



GLAD TIDINGS



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Interfaith 5K

The Interfaith 5k walk/run sign up is open for Labor Day, September 7, 2026! [Register Here!](#) PoP continues to be a sponsor and supporter of this event and we are hoping to have our largest turnout yet this year. Can we have the largest team?! Please sign up! When you do, please select to join the Prince of Peace team. More information is available at <https://mocointerfaith5k.org/>.



Volunteer information can be found at [Montgomery County Interfaith 5K](#).

"God's Work-Our Hands"

"God's Work - Our Hands" workday on September 13th after service. Focus will be on improving church's property- window cleaning, painting, staining picnic tables, power washing etc.



Name Tag

Do you have a name tag? They are hanging on the windows on either side of the back entrance to the Narthex, hopefully in alphabetical order by last name. When you wear it, people can put a face with a name helping them to remember who you are.



Do you need a name tag? There is a clipboard hanging on the wall over the table where the After Service Snacks are usually served. Members and active visitors of all ages can have a name tag. Please sign up and one will be made for you.

PB & J Collection

Please join the Sunday School for the annual collection of PB & J! We'll collect those back-to-school staples through October for the clients of Gaithersburg Help. Look for the collection bin in the narthex. Thank you!



Farmers & Artisans Market

Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market continues each Thursday at 3:30 pm in the front of the building. Come each Thursday through November 19, 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Come browse and shop and say hello to the local growers, bakers, makers, and your neighbors while supporting our church community.

Now you can take dinner home with you. Examples include:

- Butter chicken
- Thik and Juicy
- LeLe's Crepes (coming in September)

For more information, email farmersmarket@poplutheran.org.

Sign up to volunteer at our Farmers and Artisans Market. [Prince of Peace Lutheran Church: volunteer at farmers market](#)



From Pastor Steve...

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

September has arrived, and it's officially Fall! But, it probably won't feel like it. Most Septembers around here frankly feel a lot like August. It's still hot. It's still humid. And even though school has started and some of the "normal" routines have resumed, many of us are still in a "summer" mindset.

Still, there are a few clues that Fall is beginning. Sometimes, the clue is that one day when the humidity is down and the breeze somehow has the crisp smell of autumn. Sometimes, the clue is when is when you notice that a few of the leaves on the "early shedder" trees are at your feet. And sometimes, the clue is when you notice that it is, actually, getting darker in the evenings.

Those are the clues that something is happening, even when most of the time it looks and feels like everything is pretty much the same. And often, that's how God works in our lives. It's completely understandable that we're drawn to Biblical stories in which God intervenes in sudden and dramatic ways in people's lives. And certainly, that does still happen.

But more often, God works gently, slowly and sometimes almost imperceptibly. Yet there are sometimes clues. Sometimes, the clue is when you feel strength or hope you hadn't felt before, even if it's just for a moment. Sometimes, the clue is when somebody - even a stranger - points you to something you hadn't thought of or noticed before. And sometimes the clue is when you do something ordinary and sense that this ordinary task has meaning and purpose for somebody else.

And after all, these were the ways that Jesus worked in the lives of his disciples. Most of them gradually came to realize God was doing something in their lives through Jesus in ways that weren't immediately obvious. But those slow, gradual "clues" were the ways their faith and hope and confidence in God's love and presence grew.

So, in this month when we're hoping for "clues" that Fall really is coming, be alert for the "clues" that God is sending you in your life to breathe refreshment into you so that you also may grow in faith, hope and confidence in God's love and presence.

Yours in Christ,

September Highlights

Every Sunday

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

11:00 am Sunday School*

*Sunday School starts September 13.

Every Monday

7:00 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Every Thursday

3:30 pm Farmers & Artisans Market (pg 1)

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



COMING UP...

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For a current calendar, see:

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

COUNCIL CORNER

July 2026 Meeting

Updates from the PoP Church Council

Property

The carpet in the sanctuary has now been replaced! PoP has also had a few unexpected repairs this summer, including a damaged light pole in the parking lot and a small plumbing leak in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to those from the Property Committee who have helped coordinate our upgrades and repairs!

Finances

Members are encouraged to continue their weekly giving throughout the summer, (which can be easier with online autopayment during summer travel!) Your contributions make a BIG difference in the upkeep of our church buildings and property. Many thanks to families who have "accepted the challenge" by increasing their monthly giving by \$25 or more!

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 (office@poplutheran.org) to

inquire of positions on other serving teams of interest.

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

Council met on July 14. You can read notes from that meeting (including the Pastor's and Treasurer's report) [by clicking here.](#)

WhatsApp

Council decided to start a WhatsApp group to text PoP-related information and announcements to members. Please join at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/G1MsYhPEAbgJ5nw5nlCo1b?s=cl&p=i&ilr=1>. Contact Laura Dillon (410-562-6942) with any questions.

Prince of Peace Lutheran
WhatsApp group



SPECIAL PRAYERS

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

Pastor John B. McGarvey



PoP Members

Elizabeth Langum Chung, Elizabeth Cockerham, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Clara Ely, Sherry Fischer, Laura Hampe Garofalo, Helen Griffith, Roxana Homayoun, Carmen Hooks-Hill, Mike & Remi Langum, Anne Lomperis, Kathy Mellott, Madelyn Miltzer, Dick Moore, JoAnn Percy, Heather Robinson, David & Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Nancy Swanson, John Zobel

Sympathy

Family of Brenda Bogie (aunt of Tracy Solomon)
Family of Karen Cooley
(friend of Meredith Kuykendall)
Family of Chrissie Caffee (friend of Judy Bruening)
Family of Jaydon Williams
(friends of Sarah Browning)
Family of brother of Sabrina Wang
Family of Davian Jack Ward
(family friend of Linda Schiefer & Richard Farrar)

Thanksgiving

Baptism of Lillian Colleen Garofalo
(daughter of Laura and Matteo Garofalo)

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 5-6 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 (dlhsjvw@rcn.com)
for more details.

SPOTLIGHT

A few favorite moments from VBS include:
--Bubbles' twin brother Schmubbles joining us,
--the frozen hot chocolates,
--all the great drama scenes with the storyteller,
especially Amy's dramatic turn as the poor
widow in the Widow's Mite story.

Several people asked about the frozen hot
chocolate recipe. There were several recipes on
the internet. We used this one (mostly like the one
on "Mel's Kitchen Cafe".)

Frozen hot chocolate

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups chocolate milk
- Dash of vanilla
- 1 cup dry hot chocolate mix
- 3-4 cups cubed ice
- Whipped cream and chocolate syrup

INSTRUCTIONS

- Add the milk, vanilla, hot chocolate mix,
and ice, in the order listed to a blender and
process until smooth.
- Pour into glasses and top with whipped
cream and chocolate syrup

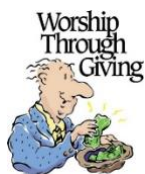
That made 7 to 8 servings.

Here are some pictures that highlight the activities
experienced.



STEWARDSHIP

Church Giving Envelopes



Envelopes for 2026 are available to all who would like them. They are currently located in the office. 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!



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
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
Bring snacks (cookies, etc.) for coffee hour held after Sunday service, (approx. 50-count.)

Sound Board Jon Conary
Sunday Service 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
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
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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Sunday School leaders look forward to welcoming learners back on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 13!

PreK-K and Elementary School Classes

We will continue using Group's Simply Loved curriculum, which incorporates Bible buddies, videos, crafts, and games related to a new Bible story each week. We will begin the year by exploring the first stories in the Old Testament, with a focus on God's everlasting love for us.

Our workshop leaders are Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, Jamie Pflasterer, and Anne Witten. Sonvy Waidler leads music for our younger learners. Shepherds for our PreK-K class are Debbie Chan, Cherie DeGeorge, and Roxana Homayoun. We want your learners to feel comfortable, so please remember that parents are always welcome in the classroom.

Middle-High School Class

In a joint class, Middle and High School learners will view movies and relate their themes to what we find in the Bible. About once a month, we will meet with Pastor Steve for confirmation class. We will also do monthly service projects, and SSL hours will be available.

On Rally Day, our class will participate in the ELCA Day of Service by working on church improvements projects, including staining the new picnic tables.

Jon Conary and Emma Yanevskyy are the leaders of our combined Middle-High School Class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Janet Levine or your learner's Sunday School leader.

ELCA Youth Gathering

Prince of Peace will be sending a group of youth to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota from Sunday, June 27 to Friday, July 2, 2027. To be eligible to attend, youth must be in 8th-12th grades during the 2026-27 school year. Please indicate your interest to attend or receive more info at

<https://forms.gle/cFLewdX4s8wscaYH6>, or contact Laura Dillon at laldillon@yahoo.com or 410-562-6942 with any questions. **A \$300 deposit is due October 9, 2026.**

ADULT EDUCATION

Coffee and Conversation



Adult Coffee and Conversation Hour returns in the fall after Sunday services, starting in September! 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 the schedule, or to sign up to lead a Bible study session this fall, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PoPAdultEd26to27>. **If a week you want to do something special is already taken, contact Jamie Pflasterer to see if it can be changed.** We look forward to having you!

September

13 - Sunday School starts.

Rally Sunday

20 - Honduras Mission Project

27 - Adult Bible Study

Honduras Mission 2026 - Come after service on **September 20th at 11:00am** in the sanctuary to hear from the PoP members who attended the 2026 Honduras Mission Trip and learn about the projects and outreach which took place in June. See pictures of all the places where God's hands and feet were at work. This will also be an opportunity for those potentially interested in the June 2027 mission trip to ask questions and learn about how you can be part of the next mission! Questions can be directed to [Ric or Sherry Kienzle](#). Pictures can be found on page 8.

October

4 - TBD

11 - TBD

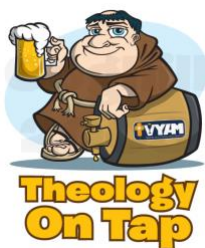
18 - Ukraine 102

25 - TBD

Ukraine 102 - The war is still raging - and escalating - in Ukraine, and the people are still just trying to survive. Please join Yasya Yanevskyy, PoP's own proud Ukrainian-American, for a taste of Ukraine with a purpose. She will present some Ukrainian history, a little introductory language lesson, a sampling of Ukrainian foods, and ways we can help through United Help Ukraine. The event will take place after worship on October 18th in the worship space and narthex.

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!



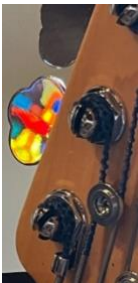
PoP Women's Bible Study



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 Deebeben](#).

MUSIC

Grace Notes



Interested in joining the band full time or on an ad hoc basis (one or two months a year)? Grace Notes is looking for more musicians and singers. We rehearse on Monday nights, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and usually play once a month during our worship service. Contact [Jon Conary](#) for more information.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP

It's back to school time, so the Sunday school PB&J drive will soon be underway. All of the usual healthy, hearty stuff plus cereals and 1 lb bags of rice are of course always needed.



You have been reading for the last few months about UCMA using our POP Fellowship Hall on Saturdays to pack up and deliver food to local families whose main wage earner has been deported. Since Gaithersburg HELP wants to help

local groups reaching out to families who are afraid to or unable to drive to pick up their food, we are now assisting UCMA each week with cases of non-perishable foods.



Attendance at the Pantry continues to be worrisomely down several months in a row, driven heavily by a decrease in clients calling on the Spanish language line. Fear of driving to the public place, a storefront in the Muddy Branch Festival Shopping Center, was heightened by the recent arrests of parents dropping off children for summer camp at the Bohrer Center, reported in local media.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact your POP Delegate, Hope Walker, 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 for lots of great information, including the volunteer application form. For questions or information, please contact Hope Walker (hope.walker@GaithersburgHELP.org)

Quilters

Can you tie a knot or tear/cut a piece of cloth? Or do you love to sew? Then join the Quilter's group, Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am until noon at the church or work from home. 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

Local Food Aid



A mutual aid distribution center organized by Up-County Mutual Aid (UCMA) working with the MoCo Immigrant Rights Collective (IRC) is hosted at Prince of Peace Saturday mornings from 8 am-10:30 am to

provide food and essential goods to local families. There are a few ways to support the effort. You can volunteer to open and close the building on Saturdays. If interested, let Jennifer Maloney know.



You can also help sort on Saturday mornings or donate food; for these activities, you need to sign up directly with the Up-County Mutual Aid group using the following directions.

If you can help sort and pack groceries at Prince of Peace from 8:00 -10:30am on Saturdays, please sign up for any available date [here](#).

If you can donate and bring perishables and non-perishables to Prince of Peace between 8:00-8:45 am on Saturday mornings, please sign up [here](#). Porch drops are available for donations during the week if dropping at church on Saturday mornings isn't convenient. To view active porch drop locations, days and times for perishables and non-perishables, and the above links, please register at <https://moco270mutualaid.org/>. After registering, please email Nancy Hadad (hadad@dunlopweb.net) and let her know you are from Prince of Peace so your registration can be approved quickly! Once approved, be sure to use sign-up links and porch drops that are highlighted as UCMA (not MCMA which is a different location). If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Maloney.

Thank you very much for your compassion, generosity, and willingness to support our neighbors in need!

Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden has been a place for peaceful remembrance of loved ones and of quiet beauty for our congregation for thirty years. Initially azaleas and rhododendrons were planted around the periphery - which our four-legged friends found quite delicious. So, over the years - 2007, 2016, and 2021, the garden has been refreshed, and plants such as Goshiki and Boxwood

have thrived. "Rosy Glow Barberry" bushes form a deep red backdrop to the benches, and lavender perennials add color behind the rock. Many members and friends of the congregation have found a permanent resting place in the garden. Through donations by the families of loved ones and PoP members funds are now available to cover the cost of the additional rock and plaque Council approved to add to the garden. If you have questions or comments, please contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com or 301-602-6358.

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Group

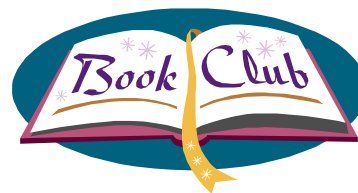
The Women's Book Group has chosen *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin for September 10 at 7:30 pm. Hope Walker will host.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

October 8 The Benevolent Society Of Ill-Mannered Ladies

By A. Goodman
host Sharon Wahl

November 12 Remarkably Bright Creatures
By S. Van Pelt
TBD



RECENT EVENTS

Honduras Mission Trip



THANK YOU!

VBS 2026

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS so much fun! First off is the VBS Committee - starting in January - choosing the kit/program/theme for 2026. We chose Cokesbury's Snowball Mountain Challenge. Pastor Steve agreed to reprise his 5-day Theology on Tap for the adults. Judy agreed to make and organize the decorations, Martha and Kallie to organize and run Crafts and Science, Jamie and Janet to corral the smallest Challengers, Lisa and Jon to "play" in Drama, Emma (leader), Sonvy (music) and Sally (Bubbles) for the Opening, Games and Closing, Nancy (our photographer) and Ian for Frozen Hot Chocolate, S'mores and a fireside Sing-A-Long. Thank you also to the Crew leaders and Adult helpers who made the time fun for everyone - Dylan, Ray, Sam, Fiona, Sydney, Carly, Januel, Katrena, Athena, Yasya and Paul. Thank you also to those who fed us, Pamela (Pasta), Ian and Dan (Grill Masters), Janet, Kevin, Pastor Steve, Judy, Susan W, David, Martha, Jamie, Sherry S, Lisa, Jon, Wendy and Sonvy. To everybody and to anyone we neglected to mention...a Great Big THANK YOU!

Comfort Cases Donation Drive

This year's VBS included our second annual Comfort Cases Donation Drive. Thank you to everyone who brought or ordered online - stuffed animals, PJs and blankets! If you missed it and would like to donate, they have an Amazon wish list at <http://comfortcases.org/wishlist>. Comfort Cases is an organization based here in our area and serving foster kids in most of the United States.

"What's a comfort case? Comfort Cases are backpacks filled with comfort and personal care items for youth entering the foster care system. Typically, children are given a trash bag to pack up their belongings when they are removed from their homes. We are working to end this practice while providing the essentials for a child's first few days in foster care." (Comfortcases.org)



We collected 31 blankets, 18 stuffed animals and 25 PJs. Thank you!

School Supply Collection



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!
Once again, the generosity of this congregation is inspiring. The school supplies donated to the Interfaith Shelter were overflowing. The children who benefit

from the programs offered by the Interfaith Shelter are headed back to school in style.

We collected:

- 18 backpacks - the most we have ever collected in one year!!!
- 10 pencil boxes complete with items suitable or children from kindergarten to 5th grade (10 pencils, 2 erasers, 2 glue sticks, box of crayons and a pair of scissors.)
- 54 sets of dividers
- 4 additional pairs of scissors
- 3 binders of various sizes
- 41 highlighters
- 37 additional packs of crayons
- 4 packages of index cards
- 24 boxes of colored pencils
- 212 additional pencils - (170 regular and 42 mechanical)
- 39 packs of markers
- 61 additional glue sticks
- 42 rulers
- 45 composition books
- 39 folders
- 45 notebooks
- 2 packs of filler paper

The kids are going back to school with a mountain of supplies to help them succeed in their educational journey.

Thank you again for making our school supplies drive a success!!!



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.



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 currently located in the office with a variety of items to be found in it. Also to be found in the box are items that were dropped on the Credenza counter after Yard Sale was over. Included are two coats which are hanging up in the closet near the sanctuary. If you are unable to come check at a time the office is open, send an email to office@poplutheran.org and the secretary will check to see if the item is there.

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.

THINK ABOUT IT

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

—Galatians 6:9

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