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#	Options	Topic	Method	To Learn More Contact	When	Frequency
1	PoP ELCA Advocacy Team	<p style="text-align: center;">ELCA Advocacy 101</p> <p>We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Stand up for policies that create opportunities to overcome poverty, promote peace and dignity, and defend God’s creation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join PoP ELCA Advocacy Team for a quick How-to session.</p>	Zoom meeting	Please RSVP to Nancy Jones njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com to receive Zoom link and session “handout.”	February 21, 10:45 or after service concludes	One-time special event
2a		<p style="text-align: center;">ELCA 40 Days of Giving</p> <p>Each year, ELCA World Hunger invites members to study, pray and act to end hunger. The grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world through ELCA World Hunger as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation and restoration.</p>	Watch a new video, subscribe to receive devotional emails, download a weekly study guide at ELCA.org/40Days.	Nancy Jones njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com	Season of Lent February 17- April 4	Choose an option that works for you.
2b		<p style="text-align: center;">Bread for the World</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2021 Offering of Letters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The perfect follow up to our Lenten journey with ELCA World Hunger!</p>	Zoom meeting + Fox Valley-wide collaboration	Please RSVP to Nancy Jones njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com to receive Zoom link and materials.	April 11 Check back for more details.	Zoom session and beyond... until we reach our goal.

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3	Exploring Today's Sermon	Sermon Talk Backs: Questions asked and answered about today's sermon	Small Group or Zoom	Cindy Romnek cromnek@popappleton.org	Sundays 2/7, 2/14, 3/7 & 3/14 1100-1130	Weekly starting date TBD
4		Guest Speakers on Current Topics	Small Group or Zoom	Determined by ministry, team, or member interest		Periodic
5	Common Ground Education Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darkness2Light: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse https://www.d2l.org/ Golden Rule Workshop – How to create dialogue, trust, and positive relationships during a time of differences by living the Golden Rule. The next workshop will be April 15 from 0800-1030 via Zoom 	Video and talk back in small group or Zoom Workshop or Zoom We will provide the link to register in March	Brigetta Wingender M: 920-460-4205 bwingender@popappleton.org Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com	TBD - to have POP session Thursday April 15 from 0800-1030	TBD Twice a year, Spring and Fall
6	A Topic Series for Parents and Families	Parents of older kids in Faith Formation, after Wednesday service – earliest would be after confirmation in late October, likely later. (Coming Soon)	Small Group – POP	Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com	Wednesday 7-8 PM	Weekly
7		Parents of young kids; parenting and living as a Christian in a crazy world – up in the air due to COVID-19. (Coming Soon)	Small Group or Zoom			Monthly
8	Regular Groups Weekly & Monthly	Men's Group Early at 0630 or 9-10 AM studying Brian D. McLaren's book "We Make the Road by Walking" as recommended by Pastor Roger. We are currently on Chapter 23 of 52...come and join us!	We are doing via videoconferencing (Zoom) with weekly invitations	Al Peckham H: 920-734-7451 Apeckham64@gmail.com or Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com	Wednesday s alternating 0630-0730 and 9-10 AM	Weekly

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		https://brianmclaren.net/we-make-the-road-by-walking-2/				
9		ChristCare; a small group study to get to know people and deepen your faith	Small groups or Zoom	Mary Volkman M:920-851-6550 maryvolkman@gmail.com	Decided by each group	Decided by each group
10		AA (Alcohol Anonymous)	Group Meeting – POP	Dan Laporte M: 920-659-3277 Danlaporte44@gmail.com	Saturday	Weekly
11		NA (Narcotics Anonymous)	Group Meeting – POP	Dan Laporte M: 920-659-3277 Danlaporte44@gmail.com	Saturday	Weekly
12		Sarah Circle	Small Group – POP	Leah Johnson: M: 920-540-2235 rpond@sbcglobal.net	2 nd Monday 115-215 PM	Monthly
13		Naomi Circle	Small Group – POP	Marilyn Helmeid: M: 920-422-3665 mbhelmeid@new.rr.com	2 nd Monday 130-230 PM	Monthly
14		Esther Circle Gather magazine is a monthly bible study from the ELCA that is used https://www.gathermagazine.org/getgather/	Small Group – POP	Stephanie Allaire: M 920-843-4443 sallaire29@gmail.com	2 nd Monday 7-8 PM	Monthly
15		Ruth Circle	Small Group – POP	Jeanine Bultman: 920-733-2209 jbultman@att.net	2 nd Tuesday 10-11 AM	Monthly
16		Book Club – They choose and read a book monthly that are supplied by the Appleton Public Library and then discuss	Small Group – POP or Zoom	Karen Peckham H: 920-734-7451 Karen-home@new.rr.com	3 rd Thursday 130-230 PM	Monthly
17	Recommended Self-Guided Podcasts, Devotionals, and/or daily devotionals via an App	Podcasts: A. Luther Seminary “Stuck” – stories of people who became “stuck” in their faith journeys and how they got “unstuck”. Just click on the link below,, register with your email address one time and get	Self-guided Podcasts 4 episodes adding a new one each week	Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com or Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com	Periodic	Periodic

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	(and possibly discuss with your family & friends)	<p>Bible verses and questions to ponder for each podcast. Episodes have featured Dan LaPorte, Dean Gruner and Michelle Landsverk</p> <p>https://www.seedsapp.org/share/MdUYFDMfCHcsolCP?utm_source=manual</p> <p>B. Kate Bowler “Everything Happens” – a 30 something mother of 2 and a Duke University Divinity Professor develops stage 4 cancer.</p> <p>https://katebowler.com/podcasts/</p> <p>C. Nadia Bolz-Weber A former stand-up comedian becomes a Lutheran Minister and talks to people about when they were at their worst with a weekly podcast titled “The Confessional”</p> <p>https://nadiabolzweber.com/podcast/</p>	<p>4 seasons with 46+ total episodes</p> <p>Weekly podcasts</p>	<p>Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com</p> <p>Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com</p>	<p>Periodic</p> <p>Weekly</p>	<p>Periodic</p> <p>Weekly</p>
18		<p>Daily Devotionals:</p> <p>Tim and Kathy Keller: “God’s Wisdom for Navigating Life” (Proverbs)</p> <p>https://timothykeller.com/books/gods-wisdom-for-navigating-life</p> <p>Joyce Meyer: “Closer to God each Day”</p>	<p>Recommended book(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim & Kathy Keller 	<p>Men’s Group Members and/or Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com</p> <p>Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com</p>	Self-Guided	Daily

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		<p>https://www.christianbook.com/closer-each-devotions-for-everyday-living/joyce-meyer/9781455517367/pd/517367 Tony Dungy: “The One Year Uncommon Life Daily Challenge” https://www.christianbook.com/one-year-uncommon-life-daily-challenge/tony-dungy/9781414348285/pd/348285 God Pause: Luther Seminary Daily devotion https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/ Christ in Our Home: A daily devotional that encourages people to live out their faith each day. https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286137/Christ-in-Our-Home Daily Bible Inspirations by Joyverse Get inspirational, uplifting Bible verses and devotions – complete with stunning photos – delivered to your iPhone or iPad daily.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joyce Meyer ● Tony Dungy ● Daily Email ● Augsburg Fortress ● Get the App on your smartphone 	<p>Men’s Group Members and/or Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com</p> <p>Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com Pat Henningsen M: 920-727-8421 Wispat2@twc.com</p> <p>Paul Kohler M: 920-224-2250 Pkohler2@new.rr.com</p>		
	<p>Great options for ChristCare groups, household discussion or</p>	<p align="center">Discipleship in a Democracy</p> <p>Study & discussion of the ELCA’s newest social message Read or download here: https://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Government</p>		<p>For PDF of social message and accompanying study materials contact Nancy Jones @ 920-731-9250 or njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com.</p>		

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	personal study.	During ELCA’s lenten emphasis “40 Days of Giving” watch the 2020 Rick Steves film Full film: Rick Steves' "Hunger & Hope" Lessons from Ethiopia and Guatemala	Discussion Guide is found at film link.	Hunger & Hope Trailer Prefer a DVD? Borrow the DVD and companion book from Nancy Jones.		On your schedule.
		Imagine Fox Cities “Conversations on Race” This series of 3 conversations for groups of 4-7 people is a ready resource being used across our community.	Zoom	Visit Conversations on Race OR contact Nancy Jones @ 920-731-9250 or njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com to request resources or to request a facilitator. Two PoP members have facilitated the series.	On your own or available by request.	