



# GLAD TIDINGS



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, MD

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## Yard Sale is May 30 from 8 am–1 pm!



Whether you're a long-time volunteer or this will be your first year, come and enjoy fellowship and common purpose as we reach out to our

surrounding community.

Please put aside donations now before the last-minute rush. More information related to what is and is not accepted can be found in the [Yard Sale 2026 Handbook](#). Note that computers, laptops, and tablets need to be dropped off between now - May 17.

The Yard Sale Committee has been planning for a smooth prep week (May 24 - May 29) and sale day. (Contact [Lisa Conary](#) to join us.) We are making some changes to make things easier this year!

For more detailed information, please refer to pages 3 - 41



Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market starts Thursday, May 7 at 3:00 pm in the back parking lot. Come each Thursday May 7 - November 19, 3:00 - 6:30 pm (except May 28). Come browse and shop through and say hello to the local growers, bakers, makers, and your neighbors while supporting our church community. For more information, email [farmersmarket@poplutheran.org](mailto:farmersmarket@poplutheran.org).

## VBS Takes the "Snowball Mountain Challenge"

VBS for Kids and Adults is back from Sunday, July 19 through Thursday July 23, 6:30 to 8:30pm. Dinner is provided before the classes start (6:00 to 6:30 pm). Pr. Steve will lead the adults in



a Bible study based on the same lessons the children are learning.

Kids, come and participate in various hands-on activities, laughter, and life lessons rooted in solid faith with a Snowball Mountain Challenge.

Adults, come whether you have kids or not!

Everyone, come any night you are available: Sunday or Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday. Remaining handouts, kits, etc. will be available at the end if you miss a night.

Keep your eyes open for information concerning registration which opens after Yard Sale.

## Sunday School is Cool



May 18 is the last day of Sunday school for this school year so that we can make space for the Yard Sale set-up.



## From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler  
([pastor@poplutheran.org](mailto:pastor@poplutheran.org);  
301-869-3666)

Easter is a time of celebrating new life and new beginnings. And this Easter Season at Prince of Peace, we're beginning a new event that I'm excited about - our [Farmers and Artisans Market!](#)

Each Thursday afternoon, from 3:00-6:30 pm, local growers, bakers, and makers will gather at Prince of Peace (in the parking lot) to sell their wares. This will be great opportunity to meet neighbors, connect more deeply with our local community, buy fresh and healthy food and support local growers and artisans. It's free to attend, and Prince of Peace will also receive some income from this venture. The Farmers and Artisans Market will be held every Thursday afternoon from May 7 - November 19 (except for May 28, because of Yard Sale.)

Events like these have the potential to really add extra life and energy both to congregations and local communities, and so I hope everyone will be able to join in and be part of this! As you're able throughout these weeks, please help us get this "new life" event going! You can do that by:

- Showing up, shopping and checking out what's going on;
- Spreading the word and inviting friends and neighbors to check it out;
- Signing up to help be one of the church reps who's present to make sure doors are open and shut, and bathrooms are available (watch for that sign-up).

Thanks to all who have helped to get this going!

Yours in Christ,

## May Highlights

### Every Sunday

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

11:00 am Sunday School\*

\*The last day of Sunday School for this school year is May 18.

### Every Monday

7:00 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

### Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### Every Thursday

3:00 pm Farmers & Artisans Market

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

## COMING UP...

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# COUNCIL CORNER

## April 2026 Meeting

Updates from the PoP Church Council

### Finances

We had another good month financially in March - in fact, best Q1 in five years! Continued THANKS to the congregation for your increased giving! This will greatly help with the carpeting needs in the sanctuary this summer and further strengthen our General Operating fund.

### Property

The picnic table area has now been refreshed! Level ground, mulch, and new tables are now in place. Special thanks to Debbie Chan and Kalliope Spielman (and so many other helpers) for making our picnic area so inviting! (Tables will be stained in a few months after the wood is ready.)

### Volunteers

We encourage all members to become part of a serving team!

Many hands make light work. See the Hot Jobs section for urgent opportunities or contact the [Church Office](#) to inquire of positions on other serving teams of interest.

Thank you for the continued support from our members, and we welcome your input!

**Council met on April 14.** You can read notes from that meeting (including the Pastor's and Treasurer's report) can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

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

Pastor John B. McGarvey



### PoP Members

Alice Baur, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Elizabeth Cockerham, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Sherry Fischer, Laura Hampe Garofalo, Helen Griffith, Carmen Hooks-Hill, Roy Johnson, Mike & Remi Langum, Anne Lomperis, Kathy Mellott, Dick Moore, Heather Robinson, David & Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Nancy Swanson, Donna Von Wald, Emma Yanevskyy, John Zobel

### Sympathy

Family of Charles Bogie (uncle of Tracy Solomon)  
Family of Ruth Knoll (mother of Becky Carr)  
Family of Bill Maruchi (brother of Hope Walker)

### 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.

## Prayer Ministry Volunteers Needed

Help keep the PoP Prayer List up to date by contacting 5-7 PoP members (thru email, text, or phone) for the status of their ongoing Prayer List requests; 3 times a year. If you are interested in a fulfilling opportunity with limited commitment, please contact [Donna Von Wald](#) for more details. We also appreciate all who regularly pray for those on the PoP Prayer List! This is a flexible way to support the Prayer Ministry. Download a copy of the Prayer List from the Thursday Weekly Email or pick up a printed copy from the bulletin board in the narthex. All of us praying makes a difference!

## SPOTLIGHT

### Yard Sale - May 30, 2026!

There are a variety of ways to **get involved - commit early** to ensure the sale's success! We've made some **changes to make volunteering easier:**

- Price lists posted during set-up to help volunteers shop early (no negotiating during set-up days)
- Donations of furniture and exercise equipment limited to items more easily transportable and saleable
- Dedicated clean-up help after the sale
- All items left at the end of the sale will be picked up by the [Lutheran Mission Society](#) on Monday. After packing their donated goods, many departments will simply leave them in their location. (Exceptions are the sanctuary and unprotected outdoor areas.)

## Volunteer

Sign up either online or on the lists in the narthex. To volunteer for prep week, help advertise, or lend items, use the SignUp Genius [PoP Yard Sale - Preparation Help](#)

To volunteer for sale day, use [PoP Yard Sale Dept Volunteers](#) for Sale Day.

There are many opportunities for students to earn SSL hours. During prep week (May 24 - May 29): sort in departments or greet and help community members dropping off donations. On sale day: help shoppers and straighten merchandise in departments or act as a runner for a credit card kiosk. Use the same sign-ups as other volunteers.

## Advertise

Please help us advertise, starting now, for the donation drive for items to sell and also the Yard Sale. In addition, if you see these events pop up in your Nextdoor or Facebook feed, please “like” or comment on the posts, so our events will reach a wider audience.

For Facebook, go to both the Declutter Drive and Sale Day Events on [PoP's Facebook Events Page](#), click Share, and be sure to share to your Feed or to Your Story!

To access the flyer requesting donations of items to sell, [click here](#).

To access the flyer advertising the Yard Sale, [click here](#).

## Donate

To learn guidelines for donating items, click [Yard Sale 2026 Handbook](#). The “Donations” page has been newly updated with a list of items we cannot accept. Computers, laptops, and tablets can be dropped off from April 26 - May 17. Please review the updated department guidelines now if you plan to donate these items. Be sure to read the new guidelines for donating furniture and exercise equipment.

There will be no truck pick up this year. We welcome any furniture item you can bring yourself.

You can donate cash online, through the offering plate, or by mailing a check to the office. Specify the donation for either:

- “Yard Sale FOOD” - for prep week suppers or the Snack Bar (We aren't donating food items this year except for water, soda,

condiments and ice - see SignUp List / SignUp Genius Prep Week))

- “Yard Sale EXPENSES AND PROCEEDS” - to benefit the sale overall

To donate online, from the [PoP home page](#) click “Donate Now” at the top right. Then, select “Donation for ...” and write the purpose in the comments.

## Hours

The church will be open for donations, pricing, and sorting from:

Sunday, 5/24, 12pm - 5pm

Monday, 5/25, 10am - 6pm

Tuesday through Thursday, 5/26-5/28, 5pm - 7pm

Friday, 5/29, 5pm - 7pm, pricing and sorting only

## Meals for Volunteers

Meals will be provided for volunteers with lunch on Sunday and supper from Tuesday - Friday!

**Come enjoy fellowship** as we work together to raise funds for important causes, provide a valuable community service, protect the environment by reducing waste, and have a memorable week!



Note: Last year's date in picture.

## **Lost and Found**

Have you misplaced or lost something after attending a service or event at PoP? We do have a Lost and Found box. It is usually located in the office. A variety of items can be found in it.

Coats, sweaters, vests, etc. can be found hanging up in the closet near the sanctuary. The box can currently be

found in the Narthex until Saturday, May 23. If you are unable to come check the box, email the [office](#) and the secretary will check the box for you.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Honduras Mission Trip 2026!

Prince of Peace will partner with non-profit, Haven Universe on a mission trip to serve various communities in Honduras from **June 18-28, 2026**. We are excited to support the following PoP members in this mission: Luke Dillon; Ric, Sherry, and Sydney Kienzle. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers in the weeks leading up to the trip! The itinerary will include planned medical brigades and construction projects for those living in remote communities. Donations are being accepted to fund these projects, and we give thanks for all the generous contributions thus far! If you are interested in learning more about how to support this year's trip, please contact Ric or Sherry Kienzle.



### Juneteenth Celebration, "It's Our Story"

Please join Prince of Peace and the other congregations of the [Rt 28 Quince Orchard Interfaith Team](#) on Friday, 6/19 at 7pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Kentlands Ward, located at 16 Kent Gardens Circle, directly across from Rachel Carson, ES. This

year's celebration, *It's Our Story: 250 Years is Only the Beginning*, will focus on Montgomery County's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the changes seen up and down Route 28 over that time, through gospel songs, historical reflections, and more. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Hope that you can join us!



## OTHER EVENTS

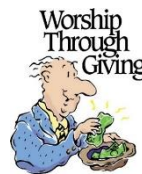
### Haven Universe "Saturday Night Alive!"

Non-profit, Haven Universe has been partnering with Prince of Peace for several years and invites you to volunteer (or be a guest!) at HU "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" events will occur on the following dates **from 3:00-5:00pm** at Lakelands Park Middle School (1200 Main St, Gaithersburg): **May 16**. Positions for potential volunteers include front desk check-in, 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!



## STEWARDSHIP

### Church Giving Envelopes



Envelopes for 2026 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](http://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](mailto:michel_christian@yahoo.com)) or Kwame Mensah ([mensahkn@gmail.com](mailto:mensahkn@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### Electronic Giving

To donate right now or become an E-Giver, go to [poplutheran.org](http://poplutheran.org) or scan this QR code with your smart phone or tablet. Thanks for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace!



## Time and Talent

As we recognize all the blessings we have been given, we have the privilege of being a blessing to our church and others in our community!

We are grateful for our church members who have given their talents to duties during Sunday services, social justice efforts, administrative and building tasks, service projects, Sunday school.....the list goes on! We are encouraging ALL members of Prince of Peace to share that talent you have to contribute in some way to our church community. ***It takes every member to make a church!*** 📌 Take a look below for various ways you can help.

*Use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*  
1 Peter 4:10

Prince of Peace is also grateful for the additional monetary contributions to replenish our General Operating fund. **Council is encouraging each household to increase their giving by \$20/mo to fund our operating budget.** We are prayerful that we will look back and see that members rallied together and the church ended the year with a surplus!

*Give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your thoughtful commitment of ***time and talent*** this year!

## We Need You!

Please consider contributing your talent - many hands make light work! Contact these coordinators with interest or for more information.

**Facebook Greeter (backup)** Martha Rogers  
Sunday Service [office@poplutheran.org](mailto:office@poplutheran.org)

Be a presence/host online during Sunday morning service. Greet the online participant group and be on standby for any audio/visual streaming issues.

**Snow Removal Coordinator** (Coordinator Needed)  
Coordinates with third-party vendor on removal of snow from church parking lot and walking areas (as needed/seasonal)

**Snacks** Pamela Cook  
Sunday Service [cook1082@verizon.net](mailto:cook1082@verizon.net)  
Bring snacks (cookies, etc.) for coffee hour held after Sunday service, (approx. 50-count.)

**Sound Board** Jon Conary  
Sunday Service [drjon2018@gmail.com](mailto:drjon2018@gmail.com)  
Manage the church sound/audio board during Sunday service, ensuring audio is functioning successfully and camera is focused on appropriate sections of the sanctuary.

**Team Lead** Pastor Steve  
Sunday Service [pastor@poplutheran.org](mailto:pastor@poplutheran.org)  
Ensure each member of the Sunday serving team (or their substitute) is present for their role. Usher attendees to the altar at communion time.

**Greeters** Pastor Steve  
Sunday Service [pastor@poplutheran.org](mailto:pastor@poplutheran.org)  
Greet incoming members/visitors at the door for Sunday service. Suggest a name tag for visitors and/or have them sign the visitor book.

**Other** Sherry Kienzle  
[skienzle1@yahoo.com](mailto:skienzle1@yahoo.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday School Calendar

May 17 is the last day of Sunday school for this school year so that we can make space for the Yard Sale set-up.

### Sunday School

April 12: Our younger Sunday school learners are studying ways that God surprises us, including the parable of the prodigal son. We learned that God always loves us, no matter what! We made pigs to help remind us of the story, and that God is waiting to welcome us, even when we feel stuck in the mud!



April 26: For opening music, Sunday School learners enjoyed maracas and the song "I'll be a Sunbeam". For our lesson we talked about the story of Jesus with a rich young man, and how we need to always make sure that God is first in our hearts. We made camels (with a paper "needle") to help remind us of Jesus's lessons in the story.



## ADULT EDUCATION

### Coffee and Conversation



Join us weekly after services for the Coffee and Conversation hour at 11am in the sanctuary. Throughout the year, we will include service activities at the church,

welcome speakers from outside organizations, and host group Bible study and conversation. To view schedule updates, or to sign up to lead a Bible study session this fall, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PoPAdultEd2025>. We look forward to having you!

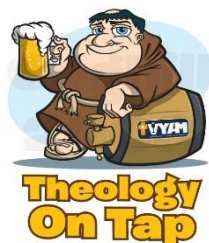
Descriptions of the current upcoming "lessons" follow.

#### May

- 3 - Adult Bible Study
- 10 - TBD
- 17 - Adult Bible Study

### 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 and join us!



## PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm We are currently studying 1



Corinthians. Two resources (not required) that might be helpful are *1 Corinthians* (N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides) and

*Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians* (The New Testament for Everyone). They are both available through Amazon and Bookshop.org. Additional availability can be found through audible, Libby, and other sources at the library. If you have questions or need to join by Zoom, please 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 on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm 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



Fear of ICE seems to have reached the Gaithersburg HELP Spanish speaking clientele this Spring. Apparently social media has been full of warnings, which may or may not be valid, of people being snatched from various locations around

Montgomery County, including in Gaithersburg. Clients are mentioning this when they call in, and the number calling has decreased in the last month. This is one way to keep expenses down, but obviously not the desired way.

There are, however, still close to 20 families, many quite large, coming in each evening for groceries, so please keep those non-perishable donations coming.

May is the month for the annual survey of client satisfaction. This is required for most grants but is also important for an ongoing internal assessment of how effectively clients' needs are being met. Results are normally very heartwarming positive.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact your POP Delegate, Hope Walker, ([Hope.Walker@GaithersburgHELP.org](mailto:Hope.Walker@GaithersburgHELP.org)). If you would like a tour of the Pantry on Muddy Branch Road, that can easily be arranged. The website is [GaithersburgHelp.org](http://GaithersburgHelp.org) for lots of great information.

### 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

#### All-Ages Earth Day Celebration

Please join our friends at Fairhaven UMC, located at 12801 Darnestown Rd for their Earth Day celebration on Sunday, 5/3 from noon-2pm. There

will be native plant sales and giveaways, children's activities, information from Montgomery County Recycling and the Interfaith Partnership for the Chesapeake - and much more!



### Shop till you drop for Mother's Day

From 10am - 2pm on 5/2 at the Village at Rockville's Blooming Spring Sale, located at 9701 Veirs Drive shop for that special something to say



"Happy Mother's Day!"

Jewelry, baked goods, handmade items, vintage items and more will be available for purchase. Proceeds will go towards the Benevolent Care Fund and benefit residents.

### Village at Rockville - Benevolent Care Fund

The Village at Rockville (a National Lutheran community) is raising funds for resident programs and the benevolent care fund. National Lutheran's mission is deeply rooted in our faith and ministry, spanning more than 135 years serving older adults in partnership with our local synods, churches and community partners. It is through such partnerships that our organization can truly



fulfill its mission and reach out to the greater community. During this time, the benevolent care program has provided financial assistance to residents who have been good financial stewards yet have outlived their resources and can no longer afford the services or care they need. Guided by our mission to serve, and drawing from that faith-filled history, we view stewardship as a heartfelt way to assist older adults. Donations can be made online at

<https://www.nationallutheran.org/philanthropy/donate-today/donate-today-the-village-at-rockville/>

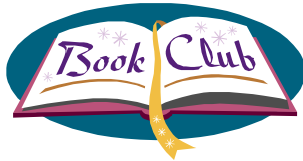
For more information, contact

[mission@nationallutheran.org](mailto:mission@nationallutheran.org)

## FELLOWSHIP

### Men's Book Club

The next Men's Book Club will be held on **Thursday, May 21 at 7 pm** at the house of Dick Moore. The book is *Founding Brothers* by Joseph J Ellis.



### Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will be gathering at Alice Benson's home **on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 pm** and will be discussing *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier. If anyone would like to be added to the email distribution, please contact [ufda\\_gal@yahoo.com](mailto:ufda_gal@yahoo.com).

### Future Book Selections and Hosts

June 11 *The Choice*

By E.E. Egar  
host Nancy Wolejsza

July 9 *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club*

By H. Simonson  
host Judy Bruening

August 13 *Mother, Daughter, Traitor, Spy*

By S.E. MacNeil  
TBD

## RECENT EVENTS

### Palm Sunday



## Easter Egg Hunt



## POP Cares

What a generous response to the call for items for Stepping Stones Shelter! Social Justice Ministry delivered 77 canisters of Lysol wipes, 19 bottles of multi-surface cleaner, 41 bags and jugs of laundry pods, and 81 boxes of Ziploc bags. It took two cars to get it all there, and the director and staff of Stepping Stones were very appreciative. Many thanks to all for your generosity and caring for our neighbors in need!



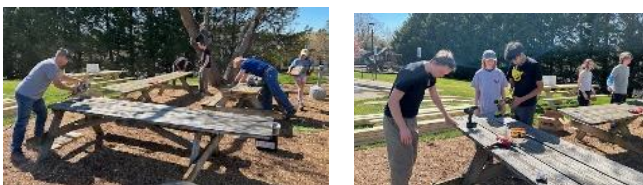
The delivery team - Jane and Rainer Sahmel, Jennifer and Allan Maloney

All the wipes, cleaner, pods and bags ready to be delivered to Stepping Stones!



## PoP Picnic Tables Ready for the Summer!

As her Eagle Scout project for Troop 1097B/G, Kalliope Spielman and several scouts and scout leaders spent the weekend of April 11th and 12th taking down PoP's old picnic tables and building brand new tables to go in the refurbished picnic space! The scouts tested out the tables at the end of the weekend with a pizza meal, and can confirm that they are ready to go for Yard Sale, Farmers Market, and VBS. (The tables will be stained and sealed later in the year once the wood is completely dry.) Big thanks to Jon Conary and the property team for their support of the project!



## Blessing of the Quilts - Sunday, April 12th

On Sunday April 12th, the sanctuary was hung with all the beautiful quilts created by Prince of Peace's quilting group, which meets each Tuesday morning in the fellowship hall. During the children's sermon, the congregation blessed the quilts, which will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Donations of cotton fabric and old sheets for the quilts are always welcome! Thanks to Debbie Forish, Lisa Conary, Dinah Pflasterer, Meredith Kuykendall, Susan Potemra, Victoria Wong, Sonvy Waidler, Gerry Pfaff, JoAnn Pearcy, Susan Victor, Lee Raelzer, Ofelia Cabrera, Marylin Pierre, Alice Baur, Tonya Meyer, Sherry Schiebel, and Meghan Potemra for this labor of love!



## Delivery of the Quilts

A new thing for the Prince of Peace quilters: Instead of an hour-long ride on backroads in the beautiful countryside to the warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland, which has closed, we had to find an "Ingathering" near us. And we found a good one. New Hope Lutheran Church in Columbia, Maryland volunteered as an Ingathering site. They collected quilts and kits from 10 surrounding churches. Only 35 minutes at 11:30am on a Friday on the highway and we were there. There was a form we had to turn in which asked for our group's name. So, we did a quick survey and vote. We have named ourselves "The Piece Makers". This was a name used by some of the first quilting groups at Prince of Peace more than 20 years ago. Twenty-one quilts - done and delivered!

## Montgomery County's Dementia-Friendly Initiative Visits PoP's Coffee & Conversation

The Sunday Coffee & Conversation group welcomed Jocelyn O'Rourke on Sunday, 4/12 to speak about the county's dementia-friendly initiative and share county resources for caregivers and those living with dementia. More information can be picked up in the narthex or found online at <https://dfamerica.org/overview-and-5-key-messages/> and <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/ADS/dementia-friendly.html>



## THANK YOU!

### Besecker - new back stairs

Thank you to the PoP property team, and especially to Tom Kettler, for coordinating the construction of brand-new stairs for the back exit to Besecker! Now both entrances to the building are in good working order and will make the building much more usable and safer for all to enjoy.



## 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.)

## Serving in Worship Schedule

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

## 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.



## 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 those whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Besides wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, and earthquakes, there are many suffering from hatred, war, and acts of violence. Visit [ELCA Disaster Response](#) to donate or learn more about how you can help!

## THINK ABOUT IT

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...

Isaiah 66:13

### “When I Got Nothin’

When I got nothin', I got the Lord.

When lightning struck and thunder roared,

When I got nothin', I got the Lord.

When Sorrow come and swung his sword,

When I got nothin', I got the Lord.

When rain comes down a tumbling horde,

When I got nothin', I got the Lord.

When I'm runnin' away but really runnin' toward,

When I got nothin', I got the Lord.

--From, *All This and More* by Susan Weiner  
(available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble)

One weekend my little brother was visiting our grandparents in another town. They took him to church with them, and one Sunday after church, he asked what Communion was all about.

Granddad replied, “That was Jesus’ last supper.”

My little brother replied, “Boy, they didn’t give him much, did they?”

--Elaine Borcher

My mother was babysitting my son, Dirk, at her house one day. When I stopped to pick him up, Mom told me that Dirk had followed her into the bedroom as she put some things away in the closet. “Grandma,” he asked, “what room is this?”

“This is a closet, Dirk,” she explained.

“We don’t have a room like this in our house,” he said.

“Of course you do,” she insisted. “You have lots of closets at your home.”

When he again denied having closets at our house, she tried another tack. “Where do you keep all your clothes?” she asked.

He replied, “In the dryer.”

- Shari Hanson

Seth, our curious five-year-old, couldn’t keep his eyes off us when we were taking Communion. A few seconds later, I stole a peek—he was watching his daddy at prayer after receiving the elements. “Good parental example,” I thought.

My gratification was short-lived as Seth leaned over and whispered to me, “What’s in that stuff? You eat it and go right to sleep.”

--Sherri Yates

Seen on a church sign: If evolution is true, how come mothers still have only two hands?

- Donna Waldeyer

My grandmother used to tell me that every boss is temporary, that every rainy day is temporary, that every hardship is temporary. She used to tell me, “Son every good-bye ain’t gone. Just hold on—there’s joy coming in the morning.”

--James Melvin Washington

The grand essentials of hope are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

--Thomas Chalmers

What is most rewarding is doing something that really matters with congenial colleagues who share with us the firm conviction that it needs to be done.

- Elton Trueblood

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