

Prints of Peace



The next few months are shaping up to be an exciting time at Prince of Peace! I hope you can join us for some or all of these events.

As part of our anniversary celebration, three **former pastors** of Prince of Peace will be joining us for Sunday worship. These pastors will preach, and we will provide a coffee hour in their honor after worship. Rev. Lynn “Rocky” Rothrock will join us on **Sunday, May 1**. Rev. Bob Hoenich will join us on **Sunday, June 5**. Rev. Dr. Samuel Zeiser will join us on **Sunday, July 10**. Rev. Barbara Shade is unfortunately not able to join us this year; she sends her best to the congregation.

Join us for an outstanding **concert** on **Sunday, May 1** at 3:30 pm. The duo Harp and Heels (harp and soprano) will be performing a wide variety of songs for us. This concert is made possible by the Turtzo Perpetual Fund.

Our first **Rummage Sale** in over two years will happen on May 5-6! One person’s trash is another’s treasure – come out and find your treasure!

For four Sundays in May, you will have an opportunity at **Coffee Hour** to talk about worship, to ask questions and discuss what the scripture readings, the sermon, the hymns, and other parts of worship mean to you. (I guess you really always have that opportunity, but we will be providing a particular structure for you for those weeks!)

Our 50th Anniversary **Temple Talks** will continue on the 4th Sunday of each month.

We will have a very special event at **Jacktown Grove** on **Sunday, June 12**. This event will include morning worship, food trucks, entertainment, games, and more. Watch for more info!

We will have the chance to hear several of our **former organists** play at worship on **Sunday, June 26**.

And, as if that wasn’t enough – we will gather for **worship every week** to praise the Lord who gave us all these good gifts! If you haven’t been to worship in person in a while, now is a great time to come back. Hope to see you soon!

In Christ,

Pastor Scholtes



Worship Together

Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!

- Laraine Brands, May 2
- Blake Kornafel, May 2
- Benjamin Itterly, May 4
- Jacob Krock, Jr., May 4
- Linda Waszmer, May 6
- Jean Janosa, May 6
- Chris Begies, May 8
- Owen Jennings, May 8
- Joan Deichmann, May 11
- Paul Martocci-Smale, May 11
- Manus Smith, May 11
- Theresa Stiso, May 12
- Hannah Flyte, May 12
- Cahley Van Why, May 13
- Mary Hendershot, May 16
- Clarence Kizer Jr, May 19
- Bobbie Fraunfelter, May 22
- Dorothy Lobb, May 24
- Richard A. Kessler, May 25
- Travis Parsons, May 25
- Christa Martocci-Smale, May 26
- Sandra Smith, May 26
- Benjamin Manicke, May 27
- Meredith Smith, May 29
- Linda Antonioli, May 30
- Brent Heitzman, May 31

In-person (9:45 on Sundays)

All in-person worship services may include alterations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including (but not limited to) altered seating arrangements, the wearing of masks, and so forth. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

Online / Facebook / Telephone

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor). You can also call in to hear our worship each week at 877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767). New videos and audio files will be added each Monday.

ARE YOU GETTING PASTORMAIL?

Pastor Scholtes sends out emails to the congregation almost every day. These *PastorMails* contain information about upcoming events, about recent decisions made in the church, and generally help to keep us all connected. If you are not receiving them, please send him a note at pastorMJS@gmail.com to get added to the list, or sign up at our church website (popbangor.org). They are also archived at popbangor.org/pastormail.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

(Please provide any directory corrections or updates to Annette Buss or Pastor Scholtes. They will be printed in the following newsletter.)

Removed from rolls (by request): Emily Brands



RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral: Gladys (Dollie) Romagnoli, April 14

Council Highlights – April 11, 2022 Meeting

- There will be an upcoming special congregational meeting this fall, to discuss constitutional amendments.
- We want to let people know that if they want to pursue a new idea or ministry -- you don't necessarily need a committee, get a group together and go for it.
- All committee meeting was very successful.
- We are looking to implement a SMS message system: announce events and bad weather closures.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!!! If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please find someone to take your place and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change as soon as possible.

For last minute changes be sure to leave the message on Pastor Scholtes' voice mail (610-588-2355) or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.

Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Offering Counter
Sunday May 1	Brenda Hughes, Traci Rumsey	Mary Hendershot	Kale Baker	Traci Rumsey, Marlene and Butch Stana	Antonioli Family	Tina Johns, Jackie Horn
Sunday, May 8	Connie Itterly, Kale Baker	Quincy Miller	Marlene Stana	Traci Rumsey, Brenda Hughes, Brooks Baker	Jim Jennings	Scott Schipps, Jim Jennings
Sunday, May 15	Sherk and June Jones	Isabel Baker	Tina Johns	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker, Connie Itterly	Cathy Mullen	Brenda Hughes, Jackie Horn
Sunday, May 22	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Sarah Harrison	Laraine Brands	Sherk and June Jones, Brooks Baker	Tina Johns	Chip Harrison, Jim Jennings
Sunday, May 29	Brooks Baker, Brenda Hughes	April Miller	Connie Itterly	Kale Baker, Marlene and Butch Stana,	Kim Jennings	Jackie Horn, Jim Jennings
Sunday, June 5	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Kim Jennings	April Miller	Traci Rumsey, Sherk and June Jones	John Martocci	Georgia Suranofsky, Jackie Horn

Altar Guild for May: Carolyn Leidy, Terry Stiso Altar Guild for June: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart

50th Anniversary News: Looking Ahead...



This committee has planned several exciting events through the end of the year to celebrate POP's 50th Anniversary. We will kick off the celebration with a COMMUNITY event at Jacktown on Sunday, June 12th. It will start with a 9:15 am worship service, followed by music featuring Tom & Betty Druckenmiller with Norm Williams. We will be entertained with folk style/bluegrass music. At 1pm the band Desire will play for 3 hours. This band has a large following throughout the Slate Belt, and feature 50's/doo wop music. There will be a food truck from Rustica Artisan of Mt. Bethel, they will have breakfast sandwiches (after church) and lunch available for purchase. Balloon art will be available for the kids, along with other fun activities. Our committee invites everyone to join in this fun filled day. We are looking for volunteers to help with clean-up. There will be a volunteer logbook on the counter in the Narthex which will also include sign-ups for the other activities. In the case of inclement weather, the fun will come to POP church. REMEMBER THIS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SO SPREAD THE WORD. Questions: please see a committee member.

We will also be preparing for the other fun things coming up, if you would like to help out --let one of us know.

Thank You,

Denny and Jackie Horn, Brenda Stauffer, Connie Itterly, John Martocci



All are invited...

HARP AND HEELS CONCERT: Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 3:30 PM
Harp & Heels is the Dynamic team of harpist Calvin Stokes and soprano Laura Pedersen. They play a whimsically diverse repertoire that includes Classical, Jazz, Country, Broadway and Pop. These international competition winners are Classically trained and have many Classical performances to their credit. These credits include soloing with not only top orchestras, but also at Carnegie Hall and in internationally acclaimed opera houses. This free concert is made possible through the Turtzo Perpetual Fund. Martin says: *There is a time for every purpose. Often, in the time we live, the place we inhabit, we have lost the time to feel. We*

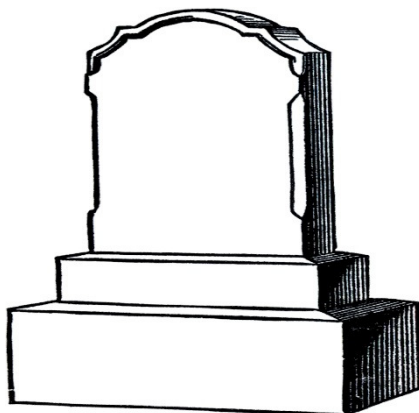
want to invite everyone to hear something both unusual and yet close as our hearts, music that helps us feel. Some things are worth hearing because they interest us, some because they edify us, but the thing that leads us to our most human selves is the sound of things the move us. Please join us on the 1st of May, at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Yes, it's finally back! The spring rummage sale!

We are collecting rummage sale items! We will start storing items in the area of the fellowship hall, with a moveable wall in front of the items. Please see Jackie Horn or Mary O'Meally if you have any concerns or questions. As usual we will also be asking for baked items to sell during this event. **The rummage sale is May 6-7.** We will also be excited to have helpers to make this event a success. Let's have a great event!



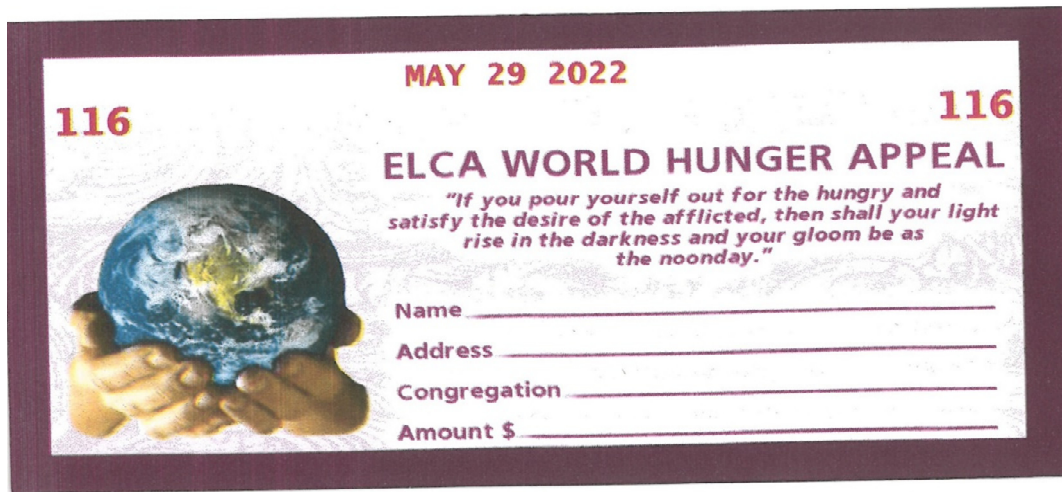
Looking Ahead:
Thank you cards and thinking of you cards for soldiers are going to be **mailed out on June 6th.**
See Holly Blakeslee for details.



CEMETERY PLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT A DISCOUNT

The Johnsonville Cemetery Association is extending an option for members that may be interested in a plot at the cemetery. Currently there has been an increase and the current price is \$500 per plot. The association is offering a special price for members of POP: to purchase a plot for \$400 until **June 1st**. If you are interested, please contact Curtis Parsons at 610-588-2128.

What happens when you use this envelope?



In May you have the opportunity to share your generosity in the United States, the Caribbean and U.S. Virgin Islands, with ELCA World Hunger. Together with individuals and congregations you can help raise awareness and address hunger and poverty in these key areas:

Community development

We accompany and assist ELCA congregations, social ministry organizations and grassroots community-based nonprofits that address poverty, hunger and related social justice issues. By offering assessment and consultation services — as well as providing funding through ELCA World Hunger-funded Domestic Hunger Grants and the Developmental Loan Fund — we partner with others to build healthy, sustainable ministries.

Networking

We depend on volunteers across the ELCA to raise awareness, share the story and promote the mission we are part of through ELCA World Hunger. Individuals, congregations and synods all play unique roles in eradicating poverty and hunger, and we leverage those networked efforts to make a difference. By sharing best practices and stories from our congregations, we multiply our effect.

Education

Through a variety of learning opportunities for children, youth, and adults across our church we discover ways we can work toward the prevention and alleviation of hunger. ELCA World Hunger develops and provides educational resources and events that equip the members of this church to make a difference.

Advocacy

We believe that government and elected officials play an essential role. We encourage funding that helps people who need food, housing and healthcare, and we urge protection of the land and waters that people rely on for food and livelihood. By speaking with and on behalf of those who are hungry through advocacy, ELCA World Hunger works to change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

Oh, we forgot to mention that you can also make a generous contribution using online giving. You can find it on our website at www.Popbangor.org

Thank you everyone for being God's hands through your giving!



REOPENING TASK FORCE CHANGES:

The Reopening Task Force met again recently and has loosened more restrictions at the church. Here are the changes to be made now:

- For church events, food may be served in the Fellowship Hall **buffet style** if desired. All foods should be served with **serving utensils** – no big bowls of chips, etc. that people would use hands to self-serve. Hand sanitizer should be available on tables for people to use before eating.
- The Fellowship Hall may be rented for meals following church

functions such as *funerals* and *baptisms*, but not yet for other purposes. Occupancy of the Fellowship Hall should **not exceed 100 people** for these events.

- Beginning May 1, **masks are recommended but not required while singing** in worship.
- The **coat rack** in the narthex is available for use again.
- The **large drawers** in the narthex will be utilized for food for PUMP again.

If you have questions about any of these or other COVID-related matters, please contact any member of the Task Force: Justine Cesari (Parish Nurse), Denny Horn, Marlene Stana, Kathy Williams, or Pastor Scholtes. We will be meeting again on May 17.

MOTHER'S DAY is just around the corner.

Would you like to remember/honor your Mother and/ or Women who are special to you by listing their name in our announcement folder, on the bulletin board and in the June Newsletter? A yellow sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex. Suggested donation: \$1 per name benefits the Sunday School. **Names must be at the given to Annette Buss: May 1st to be included. (If you are unable to sign-up in person... please email the names to poplcbangor@gmail.com or call Annette at 610-588-2355.**



IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

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From your 50th Anniversary Committee:



The first of several planned events is coming up on **Sunday, May 1st** when Pastor Rothrock will be preaching. We will celebrate his visit with a coffee hour after worship. The refreshments will be provided by this committee. We are asking those who will be attending to please sign your name and number of people attending in the 50th Anniversary sign-up book on the counter in the Narthex, so we'll have an idea of how much food to prepare. Questions: Please see a member of the committee: Denny & Jackie Horn, Brenda Stauffer, John Martocci & Mary O'Meally



From Social Ministry:

On Tuesday, April 12th another delicious dinner was delivered to Safe Harbor. Social Ministry wants to thank Jackie Horn for making the sausage & peppers, the people who baked desserts, and Georgia Suranofsky for delivering it all to Safe Harbor.

Proverbs 22:9 "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

April Showers bring May Flowers... and grass to mow!

It's lawn care season! Can you help to keep our grounds looking wonderful? See John Martocci for details. Sign-up to help! Thank you to all who help with this important task.



Social Ministry Update:

For the months of January through March household items were donated for BLOOM in Bangor. On Wednesday, March 30th Laura (from BLOOM) picked them up, she was overwhelmed by the generosity of our congregation, she couldn't thank us enough for doing this. You may not be aware BLOOM has 4 houses throughout the Slate Belt area, for women of domestic violence and drug addiction, so your donations greatly help them. Social Ministry thanks you for your generous support of this project.





5/1 (3rd Sunday of Easter)	Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Monday, May 2	Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31
Tuesday, May 3	Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18
Wednesday, May 4	Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11
Thursday, May 5	Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10
Friday, May 6	Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4
Saturday, May 7	Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32
5/8 (4th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
Monday, May 9	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4
Tuesday, May 10	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35
Wednesday, May 11	Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42
Thursday, May 12	Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelation 10:1-11
Friday, May 13	Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15
Saturday, May 14	Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19
5/15 (5th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
Monday, May 16	Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26
Tuesday, May 17	Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30
Wednesday, May 18	Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28
Thursday, May 19	Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41
Friday, May 20	Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8
Saturday, May 21	Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10
5/22 (6th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5; John 14:23-29
Monday, May 23	Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14
Tuesday, May 24	Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22
Wednesday, May 25	Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38
5/26 (Ascension of Our Lord)	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Friday, May 27	Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9
Saturday, May 28	Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18
5/29 (7th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26
Monday, May 30	Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40
Tuesday, May 31	Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29

Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to DailyLectio.net, where you can sign up for daily emails, or download the app for iPhone or Android!



Let's Dream!

Committees within the church met on March 26th to share memories of what their committees had done in the life of POP for 50 years. We then started to dream about the next 50 years. Each committee made 3 wishes known to the group. What a list we created! We would now like you to add to the list. If money and time were not a barrier... what's your wish? It can be brought to life by one person or a group of people. It could be something that could happen in a month, a year or even further into the future. We are creating a special 50th anniversary edition directory and would like to put the "wishlist" in it. Please complete your "wish" using the form at the bottom, or just write on a piece of paper and drop it the container marked "POP Dreams". Save the date of Saturday, July 23rd for a morning of fellowship to talk about our dreams. Wishes do come true! If you have any questions, ask any council member.

My wish is:

Name (optional):



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Website: www.popbangor.org
Online Coordinator: Heather Scholtes
lotsofsocks@live.com

Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. — See Page 2 for details!
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- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes 610-588-2314,**  
**[PastorMJS@gmail.com](mailto:PastorMJS@gmail.com)**
- **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Bookkeeper: Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
- **Parish Nurse: Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895,**  
**[cesarijustine1080@gmail.com](mailto:cesarijustine1080@gmail.com)**
- **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**  
**Admin. Asst’s Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday,  
 Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon Thursday: 1 to 4 pm  
 Admin Asst’s email: [poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)

**Congregation Council Members:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Connie Itterly -President | Jackie Horn– Treasurer |
| Traci Rumsey -V-President | Tina Johns -Secretary  |
| Scott Schipps             | Georgia Suranofsky     |
| Kathy Williams            | Chip Harrison          |
| Dave Karner               | Brenda Hughes          |
| Sara Godshalk             | Max Manicke-Youth Rep. |
| Pastor Michael Scholtes   |                        |

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

*We, the people of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, will actively seek and serve Christ in all people.*

Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank you? Make an announcement?

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**

**June 2022 Newsletter is:**  
**\*\*May 10th at Noon**

*You may email your submissions to*  
**[poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)**  
*Or give a handwritten items to*  
**Annette Buss**

**\*\*Items received after the deadline will go into next month’s newsletter.\*\***

*But God, dear Lord,  
 I only have eyes  
 for You.  
 Since I’ve run for dear  
 life to You, take  
 good care  
 of me.  
 In Jesus’ name,  
 Amen!*



# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD NEWS

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## What's it like to be a Pastoral Intern in NEPA?

By Melissa Hrdlicka

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It is hard to believe I have been on internship with Common Ground Recovery Community for nine months already! My time with Common Ground has been a deep blessing to me and to my education. I have witnessed the presence of God in the open vulnerable sharing during our Wednesday worship, in the heartfelt reverent “thank you’s” when serving communion and meals in downtown Reading and in our study of the scriptures and 12-steps. Common Ground truly is a place of radical love and where God’s grace embraces our brokenness.

As part of my internship project, I invited our worshiping communities and ministry partners to reflect on these three questions: What does Common Ground mean to you? What does community mean to you? And where do you see God here and in the world? They then drew on white cotton squares that will be sewn together to make an altar cloth to fit all of our communion tables. The responses were profound and beautiful!

There are drawings of stick figures holding hands around the globe, animals peacefully living together, a place of refuge in the storm and in the desert, flowers, hearts, and crosses. There are phrases like, “Freedom, break the chains”, “God is love”, “We are better together”, “Never give up hope because there is hope in everything”, and so much more on these 33 squares!

As these squares are knit together to make one, we are reminded that God weaves all of us together in a tapestry of love to bring warmth, comfort, grace, and peace to a weary world! May we live out this good news and may it spill over into thanksgiving! (Colossians 2:2-7)



## TOGETHER

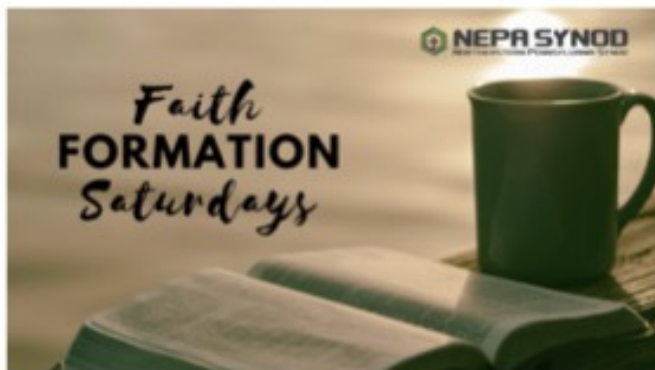
Our 2022 Assembly will be held online on June 10-11. Each congregation is entitled to bring two voting members. Register on the synod website today!

[Godslove.org](http://Godslove.org)

## STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA



**JUNE 18, 2022**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LANSDALE**  
AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE  
SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS  
(REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)



*Faith*  
**FORMATION**  
*Saturdays*

**Join us on the 2nd  
Saturday of every month!**  
(more information on our website)



**The Potato Project  
Annual Seed Cutting**

**APRIL 23 & 24, 2022, 1PM-4PM**  
RAIN OR SHINE, BAREBONES EVENT, BRING YOUR OWN KNIFE, CUTTING BOARD, DRINKS, AND SNACKS. WE'LL BE CUTTING THE SEED POTATOES FOR PLANTING SEASON! ALL ARE INVITED! JUST WALK-IN AND HELP!

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BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE