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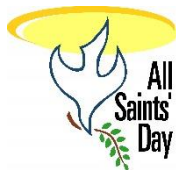
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

November 2022



All Saints' Day

On All Saints' Day, November 6, we will celebrate one of the oldest festivals of the Church. During worship there will be a time to remember family and friends who have gone before us. If there are some special people you would like to remember on this day, please submit their names to the [Church Office](#) and their names will be spoken during the service. Please include your name, their name(s), relationship to you, and whether the passing occurred in the past year. **Please submit names by Tuesday, November 1.**



Coffee with a Cop

Join Prince of Peace in enjoying [Coffee with a Cop](#), a part of the County's "Faith and Blue" initiative which provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Gaithersburg's neighborhoods. This is our chance to meet with officers for a respectful conversation over coffee and donuts. Let's welcome the police, **Sunday, November 6 from 11:15 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Childcare will be provided. Contact [Susan](#) with any questions. [Jamie Pflasterer](#) hosts.

Christmas Pageant is Coming!



Interested in being a part of the Christmas Pageant this year? We need actors, coaches, photographer, lighting controller, sound person, microphone manager, costumer, prop person, choir director, projector person, pianist, etc. The pageant is Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 pm. For more info and/or to sign up, contact [Jon](#) or [Lisa Conary](#) or sign up in the narthex!

Thanksgiving Holiday Giving Program

Prince of Peace will be sponsoring six families for Thanksgiving through the City of Gaithersburg's Holiday Giving Program. The City has sponsored this program for more than 25 years and hopes to serve 600 families in November. The program is coordinated through a central database in Montgomery County to avoid duplication of services. The Social Justice Committee is excited that our Congregation will be a part of this County wide effort to ensure everyone has a joyful and food-filled Thanksgiving.

For more information, see page 8.

PoP Park Clean-Up

Join us for a PoP Park Clean Up at Seneca Creek Greenway Trail (19013 Frederick Road, Germantown) **on Tuesday, November 8 from 10:30am - 12:00pm.** (Election Day - no school!) All are welcome - Youth ages 14+ may attend alone. Youth ages 13 and under must be accompanied by parent. (SSL hours for students 11+) Transportation on your own. Join us for LUNCH afterward at church at 12:15pm. Gloves and trash bags provided. Rain date Saturday, November 12. For more information or to sign up, contact [Sonvy Waidler](#).

No Sunday School Thanksgiving Weekend

We won't have Sunday School **on November 27.** Enjoy the holiday weekend with your family!

Holden Evening Prayer



Come join us for a service of Holden Evening Prayer each Wednesday in [Advent](#) at 7:15 pm (November 30 & December 7, 14 & 21). You are welcome to join us in person or livestream on [our Facebook page!](#)

A time of fellowship with wine, cheese and finger food will precede each service **beginning at 6:15 pm.**



From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
(pastor@poplutheran.org;
301-869-3666)

In November, we celebrate our National Day of Thanksgiving. It's a great opportunity to get together with family and friends, to eat lots of great food, and to watch football!

But more and more, I'm concerned that in our society we've replaced "thanksgiving" with "thankfulness." Both are great things, but there's a difference. "Thankfulness" can simply be the result of luck, chance, or fate. One can be "thankful" because they have enough to eat; live in a free country; or have a warm place to sleep. And indeed, many of us list these things as things to be thankful for, especially when we know so many people throughout the world don't have these basic and needful things.

But in order to "give thanks" you need to direct your thanks towards a giver. And this means acknowledging the fact that something you've received is the result of someone else's love and generosity - not simply the good luck of having found some cash on the sidewalk in front of you.

And that's why for Christians, a day of thanksgiving - or any day for that matter - should be a day of directing our thanks to the One who has blessed us with many gifts - ones we recognize and ones we often overlook, or even ascribe to our own strength and smarts. As Deuteronomy 8:17-18 reminds us, "Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth".

And when we actually "give thanks", instead of just being thankful, it makes a difference. Giving thanks to the God who we realize has blessed us reminds us that we're not in this life alone, and that our blessings aren't dependent upon luck or good fortune. Giving thanks to God, instead of just being thankful, gives us hope for the future that God will continue to be there for us to bless us with help and strength to face whatever challenges and problems life throws at us. And giving thanks to God, instead of just being thankful, can also inspire us to share with others, because we realize

that we'll continue to be blessed with gifts to share.

So, on Thanksgiving, enjoy family, food and football! And be thankful. But most of all, remember "at all times and in all places" to give thanks to the One who continues to love and bless you!

Yours in Christ,

November Highlights

Every Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School*

*No Sunday School on November 27 (pg 1)

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

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters (pg 8)

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (pg 8)

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 Saturday, November 12. This service will have the same sermon and readings as the Sunday service but will not be livestreamed.

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For a current calendar, see:

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

SAVE THE DATE - VBS

It is almost Halloween, which means it is time to start thinking about:

~~Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Easter, Yard Sale~~
(well maybe),

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)!



Yes!
PoP will have a VBS in 2023.
July 16-20, 2023
6:00 to 8:00 pm

We will cookout at 6:00pm and start the VBS at ~6:30pm

Also new for this year....there will be an adult class!!!

COUNCIL CORNER

October 2022

News and Views from the PoP Church Council

NEWS

Here are the updates from the OCT Church Council meeting.

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

Shed project: the door is now on the new shed, there is still some trim that needs to be installed and the shed will be painted.

Solar panel project: the solar panels project has run into some challenges. We should have more

info next month. The current vendor does not want to do projects as small as ours at the church.
BYC: The roof on Besecker has been resealed and we are working on getting the dry wall repair completed.

Church Cleanup Day: We are in the process of scheduling a church cleanup day be watching for further information.

VIEWS

Thank you again for your continued support with both time and talents.

Respectfully,
Jon Conary

Council met on October 11. 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, William Bolek, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, 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 Carolyn Jane Emerick
(grandmother of Carolyn Carr)

Thanksgiving

Baptism of Quinton Von Pieper
(son of Melissa Von Wald & Kyle Pieper)
Baptism of Leo James Von Wald
(son of Meghan & Greg Von Wald)

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.

GET INVOLVED WITH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We are rotating the posters from the Ministry Fair on a table in the narthex. Please take a look and see if something looks interesting to you, then sign up to give it a try or restart.

Seasonal VBS



VBS is scheduled for July 2023. Volunteer positions are still available. See SAVE THE DATE - VBS on page 3 for current information on date and time. Stay tuned for more information.



Christmas Decorating

Does decorating for the Holidays put you in the Christmas Spirit?

If so, you are invited to join the Group that makes our church feel so very special during the Advent and Christmas Season!

If interested, contact [Pamela Cook!](#)

Ongoing Sunday School



The Sunday School leaders are excited to be back!

New this year: once-a-month Service Projects during Sunday School (Our next project: quilt making!). Snacks.

The Same: loads of Love, Mercy, and Grace. We are looking for students from Preschool to 12th grade. We are also looking for a Middle School assistant or co-leader and a shepherd (a second adult in the room) for Preschool or Elementary classes. You can contact [Janet Levine](#) for more information and/or to sign up.

Fellowship Committee



If you love having friends over or giving parties, then the Fellowship

Committee is for you!

If interested, contact [Pamela Cook!](#)

Photographer



Looking for a designated photographer: someone who can take pictures to update and/or add to the church directory and our picture wall. Also looking for a list of people willing to take pictures

at church events.

Contact [Pastor Steve](#) or [Jon Conary](#) for more information.

PoP Quilters



Join us on Tuesdays, 10am - Noon and once a month on Service Sundays! (Watch the PoP weekly email for the date.) If interested, contact [Lisa Conary!](#)

Vice Treasurer



Actually, that is the Treasurer's job!

We need a Vice Treasurer to eventually take over the job of our Treasurer who wishes to retire after training his replacement.

If interested, please contact [Terry Forish](#) for more information.

Counters



We COUNT because you COUNT!!!

Count the offering and prepare the bank deposit with a fun and friendly group of COUNTERS.

Goal: To have accurate bank deposits

Time Commitment: No more than an hour after church on your rotation.

If interested, contact [Helen Griffith](#) for more information.

SPLASH Volunteer!



Looking for a volunteer opportunity that can be done from home, takes about an hour a month and benefits

the youngest members of our church?

Coordinating our SPLASH mailings could be the perfect fit! These monthly newsletters from Augsburg Fortress support caregivers of children birth to 36 months by helping them incorporate faith formation into the events of daily life.

Once a month it would be your job to:

- Check with the office for an update on new families and new babies to add to the mailing list
- If there are any newbies, order new supplies and send a welcome letter
- Finally, send out the pre-printed newsletter to everyone on the list

Contact [Jamie Pflasterer](#) for more information.



Window Washers

Needed - magical individuals to make our windows transparent again!!

Goal: Sparkling windows

Time commitment: Up to you

If interested, contact [Jon Conary](#) for more information.

Weed Warriors



First - are they really weeds? Or just grass and other miscellaneous plants that have volunteered to grow where we do not really want them to be.

Like on our little parking lot islands or under our bushes or between the bricks or in any little crevice they can find!

Needed - individuals to round them up and help them move out.

Goal: Make the landscape more attractive

Time commitment: Up to you

If interested, please contact [Lisa Conary](#) for more information.

Altar Guild

WANTED: An Altar Guild member for 5th Sundays



(i.e., when a month has 5 Sundays - that 5th Sunday would be your turn.)

TRAINING PROVIDED!!

TIME COMMITMENT: About 30 minutes to set up before a church service, Communion Assistant during communion, and about 15 minutes to clean up after church (4 times a year).

If interested, contact [Pamela Cook!](#)

“...if you want a Holy Spirit moment, volunteer for Altar Guild. Coming into the chapel - with quietness - and preparing the Altar with the sacraments - you feel the Holy Spirit’s presence. It’s not a chore - it’s a blessing.” (Janis Dixon, Morristown, TN)

Choir

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?



This is a survey to determine how much interest there is in the re-formation of the choir here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

If you love to sing so much that you are actually looking for a good excuse to do so...above and beyond 3 hymns a week in church...with a group of like-minded people, then please, contact [Danielle Drobny!](#)

Grace Notes



Grace Notes is looking for musicians and singers. 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”? 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. Contact [Jon Conary](#) (for more information).

The “Live Stream” Team



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

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.

Contact [Pastor Steve](#) or [Jon Conary](#) for more information.

OTHER EVENTS

Haven Universe “Saturday Night Alive!”

Non-profit, Haven Universe has been partnering with Prince of Peace for several years and invites you to volunteer at HU “Saturday Night Alive” this fall. These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers.

“Saturday Night Alive” event assistance is needed on **November 12, from 4:00-7:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School (1200 Main St, Gaithersburg):**

Positions for volunteers include front desk check-in, gym setup/takedown, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling with participants. This is a chance to see God’s work through our hands. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle for questions. We hope you can join us to be a witness of Christ to others!

Honduras Mission Trip 2023

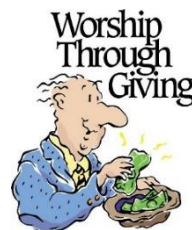
Prince of Peace members are invited once again to join non-profit, Haven Universe on a mission trip to Honduras in June of 2023! Members have participated in this trip in recent years and have had an enriching experience of traveling to Honduras and assisting with medical brigades, construction projects, and community food donations. Haven Universe has also since begun to sponsor a unique school in that area called, CEPI which offers educational supports for children with special needs.

If you are thinking of whether a mission trip to Honduras is for you. Please contact [Ric](#) Kienzle if you would like more information on the mission trip in June.

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!

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!

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

Preschool/K and Elementary

Learners Study the First Commandment



Elementary and preschool classes each had a lesson on the First Commandment and the importance of putting God first in our lives. Elementary learners read Acts 17 about Paul's visit to Athens, where he saw that the city was full of idols. The class thought

about what Paul would notice if he came to our country, and many of us agreed that it could be our focus on electronic technology.

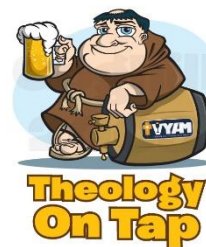
We said that when we put God first in our lives, we can focus on him even when doing other things. So, as a reminder, we made bookmarks and wrote "God" in big letters and, in smaller print, things we spend a lot of time on or are important to us. Then, we read Paul's advice in Philippians 4:8b: *fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise.*

In Preschool/K, we learned about putting God first by talking with a stuffed mouse named Squeaky, who loved Sunday School and church but had made many plans and thought she didn't have time to attend. We talked about ways to put God first throughout the day and colored pictures of our everyday activities with a picture of Jesus in the middle of everything.

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 in a month. Check Weekly Email and worship bulletin for the next date.



PoP Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. The first Tuesday of the month is in person at PoP. The rest of the month is on Zoom. We are currently studying the Book of

Genesis. Questions? Contact [Pastor Wendy Deeben](#).

NOTE: Women's Bible Study will not meet the first Tuesday of this month.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP

Gaithersburg HELP is facing a daunting decrease in financial reserves, due to multiple factors: ongoing increase in number of clients, significant decrease in individual donations, and an astounding 99% increase in costs, as compared to pre-covid 2019. Deficit spending year-to-date has been \$110K, with \$41K of that in August. For now, we can continue providing for client needs, but at a foreseeable point, services will need to be reduced. If you are

URGENT NEED

Gaithersburg
HELP
Neighbor Helping Neighbor

able to include Gaithersburg HELP in your personal giving, it would be hugely appreciated.

Here is a chart showing comparison numbers:

What's Up with the Vanishing Gaithersburg HELP Financial Reserves?

2022 Compared to 2021:

- Income is down 21% Year-To-Date
- Expenses are up 36% YTD
- YTD deficit is \$110,000, with \$41,000 of that in August

Compared to 2019, the last pre-covid "Normal" year:

- Number of clients up 50%
- Income up 43%
- **BUT – Expenses are up 99% !**
- Please consider Gaithersburg HELP for your 2022 giving, to help us continue to meet the ongoing high community needs. United Way and CFC both list Gaithersburg HELP as one of their agencies.

For questions or information, contact [Hope Walker](#)

Quilters - Fabric Donations Needed



Do you have some fabric in your home that you are not going to use? The PoP Quilters are in need of fabric and sheets for quilts. We use sheets for the backing and other pieces of cloth for squares. Cotton is best but blends work as well. Please leave any fabric donations in the church office or music room.

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

Social Justice Ministry News

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM - Prince of Peace will be sponsoring six families for Thanksgiving through the City of Gaithersburg's Holiday Giving Program. The City has sponsored this program for more than 25 years and hopes to serve 600 families in November. The program is coordinated through a central database in Montgomery County to avoid duplication of services. The Social Justice Committee is excited that our Congregation will be a part of this County wide effort to ensure everyone has a joyful and food-filled Thanksgiving.

There is much to do between now and Thanksgiving and we hope that everyone will be able to find a way to be part of the Holiday Giving Program. A kick-off meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall on October 30th after the service to brainstorm on how we can best serve these families.

Please mark your Calendars for **November 20th** when we will be meeting after the service to pack all the Contributions.

Please continue to check the Weekly Email and the Bulletin for our "Help Wanted List or Ways to Contribute List".

There is an immediate need is for six individuals that are willing to be the point of contact between PoP and one of the families. The City mentioned that it would be helpful in some cases if we had someone that could help with Spanish speaking families.

If you have additional questions or would like to be a contact person, please email Cherie DeGeorge at cdegeorge@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - INTERFAITH WORKS

operates a Food Pantry and Clothing Center in Rockville MD. Volunteers are needed at both facilities. Contact Sam Taylor, Faith Partnerships Coordinator, at staylor@iworksmc.org or 301-532-6913 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - STEPPING STONES

SHELTER moves families out of homelessness and has reopened to volunteers. Individuals can tutor/provide childcare or host a Children's Fun Night. Tutoring/childcare occurs every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm. Children's Fun Night is held weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm. In addition, volunteers can apply to help with donation-sorting and house-related tasks during the daytime. For more information about updated volunteer opportunities, please contact Helen Domenici, Director of Community Engagement, at helen@steppingstonesshelter.org or contact her at (301) 251-0567.

ANNUAL REPORT - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

is a program of the ELCA that responds to natural disasters like Hurricane Ian, crises such as in Eastern Europe, and other humanitarian needs. As a congregation, POP supports Lutheran Disaster Response. This year's "[Thrive: Your Impact on Lutheran Disaster Response](#)" tells the story of the

difference our gift has made in the lives of people affected by disasters, both natural and manmade. Please read how our contribution provides ongoing support throughout the journey of recovery, upholding the dignity of people impacted by disasters. Link to the report.

https://www.elca.org/assets/Thrive2022/LDR_Thrive_2022.html?_ga=2.228260959.351987016.1661867539-549696131.1660829826

ANNUAL REPORT - LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES has been dedicated to welcoming immigrants and refugees for more than 80 years. 2021 was an extraordinary year. Through each crisis, LIRS rose to the occasion in unprecedented ways, taking leadership on the national stage through programming, strategic communications, and advocacy. Please read the 2021 annual report to learn about all the accomplishments of the year.

<https://2021.lirs.org/>

Join in anti-racist Continuing Conversations with SJM

Social Justice Ministry is participating in the Continuing Conversations anti-racist discussion group (<https://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/advocacy-action/racial-justice/commit-to-becoming-an-antiracist-church/>) sponsored by Fairhaven Methodist church, located on route 28 just outside Darnestown. Fairhaven was formed (<https://www.fairhavenumcmaryland.com/history>) by the merging of two white Methodist congregations with a black Methodist congregation.

The group meets once a month on Zoom - meetings this year will be focused on learning about school-to-prison pipeline, results of the recent MCPS anti-racist audit, and actions that church members can take. The Continuing Conversations meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 25th - for more information and the zoom link, contact [Jamie Pflasterer](#).

To learn more about the discussion topics, check out the book "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" by Monique W. Morris, and the Pushout documentary, available via the free screening option on Kanopy, an online service offered by the Montgomery County Public Library. You can use your library card to sign up for Kanopy by going to the MCPL website and clicking on the Books & More button, then click on Movies, and follow the directions for Kanopy.

(<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/collection/downloads-and-streaming.html>)

Continuing Conversations meetings are generally held once per month in the evening on zoom - for more information and the zoom link, contact [Jamie Pflasterer](#).



ATTENTION!!

Coming in December - Giving Tree for Children in our Community, Gifts for the Residents of the Village at Rockville, Hope for the Holidays (LIRS Project) and Gifts of Hope.

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group gathering will be on November 10 discussing *The Eyre Affair*, originally scheduled for October. Jennifer Maloney will be hosting. Please RSVP to maloney.jenn@gmail.com no later than November 7.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

December 8 *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*
by Marie Benedict

hosted by Jennifer Maloney

January 12 *The Authenticity Project*

by Clare Pooley

hosted by Judy Bruening

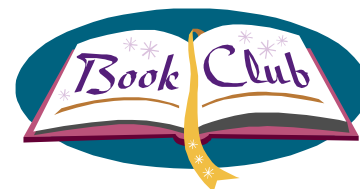
February 9 *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*

by Lisa See

hosted by Nancy Morton

Note:

On November 10, books for the remainder of 2023 will be chosen. Suggestions welcome. Also, hosts are needed.



RECENT EVENTS

PoP Tabletop Game Night

(submitted by Jamie Pflasterer)

After a little bit of a hiatus, PoP Tabletop Game Night was held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 1, and we had a great turnout! Board games have enjoyed a great renaissance in the last several years, and have expanded beyond traditional favorites for kids like Monopoly or Candy Land. Games like Settlers of Catan or Ticket to Ride have much more sophisticated and strategic game play - and a board game night is a great way to try out a new game before you buy it, learn a game while playing with friends, and find a new favorite! Some of the games in this category include Wingspan, where you are a bird enthusiast competing to attract the best birds to your wildlife preserves and Sagra, where you are artists competing to make the most beautiful stained-glass window. We had a good number of competitive Dominoes players, who taught the group several new game variations. My personal favorite card game at the event involved each player having cards for all the different organs in the body, and then taking turns to draw and play different attack and defense cards, to try and cause disease in their rival's organs. Sadly, a "heartbreak" card finished up my last remaining organ in our final game. And of course, no Game Night party would be complete without a game of "Heads Up"! In this exciting team party game, one person holds up a card to their forehead where the rest of the group can see it. The group then shouts out clues to the person holding the card, who has to guess what is written on their card. Pizza, snacks, and other refreshments were enjoyed by all - many thanks to everyone who came to play. It was great to have all ages there together. We will plan another Game Night for early in the new year.



Service Sunday

Project Update

Our Service Sunday projects started on 9/11/22, the September 11 National Day of Service. We meet after the Sunday worship service once a month to spend about one hour on a service project. So far, we have



created four quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief,

made origami figures for Kits to Heart



and put together a bulletin board for The Villages at Rockville.

On 10/16, we made dessert for a local Women's Shelter.



The date for November is the 20th. We will be packing the boxes for our Thanksgiving families. SSL hours are available.

Anne Lomperis:

How the LWR quilts are used

Our Quilting group and some of our PoP youth have made quilts for Lutheran World Relief, who distributes them all over the world. On October 16, Anne Lomperis, who grew up in India as a child of missionaries, helped us understand how important these quilts are to the people who receive them. From using them to make their bed of a straw mat or a mattress of rope a little more comfortable to using them to keep the mosquitoes at bay, they have many uses and last many years. Thank you, Anne, for a very informative and fun presentation!



On October 23, the Sunday School classes came together to have a hands-on opportunity to lay out a quilt top. Not only did they lay it out, but they also each tore a square which was then included in that top. Thank you all!



THANK YOU!

Hi, to everyone who helped with the dinner for the Interfaith Womens Center. It was a success in every way! Joan and I took the food to the Center, and served dinner to the ladies. We had so many compliments and thanks for the food. One lady told us that she had been craving rice crispy bars and ate 4 of them. They were so appreciative that our Sunday School made the desserts. Thanks to all of you for making the effort to cook the food and bring it to Church. We're planning to do this again soon. Jane Sahmel



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) (<https://elca.org/disaster>) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

THINK ABOUT IT

The Masai tribe in West Africa has an unusual way of saying thank-you. Translators tell us that when the Masai express thanks, they bow, put their foreheads on the ground, and say, "My head is in the dirt."

When members of another African tribe want to express gratitude, they sit for a long time in front of the hut of the person who did the favor and literally say, "I sit on the ground before you." These Africans understand well what thanksgiving is and why it's difficult for us: At its core, thanksgiving is an act of humility.

--Joel Gregory

My three-year-old grandson found a quarter in the driveway as the family left for church. When they returned home, he pulled it out of his pocket and handed it to his mother.

"You can have this money, Mommy. I was going to give it to Jesus, but he wasn't there."

--Joyce Parson

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