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#	Options	Topic	Method	To Learn More Contact	When	Frequency
1	PoP ELCA Advocacy Team	<p style="text-align: center;">Steadfast in Hope, Ending Hunger Together</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bread for the World's Virtual Gala Nicholas Krsitof, a New York Times opinion columnist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, will be keynote speaker at the Virtual Gala to End Hunger on Oct. 28.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGISTER HERE for Oct. 28 Gala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sign in Oct. 31 PoP Discussion @ 11am Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85057807343; One tap mobile: +13126266799,, 85057807343#</p>	<p>QUESTIONS? Please contact: gala@bread.org 800-822-7323</p> <p>Nancy Jones, (920) 731-9250, njjones.wisconsin@gmail.com</p>	<p>October 28 7:00 PM CT</p> <p>Join Advocacy Team for post-gala discussion on Bread for the World Sunday, Oct. 31, 11:00 AM</p>	<p>One time</p> <p>Oct. 28 7:00 PM Gala + Discussion Oct. 31 11:00 AM. (optional)</p>
2		<p style="text-align: center;">ESTHER Annual Banquet "Bridging Our Differences"</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Pardeep Kaleka, Executive Director, Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee and the Zeidler Group. Founder of Serve 2 Unite. Co-author (with Arno Michaelis) of The Gift of Our Wounds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In-person at Liberty Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Learn more</p>	<p>Rescheduled to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February 6, 2022</p>	<p>One time</p>
3	Connections to the Cross	<p>Top Three Ways to Grow Your Faith Pastor Roger, Michelle Landsverk, Pat Henningsen and Dean Gruner will highlight three great options each month</p>	<p>Various methods, Zoom and in person education meetings, podcasts and more</p>	<p>Connect per the monthly announcement information</p>	<p>Three options each with their own times</p>	<p>TBD</p>

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4	Common Ground Education Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darkness2Light: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse https://www.d2l.org/ The Golden Rule Project - Dialogue Sessions: Start with Community Conversations and continue from there. For more information, click on this link. To register, click on this link. 	<p>Video and talk back in small group or Zoom</p> <p>Zoom in the comfort of your own home</p>	<p>Brigetta Wingender M: 920-460-4205 bwingender@popappleton.org</p> <p>Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com</p>	TBD	TBD
5	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	
6		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
7	Regular Groups: Weekly & Monthly	Men's Group at 0630 alternating with 8-9 AM currently studying the weekly readings at church service. We will probably select a new book to start in January.	In Person	Al Peckham H: 920-734-7451 Apeckham64@gmail.com or Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com	Wednesdays alternating 0630-0730 and 8-9 AM	Weekly
8		ChristCare; a small group study to get to know people and deepen your faith	Small groups or Zoom	Mary Volkman M: 920-851-6550 marylvolkman@gmail.com	Decided by each group	Decided by each group
9		AA (Alcohol Anonymous)	Group Meeting – POP	Dan Laporte M: 920-659-3277 Danlaporte44@gmail.com	Saturday	Weekly
10		NA (Narcotics Anonymous)	Group Meeting – POP	Dan Laporte M: 920-659-3277 Danlaporte44@gmail.com	Saturday	Weekly

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11		Sarah Circle	Small Group – POP	Leah Johnson: M: 920-540-2235 rlpond@sbcglobal.net	2 nd Monday 115-215 PM	Monthly
12		Naomi Circle	Small Group – POP	Marilyn Helmeid: M: 920-422-3665 mbhelmeid@new.rr.com	2 nd Monday 130-230 PM	Monthly
13		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
14		Ruth Circle	Small Group – POP	Jeanine Bultman: 920-733-2209 jbultman@att.net	2 nd Tuesday 10-11 AM	Monthly
15		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
16	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	Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com or Michelle Landsverk M: 920-740-8748 michellelandsverk@gmail.com	Periodic Periodic	Periodic Periodic

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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>This is podcast is a favorite of Michelle and Dean</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>	Weekly	Weekly
17	<p>From Luther Seminary: Enter the Bible: Bible Q & A --- A theologically reliable digital source for all the information you’d ever want regarding the Bible at Enter the Bible</p> <p>Daily Devotionals: Tim and Kathy Keller: “God’s Wisdom for Navigating Life” (Proverbs) https://timothykeller.com/books/gods-wisdom-for-navigating-life</p> <p>Joyce Meyer: “Closer to God each Day” https://www.christianbook.com/closer-each-devotions-for-everyday-living/joyce-meyer/9781455517367/pd/517367</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>This will have an app later this year!</p> <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim & Kathy Keller • Joyce Meyer 	<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 Deangruner18@gmail.com</p>	Self-Guided	Daily

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		<p>Tony Dungy: “The One Year Uncommon Life Daily Challenge” https://www.christianbook.com/one-year-uncommon-life-daily-challenge/tony-dungy/9781414348285/pd/348285</p> <p>God Pause: Luther Seminary Daily devotion https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/</p> <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</p> <p>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"> • 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</p> <p>Pat Henningsen M: 920-727-8421 Wispat2@twc.com</p> <p>Dean Gruner M: 920-716-0485 Deangruner18@gmail.com</p>		
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18	<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 Passcode: q034\$n\$P </p>		
19		<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>		
20		<p>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</p>	<p>Discussion Guide is found at film link.</p>	<p>Hunger & Hope Trailer Prefer a DVD? Borrow the DVD and companion book from Nancy Jones.</p>		<p>On your schedule.</p>

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21		<p>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.</p>	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.	
22		<p>“The Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent” @ ELCA Churchwide Assembly Download the Explanation https://www.elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice</p>	View video from 2:23:30 to 2:45:00	<p align="center">Plenary 2 Tuesday Morning ELCA Churchwide Assembly 2019 - YouTube</p>		