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#	Options	Topic	Method	To Learn More Contact	When	Frequency
1	<p align="center">PoP ELCA Advocacy Team</p> <p>See recordings of previous forums at the end of the calendar.</p>	<p align="center">ELCA 40 Days of Giving</p> <p>Each year, ELCA World Hunger invites members to study, pray and act to end hunger.</p> <p>DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY: Study and reflect with Ryan P. Cummings, PhD., Program Director at ELCA World Hunger in these ~ 5 minute videos on ELCA World Hunger Blog</p> <p>Lenten Reflection 1: What Will It Take to End Hunger? – A Bigger “We”</p> <p>Lenten Reflection 2: What Will It Take to End Hunger? – Honesty</p> <p>Lenten Reflection 3: What Will it Take to End Hunger? - Justice (with a story of God at work in Milwaukee)</p> <p>Lenten Reflection 4: What Will it Take to End Hunger? - Investment</p> <p>Lenten Reflection 5: What Will It Take to End Hunger? – Action</p> <p align="center"><i>A just world where all are fed</i></p>	<p>Watch a new video, subscribe to receive devotional emails, download a weekly study guide at ELCA.org/40Days.</p>	<p>Nancy Jones njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com</p>	<p>Season of Lent</p> <p>February 17- April 4</p>	<p>5- part study</p> <p>Self-paced</p>

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2		Bread for the World 2021 Offering of Letters The perfect follow up to our Lenten journey with ELCA World Hunger!	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.
3	Exploring Today's Sermon	Sermon Talk Backs: Questions asked and answered about today's sermon	20' long Small Group or Zoom	Cindy Romnek cromnek@popappleton.org Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83769807014?pwd=VIBTSmE5amdWOEdJd1FvMDdvaXJlZz09 Meeting ID: 837 6980 7014 Passcode: 366294	Sundays March 7 & 14 1100-1130 and after mid-week Lenten services	Periodic
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 	Video and talk back in small group or Zoom Workshop via Zoom, click on this link for more:	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	TBD Twice a year, Spring and Fall

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		Golden Rule. The next workshop will be April 15 from 0800-1030 via Zoom and will have an opportunity to practice learned skills for a year!	https://conta.cc/3120rzT		from 0800-1030	
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! https://brianmclaren.net/we-make-the-road-by-walking-2/	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	Wednesdays alternating 0630-0730 and 9-10 AM	Weekly
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 rlpond@sbcglobal.net	2 nd Monday 115-215 PM	Monthly

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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 (and possibly discuss with your family & friends)	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 Bible verses and questions to ponder for each podcast. Episodes have featured Dan LaPorte, Dean Gruner and Michelle Landsverk https://www.seedsapp.org/share/MdUYFDMfCHcsolCP?utm_source=manual B. Kate Bowler “Everything Happens” – a 30 something mother of 2 and a Duke University Divinity Professor develops	Self-guided Podcasts 9 episodes total including 3 featuring POP members In her 5th season with 40 plus episodes This is podcast is a favorite of Michelle and Dean	Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com or Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com	Periodic Periodic Weekly	Periodic Periodic Weekly

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	<p>stage 4 cancer. 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>Weekly podcasts</p>	<p>Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com</p>		
18	<p>Daily Devotionals: Tim and Kathy Keller: “God’s Wisdom for Navigating Life” (Proverbs) https://timothykeller.com/books/gods-wisdom-for-navigating-life Joyce Meyer: “Closer to God each Day” 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/</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tim & Kathy Keller ● Joyce Meyer ● Tony Dungy ● Daily Email 	<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> <p>Men’s Group Members and/or Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com</p> <p>Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485</p>	<p>Self-Guided</p>	<p>Daily</p>

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		<p>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"> • Augsburg Fortress • Get the App on your smartphone 	<p>Deangruner18@gmail.com Pat Henningsen M: 920-727-8421 Wispat2@twc.com Paul Kohler M: 920-224-2250 Pkohler2@new.rr.com</p>		
19	<p>Great options for ChristCare groups, household discussion or personal study.</p>	<p align="center">Faith and Public Life</p> <p>As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. God uses our hands, through our direct service work and our voices, through our advocacy efforts, to restore and reconcile our world. Through faithful advocacy, the ELCA lives out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good.</p>	<p>In this session recorded Feb. 21, 2021, the PoP ELCA Advocacy Team members share just how easy it is to join with fellow Lutherans across the country in calling for change using ELCA e-Advocacy and support the ELCA's mission. All youth and adults are encouraged to participate.</p>	<p align="center">Faith and Public Life - ELCA Advocacy 101</p> <p align="center">Passcode: q034\$n\$ρ</p>		
20		<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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21	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.
22	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 njones.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.
23	“The Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent” @ ELCA Churchwide Assembly Download the Explanation https://www.elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice	View video from 2:23:30 to 2:45:00	https://CWA-August 6, 2019	