



GLAD TIDINGS



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Who Has a Blog?

The PoP Building committee has started a blog at <http://building.blogs.poplutheran.org>. If any other PoP ministry team would like to start their own, separate blog, contact Neil Howard at nhoward@comcast.net.

Sunday November 8

Is the big day for a Potluck Lunch and Special Congregational meeting. We are planning a potluck lunch to welcome back Pastor Steve after the 11:00am service. Immediately after the luncheon (approximately 1:00pm) there will be a special congregational meeting about the 2010 budget. There is a possibility that we will exit 2009 with net expenses greater than our income. Given this, Council is looking to the congregation for guidance about how to prepare for 2010. Please plan to attend.

Confirmation Sunday

is November 15. This special event is at the 11:00 am service. Please join us!

Thanksgiving Service

is on Wednesday November 25 at 7:30pm. Prince of Peace will host two other Lutheran Congregations for an intimate evening Thanksgiving service featuring guitar and guests from other congregations. We will have dessert together after the service.

Advent Begins

on Sunday November 29. On the first three Wednesdays in Advent (December 2, 9, & 16) we will have soup suppers and Holden Evening Vespers, a hopeful, gentle service of song and prayer. Pastor Steve will present highlights from his sabbatical journey following these services. This is a great time to invite friends to church!

Check It Out!

The Prince of Peace website has been completely revamped. Check us out at www.poplutheran.org and let us know what you think!

November Highlights

Every Sunday

- 8:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- Baby-sitter available during Services

Every Tuesday

- 10:00 am Quilters

Every Wednesday

- 8:45 am Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir

Every Thursday

- 5:00 pm Youth Choir
- 7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

- 7:45 am Men's Group
- 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship





From Pastor Sarah...

Pastor Sarah Scherschligt
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This time of year is so full that I can't settle on just one thing to write on for my newsletter article, so here's a newsletter bullet point list:

- Pastor Steve's sabbatical is nearly over. I'm greatly looking forward to his return as I'm sure everyone is. I have missed his energy, his leadership, his optimism, his collaboration, and his faith. We may have been down a pastor but because countless members stepped up to the plate to help out, we thrived even during his absence. People came in to fold bulletins; you painted the church; record numbers walked to Help the Homeless; worship was full of wonderful music and meaningful prayers; our new members class integrated 32 new people into our midst; our prayer team connected with everyone on our prayer lists; a new confirmation team gelled; Sunday School got off to a great start; we launched our new website, and so much more. All this happened because of your efforts, ingenuity, and commitment to God at work in this congregation. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out in extra ways.
- Special thanks to the PoP Staff. We are blessed! Pat Salvas, our office administrator, and Danielle Drobny, our director of music, both added responsibilities and showed unflagging energy for our work. Clare Cho kept our choir soaring. Johanna in the nursery joyfully watched our youngest children. Our three administrative assistants, Cherie DeGeorge, Neil Howard, and Dave Swanson, were here so often I sometimes forgot they weren't fulltime! And a huge thanks to Pastor David Percy. His sermons to both adults and children renewed our faith and reminded us what it means to be the people of God. He and I met nearly weekly for prayer and his generous support to this congregation was a sign that God not only gives in times of need, but gives abundantly. What a gift!
- Our stewardship campaign is launching. Our people are our biggest resources and so we're focusing on getting to know one another in new ways. To be a church together, we need to know one another's passions, gifts, dreams, and prayers. We'll do this primarily through dessert gatherings. You can sign up in the narthex, over the phone, or by emailing Peter Carr (carrfive@bellatlantic.net). Because the church is the people!
- Every week, I sign checks that go to organizations like Gaithersburg Help to help the most needy in around us. Our church keeps these obligations even though we are running a deficit. We are at the point where we can't cut much more from our spending without sacrificing our commitments to serve the world around us. If you have any extra you can give to the church's work for those in need, please give it.
- Many people in our midst are suffering from the economic downturn. If you are in a situation where you wish you could give more, but you are tapped out, please don't feel bad. We all know that people can only give what they have. Sometimes being in a church means that we need to receive before we can give. If you are in need, please reach out to a church friend or a pastor for help.
- Lastly, we've had a string of exciting worship services. From the harvest for the hungry to some amazing Grace Notes and choir numbers to our glorious Reformation Day Services, God must be smiling when we gather in praise! There are many more to come: November 15th is confirmation at the 11:00 service; November 25th we're honored to host the other Lutheran Churches in Gaithersburg for a Thanksgiving service featuring guitar music; November 29th we start our Advent services. There's no better balm for what ails you than to come to worship with other people to receive God's grace, forgiveness, love, and strength. Every week I am humbled and buoyed by our worship together in this place. I'm so excited for the worship services and seasons to come.

Peace and joy!
Pastor Sarah Scherschligt

You Made a Difference in September at PoP

- Average Weekend Worship Attendance: **166**
- Our Cookie Brigade “cooked” 2 first-time visitor households!

Financial Snapshot

Giving & Spending Update:

September 2009:		Year to Date:	
Actual		Actual	
Income	\$31,115.53	Income	\$295,827.90
Actual		Actual	
Expenses	\$34,434.45	Expenses	\$320,188.53
Budgeted		Budgeted	
Expenses	\$37,709.66	Expenses	\$339,386.99
Actual		Actual	
Difference	\$-3,322.92	Difference	\$-24,360.63

(Note: This reflects actual income and expenses towards our approved budget. It does not include income and expenses for special funds, such as Workcamp and Building Fund.)

Finance Committee

We need your help! The finance committee is recruiting people to help count the Sunday offering following the late service. The counters work in teams of two, and commit to two Sundays every 2-3 months. Training is provided. If interested, please contact Paul Marmillion at 301-977-0533 or finsec@poplutheran.org for more details.

Council Corner

The PoP Church Council met on October 13 in a regular monthly meeting. This article describes highlights of that meeting. For more details see the meeting minutes posted on the bulletin board in the church Narthex near the front door. Council decided to start a blog, so these notes and the opportunity to comment will be available in the near future at <http://council.blogs.poplutheran.org>.

David Yaney played *The Church Is The People* video presentation created by Gordon Gipe for our 2009 Stewardship effort. Everyone agreed that it was excellent and that everyone who attends the dessert meetings will be in for a treat.

The Treasurer’s Report for September showed that operating expenses exceeded income by \$3323 for the month. So we are continuing our monthly deficit slide albeit at a slower pace. This increased the operating deficit YTD to about \$24,300. This situation immediately prompted a lively discussion about what to do. The question Council has is whether or not the temple talk appeals at worship and David’s letter to the congregation over the summer have been heard and whether or not anyone is responding. Paul Marmillion reported a small response in August and September, only about 10% of what we need to bridge the gap. The question was put to each member of Council, “Did you respond?” Some had and some had not, waiting to see what their situation might be at the end of the year. We decided to have a **Welcome Back Pastor Steve party and Congregation Meeting** on November 8 to both celebrate Pastor Steve’s return and to explicitly and in a hopeful manner inform the congregation of the current financial situation and the implications and opportunities for the 2010 budget and beyond.

Pastor Sarah reported that David Malmgren has stepped down as chair of our Finance Committee and that Lesa Sullivan is stepping down from Nominating Committee to spend more time on our Fellowship ministry which she chairs. Pastor Sarah also related two stories of congregations in difficult financial situations who had adopted new ministries and experienced growth and vibrancy that came from their service. She said that one idea could be to drop three and start two ministries as a way of renewing ourselves.



We also decided to be more proactive in encouraging members to attend the upcoming dessert meetings. After some discussion of various options, we decided that Peter

Carr, Pastor Sarah, and Neil Howard would figure out a way to personally invite each member to a dessert meeting. Peter, Neil, and Pastor Sarah could make up a list for each host based on geographical proximity or some other affinity factor with the host. Details are TBD.

The majority of the Council meeting time was spent reviewing the new PoP web site prepared by the Web Team. Jim Bostrom made the presentation. The web site is not completely finished, but is currently viewable at www.poplutheran.org/newwebdev. Jim hopes to

have the basics up this weekend. The web site is a multicolumn format currently consisting of 12 individual pages with pictures and text around the themes: *Come, Learn Grow, Care, Serve*. Pat Salvas in our church office will take over as the primary poster of new web updates.

In a few miscellaneous topics discussed, the council will hear the faith statements of confirmands on November 1, 2, and 3. We have 10-12 confirmands this year. Also we found out that Hogar de Cristo has recently developed some serious corruption problems; therefore we are directing our contributions from Salsa Night to a Peruvian mission instead. We will ask Jennifer Maloney to explain this in an announcement to the congregation.

If you would like to join in and see firsthand what goes on at a PoP Church Council meeting, please come! We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30-9:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. - These notes were written by Neil Howard, nhoward@comcast.net.

Recent Events



New Bulletin Board in the narthex.



Thanks, Gordon Gipe, for the great photo!

Walk for the Homeless



Stewardship

Creation Care

Mission Statement

Our mission statement is “As we are called by God to be stewards of creation, the Creation Care Team shall promote appreciation, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources in all aspects of congregational life and in the outside community through:

- a. Contemplation, prayer, and worship;
- b. Designing and implementing environmental education programs and activities;
- c. Regularly assessing and promoting practices that reduce the environmental footprint of our church;
- d. Advocating for environmental stewardship in the wider community.”

The Creation Care Team has now set the first Saturday of each month from 9 - 10:30 am as a regular meeting time. Our next meeting is Saturday, November 7. Please feel free to join us if you are interested in helping out or even just want to see what is going on. Contact Pastor Sarah for more information at pastorsarah@poplutheran.org.

Fellowship

Lesia Sullivan (lesiasullivan@comcast.net; 301-330-3686)

Gourmet Cooking

Thanks to Wendy Dinova-Wimmer for organizing the recipes and to Nancy Wolejsza for hosting the first of hopefully many Gourmet Nights. There was a great turn out and everyone had a good time and good food. Look for information coming in January for the next Gourmet Night featuring recipes from the Julia Child’s cookbook.



Tables for All

October kicked off the start of Tables for All. If you did not get the opportunity to sign up or are not sure about committing to the entire event, consider signing up as an alternate. If someone can’t make it to their night, the host can have a

list of possible alternates to call and fill in. You can choose to fill in or not depending on your schedule. We

encourage everyone, singles and couples alike, to sign up. Everyone brings their dish and enjoys the fellowship of other members in their



homes. This is a great way to meet new members or just find out more about the people you worship with at Prince of Peace. For more information contact Becky Carr at 301-349-2040.

Save the Date – Saturday, November 21

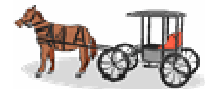


Pastor Steve will be back from his trip with all kinds of stories and information. He will be sharing his tales after the Saturday service on November 21. Come see pictures and hear his presentation on the Holy Land.

High School Youth Ministry Workcamp 2010

Sign up for Workcamp in Mifflinburg, PA is still open for a few more spots if you missed the September sign-up. Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board in the hallway at church or email or call me: Joanne Wolfe at 301-926-3093; joannevwolfe@comcast.net. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP AND HAVE NOT TURNED IN YOUR DEPOSIT OF \$50, IT IS DUE NOW!!**

Watch for emails and updates on pre-camp meetings and mulching fundraisers that will start after the first of the year.



Mifflinburg, PA
July 10 - 17, 2010
Entering 9th grade in Fall 2010 (ages 14+)
Cost: \$525

Thanks!

Youth Ministry

Kim Drissel (drissels@comcast.net)/Tracy Solomon (tracysolo@comcast.net)

November 14: Parents Night Out

We will be hosting a Parent's Night Out for our young PoP kids on November 14 from 6:00-9:00 pm. We invite children to join us for pizza, crafts, and a movie while you enjoy an evening out. Children will be entertained by middle/high school youth and adult sponsors. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex at the end of the month.

November 19: Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families will be held November 19 from 6-7:30pm. This is an event for families with children of preschool age through 5th grade, and their older siblings. We will start with a potluck dinner and conversation, followed by crafts and then end in the sanctuary with a bible story and prayer. Please join us! Sign up in the narthex starting November 8.

December 10: Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families will also be held December 10 from 6-7:30pm. Please join us! Sign up in the narthex in early December.

December 18: Jesus' Birthday Party & Parents' Night Out

We are hosting a Birthday Party for Baby Jesus on December 18 from 6:00-9:00pm. This is a celebration of Jesus' birth and our annual Christmas party for elementary age children. We will have pizza, crafts, games, snacks, and a birthday cake. Children will be entertained by middle/high school youth and adult sponsors. Sign-up in the narthex in late November.



Social Ministries

Jennifer Maloney (maloney.jenn@gmail.com; 301-602-6358)

Can You Bake?

Prince of Peace likes to take care of its members as well as taking care of the community. When one of our members needs a little help, we would like to be there for them. The Social Ministry team keeps a list of volunteers to make a meal once during the year for anyone in our congregation who may have just had a baby, had surgery, or a

prolonged illness. If you can help, please consider signing up to help by calling Lesa Sullivan at 301-330-3686 or email lesasullivan@comcast.net.

Help the Homeless

We had a beautiful morning for our annual Mini-Walk for the Homeless on October 11. Thanks to 140 Walkers and their very generous Sponsors, we raised \$2,225 for Gaithersburg HELP! When our walker count is included with all the other congregations and schools walking for HELP, it should earn at least a \$20,000 bonus (and hopefully a \$25,000 bonus) for Gaithersburg HELP. Many thanks to all those who contributed and those who walked! A special thanks to the High School Sunday School class for all their help with the Walk - we couldn't have done it without them!

The National Lutheran Home's Fall

Festival is coming...Saturday November 14 from 9:30am until 2pm. Come enjoy shopping for wonderful treasures, handmade crafts, baked goods and fudge, and much more. Enjoy a delicious lunch 11am-1pm and then enjoy the Home Chorus as they perform at 2:30pm. Independent Living Cottage tours are at 10:30am and 1:00pm. Donations of baked goods and used household items, books, and jewelry are needed. Please call 301-424-9560 if you want to make a donation. All proceeds benefit the residents of the Home, located nearby at 9701 Veirs Drive, near Wootton Parkway, in Rockville. For more details and a map, pick up a flier from the Social Ministry table in the foyer.

It's Time for the United Way

United Way, CFC, and other workplace giving contributions account for a large percentage of non-profit organizations' income. Please consider designating your employer-sponsored drive (United Way, CFC, America's Charities, etc) contribution to the following charities. Our congregation is a supporter of these organizations. CFC/United Way codes are shown below.

Gaithersburg HELP #30374/#8432

Assists local residents with food, diapers, prescriptions, and transportation

Upper Montgomery Assistance Network #15276/#8881

Provides emergency funds for local families facing eviction or loss of utility service

Lutheran Social Services #78343/#8146

Provides assistance in the areas of foster care, refugees, immigrants, AIDS, abused women and children, and the disabled

Lutheran Volunteer Corps #54430 (CFC)

A year-long volunteer service program which provides volunteers for shelters, medical clinics, tutoring programs, and advocacy work on housing, hunger, etc.

National Lutheran Home #12809 (CFC)

Provides a continuum of care for the aged of the Lutheran community regardless of their ability to pay

N Street Village #90946/#8281

Provides meals, emergency shelter, support groups, medical care, counseling, and treatment programs for homeless women and low-income families in DC

Upcoming Activities

As Thanksgiving and Advent season approach, the Social Ministry team is coordinating several projects to provide assistance to families in our community and beyond.

Adopted Family - Each year, PoP adopts a family as part of the *Holiday Giving Project* organized by Interfaith Works.

What is the Holiday Giving Project?

For over 30 years, the Holiday Giving Project has helped low income families in our community by collecting and distributing gifts and food during Thanksgiving and the December Holidays. A network of social workers, school counselors, and other professionals qualify and refer those who need help. A coalition of nonprofit agencies divide the county's zip codes and take responsibility for meeting the needs of persons referred to the program within their zip code.

With the help of individuals and groups, the coalition is able to provide holiday meals, holiday baskets, gift cards, toys, etc. **Last year 9,000 families received assistance so they too could celebrate the holidays.** Please visit www.iworksmc.org for more information.

The Giving Tree - The City of Gaithersburg sponsors a Secret Santa program each year for children whose families are unable to provide at Christmas. School counselors identify children,

who are given a "wish list." Children put two toys and two clothing items on their list. Last year, PoP provided gifts for nearly 40 children. PoP members will be able to be a Secret Santa and select gifts to bring joy to children in our community.

Gifts of Hope

Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift program in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod. More information can be found at <http://metrodcclca.org/for-partners/local-ministry-resources/gifts-of-hope/>.

What is alternative giving?

- Traditional gift giving involves buying an item and giving it to a relative or friend. Alternative giving differs in that it involves buying a symbol of a gift and giving the symbol to someone. The actual item goes to someone who needs the gift. For example, traditionally, a child might give a small bottle of perfume to her teacher at Christmas. Alternatively, the child might give her teacher a Christmas card that tells the teacher that a basket of books has been made available to needy children as a Gift of Hope.

One might choose alternative giving – to give a Gift of Hope – for any of several reasons:

- to share your faith and blessings;
- to advocate for a simpler lifestyle;
- to support a particular organization;
- because you know the person to whom you are giving will appreciate this type of gift;
- or just for convenience (there are no trips to the mall!).



Combined purchases over the past 16 years totaled more than 2 million dollars. There are no overhead expenses in Gifts of Hope. Every dollar that you spend on a Gift of Hope is spent for that purpose. Together, we spread the joy of God's love here and throughout the world. Thank you for considering Gifts of Hope.

SALSA NIGHT FUNDS: IMPORTANT NOTICE

In August, PoP hosted Salsa Night to benefit ministries for vulnerable children and adults in Lima, Peru. The event raised more than \$1,200

for this caring and critical work. Clara Koenig, a member, volunteered in Lima through her university and raised awareness of these needs at Prince of Peace. After the event, Clara learned from university officials that the ministry where she volunteered has been experiencing significant problems and the officials recommended that PoP find a different ministry in Peru to reach the intended beneficiaries. With Pastor Sarah's help, Social Ministry considered how to use the funds. The ELCA partners with the Peruvian Evangelical Lutheran Church (ILEP) and its ministries, including programs providing meals to children in and around Lima. From the ELCA website: "Several ILEP congregations provide after-school support and food for children, including Sunday meals before church. At the Emmanuel congregation, each day dozens of children receive meals and academic support from members." The Social Ministry Team recommended to Council and the Council voted that the gift be sent to the Peruvian Evangelical Lutheran Church to support its ministries to vulnerable children. The ongoing relationship with the ELCA provides accountability for good stewardship of the gift. This link provides more information about the ILEP:

<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Global-Mission/Where-We-Work/Latin-America-Caribbean/Peru.aspx>

If you have questions or concerns about this decision, please contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com or 301-602-6358.

Refuge in Times of Trouble

If you know someone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need that is a member of the congregation, please let us know! The Social Ministries Committee can offer services such as food, cards, or other specific needs. We can't help if we don't know. Contact Pastor Sarah Scherschligt at 301-869-3666 or at pastorsarah@poplutheran.org if you need help or know of someone who does.

Join the Team!

Want to become a part of the Social Ministries Team? The next meeting is Wednesday November 11 at 7:30pm. Contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com; 301-602-6358 with questions or for more information.



For Women Only

Women's Luncheon

November 2: Please join us for lunch at Cosi in the Kentlands at 11:30.

Women's Book Group



Do you ever read a book and just need to talk about it? Well, the PoP Women's Book Group is the place. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month; you are welcome to join for one meeting or for all. Members take turns hosting the gatherings. For more information, please contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com or 301-602-6358.

November: On Thursday, November 12, Nancy Wolejsza will host the Book Group at her home at 104 Foxtrail Terrace, Gaithersburg. The gathering starts at 7:30 pm. Book Group will discuss *Song Yet Sung* by James McBride. "James McBride's *Song Yet Sung* is a great addition to the genre of African American literature. McBride weaves a complex story that begins with runaway slave, Liz Spocott. Liz is near death when she is captured by a slave trader. ...McBride touches on the past, present, and future of our racially divided country. *Song Yet Sung* has a lyrical style that runs the full range of emotions and shows the complexity of the human spirit. This wonderfully written work will strike a chord with readers" (reviewed by M. P. McKinney on Amazon.com). RSVP to Nancy at nawolejsza@aol.com or 301-762-0665.

December: In December, the group will hold its annual Christmas gathering at the home of Susan Victor, 14717 Pebble Hill Lane, Gaithersburg on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 pm. The group will discuss *Christ the Lord Rode to Cana* by Anne Rice. "From the opening

pages of this book, there are layers of meaning and beauty. Rice, through Yeshua's [Jesus] eyes, lets us in for peeks at the heart of God, as it relates to the human struggle. This culminates in Yeshua's face-off with Satan in the wilderness, during forty days of fasting - a masterpiece of textured prose - and in the following incident with Mary of Magdala. From there, Rice shifts her story from conflict into beauty, as Yeshua verbalizes his purpose to his new followers and his family" (reviewed by Eric Wilson on Amazon.com). The evening ends with a book exchange so the reading continues into 2010. RSVP to Susan at susan.victor@att.net or 301-294-6883.

2010 Dates: January 4, February 11

Special Dates

- All Saints Day, November 1
- Daylight Savings Time Ends, November 1
- Veteran's Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26



A Little Extra Something

- The pillar of the world is hope.
—Anonymous
- It's better to be sorry and stay than to be sorry and go away.
—Irish proverb
- A wise son makes his father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.
—Proverbs 10:1
- There are three kinds of people; those that make things happen, those that watch things happen and those who don't know what's happening.
—Anonymous
- To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first.
—William Shakespeare

Believe The Impossible

Every great achievement was once impossible until someone set a goal to make it a reality.

Lewis Carroll's famous masterpiece *Through the Looking Glass* contains a story that exemplifies the need to dream the impossible dream. There is a conversation between Alice and the queen, which goes like this:

"I can't believe that!" said Alice.

"Can't you?" the queen said in a pitying tone.

"Try again, draw a long breath, and shut your eyes."

Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said.

"One can't believe impossible things."

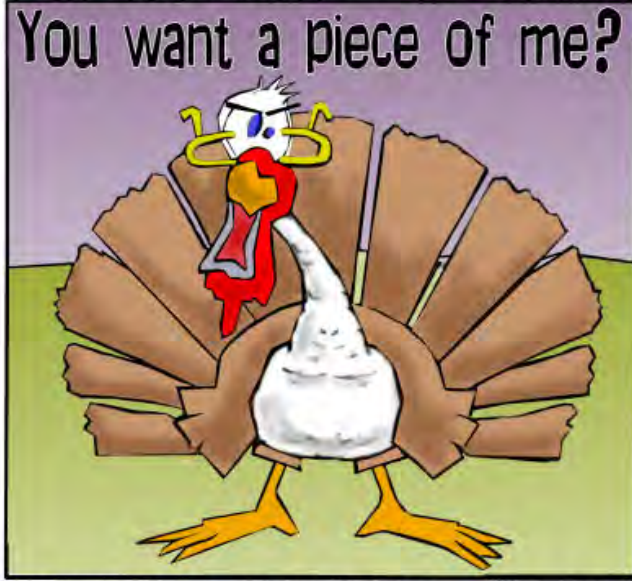
"I dare say you haven't had much practice," said the queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

When you dare to dream, many marvels can be accomplished. The trouble is, most people never start dreaming their impossible dream.

A Poem

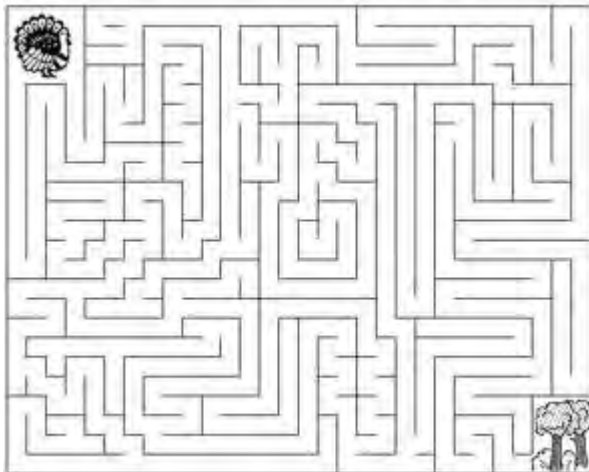
God made The Night...
 But He could not have known
 about those of us
 who waited for the dark
 To feel the first moments of privacy we had
 known all day,
 Or to use that black secrecy to mutter curses at
 the day's faults.
 He also fashioned The Sun ..
 And choreographed the ballet called sunset;
 But He didn't anticipate the agony that spectacle
 would create
 Among those of us who counted the day past a
 loss
 For it brought them not one step nearer the goals
 sought.
 When He breathed out the world's music...
 He planned joy,
 But again we fail Him when we wince,
 And fight tears, and denounce the beauty of it
 Only because there is no beauty in the music of
 our souls.
 God planted love here...
 And it grows
 Where hate had flourished
 Or where it is scarcely recognized.
 He planned on using it like a band-aid on the
 hurts of the heart.
 But it won't stick on some of us,
 Or it washes with salt tears,
 Or we claim not to need it's protection.
 Isn't it a marvel He doesn't despair of us ?

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



My reply to this defiant Turkey is.. "Yes, thank you, I'll take a drumstick. *One body, many parts... white meat, dark, and drumstick all are important. 1 Cor 12:12-26 (turkey translation)*

Help the Turkey Escape the Farm and Find Her Way to the Woods!



Contact the Pastors

Pastor Steve and Pastor Sarah are working together to make sure that pastoral care needs are met. To be certain that one of them is always "on," Pastor Steve takes Fridays off while Pastor Sarah takes Mondays off. You can reach both of them at the church office, or contact them by cell phone or email: Pastor Steve: 301-980-0160; pastor@poplutheran.org; Pastor Sarah: 202-870-8363; pastorsarah@poplutheran.org. Visit Pastor Sarah's blog at www.thebarefootpastor.blogspot.com.

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