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All Are Invited on a Journey Through Holy Week

by Mark Slaughter

The journey of Lent culminates during Holy Week as we gather in community for special opportunities to worship. Listed below are each of the services, which will allow us to consider the significance of Jesus' life, death, and glorious resurrection. Many people will be looking for a place to attend worship during Holy Week and Easter. Look for ways to invite your friends and neighbors to join you in worship at Prince of Peace.

Palm Sunday Weekend – April 8-9: *This is My Story*

Each worship service will experience a dramatic portrayal of the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. This original production will feature a captivating story, which connects with our own story of the Messiah's continued revelation to each one of us.

Maundy Thursday – April 13, 7:00 pm: *The Story of Sorrows*

Stirring music, powerful lyrics, dramatic narration, Holy Communion, silence, and reflection all describe this special evening of worship. The choir and orchestra will provide a beautiful presentation of the momentous evening where Jesus gathers with his disciples for their final meal.

Good Friday – April 14, noon & 7:00 pm: *The Story of Nails*

Our time of worship will allow us to consider the nails that put Jesus on the cross and the nails we continue to use as the Body of Christ. Join us for this service as together we hear Scripture responsibly, confess reflectively, and reengage with the power of the cross.

Easter Weekend – April 15-16: *The Story of Resurrection*

The story we proclaim on Easter is one that clearly announces that Christ is alive, overcoming death and the grave. Our celebration this year proclaims Jesus' words, "I AM the resurrection and the life." Now we join the proclamation with the words, "WE are the resurrection and the life because WE are the BODY of Christ."



ONE CHURCH. ONE VISION. UNDER ONE ROOF.

Join Us in the One Church Capital Campaign

The One Church capital campaign was launched to provide the resources to move boldly ahead with the building addition and transformation of space. The generosity of all of us will determine whether we are able to complete the Transformation Plan in one or more phases.

No matter how much we raise in the One Church campaign, our Board of Directors has the fiscal responsibility to ensure that we make wise and sustainable financial decisions with the long-term financial health of the congregation in mind.

The Lord we worship and follow models the way of generosity and sacrifice. As stewards of the riches of God we trust that all we invest today will richly bless ministry of today and generations of tomorrow, leaving a legacy of faith, hope and love.

Information packets on the One Church campaign were distributed during March, and those that were not picked up were mailed out. More information is available at onechurch.popmn.org. Watch your mail for commitment cards, which will arrive later this month. Pray about how God may be calling you to respond. Mark your calendars for May 6-7 as we bring our commitments to worship and celebrate with food, festivities and fellowship in the Community Room after all services!

One Church Prayer Focus

Almighty God, as we prepare to renew our church building, help us open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit. Enable us to envision an ever-growing church family who will be attentive to your word, and respond to your guidance and direction. As we work to bring our church into one building, so renew our life together in this place, and release your Spirit as we minister in your name. Give us a spirit of wisdom, generosity, and perseverance, that our church will bring glory, honor and praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

One Church 20-Day Devotional

A fresh insight will be emailed daily to the Prince of Peace congregation from April 17 – May 6 as we seek God's guidance individually and collectively to transform our campus so the Holy Spirit can further impact our lives and the community around us.

LAND & BUILDING UPDATE

Building Transformation Plan

With the congregation's overwhelming support and the approval of the Board of Directors we are in the next phase of architectural work for our Transformation Plan, the addition to and transformation of our current Worship Center. This project will meet our highest goals of bringing all ministries under one roof and provide a clear and welcoming main entrance for guests and first-time worshipers. The addition will create a large gathering space to come together around coffee and conversation and flexible worship space for small and large worship services and gatherings. Mission Outpost will be designed for current and future needs where guests enter through our front door and are welcomed into our family of faith.

More flexible space will accommodate more ministry possibilities, and integrated technology will increase our productivity and ability to connect. More efficient use of square footage will improve energy efficiency and reduce costs.

Timeline

Cuningham Group, our architectural firm, held 10 meetings with various ministry groups in February to identify more detailed needs for square footage and shared spaces, proximity to others, hours of use, occupancy, technology, administrative needs, and amenities that will enhance ministry. Members of the land and building team held interviews with 5 general contractors with extensive church/non-profit experience in the Twin Cities. These were narrowed down to two firms, and after second interviews and reference checks, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors to approve a general contractor for the project. Our architects and general contractor will work closely through the next 3-4 months as schematic design and design development work is completed. The general contractor will provide more refined cost estimates at each stage of design.

The One Church capital campaign commitments will come in during May, and the support of the congregation will determine the scope of the construction work that will be planned initially. The Board of Directors will review the more refined cost estimates, along with the estimated resources to move ahead with the next step of construction drawings. These construction drawings would likely be complete in November and the project will then go out for construction bids and permitting. Ground breaking could be as early as February 2018.



CALLED TO CONNECT IN through Community

Family Ministry is Called to Connect!

As another amazing year of ministry draws to a close, the Family Ministry Team is anxiously anticipating our best year of ministry yet and we want to give you a “sneak-peak” before the summer break. Next fall you can expect a Wednesday and Sunday ministry experience that streamlines the schedule, provides opportunities for parents and caring adults to connect, and a true midweek worship experience – and that’s just the start!

Choir

Next year we will offer our “Kids” and “Praise” choirs together for a combined Praise Choir on Wednesdays at 5:15 - 5:55 pm and Sundays at 10:50 - 11:30 am. We hope that this change will allow families to stay together on Wednesday nights and allow for families that can’t attend on Wednesdays to still participate in our amazing children’s choir. Joy Choir will continue to meet on Sundays from 9:00 - 9:40 am.

Worship

We are thrilled to be able to offer a more robust midweek worship experience for families. We will host one midweek WOW Family Worship service from 6:00 - 6:40 pm in the Family Room that will provide more opportunity for new things like baptisms, communion, special guests and more of our favorite worship elements like songs and skits. Sunday morning large group will continue from 9:55 - 10:20 am in the Family Room.

Connections

Providing areas where parents and caring adults can connect is one of our top priorities in our next season of ministry. On Wednesday nights we will offer organized small group times as well as organic spaces for parents to connect before and after worship while kids are involved in groups of their own. Sunday mornings will also feature similar opportunities during choir times before and after large group.

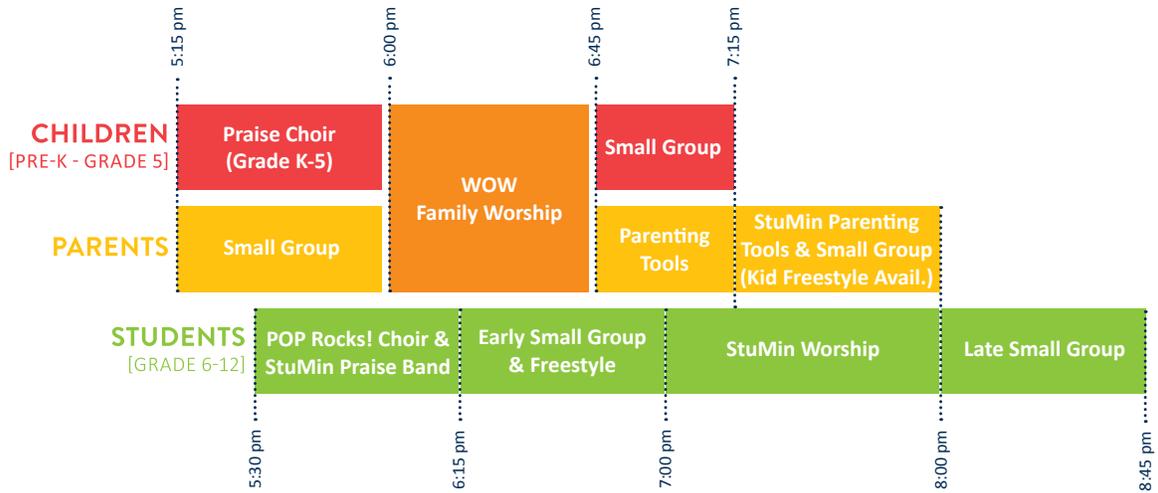
Parents with both elementary-age kids and middle school or high school students will have the opportunity to connect during Student Ministry worship in a specific group for parents of middle and high school students. We will host a social space where the younger kids can connect until Student Ministry worship is over.

Schedule

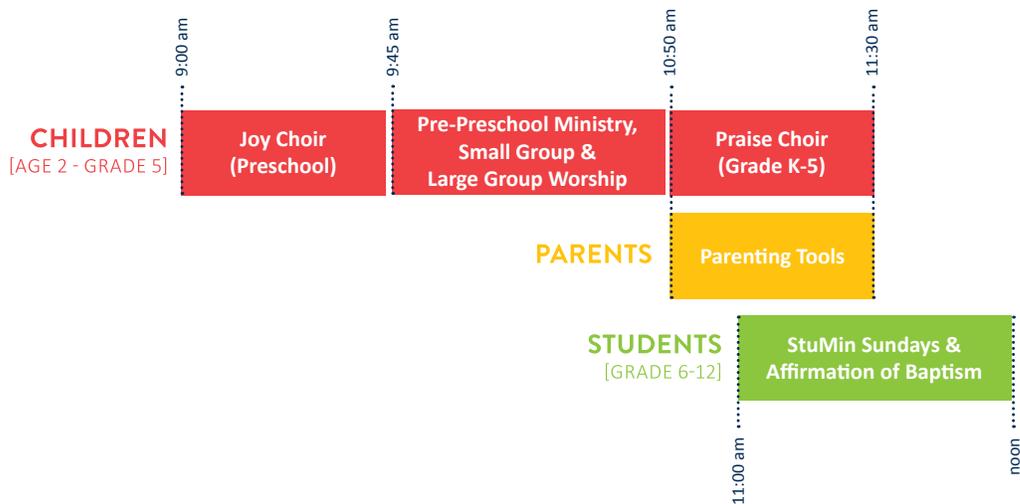
The next page shows an overview of what ministry will look like in the fall. While we are still solidifying some details, this schedule will give you the feeling for how the week will look. As always, if you have questions or ideas for how we can improve, contact Jason Kramme, jkramme@popmn.org.

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2017-2018 WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE



2017-2018 SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE



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CDLC 2017-18 Enrollment

CDLC preschool is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. Register online at CDLCpreschool.org. Please call 952-435-8105 to set up a tour of our school or for any questions.

Keeping the Promise

First Communion | Grade 4 and Up Saturday, April 22 | 3:30-5:30 pm

In response to the promise to bring children to the Holy Supper, this Keeping the Promise [KTP] experience will give us the opportunity to learn about the significance of Holy Communion. During station rotations, 4th graders* and their families will learn about the history and meaning of communion, the logistics around communion at POP, decorate stoles to wear when they receive First Communion, and we'll have a pizza supper. After the KTP, your family is invited to attend 5:30 pm Saturday worship or the 11:00 am Sunday worship for your child to receive their First Communion. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required before April 20 at popmn.org/register. **Open to anyone in 4th grade or beyond who has not yet received First Communion.*

Student Ministry Parenting Tools

During the month of April, Student Ministry will address topics that have a significant impact on teens. There will be a forum for parents to discuss and ask questions as well as to be equipped for having faith-guided conversations with their children about these topics. Parents will meet in the Worship Center Community Room from 7:00 - 8:00 pm while students are in the Sanctuary. **April 5** – Addiction; **April 12** – Depression; **April 19** – Social Media

Love Your Neighbor:

Senior Companion Program

Our Love Your Neighbor program is off to a great start! Since early 2017, our initial group of trained volunteers have made dozens of connections with our local seniors. They've taken them to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, to Bible studies and worship, and simply sat and visited. One senior expressed her gratitude for the program by commenting, "I don't even know why I deserve to have someone do this for me, but I am so thankful." Our volunteers are a fantastic group who are so open to helping and sharing God's love. Volunteer Polly Lowder, who was connected with Phyliss, a long-time member of Prince of Peace, said, "I feel good when I'm helping someone, and I love learning from others. Phyliss is a great example for me of faith, positivity, and perseverance. I've developed a strong bond with her in a short period of time." God is at work through this program and these connections!

Volunteer Training: April 25 & May 2 6:30-8:00 pm, Christian Life Center Room 230

The vision of Prince of Peace includes caring for our older adults. The Love Your Neighbor (LYN) program is about neighbor helping neighbor. An LYN volunteer is paired with an older adult who needs a little extra help with things like getting to church, a doctor appointment or grocery shopping. LYN volunteers may also simply relax and have a cup of coffee and chat with a senior...just like your neighbor would do. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend both training sessions. Contact Pastor Sandy, srothschiller@popmn.org, or Kari Snyder, ksnyder@popmn.org, 952-898-9357 to register.

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April is Parkinson's Awareness Month

"Parkinson's Disease: Then and Now"

Tuesday, April 4 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Worship Center Community Room

Join speakers Sotirios Parashos MD PhD, Joan Gardner RN BSN, Joan Hlas LISW, and Rose Wichmann PT as we recognize the 200th anniversary of Dr. James Parkinson's famous essay. Registration begins at 6:00 pm. To register please email Darla.Hildebrandt@parknicollet.com or call 952-993-0236.

Making Sense of Your Life!

Sundays, April 23 - June 4 | 9:30-11:00 am

Christian Life Center Room 144

Do you want a good life to get better? Is your life filled, yet unfulfilled? Do you feel pulled in a thousand directions? Are you longing to thrive in a time of transition? Nothing adds more fullness, meaning and direction to your life than discovering your God designed purpose that integrates throughout your entire life. The engaging "modern parable" in *The On-Purpose Person – Making Your Life Make Sense* by Kevin W. McCarthy, provides clear principles that are easy to apply to everyday life. You'll be able to put them into practice immediately and be on your way to greater order and clarity, whether you are in your teens or well into retirement.

Contact Karen Odegard with questions and to register at 952-210-6818 or kmodegard@gmail.com. A book and participant guide will be available for \$38 for those who register. Past participants recommend reading the book before the first gathering.

S.A.L.T. (Senior Adults Learning Together) **Mondays, April 24 - May 15 | 9:30-11:45 am** **Church of the Risen Savior, Burnsville**

Going into its 20th year, *Seniors Learning Together, Inc.*, a non-profit organization, is offering enrichment learning to people over 55. Sponsored by a coalition of 13 churches in Dakota County, the program is, however, open to people of ALL ages!

The goal is to appeal to a broad spectrum of interests with four presentations on various subjects scheduled each day (2 speakers each hour). Participants choose one session to attend each hour. Classes are \$5/person per Monday. The program is followed by an optional lunch at 11:45 am that includes entertainment. For more information and to register, visit risensavior.org.

Spring Beloved Bible Study for Women

You are invited to join us this spring as we gather together to have fellowship, video teachings, and group discussions based off of the weekly personal study experience. We will be studying "Finding I AM: How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart" by Lysa TerKeurst. This study will explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John to trade feelings of emptiness for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is like never before. We meet for seven Mondays on April 10 - May 15 from 9:15 - 11:15 am at Prince of Peace. Cost is \$25 for study materials. Childcare is available for a minimal fee. To register please email Taya Theis at tayatheis@charter.net.

PRINCE OF PEACE SUMMER 2017

Family Night Out

Every once in a while, you just need to have a Family Night Out! This summer we hope that your family will join us on Tuesday evenings in the Christian Life Center Atrium from 5:30 - 7:30 pm for a community dinner, awesome activities, and a chance to give back to the community. Family Night Out is a partnership project between Prince of Peace, Echo Park Elementary, and The Salvation Army. This summer our activities will have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) focus to better serve our partner school, which is a STEM magnet. This is a program for families with elementary-age children. Childcare is provided for younger kids. Cost for the entire summer is \$45 for meals, take-home crafts, and to support Mission Outpost. For more information, to register, and to find out how you can volunteer visit popmn.org/fno.

CDLC Summer Camps

CDLC is excited to offer two summer camps this year, Ocean and Rainforest. Some of our activities will include a painting and craft time, an extended outdoor time for games and fun in the sun, a cooking and snack time, music, and interest centers.

- **Session I: Ocean**
June 19 - 23, 9:00-11:30 am
- **Session II: Rainforest**
July 10 - 14, 9:00-11:30 am

CDLC summer camps are for children ages 3 years old (by June 1) – 5 years old. Cost is \$90 per child, per session. For more information or to register visit cdlcpreschool.org. Call 952-435-8105 with questions.

Family Recharge @ Okoboji

May 19-21

Registration is now open for this fabulous family weekend getaway at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp in northwestern Iowa. This is time away with your family to connect with God and with other families.

Theme: The RECHARGERS are a group of people called to a mission. In a world that is in need, the RECHARGERS use their God-given talents to bring hope and wholeness to all they encounter. Come and learn more about finding our gifts and how to use them for the Good. Please note that space is limited and cabin reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Cost starts at \$200 per family. Register today at popmn.org/register. If you have questions contact Swen at swen@popmn.org.

Vacation Bible School:

Maker Fun Factory

Age 2 – completed Grade 5 | June 12-15
9:00-noon, Family Night: June 15, 5:30-7:30 pm

Join us as we discover that God created us and gives our lives incredible purpose. We'll start with worship together at Sound Wave Sing & Play and then explore God's word at Bible Discovery, have crazy fun at Game Makers, enjoy delicious snacks at the Snack Factory, get creative with crafts and experiments at the Imagination Station, and meet real-life kids who have experienced Jesus' love and used the gifts they've been given to share it at the KidVid Cinema. Cost is \$50/child or \$125/3+ kids. Register at popmn.org/register. Contact Dawn Ridgway, 952- 898-9337, dridgway@popmn.org.

Worship Arts Camp:

Go Be Disciples!

June 26-29 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Go Be Disciples! Kids who have completed grades K-5 are invited to discover how we are gifted to praise God through music, dance, art and words! They will “Go, Be Disciples” by making Birthday Bags for children that come to the Mission Outpost and by singing at local care centers. We will end the week with a celebration of our gifts through worship and praise! Cost is \$85/child. Register at popmn.org/register.

High School Summer Festival

July 9-12

High school students (completed grade 8-12) are invited to join us at Summer Festival, a high school camp hosted at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. Activities will be high energy and will include programs with dynamic worship and teaching similar to what we experience on Wednesday night. This is a great way to connect with high school students at POP. Register today at popmn.org/register.

BWCA Adventure Trip

Current 6-12 Graders | July 29 – August 4

Come on an epic adventure in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area this summer! Our experienced guides and outfitters will lead us through the wilderness in northern MN including canoeing, camping, and backpacking. Whether you’re an avid outdoorsman or a total newbie, this is sure to be an experience of a lifetime and a way to challenge yourself like never before. Register at popmn.org/register.



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Interested in Joining Prince of Peace?

Sunday, April 30 | 12:30-2:45 pm

Worship Center Community Room

Join Pastor Jeff Marian and other staff members for Newcomer Orientation. Enjoy lunch and conversation on the following topics: what it means to be a disciple, our path and plan, and how to get connected into community. Childcare available. Register at popmn.org/register.

Join A Small Group

Are you looking for a place to get to know more people at Prince of Peace? Would you like to build relationships with others while growing deeper in your faith? Consider joining a small group! We have small groups of all shapes and sizes, for all ages, that meet various days of the week. We'll find the perfect fit for you! Contact Amy Oestreich at aoestreich@popmn.org.

Family Ministry Flower

Fundraiser

Students attending camps/retreats this summer and fall will benefit from both pre-order sales (due April 12) and our traditional Mother's Day Flower Sale, May 13-14. Options include geraniums, begonias, petunias, alyssum, marigolds, mixed annuals and NEW this year: succulents. Mixes for sunny areas include Aeonium, Crassula, Echeveria, Haworthia, Graptosedum, Kalanchoe, and Sempervivum. Prices range from \$18-\$25. To pre-order pick up a form at the Welcome Desk or contact Dawn Ridgway, 952-898-9337. Proceeds not designated for a specific student will go toward scholarships for these events.

CALLED TO CONNECT UP with God _____

Preschool Choir Spring Concert

Monday, April 10 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

The POP JOY preschool choir will present their spring concert, "Celebrate America!" Songs include "America, the Beautiful", "Yankee Doodle" and "United States" and many more! Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue! Hope to see you there!

Children's Choir Spring Musical

Saturday, April 29 | 3:30 & 5:30 pm

Sanctuary

Join the POP Kids and POP Praise choirs as they present their spring musical, "***Sermon on the Mound.***" The choirs will share the message of suiting up in the "Armor of God" and to use God's word when the heat is on. They have learned every person on the team is important by singing "It Takes a Team!" Combined with a beautiful vocal edition of "The Lord's Prayer," this musical is sure to be a "Home Run!"

Homeless Emergency Kits

Recently people have visited Prince of Peace during worship who are homeless or in need of life's essentials. Mission Outpost is not open on the weekend, leaving compassionate people wanting to respond to the situation. Giving money is not the best option as it may result in more people asking for funds. In response to this need, we have pre-packed bags of non-perishable foods that are in the sound booth in the back of the Sanctuary. This bag has enough food and a list of resources to support two people until Monday, when Mission Outpost reopens. If you find someone asking for help, please feel free to give them a bag.

CALLED TO CONNECT OUT for the World

The Genius of Generosity

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”
– *Philippians 2:4*

The interests of others ought to be our interests too. Certainly we look out for ourselves, but how can we turn a blind eye when others have needs? There is a certain genius in generosity because God gives back what we let pass through our hands. But if we hold tight with clinched fists to what we have, God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold.

In Mission Outpost every day we have the opportunity to impact the families we serve by giving back some of the generousities we have received. Blessings come in many forms: the extra can of soup in your cupboard, the gently used baby clothes at the bottom of the closet, the extra time you may have now that your teenager can drive. All of these little extras and spare moments can translate into something much bigger if you are willing to open your heart and hand and let God fill you back up by serving others. What is it that you hold tightly that could be multiplied if you let go and open your heart to those in need? How might your gift be a treasure to others?

Mission Outpost MOVE:

Volunteers interested in helping families move toward self-sustainability are welcome to join this team. MOVE has the ability to assist families/individuals with applying for County services, Energy Assistance and MNsure, as well as employment research, resume writing and other job related skills. Please contact Linda Olson at 952-898-9307 or lolson@popmn.org.

Mission Outpost Furniture:

Volunteers interested in helping pick-up used furniture donations or delivering furniture to families in need are welcome to join this team on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Kim Harris at 952-898-9310 or kharris@popmn.org.

Mission Outpost Dental Clinic:

Volunteer dental professionals are needed to provide service to low-income families. We are also looking for folks to join our cleaning team to do monthly cleaning of floors, surfaces, and windows. Please contact Trudy Koepsell at 952-898-9318 or tkoepsell@popmn.org.

Mission Outpost Food Shelf/Clothing Closet:

We are in need of volunteers during all shifts, **especially the evening shifts**. There is no need to commit to a schedule so you may volunteer as your time permits. Volunteer shifts are:

- Monday, 9:00 am-noon: Sort/stock food, set-up
- Monday, noon-3:00 pm or 4:00-7:00 pm: Serve families
- Tuesday, 9:00 am-noon: Sort/stock food
- Wednesday, 9:00 am-noon: Sort/stock food
- Wednesday, 4:00-7:00 pm: Serve families
- Thursday, 9:00 am-noon: Sort/stock food, set-up
- Thursday, 9:30 am-12:30 pm: Serve families
- Thursday food distribution setup, 12:30-2:00 pm
- Thursday food distribution serving, 2:00-3:00 pm

Please contact Linda Olson at 952-898-9307 or lolson@popmn.org.

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MEA Staycation Service Opportunity

**Information Meeting: Sunday, April 23
11:00 am | Community Room**

Have you ever wanted to participate in a mission trip but couldn't commit the time or travel cost? Join us October 19-21, 2017 (MEA weekend) right here in our own community. This is an intergenerational "all-in" experience, meaning you will fill your days from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm serving side by side with others from Prince of Peace. All are welcome! Mark the dates on your calendar now and join us for our information meeting. Approximate cost per person is \$50-75 for all meals and project costs. Please contact Eric Elton at eelton@popmn.org.

T-Shirt Diaper Ministry

What do diapers, newborn baby hats and dog toys have in common? Our ministry can make all of these from discarded t-shirts. Join in the fun as we cut, sew and tie on the second Wednesday of the month from 8:30-11:45 am in the Media Center. NO sewing experience required. Contact Nancy Ferche at nlferche@gmail.com.

Military Ministry

Join Prince of Peace and Mary Mother Catholic Church in sending care boxes to support troops stationed overseas. The Support Our Troops board in the Worship Center has ribbons with needs for this project. Current needs to fill boxes: small drink mix packets, instant oatmeal packets, cookies, granola/fruit bars, toothbrushes, deodorant, dental floss, gum, hard candy, fruit snacks, paperback books. Contact JoAnn Kelly at 952-894-2787.

Mailing Team

The finance office needs volunteers to stuff envelopes periodically. If you enjoy working with a team and can volunteer 2-3 hours on a weekday morning every few months, we would like to have you join us. For more information please contact Mary Frampton at 952-898-9390 or mframpton@popmn.org.

Meals on Wheels Drivers

Would you be willing to deliver prepared meals once a month? Drive for 1-½ hours during your lunch break on weekdays only. Meals are prepared and picked up at Faith Covenant Church in Burnsville after 10:45 am. Contact Jan Larson at 952-435-3045.

We Can Do This:

A Clean Energy Future!

**Earth Day: Saturday, April 22, 10:00-11:00 am
Shepherd of the Lake Church, Prior Lake**

As stewards of God's creation we all should be concerned about the impact that environmental destruction has on us and future generations. Presenter Dr. Jay Coggins is an Environmental Economist and teaching professor at the University of Minnesota. He researches air and water policy, air pollution and public health and explains market-based approaches to environmental protection. This event is hosted by InterFaith Creation Care South Metro made up of 10 faith communities, including the POP Creation Care small group. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Ebenezer Care Center. Call Curt Carlson at 952-913-1544. To register visit the "Events Page" at <https://popcreationcare.blogspot.com>.

CHURCH UPDATE

2017 Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly

**Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20 |
Worship Center**

The annual Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly will be held on our campus May 19-20. Voting members from the 100+ Lutheran churches in the synod will gather to worship, celebrate community and conduct synod business. This year's theme is "*We Are Lutheran: Among Our Neighbors.*" Special guests, inspiring worship and breakout groups will provide learning experiences about the many neighbors whose lives enrich our own, and whom we are called to love and serve.

If you are a Prince of Peace member and would like to serve as a voting member to the Synod Assembly, please contact Julie Klein at jklein@popmn.org. For further details about synod assembly, please go to www.spas-elca.org/event/synod-assembly.

Columbarium Update

Sales for the Columbarium are under way. Twenty niches have been purchased, bringing us closer to the thirty niches we need to begin construction. During the weekend of April 22-23, representatives will be available in the Community Room to answer questions and provide you with the necessary information you will need to consider your participation in this part of our life journey. In addition, Bill Newton, williamlnewton@msn.com or Polly Bergerson, paberger1942@gmail.com will be glad to speak to concerns you may have.

Lost & Found

We have collected multiple items in the last few months in our Lost & Found, located at the Welcome Desk in the Christian Life Center, especially from youth. Please give us a call Monday–Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm if you're missing something and we can check for you. We donate unclaimed clothing to Mission Outpost after a few months.

CDLC Carnival Thank You!

CDLC is sending a big thank you for all who attended and helped with our carnival. It was a successful day filled with family, fun and fellowship. Special thanks to the Prince of Peace staff for volunteering, helping, and supporting this event. We would also like to recognize our sponsors: Children's Dental Care, Chinese Gourmet, IGM Gymnastics, Studio 4, Wise Swim School, Noelle Nielsen Remax Advantage Plus, Soccer Shots, and YMCA.

County Road 42 Closure

The County Road 42 bridge over I-35W will be closed one direction at a time beginning April 17. Construction will include repairing the bridge deck, extending the eastbound left turn lane west of Buck Hill Road and reconstructing the signal at the Buck Hill Road/southbound I-35W ramp.

Westbound Bridge Closed

April 17 – May 22

Eastbound Bridge Closed

May 22 – June 21

Please watch for detour signs. Plan ahead and expect significant delays.

FINANCE UPDATE

Blessed to be a Blessing

Prince of Peace Offering

February 2017 Budget	\$215,425	July – February Budget	\$2,002,090
February 2017 Actual	\$213,434	July – February Actual	\$1,940,222
		Total below budget	(\$ 61,868)

Total online giving in February (*included above*): \$88,835

Your generosity changes lives! Thank you!

ELCA Hunger Challenge

Together with over 20 congregations we packed over 3 million meals through Feed My Starving Children. Imagine the impact on global hunger that we could have by partnering with the 10,000 congregations of the ELCA? ELCA World Hunger provides support in 56 countries in a world where 1 in 6 persons is hungry, including right here in the United States. Prince of Peace is joining the ELCA Hunger Challenge with a goal of raising \$10,000 through April. Our generosity will help to provide clean water, needed food, education to help people be self-sustaining, and so much more. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need with sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Join in and make a difference! Envelopes are available in worship and at the Welcome Desk or give online at popmn.org/give. Consider giving \$1 for every day in the 40 days of Lent. Jesus once said, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* This Lent, give your heart to the hungry people of this world. Give generously.

Prince of Peace Foundation

The Prince of Peace Foundation is sponsoring informational sessions on trusts, with an attorney from a financial firm providing a short seminar after Engage Bible Studies. Come to one of three identical 20-minute sessions on Monday, May 8 at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 am or Wednesday, May 10 at 1:00 pm. All sessions will be held in the Community Room, unless otherwise noted.

Join the Foundation Board

The Foundation is a vital component of the ministry of POP and exists to grow disciples by supporting and investing in experiences that change lives. Our Foundation Board is made up of 8 disciples of POP who serve 4 year terms. The board meets quarterly to discuss our current investments and opportunities to educate the congregation on the Foundation. Speakers and seminars are organized to help people with estate planning and opportunities to leave a legacy. Foundation members prayerfully discern grant requests that support POP ministries and those with whom we partner. We have a current opening on the Foundation Board; if interested, please visit popmn.org/foundation for an application.

Give a gift beyond your lifetime – support the Prince of Peace Foundation!

STAFF UPDATE

Karen Helle: 30 Years of Service



On April 6, Karen Helle, our Worship Publications Coordinator, celebrates 30 years of service at Prince of Peace. Many of you may not know Karen, but every week when you pick up your bulletin or the monthly *Direction*, you are holding

the careful and consistent work by this faithful servant. Karen is referred to as “Queen Helle” by the staff and although she moves about quietly, her impact is significant. She and her husband Duey have two children, Jeremy and Lauren, and have been members of Prince of Peace since 1982. Join us in celebrating Karen’s anniversary on April 1-2 at each of our services with a reception in the Community Room on Sunday.

PRAYERS

The Prayers of Prince of Peace

Weekly prayers for healing, sympathy, and those in the military are listed on the worship bulletins each weekend and on the Daily Reading Plan available at the kiosks and on our website. Prayer requests may be submitted by filling out a **Connection Card** and placing it in the offering bag during worship or in the Connection Card drop box.

Baptisms:

Brody Joseph Baur, Lucy Elizabeth Griga, Blakely Lone Hills, Jeremiah Robert Lehner, Parker Elizabeth Risvold.

Sympathy to:

Robert Nelson & Pat Wright and family, on the death of Robert’s wife and Pat’s mother, Pearl Nelson; Don Knudson & Gloria Swanson, on the death of Don’s brother, Larry Knudson; Ronald Gunderson, Erik and Kyle Gunderson, on the death of wife and mother, Karen Gunderson; Rick Allen, Jennie Green and Mike Allen, on the death of wife and mother, Kay Allen; Fred Schrader & family, on the death of his daughter, Darby; Bruce & Paula Becker and family, on the death of Paula’s brother-in-law, Larry Thompson; the family of Roxy Stafford, as they mourn her loss.

Contacts for Prayer

Email prayer requests to: prayer@popmn.org

Prayers printed in the *Direction*:

Karen Helle, khelle@popmn.org, 952-898-9317

Dial-a-Devotion | 952-223-9251

Going through a difficult time? Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Sandy Rothschiller at 952-898-9358 or srothschiller@popmn.org about our Lay Ministry or Prayer Ministry.

BEV BECKMAN | *White Lilies* | watercolor



Connection Card

If you are a guest or want to join, volunteer, update contact information or have a prayer request, please fill out a Connection Card (found at the Welcome Desk and tables in the Sanctuary). Place your completed card in the offering bag or in the Connection Card drop box.

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The deadline for the May Direction is noon on Tuesday, April 4. Please email information to: communications@popmn.org.

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