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Holy Week Schedule



Join us (and invite friends and family!) for [Holy Week](#) and [Easter](#) worship! Check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex to help with worship.

Palm Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 am
Worship (in person and [live stream on Facebook](#))

March 28 at 7:15 pm
Maundy Thursday Service (in person and [live stream on Facebook](#))

March 29 at 7:15 pm
Good Friday Service (in person and [live stream on Facebook](#))

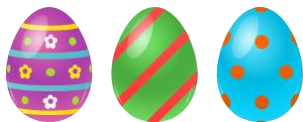
March 30 at 5:00 pm
Easter Vigil (in person only) This is our Second Saturday service; however, it is a different service from Sunday this month.

Holy Week: <https://poplutheran.org/worship-and-music/holy-week-at-prince-of-peace/>

Easter Flowers and Easter Eggs



If you would like to donate flowers for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form at church or [email the office](#) by Sunday, March 24. Color this year is only white. Lilies are \$14.00. Hyacinths are \$10.



The Easter season wouldn't be complete without the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year's

Easter Egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday morning, March 31, beginning at 11:00 am. Children are encouraged to bring a basket or bag to collect the eggs. Eggs to be filled can be found in the Narthex. If you would like to donate filled eggs for the hunt, please bring eggs filled with goodies on or before 10 am on Easter morning. Thank you for your continued support of the annual Easter egg hunt. If you have questions or need additional information, please email [Laura Hurst](#).

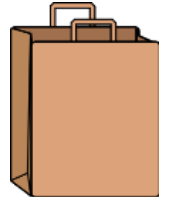
Lenten Wednesday Services

Come join us in person or [livestream](#) as we continue [our Lenten journey each Wednesday in Lent](#). We will have a service of Holden Evening Prayer at 7:15 pm. On March 6 & 20, the service will be preceded at 6:15 pm by a time of fellowship with wine, cheese and finger foods. On March 13, Pastor Steve will lead Theology on Tap at 6:15 pm in the narthex. BYO food and drinks as we look at the Passion Narrative of Mark's Gospel.



Lenten Sharing Bags are Back!

Through March 17, we will collect for Gaithersburg HELP and Stepping Stones Shelter. 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. For more information, see page 4. Questions? Contact: Rachel Carreras (240-630-9412) via text.



Daylight Saving Time



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed Saturday, March 9 for the start of Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 10.

Inclement Weather



During the winter months, if inclement weather requires us to cancel services or activities, a notice will appear on the [website homepage](#) (poplutheran.org).



From Pastor Steve...

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

March is the beginning of calendar Spring. But, it usually doesn't look or feel much like spring. For most or all of the month, the trees are still bare. Most things can't be planted or moved outdoors yet or they'll be killed by frost. And just when things might seem to be getting warmer, March often hands us an ice storm! Yeah, it's spring but it often doesn't feel like it.

Lent is often referred to as the "springtime of the church year." And of course, it always falls during the spring. But it's also a time when we read the stories of Jesus' suffering and death. We hear Jesus' call to take up our crosses and follow him. And we remember the confusion and sometimes even sheer terror the first disciples felt as they journeyed with Jesus.

And sometimes, I'm tempted to also think, "yes, this is the 'springtime' of God's love in our lives, but it often doesn't feel that way". Lent reminds us that often God's presence in our lives doesn't make us feel warm and fuzzy. Lent calls us to the hard work of following Jesus, instead of the easy feeling of relaxing in the warmth of God's light. And Lent is the reminder that even though new life is coming (as it ultimately will in our yards later in the spring), the path to get there is sometimes cold and filled with "ice storms."

The good news, though, is that Jesus is present with us, even when life feels cold, physically or spiritually. The good news is that Jesus is walking with us, even when we feel alone in our winters. And the good news is that the Resurrection is coming for all of us - both now and in the age to come - even when right now we seem stuck in the cold and damp of our technical "spring."

And maybe it takes the paradox of March - the spring which really is spring, but often doesn't feel like it - to remind us of this reality. May this March - and this spring and this Lent - remind you of and refresh you with - the promise and presence of Jesus in your life, no matter how it may feel at any one moment.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

March Highlights

Every Sunday

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

11:00 am Sunday School**

** No Sunday School March 24 & 31

Every Monday

6:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study

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., March 9. This service will have the same sermon and readings as the Sunday service but will not be livestreamed.

COMING UP...

March

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- 6 Holden Evening Prayer (pg 1)
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- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Confirmation Meets
- 20 First Day of Spring
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April

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- 11 Women's Book Group (pg 8)
- 13 Saturday Worship Service
- 14 Confirmation Meets
- 15 Tax Day
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For a current calendar, see:

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

COUNCIL CORNER

February 2024

News and Views from the PoP Church Council

NEWS

Here are the updates from the February Church Council meeting.

Finances: Giving continues to be okay; although, we are currently operating with a small deficit. (Council notes).

Solar panel project: Still pending, waiting for Pepco to consolidate the meters between the main church building and Besecker.

Feast Fund: The bathroom refresh is happening soon.

Besecker: We have had a roof leak in Besecker which require ceiling tiles, drywall and carpet to be replaced. We are currently in discussions with roofers to understand our options moving forward.

VIEWS

While it is just the beginning of Lent, meetings are already ongoing for Yard Sale, (Saturday, June 1) and VBS (July 21-25). VBS will again be in the evening with an adult discussion concurrent with the VBS program.

During Lent is a great time to declutter/collect items for the yard sale. Here is a link that has some good suggestions:

<https://organisemyhouse.com/40-items-declutter-life-lent/>

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

Respectfully,
Jon Conary

Council met on February 13. You can read notes from that meeting (including the Treasurer's report) [by clicking here.](#)

Congratulations to Our Church Council Members!



The newly elected Council met for its first meeting on February 12, and elected Jon Conary as President and Pamela Cook as Vice-President. The role of secretary will rotate through the other members of the church council: Bill Harrel, Chuck Harrington, Sherry Kienzle, Meredith Kuykendall, Rainer Sahmel, Sherry Schiebel, and Kieran McKnight (youth position).

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, Madelyn Berkeley-Miltzer, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Sherry Fischer, Laura Hampe Garofalo, Carmen Hooks-Hill, Roy Johnson, Mike & Remi Langum, Anne Lomperis, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Kathy Mellott, Dick Moore, Steve and Jan Plewes, Heather Robinson, David & Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Denny Tritinger, Laura Wilson, Chet Wolejsza

Sympathy

Family of John Blondell
(stepfather of Susan Weiner)

Ongoing

The people of Ukraine and all those who are suffering due to hatred, war, and acts of violence
For racial justice and equality
All those struggling with Covid-19 and their Caregivers
All those impacted by nature

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



SPOTLIGHT

Lenten Sharing Bags - STEPPING STONES SHELTER

Stepping Stones Shelter has served the community for over 30 years providing emergency food and shelter to Montgomery County families experiencing homelessness.

- Stepping Stones Shelter provides emergency food and shelter for up to 6 families at a time, on average for 60-90 days, each with rooms within the house that are customized to meet the family's needs before arrival.
- 95% of families served at Stepping Stones Shelter move on to stable housing within 90 days.
- Upon entry, families work with the case managers to eliminate barriers to housing by helping families navigate the legal system, increase work skills and obtain jobs, address eviction and other debt, obtain critical identification, expunge outdated criminal records, mediate family conflicts, apply for childcare, advocate for children in their schools, and identify health and mental health resources.

To learn more, visit

<https://steppingstonesshelter.org/>.

ITEMS NEEDED

Uber gift cards
Flip flops

All-purpose cleaners - individual sizes (not refills, i.e. 409 spray bottles, Windex, etc.)
Laundry detergent (pods only)

Please return all donations to Prince of Peace by **Sunday, March 17.**

Questions? Contact: Rachel Carreras (240-630-9412) via text.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Stepping Stones welcomes individual and group volunteers age 15 and older who wish to help at Stepping Stones Shelter in a variety of different ways. Volunteers are required to complete the form found here:

<https://steppingstonesshelter.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>. Students can earn SSL hours for most volunteer activities.



Stepping Stones Shelter

Lenten Sharing Bags - GAITHERSBURG HELP

Gaithersburg HELP supports local residents in need by providing food, transportation, and other services. Their network is comprised of more than 22 member congregations and over 200 volunteers working together to help those in need within the greater Gaithersburg area.

In 2021, Gaithersburg HELP provided assistance for more than 8,500 situations:

- 4,794 food packages, each containing a 3-5 day food supply
- 2,082 diaper packages
- 701 baby formula packages
- 670 rides to medical and social services appointments
- 279 essential prescription medications funded

ITEMS NEEDED

Cereal
Peanut butter
Jelly
Cans of tuna
Fruit in own syrup (NO heavy syrup)

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Questions? Contact: Rachel Carreras (240-630-9412) via text.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sacred Grounds

March - the Prince of Peace Sacred Grounds team will be meeting with the Maryland State Soil Extension to survey areas available at Prince of Peace for planting a pollinator native plants garden. We'll work with the church council to finalize the location, and the soil survey will help ensure that we select plants that will thrive in the garden.

Tuesday, April 16th on Zoom - NWF will be presenting a virtual workshop on "How to Create a Native Plant Garden at Home."

Sunday, May 12th at 11am - On Mother's Day, NWF will be giving away FREE native plants at Prince of Peace during our Coffee and Conversation hour.

Native Plants for Pick Up Day



Golden Ragwort



Butterfly Milkweed



Black-eyed Susan



Coral Bells

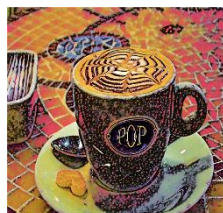


Zig Zag Goldenrod

Ukraine Special Presentation

Mark your calendars for a special presentation on April 7th in the POP sanctuary during the 11 am Sunday School hour! Join Alex and Yasya Yanevskyy who are going to tell us about Ukraine, its history, and news from their family members who still live in the country. Enjoy Ukrainian treats, too. [View the trailer by clicking here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE: April 20th at 6PM



- Coffeehouse Live and Silent Auction
 - Raise funds for Gaithersburg Help
 - Food, drinks, and live music
 - Sponsored by Social Justice Ministry and Fellowship
- For more information contact [Cherie DeGeorge](#) or [Joan Kowalik](#)

YARD SALE

June 1, 8 am - 1 pm

More information to come.

Watch for sign-ups.

VBS & Adult Bible Study

July 21-25, 6-8:30 pm

More information to come.

[ELCA Youth Gathering](#) in New Orleans - July 16-20, 2024!

Are you interested in going? Please [check out the website](#) or [check out this flyer](#)! Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023). Adult leaders accompanying youth to the Gathering must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering. If you are interested, please contact [Jon Conary](#).

OTHER EVENTS

Haven Universe "Saturday Night Alive!"

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 welcome on the following dates from 4:00-7:00pm at [Lakelands Park Middle School](#): March 16, April 13, May 11. 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!

Mar-Lu-Ridge is Celebrating Its 65th Anniversary

On June 7-8, join them for hiking and swimming. Enjoy good company and meals, with Bible lessons and more. Overnight accommodations are available. Come celebrate 65 years of serving Maryland at the popular Bible-based camp. Click [here](#) to register.



Honduras Mission Trip 2023

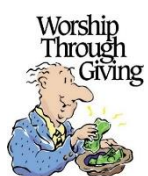
We are excited to announce that this summer, Prince of Peace is again sending a group of missionaries to Honduras with non-profit, Haven Universe. This year we have several projects to support and are asking for your help raising funds in March:

- Build 10 more latrines for a community up in the mountains which will greatly improve their lives and sanitary conditions. \$4,500.00
- Build a house for a family. \$3,500
- Construction and painting for FUNTEAH's, a Christian disability organization in Tegucigalpa, day program building. \$6,500.00
- CEPI, a special needs school in Copan, help with outreach. \$500

The total for the four projects together is \$15,000.00 and we are requesting prayerful support and contributions, if able. Any questions can be directed to [Ric Kienzle](#). This support will go a long way in helping families in need. Donations can be made to Prince of Peace and marked for "Mission Honduras." We are grateful for your support!

STEWARDSHIP

Church Giving Envelopes



Envelopes are available to all who would like them. They are located on the donation table in the Narthex. Please contact [Helen Griffith](#) if you have any questions.

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!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Holy Week and Easter Lessons

Preschool and Elementary classes will focus on Holy Week and Easter during the first three weeks in March. Join us!

No Sunday School During the Last Two Weeks in March

There will not be Sunday School on Palm Sunday (March 24) or Easter (March 31) - enjoy these days at our worship service!

Sunday School Helps with Souper Bowl

Every year, our learners make and distribute handouts to remind folks to donate soup, stew, and chili to Gaithersburg HELP. Then, they count and bag the donations for delivery to Gaithersburg HELP.

The 49ers donations beat the Chiefs, 98 to 73!



Counting and bagging the cans!



Cute and Yummy Snacks

Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary classes begin with a snack or breakfast. Here are three recent snacks with Bible story tie-ins.



Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree, represented here with grapes for leaves and a cheese stick for trunk and branches.



enjoying a “well” snack.



The class learns about Jesus’ conversation with the woman at the well while



Jesus calms a storm represented by gummy bears in an apple boat with a cheese wedge sail.

More pictures of the Souper Bowl donation count and Sunday School class lessons along with pictures of the SSL project for February can be found on pages 8-9.

ADULT EDUCATION

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is the adult version of Sunday School. It is held at 11:00 am, after the service. Descriptions of the upcoming “lessons” follow.

March

- 3 **Talk Saves Lives - come learn how!** On Sunday 3/3 at 11am (during the Adult Coffee and Conversation time after services), we'll be hosting a speaker from the [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#). They'll provide valuable tips on how to stay aware and connected with the people in our lives at work and home, and how simple conversations can help protect them. Their [Talk Saves Lives](#) presentation will give you the tools you need to help keep others safe in our community. Please come and bring your questions!
- 10 Sherry Kienzle will lead the session on “What on Earth Am I Here For? Formed for God’s Family”
- 17 Sherry Kienzle will lead the session on “What on Earth Am I Here For? Becoming Like Christ”
- 24 No lesson - Palm Sunday
- 31 No lesson - Easter Sunday
Have fun watching the kids during the Easter Egg Hunt!

April

7 History and Background on Ukraine with Yasya (plus snacks!)

14 TBD

21 TBD

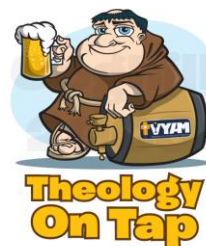
28 TBD

To be added to the email list and get notifications of upcoming programs, please send an email to pop_adult_sunday_school+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

To sign up to lead a session or activity on an upcoming Sunday, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PoPAdultEd2023> We are using the [Sparkhouse Animate: Bible](#) series.

Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session to talk about issues of faith on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:15 pm before Holden Evening Prayers.



PoP Women’s Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. We are currently discussing *Joshua*. Questions? Contact [Pastor Wendy Deeben](#).

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](#) for more information.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP



The deeply appreciated Souper Bowl Sunday donations are so critical for providing warm, nutritious meals to the ever-increasing Gaithersburg HELP clientele families. The football team challenge was fun, and the donations were awesome. We added the popular "Who Cares!?" box a few years ago, and one Gaithersburg congregation this year had a "Taylor Swift's Boyfriend" box.

All nonperishable, nutritious foods are needed, with tuna, peanut butter, cereal and hearty soups topping the winter need list.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact your POP Delegate, [Hope Walker](#)

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.

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 Volunteer Opportunities - Support a Refugee Family

Last year, POP set up an apartment for an Afghan refugee family that was sponsored by Lutheran Social Services. Now LSS is working with a local group, the [New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance](#). They have just moved a family into the Congressional Towers in Rockville behind Congressional Plaza.

They are a family of 5 with 3 little ones under 7 years old. They will need help with everything like English tutoring for Mom, school support for 2 of the little ones, finding doctors and dentists, delivering food and diapers, and making sure they have everything they need in the apartment. Volunteer time commitments vary, and volunteers work with a team of experienced NNIA volunteers. Email Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com or call 301-602-6358 for more information or visit the website to sign up.

NNIA formed in 2021 to support local, newly resettled immigrants in need including refugees, asylum seekers, and others considered new neighbors. NNIA consists of faith community of all denominations and individuals within Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Both emergency support and long-term "journey" support are provided. In 2023, NNIA supported 49 families and 200 people.

LIRS Is Now Global Refuge

From the website: "We are thrilled to announce that Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) will now be known to the world and the people we exist to help as "Global Refuge."

The decision to rebrand as Global Refuge is rooted in the growing worldwide need for compassion and support. With millions of people displaced by war, famine, climate change, persecution, and more, our mission of providing the "long welcome" has become more crucial than ever. The accompanying growth in the demand for our essential, expanded suite of services has sparked the need to identify ourselves ever more clearly and create a bigger table of supporters....With its broad appeal and meaning, the word "Refuge" draws inspiration from our enduring Lutheran heritage. It conveys a sense of hope to all people, regardless of their faith traditions, just as our work does."

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Group

On Thursday, March 14, the Women's Book Group will be discussing *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

Hope Walker will be hosting the group at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP to hopewalk04@hotmail.com no later than Monday, March 11. If any POP women would like to be added to the distribution to receive information about the Group, please contact Kathy Mellott at ufda_gal@yahoo.com.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

April 11 *The Other Einstein*

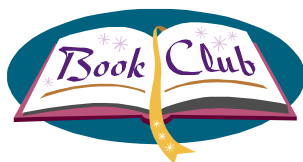
by Marie Benedict
host Kathy Mellott

May 9 *One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow*

by Olivia Hawker
host Alice Benson

June 13 *The Making of Another Motion Picture Masterpiece*

by Tom Hanks
host Susan Victor



RECENT EVENTS

The Sunday School project for February was making Kind Soup. We made 9 quarts all together of Creamy White Bean Lemon Pesto Orzo Soup, froze them and delivered them to the Upcounty Consolidation Hub in Germantown. We also all tasted it ourselves. The students did a wonderful job! To learn more about this worthwhile project, click [here](#).

Here's the teens being soupy. :)



Here's the finished soup the teens made after church.

SSL teen soup making: KindWorks SSL soup project



Anne's clever snack for the "Woman at the Well" - story of Jesus encountering a Samaritan woman.



Souper Bowl pictures



Sunday School is Cool



THANK YOU!

Souper Bowl Totals

It may surprise you to learn that the 49ers won after all! We had 98 cans in the 49ers' collection bin to the Chiefs' 73. The biggest winners were the clients of Gaithersburg Help, who will have warm and tasty additions to their meals. Thanks for your generosity, to the Sunday School for counting and bagging our donations down to the last can, and to Cherie and Mike DeGeorge for delivering the cans! More photos under Sunday School.

Gaithersburg HELP Report 2023

In 2023, POP collected and donated 2,470 pounds of food to Gaithersburg HELP. That's more than a TON! What an amazing commitment to helping our neighbors! Many thanks to Cherie and Mike DeGeorge, Joan Kowalik, Hope Walker and others who delivered the food to Gaithersburg HELP on Muddy Branch Road and shared news from the organization.

Sacred Grounds Thank You's

Thank you to our 30 Prince of Peace members who came to the native plant presentation on Sunday, 2/25 during the Coffee and Conversation hour! Dr. Mirele Goldsmith, an environmental psychologist who works with the National Wildlife Federation on implementing the Sacred Grounds program, gave us a great overview of why native plants are so important to protect birds, pollinators, and wildlife and how native plants can thrive in container gardens, patios, and smaller spaces (even next to a parking lot!). If you weren't able to attend the talk, check it out on our Prince of Peace Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/PoPGaithersburg/videos/1440822790160558>

Pledge to Plant Native Plants

At the end of the talk, participants were given a pledge to complete, to plant native plants. (The pledge can be found at

<https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantPledge> - be sure to select Prince of Peace as your congregation!) Completing the pledge helps NWF follow up with recipients of native plants to make sure they have the information and support needed to help their plants thrive, it helps show the impact of Sacred Grounds so that grant funds can be secured for other congregations in the future, and it helps make sure that we have plenty of native plants available for our Mother's Day giveaway. (This makes it very easy to stick to your pledge to plant!)

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.



Sunday Service Extras

Prince of Peace is in full bloom with fresh flower arrangements on Sundays!!

Please help us by ordering an arrangement. The cost will be \$40.00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Cook at 301-806-8016 (call or text).



Snack after Sunday Service is back! If you are



interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for all your help! If you have any questions, you can contact Pamela Cook at 301-806-8016 (call or text).

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.

Food for Thought

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)

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