regular, secure online giving link). It is not necessary to forward these messages on to us, but please, DO NOT respond to them or open any links.

There are lots of ways in which we still have many of the same problems and issues of early Christians in the first century. Sadly, this is one of them! So, as Paul cautioned, don't be alarmed, but also please be on the lookout for spoofs!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

June Highlights

Every Sunday

10:00 am Worship live and streamed on our Facebook Page

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters (pg 7)

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

COMING UP...

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For a current calendar, see:

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

COUNCIL CORNER June 2022

News and Views from the PoP Church Council

NEWS

Here are the updates from the April Church Council meeting.

Finances: Finances are doing okay ([Council notes](#)).

Shed project: The building supplies for the new shed are onsite and the old shed was emptied on April 23. Demolition is scheduled for May 28.

Solar panel project: The solar panels should be in place by mid-July.

Yard sale: Bill Harrel and Christian Michael are leading the Yard Sale effort and are actively seeking station leaders and workers. [Learn more and sign up to help on our Yard Sale web page!](#)

Courtyard: The Courtyard project is underway and should be completed around the end of May.

VIEWS

First, thank you to the Social Justice and Social Ministry teams. The Silent Auction was absolutely amazing. We raised around \$10,000 for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, the music was wonderful, the food was great and it looked like everyone was having a good time.

Second, there is still time to sign up to help with Yard Sale. This is the next big social/community outreach event. There are sign-up sheets at the back door of the church.

Respectfully,
Jon Conary

Council met on May 10. You can read notes from that meeting (including the Pastor's and Treasurer's report) [by clicking here.](#)

SPECIAL PRAYERS

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

Pastor John B. McGarvey



PoP Members

Alice & James Baur, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Clara Ely, Laura Hampe Garofalo, Annie Hampe, Roy Johnson, Mike & Remi Langum, Anne Lomperis, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Dick & Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, David Swanson, Denny Tritinger, Laura Wilson, John Zobel

Sympathy

Family of Mary Collins (husband Glenn friend of Richard Farrar)

Family of Susan Collis (mother of Jill Spivak)

Ongoing

The people of Ukraine

For Racial justice and equality

All those struggling with Covid-19 and their Caregivers

All those impacted by weather

The complete Prayer List is available in the Weekly Email sent on Thursdays.

PATIO CONSTRUCTION PICS

More pictures from the patio construction!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

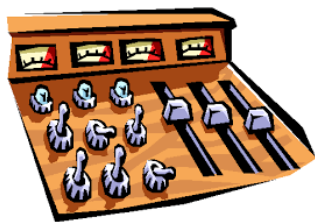
Volunteers are needed for a number of key positions! This includes, especially, needing someone (or a pair of people) to be VBS Coordinator. Please check out the Key Volunteer listings on the glass door in the narthex and let [Pastor Steve](#) or [Jon Conary](#) know if you can help!



We need a Vacation Bible School Director!

Time commitment is the week of VBS and several hours a month to get ready.

We need a Vice Treasurer



We need a Sound Board Operator

Covid-19 has had a dramatic impact on how we perform many

of our daily/weekly activities including how we do church. Would you like to be part of the team that makes our "Live Stream" church possible? We are looking for a few more people to control the cameras and sound during our worship services.

We need an Online Greeter

We need someone to sit in the office during church and do the following: greet on-line worshippers, monitor the service on Facebook and let the sound person know if there is a problem, post links at the appropriate times in the service, share the peace, say bye and thank you to virtual attendees. The greetings and comments would all be as posts to Facebook.



Time commitment: 20 minutes to train, then the Sunday service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Montgomery County Interfaith 5K, a unique race that brings together people from all walks of life, religious backgrounds, ethnicities, and fitness levels, takes place on **September 5th at 8am** at the Maryland Soccerplex. When you register make sure to join the Prince of Peace team! Profit made by the race is DONATED to two area beneficiaries: Gaithersburg HELP and C-4 Clothing Closet. Find out [more about the MoCo Interfaith 5K here](#) or [on FaceBook](#). For more information, check the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact [Chris Michel](#) or [Ric Kienzle](#).

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

It's easy and will make your life easier. Just go to the church [webpage \(poplutheran.org\)](#) and click the green Donate Online button. Giving online can help all of us easily provide consistent support for the church. Signup today! 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 poplutheran.org or scan this QR code with your smart phone or tablet. Thanks for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace!



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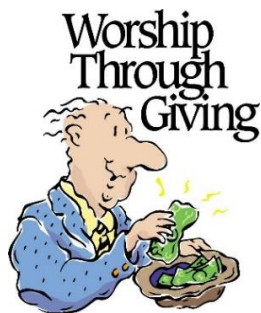
You can support Prince of Peace with each Amazon purchase! Use our AmazonSmile link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>) and PoP receives .5% of your purchases. Use AmazonSmile every time you shop! AmazonSmile is completely integrated with Amazon.com; you use the same account and have the same 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!

Or you can use the Amazon app at no extra cost to you. Simply follow the instructions below to select "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. PoP will continue to receive applicable donations from your purchases.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Elementary Learners Help Refugees

Our Elementary learners have been decorating ceramic pots and creating posters to benefit refugees. One set of pot decorators is shown here. The ceramic pots were part of the Sunday School leaders' herb garden basket donation to the

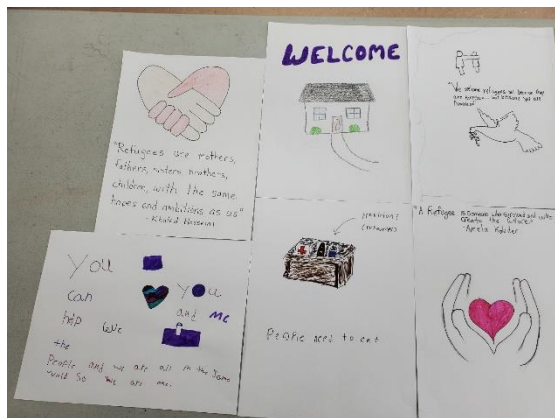


Coffeehouse Auction to benefit the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS).

Although the posters the learners created decorated the Coffeehouse, the primary purpose in making them was to raise funds for a refugee organization supported by Students Rebuild. This refugee organization will be given ten dollars for every poster we submit digitally, for a total of \$120!



The leaders were very happy, yet not surprised, to get a better sense of our learners' significant knowledge and empathy regarding refugees and humanitarian aid. The posters reflect their understanding and beliefs.



Thank you!

Thanks to our dedicated Sunday School leaders for the smooth transition back to in-person learning this year!

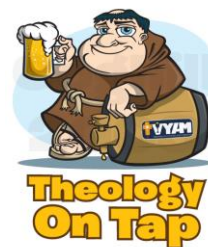
Elementary Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, Jamie Pflasterer, and Anne Witten
 Lower Elementary Shepherd - Trish Taylor
 Opening Music Leader - Danielle Drobny
 Middle School Leaders - Samuel Bornhorst and Sarah Kuykendall
 High School Leader - Jon Conary
 Sunday School Superintendent - Janet Levine

The leaders thank our flexible and kind learners for their participation. We look forward to seeing you at PoP this summer and back in class in September.

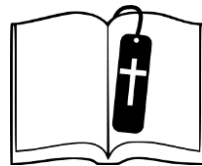
ADULT EDUCATION

Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session to talk about issues of faith. Pastor Steve leads one of these events each month. Check Weekly Email and the online worship notice for the next date. We are currently meeting on Zoom. Logon and join us!



PoP Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm on Zoom. We are currently studying the Book of Genesis. Questions? Contact Pastor Wendy Deeben (wdeeben@gracerock.org)

MUSIC

Grace Notes

Is this the year to dust off your trumpet, trombone, saxophone, drums, guitar or other musical instrument and start playing again? Have you always wanted to sing or play with "the Band"? Grace Notes is looking for musicians and singers. We rehearse Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00pm and are working toward the goal of playing once a month during our worship service.



Time commitment is rehearsal 3-4 times a month and playing at one Sunday service a month. Contact [Jon Conary](mailto:JonConary@gracerock.org) for more information.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP



Things are somewhat back to a pre-covid normal at Gaithersburg HELP. What does that mean? Well, first of all there's the ongoing need for all of the usual foods - tuna, 1-pound bags of rice, cereal, diapers, etc. And then, unfortunately, the amazing high level of generous personal monetary donations has significantly dropped off to the point of increasing deficit spending each month. So please put HELP on your radar, if possible, for donations. We need to buy most of the food and diapers and formula(!)

for clients, and of course those costs continue to go up.

For questions or information, please contact Hope Walker (hope.walker@GaithersburgHELP.org)

Quilters



Would you like to change the world for someone? Can you tie a knot or tear/cut a piece of cloth? Then join the Quilter's group, Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am till noon at the church or work from home. We also can use donations of cloth (cotton preferred). We are

changing the world one quilt at a time!

Contact [Lisa Conary](#) for more information.

Do you have some fabric in your home that you are not going to use? The PoP Quilters are in need of fabric for quilts. Please leave any fabric donations in the church office or music room.

If you have questions, please contact [Lisa Conary](#).

The quilting group needs cloth. If you are decluttering for the yard sale and find sheets or cloth you decide to donate, but there is no linens department, no worries, we would love to have it. We use sheets for the backing and other pieces of cloth for squares. Cotton is best but blends work as well. Thank you!

Social Justice Ministry News

Many thanks to Dekker Spielman, Xavier Bornhorst, Jennifer Maloney and Jon Conary for assembling the 28 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks, also, to all who contributed items for the kits!!



LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME MIGRANTS

The governor from Texas is busing incoming immigrants to the DC area. Hundreds are arriving and church grass roots movements are organizing to support and help them move on to families who

are waiting or to find housing and work for those who remain. These immigrants are innocent pawns in a battle between Biden and the state of Texas. If you want to help donate goods, Congregation Action Network would be grateful for supplies, <https://www.myregistry.com/organization/dc-jwj-washington-dc/3289459/giftlist>. Volunteers with Spanish language skills are needed as well as offers of short-term housing or help with transportation to buses and airports. Any help would be appreciated, and your skills are welcome. Sign up [here](#) to volunteer.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS GALA

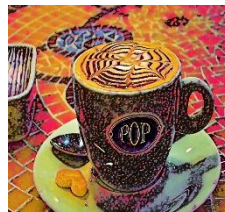
Join Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless at the MCCH [Outdoor] Garden Gala on June 2nd.

The event begins at 6 pm with refreshments and an auction followed by the program and dessert.

Follow this link to purchase a ticket - <https://mcch.net/gala-2022-tickets/>.

WONDERFUL SUCCESS!!!

Coffee house Fundraiser on May 14th



So much to celebrate from our Coffee House:

- Had over 110 people in attendance and it was packed!!
- The energy in the church and the and connections people were making thru fellowship was incredible
- The FOOD put on by the fellowship committee was top notch cater like
- Richard Farrar was an entertaining auctioneer
- The jazz pianist was superb
- THANK YOU for your generous donations- it was truly a community event
- To top it off we are close to raising \$13, 000 for LIRS! WOW!!
- Thank you to the Fellowship and Social Justice Ministry teams
- Cherie and Joan appreciate your participation in this event-POP is back.
- See you at the YARD SALE!!



Pictures from the CoffeeHouse / Auction



FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Group

On June 9th at 7:30 pm, the Women's Book Group will be discussing *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. Excerpt from GoodReads: *Hamnet* is a portrait of a marriage, at its heart the loss of a beloved child. Setting is Warwickshire in the 1580s. Agnes is a woman as feared as she is sought after for her unusual gifts. She settles with her husband on Henley Street, Stratford, and has three children: a daughter, Susanna, and then twins, Hamnet and Judith. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet. The author breathes new life into the story of a loss usually consigned to literary footnotes, and provides an unforgettable vindication of Agnes, a woman intriguingly absent from history.

Becky Carr (pandbcarr@verizon.net) will be hosting. A Zoom option at 8:00 pm will be available.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

July 8 *The Arctic Fury*

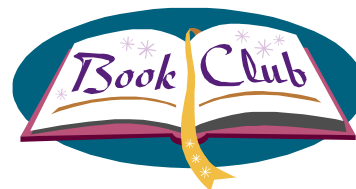
by Greer Macallister

hosted by Nancy Wolejsza

August 11 *The Lost Apothecary*

by Sarah Penner

hosted by Susan Victor



RECENT SIGHTINGS



God's hand in nature:
Several people have seen this pack of foxes. Please enjoy watching them, especially the kits; but do not approach.

POP OFFICE

Office Hours

Our office is now being staffed by Martha Rogers on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.** However, it is always possible to:

- Call or email the office (or the Pastor directly) - we will be monitoring email and voicemail daily, so it's always possible to contact us;
- Drop off food for Gaithersburg HELP at the church - the bins continue to be located outside each door under the covered walkways.
- Send offering checks to the church (although [we're encouraging online donations](#) if you can do that.)

Recycling Toner/Ink Cartridges



Please continue saving used ink & toner cartridges for PoP. We still recycle them for store credit on office supplies. You can leave them in the box in the Narthex or in the labeled bin on the "Give & Take" table outside the back door.



Kitchen Care

Now that we are doing more in the building, help us keep the kitchen tidy and organized! Kitchen rules are posted in the kitchen, usually on the refrigerator, so that we can keep it clean and tidy and make it easier for everyone to use.



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 earthquakes, there are many immediate needs here and around the world. Most current for many of us is the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic, Afghan and Ukrainian refugees, and the war in Ukraine. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage](#) (<https://elca.org/disaster>) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

MAR-LU-RIDGE

Summer Camp

Come join us this upcoming summer for a wonderful week of camp! The summer camp brochure with the full schedule and camp descriptions is available here at the church as well as online at www.mar-lu-ridge.org

Mar-Lu-Ridge offers:

- a fun, small group, Christ-centered week in the woods
- affordable pricing starting at \$415 per week
- friendships and memories that stay with your child
- camperships to ensure that all children can attend camp**
- unique specialty programs for all ages!
- ACA certification means MLR meets the highest safety standards

If you have any questions, please contact MLR by email at mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org or by phone at 800-238-9974.

NOTE: Registration is now open. The schedule and form for financial assistance are online and in PoP's office.



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