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Transformed: How God Changes Us

by Jeff Marian

The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial trouble, and explanations to our search for meaning. But the world's promises leave us empty and searching for more. God's will is the only answer that promises to TRANSFORM our lives from the inside out.

St. Paul wrote, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." (Romans 12:2) God is in the transformation business! Are you ready for a change? Are you ready to allow God to TRANSFORM every important area of your life: spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial and vocational? Then join us each weekend for worship now through June 2-3. Together we'll open God's Word and allow it to change the way we think about ourselves, our relationships, our health...just about everything. We'll set goals by faith and entrust them to the One who cares more about our lives than we do.

Change can be hard, even with God on our side, so we're inviting all small groups to work together to support one another along the way. If you'd like to connect to a new small group during this series please contact Amy Oestreich at aoestreich@popmn.org. You are also encouraged to purchase a companion workbook that will help organize, inspire and lead you every step of the way with small group outlines, daily devotions and a place for sermon and study notes. These beautiful workbooks are available in the Community Room in early April for \$15.

The Prince of Peace campus is about to undergo a remarkable transformation. I can't think of a better time to invest into our own transformation. New people, in a new building for a new season of mission and ministry! Join us and be TRANSFORMED!



ONE CHURCH

One Church Capital Campaign Update

The Prince of Peace Board of Directors set an \$11 million budget for Phase I of our One Church Transformation, which includes the new addition with classrooms and office space, renovation of the 1982 addition (Community Room and Child Care, upper and lower hallways), and a new 300 seat chapel space. This is about 45,000 square feet of new and renovated space, plus a 5,000 square foot chapel. This does not mean we will spend \$11 million, but the goal is for this phase of construction drawings to fit within this budget.

Phase I is by far the most extensive of three planned phases of our One Church Transformation. Estimated costs for Phase I also include over \$3 million in upgrades and replacements in the Worship Center that are needed whether or not we expand and renovate our building.

The final scope of work for Phase I will be determined by construction bids and the financial support of the congregation.

Our current status:

- 856 families are participating in the One Church campaign with \$5.7 million in commitments
- Approximately \$800,000 in cost has already been incurred on this project with architectural fees, testing and consultants
- We have borrowing capacity built into future budgets to support at least \$4.5-5 million in debt
- Between debt capacity and current commitments this leaves between \$9.5 and \$10 million available for construction

Our current gap:

- With current financial resources we have a gap of \$1-1.5 million to complete an \$11 million project
- Approximately 1800 of our families are not yet participating in the One Church campaign

Impact on construction decisions

- This gap puts in jeopardy the construction of the chapel space in Phase 1 of construction
- The chapel is a critical piece of our final project, allowing all of family ministry to be in a single building, providing an intimate space for funerals and weddings, and furnishing more gathering space for Engage Bible study, support groups and meeting space
- Creating at least the shell of the chapel space during Phase 1 will save \$300,000 in construction costs by being more efficient with construction processes

How do we respond?

If you are not yet participating in the One Church campaign – we need you now! You may think that you don't have the resources to help close the gap, but every contribution makes a difference. Your ownership of this project is as important as the amount you are able to give to be a part of our future. If you are participating in the One Church campaign, and are willing to contribute more, your giving will enable us to complete more in this first phase to support ministry and be more efficient with construction cost. Visit popmn.org/onechurch to make a commitment or increase your current commitment. Thank you for your support!

CALLED TO CONNECT UP with God

Worship at Prince of Peace

Saturday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - 6:00 pm (Family worship,
September–April)

Sunday - 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am

Childcare is available for all worship services.

POP Joy Spring Choir Concert

Monday, April 9 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Please join the POP Joy preschool choir as they present their spring concert, "Songs of the Seasons." This concert will feature over 80 preschoolers singing about the seasons and moving to selections from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

POP Praise Choir Spring Musical

Saturday, April 21 | 3:30 & 5:30 pm

Sanctuary

The POP Praise Choir has been busy preparing their spring musical, "Danny and the Shacks," a musical theater style retelling of the faith adventures of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in Babylon. The musical opens with the introduction of Danny and the Shacks as a musical band. Their backup singers, The Shackelles, serve as narrators in this story, and lead us through the adventures of Danny and his friends after they were captured in Babylon. The children are learning that even in their own lives, they can trust God to sustain them and have faith that God will be with them, even when a situation seems impossible!

Concert of Praise

Sunday, May 6 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary



The psalmist says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!" Join the Celebration Choir, Children's

Choir, and special guest Robert Robinson (local gospel vocal legend) in this concert experience that will inspire your soul and ignite your spirit. Robert Robinson will also be a part of the morning worship services on May 6. Join us for this incredible evening of praise as we respond to the call to give praise to the Lord! This concert is open to the public. In lieu of admission fee, an offering will be received. Join us for a great evening of music!

A native of Minnesota, Robert is perceived as the "Pavarotti of Gospel" in the Twin Cities. At the early age of six, Robert began singing with his family, "The Robinson Children." In 1992 Robert decided to make music his full-time career. He has performed for such greats as Aretha Franklin, Jermaine Jackson, Prince, the Clark Sisters, The Steeles and the Sounds of Blackness. For 15 years Robert toured with nationally celebrated pianist Lorie Line and her Pop Chamber Orchestra as the featured soloist.

For nearly 20 years Robert was the executive/ artistic director of the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir and Ensemble. For the past five years, Robert currently works as Artist-In-Residence for First Covenant Church-Minneapolis. He sits on the ministry team and directs the community gospel choir there.

CALLED TO CONNECT UP with God

Honoring The Journey

by Kari Snyder

“Show respect to the aged; honor the presence of an elder...” – Leviticus 19:32 (The Message)

We interact with people every day. And the more life we've lived, the more interactions we've experienced. I have the good fortune as the Senior Adult Program Coordinator at Prince of Peace to be able to spend time with people who have decades of life experiences. I've discovered that by sitting down and listening--I mean really listening--you can soak up amazing history and wisdom. Things that some people may deem “ordinary” but we can see as extraordinary...things that can shape our own journey.

A few years ago, I sat down at a nearby senior facility to chat with a man in his nineties. I hadn't spent any time with him before and had heard he was a quiet, shy person. I inquired what sort of job he had before he retired. He smiled and said he was a food scientist for General Mills. A sweet grin crossed over his face and he said, “You ever heard of Cheerios?” Yep. I had just met the man who helped invent Cheerios. This gentleman had contributed to my happiness by filling my cereal bowl nearly every morning.

Taking time to listen has made a remarkable difference in my life. I've had the opportunity to talk with someone who wrote advertising jingles for the radio in the 1950s and golfed with Bob Hope. Another person was a switchboard operator and can explain in great detail how she had to swap phone lines at a rapid pace to connect friends and families. Another senior was on the USS Indianapolis during World War II when it sank and was one of 317 to survive three days at sea in shark infested waters. As we age, we don't stop making a difference in people's lives. We need to recognize the contributions that older adults continue to make.

Al, a senior adult and member of POP, is a friend of mine. A former engineer, he has a love for woodworking and has crafted a ministry for the past few years. He makes prayer crosses. One by one, block by block, he cuts out, shapes, files, sands, and varnishes small wooden crosses. He uses scrap lumber and turns it into beautiful crosses that fit perfectly into the palm of your hand. After he finishes a batch of 20-30, he delivers them to me. And why does he do this? Because he knows this can be a tangible reminder of God's love and comfort, especially for those dealing with challenging situations. Our lay ministers, Love Your Neighbor volunteers, student ministry leaders and countless people in Bible studies, care facilities, and hospitals have been the recipients of Al's handiwork. Over 1,000 crosses have graced my desk and been sent out into our community. This is part of Al's legacy and story. A simple concept with an enormous impact, and you'd probably never know it if you didn't take the time to ask him about it.

To read the rest of this story, visit popmn.org/blog.

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UP with God _____

Donate Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate altar flowers for weekend worship in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an important occasion such as a baptism, marriage or anniversary, please contact Karen Helle at khelle@popmn.org or 952-898-9317. Cost is \$40.

Altar flowers are needed for the following dates: April 14-15, May 5-6, May 19-20, May 26-27, June 2-3, June 9-10, June 16-17, June 23-24, June 30-July 1, July 14-15, July 21-22, July 28-29.

Bring Your Bible to Worship

We encourage everyone to bring your Bible to worship. Each week we will dive into scripture and provide practical suggestions for living out God's Word. If you forget your Bible, no worries, just pick up a red Bible off the cart in the back of the Sanctuary. Together let's embrace the power of scripture and how to apply it to our lives.

Prince of Peace Podcast

Did last week's sermon or Engage Bible Study teaching stir up something in you that you want to share with someone else or maybe even listen to it again? Perhaps you missed worship last weekend but you still want to hear the Good News? Well then check out our podcast on iTunes at popmn.org/podcast. New audio is added weekly.

CALLED TO CONNECT

IN through Community _____

Interested in Becoming a Prince of Peace Member?

We're excited to introduce an easy and convenient new way to join Prince of Peace. With people's busy schedules we wanted to make the process of joining both meaningful and simple. We also want it to be personal, so there are opportunities to meet one-on-one with a pastor or any staff member. You can become a member 24/7/365 through our online New Member portal. Visit popmn.org/join for a video message from Pastor Jeff, ministry overview videos from several of our staff, new member expectations and more. Contact Julie Klein if you have questions: jklein@popmn.org or 952-898-9308.

Welcome to Our Newest Prince of Peace Members!

- Adam, Amber and Aaron Aslakson
- Keith and Bev Brandt
- Jeff and Genny Davis
- Greg, Sarah and Henry Fedder
- Brian and Lee Hulsether
- Joshua, Brienne and Barrett Jans
- Crystal Luedke, Anthony and Ainsley
- Greg and Melissa Nesbitt, Wyatt and Talia
- Eric, Lyndsey, Owen and Savannah Reece
- Matt Rueth and Emily Seegert
- Drew and Christine Shaman
- Rhonda Ukockis and Nickolas Lorig, Clyde, JR, Kailee and Aiden
- Paul and Amy Yager

CALLED TO CONNECT IN through Community

Small Groups: Transformed

by Amy Oestreich

Here at Prince of Peace, we are all about making connections and growing together as a community of faith. Small group ministry is one of the key ways to connect with others at Prince of Peace. We have groups of all shapes and sizes that meet to grow deeper in their faith, walk alongside one another through good times and bad, and to truly live into IN through Community.

TRANSFORMED

How God Changes Us

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .

ROMANS 12:2

As we launch the Transformed sermon series April 7-8, I want to challenge you to consider joining a small group. If you are already in a group, consider participating in this new series together. I truly believe that we have so much to learn from one another and connecting in small groups gives us a space to share ideas, encourage each other to grow, and support one another along the way.

Our Transformed series goes through June 2-3 and includes a small group component. We are launching new small groups focused just on this series. Please consider signing up for one of the following groups:

- Sundays @ 9:45 am
- Mondays @ 6:30 pm
- Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
- Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm

If these times don't work for you, let us know! We do have other groups that have space for new members.

As part of the Transformed worship series, there are 7 powerful small group video lessons taught by Pastor Rick Warren. Watch each 20-30 minute video with your small group and work through the Transformed workbook to be TRANSFORMED in each of 7 key areas of life: spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial and vocational health. These videos can be found at popmn.org/smallgroups. Workbooks may be purchased in early April at the church office Monday – Thursday or in the Community Room during weekend worship for \$15 each.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Amy Oestreich at aoestreich@popmn.org or 952-898-9393.

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CDLC Carnival THANK YOU

CDLC preschool is sending a big thank you to all who attended and helped with our carnival in March. It was a great success and a wonderful day filled with family, fun and fellowship! We would like to recognize the staff of Prince of Peace for volunteering, helping, and supporting this event. Thank you to our sponsors: Children's Dental Care, Ekim Orthodontics, Chinese Gourmet, Elite Gymnastics Academy, Studio 4 Dance, Wise Swim School, Bright Birch Group Remax Advantage Plus, Soccer Shots, Perfect Touch Cleaning, Mark Nordahl, Inc., Gleisner's Martial Arts and IGM Gymnastics.

Club 4|5: Spring Fun

Friday, April 13 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Rockin' Jump: 2015 Silver Bell Rd, Eagan

It's time for some Club 4|5 fun! Fourth and fifth graders are invited to hang out together at the Eagan Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park along with the Children's Ministry team. \$20 includes jump socks, 2 slices of pizza, unlimited pop and enjoyment of park attractions such as Laser Maze, Fidget Ladder, Ninja Course, Climbing Tower, and more! Drop off and pick up will be at Rockin' Jump. Come join the fun and bring a friend! Register by April 11 at popmn.org/register.

Keeping the Promise

Prince of Peace dedicates one day each year in the life of your child to celebrate baptism. Keeping the Promise [KTP] family experiences are designed to equip families to live out the important promises made during baptism.

First Communion: Grade 4*

Saturday, April 14 | 3:30-5:30 pm

In response to the baptismal promise to bring children to the Holy Supper, this KTP will give families the opportunity to learn about the significance of Communion. Families will learn about the history and meaning of Holy Communion, learn the logistics around Communion at Prince of Peace, and decorate stoles to wear when they receive their First Communion. We'll end our time with a pizza dinner. After attending the KTP, your family is invited to attend the 5:30 pm Saturday evening worship service or the 11:00 am Sunday morning service for your child to receive their First Communion. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required before April 12 at popmn.org/register.

*This KTP is open to anyone in 4th grade or beyond who has not yet received First Communion.

StuMin Banquet

Wednesday, May 2 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

All current StuMin families are invited to the 1st annual StuMin Banquet. We will serve dinner, celebrate the year, and look forward to the future of StuMin. Families can RSVP to the banquet at popmn.org/register. There is a suggested donation of \$3/person. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jason Kramme at jkramme@popmn.org.



Okoboji Family Recharge

May 18–20 | Camp Okoboji, Iowa

What do families enjoy about going to the Family Recharge at Okoboji? “This is the one time during the year our family goes on a combination vacation and spiritual retreat.” “We love getting to know the other families.” “Not having to cook.” “The accommodations are great.” We would love to have you and your family join us this year for a weekend away to lovely Lake Okoboji. Questions? Contact Swen at cswenson@popmn.org. Cost is \$200 for a family of four. Register at popmn.org/register.

Family Ministry Flower Fundraiser

Students attending Camp Wapo and going on the Student Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic this summer will benefit from both pre-order sales (due April 11) and our traditional Mother’s Day Flower Sale, May 12-13. Options include geraniums, begonias, petunias, marigolds and mixed annuals. Prices range from \$18-\$25. To pre-order, pick up a form at the Welcome Desk or contact Dawn at dridgway@popmn.org or 952-898-9337. Proceeds not designated for a specific student will go toward scholarships for these events.



Vacation Bible School

June 11–14 | 9:00 am - noon | Age 2-Grade 5

Join us this summer for the Sun Newspaper Reader’s Choice 2018 Best Vacation Bible School. It’s going to be an amazing week where we find ourselves **Shipwrecked...Rescued by Jesus!** We’ll start each day in worship at Castaway Sing and Play and spend time rotating between Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Ship Rec Games, Tropical Treats and KidVid Cinema, where we’ll meet real life kids who have encountered our daily themes in their lives. We’ll learn that Jesus rescues us when we’re lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, and when we’re powerless! We’ll end our day with Sail Away Send-off, where we’ll be challenged to live out our faith and watch for God in every minute of our day. What makes VBS at Prince of Peace so special? An incredibly creative decorating team, a live worship band, incredible Spirit-filled fun, and hundreds of amazing volunteers who love Jesus and love kids! Register at popmn.org/register.

FAMILY MINISTRY SUMMER 2018



VBS After Parties

Thursday, June 14

This year we will host two editions of VBS After Party. Middle school students will head to Valleyfair from noon - 5:00 pm. Cost is \$40. High school students will enjoy a private movie theater experience at Emagine Theaters in Lakeville from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Cost is \$20. Register at popmn.org/register.



Summer StuMin

June 20 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 1 & 8

This summer, Prince of Peace students and friends are invited to six weeks of social gatherings for students in middle and high school. Each week middle school students will gather in one house while high school students gather in another. There is no registration fee, however students are asked to donate snacks when they attend. Activities will include swimming, wakeboarding, pontooning, Ultimate Frisbee, movies, and game nights. We are looking for adult volunteers to chaperone events. Contact Jason Kramme at jkramme@popmn.org for more information.

Worship Arts Camp

June 25-28 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

God is up to some big stuff in the lives of God's kids and we're looking forward to celebrating at Worship Arts Camp: **Kidz Under Construction!** After all, we're all a work in progress, right? Kids who have completed grade K-5 are invited to an awesome week spent singing, dancing, creating art, serving and discovering how we can use our gifts for God's glory. Our week will end with a worship service celebrating all that God has done and will continue to do as we grow as Jesus' disciples. Limited spots available! Register at popmn.org/register.

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Are You A Young Adult?

You are invited to join our new young adult ministry at Prince of Peace! This group is open to anyone college-age to 40 years old. More information is available at popmn.org/youngadults. Join our new Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/youngadultsPOP where you'll find info about when we're worshipping together, social events, volunteer opportunities, and more! Email youngadults@popmn.org with questions.

Prince of Peace Young Adult Connect

Friday, April 20 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

JoJo's Rise and Wine, Burnsville

Join us for our kickoff event at JoJo's for food, drinks, games, and an opportunity to meet other young adults from Prince of Peace as we launch this new ministry! Feel free to just stop in or hang out for the evening – invite a friend! RSVP on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/youngadultsPOP.

Beloved Bible Study

Mondays, April 9 - May 21 | 9:30-11:15 am
Christian Life Center Media Center

All women are invited to join us this spring as we study "Seamless – Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story," by Angie Smith. In seven sessions, we will discover through video teachings and independent lessons, how the people, places and promises of the Bible create the greater story of Scripture. Join us as the stories of the Old and New Testament come to life! Child care is provided for a small fee. For more information, contact Jade Gotter, jadegotter@gmail.com, 651-470-9859.

S.A.L.T. (Senior Adults Learning Together)

Mondays, April 23 & 30, May 7 & 14;
9:30-11:45 a.m.

Seniors Learning Together, Inc., a non-profit organization for over 20 years, continues to offer 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! Sessions are held on 4 consecutive Mondays. The goal is to appeal to a broad spectrum of interests with 4 presentations on various subjects scheduled each day (2 speakers each hour). Participants choose one session to attend each hour. The first hour begins at 9:30 a.m. Classes are \$5/person per Monday. No pre-registration required. The program is followed by an optional lunch at 11:45 a.m. that includes entertainment. For up-to-date information and to register go to www.risensavior.org/salt. (Please note that the program takes place at Church of the Risen Savior in Burnsville.)

CALLED TO CONNECT IN through Community

Savvy Seniors: Avoiding Senior Scams

Tuesday, April 10 | 1:00 pm | CLC Room 200

Learn how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. The Better Business Bureau's Safeguarding Our Seniors program liaison, Kathleen Moore, will describe scams that target older adults and offer ways to avoid them. Contact Kari Snyder at ksnyder@popmn.org or 952-898-9357 to register.

Living Life Bigger Than My Illness

Mondays, April 9 – May 7 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Christian Life Center Media Center

Nearly half of all adults are living with a chronic disease. If you are sick and tired of being sick and tired this 5-week course is for you! You and your loved ones will learn how to deal with the stress, fatigue, frustration and pain that are common for people who live with chronic conditions. These secondary symptoms can become more debilitating than the disease itself. Gain the self-confidence to manage your illness as you believe in the possibility of abundant life through hope, strength, joy and anticipation of a future filled with promise.

The course is led by Marilyn Tubbs, a lay minister at Prince of Peace for 37 years and someone who has had rheumatoid arthritis all her adult life, and Pat Kasell, who worked in health care for 35 years focusing on health education and behavior change. Questions? Contact Marilyn, 952-890-1723 or Pat, 952-935-1720. Transportation may be arranged. Limited to 30 participants. To register for this free course by April 2, contact Kari Snyder at ksnyder@popmn.org or 952-898-9357.

Support Groups at Prince of Peace

12 Steps for Christian Living

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 am
Christian Life Center, Room 109

Adult Children of Alcoholics

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 230

Adult Children of Persons with Memory Loss

3rd Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday-Thursday, noon - 1:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Media Center

Caregiver Support Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 230

Depression Support Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 241, 270s, 280s

Divorce Support Group

Thursdays, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Welcome Center

Grief Support Group

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Christian Life Center, Chapel

Job Connections Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:15 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 200

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

2nd Monday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 144

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

2nd Thursday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Christian Life Center Room 200

All groups are open. No fee or pre-registration. More information at popmn.org/support or call 952-898-9358.

CALLED TO CONNECT OUT for the World

Join our Hospitality Team!

We are looking for volunteers to help us ensure every person that attends Prince of Peace has a great experience from the moment they pull into the parking lot. Our growing hospitality team is looking for volunteers to:

- Help people find parking
- Greet at the entrances
- Usher during services
- Maintain the coffee bar between services

As we look ahead to our upcoming construction project, we will need all hands on deck to navigate our changing spaces, inside and out. Would you consider joining our team? Sign up to serve with your spouse, small group, or family as well! All volunteers will serve on a rotational basis. Contact Amy Oestreich for more info! 952-898-9393 or aoestreich@popmn.org.

T-Shirt Diaper Ministry

2nd Wednesday | 8:30 - 11:45 am

Christian Life Center Media Center

Are you an “up-cycler” or thrive on repurposing items for another use? If so, come join in the fun as we cut, sew and tie t-shirts into diapers for little ones around the world. Diapers not your thing? We also make toys for our canine friends from the same discarded t-shirts. NO sewing experience required. Please contact Nancy Ferche at nlferche@gmail.com

Volunteer at Mission Outpost

We’d love to have you come join the fun of serving those in need right here in our community! No need to commit to a regular schedule; just come when you are able. Volunteer opportunities are listed at popmn.org/volunteer. Additional opportunities include emptying the blue donation bins once a month on Sunday morning (great opportunity for a family to work together!) and picking up food at various locations each morning including weekends. Contact Jan Dawson at jdawson@popmn.org or 952-898-9362 for more info.

Donations Appreciated

Help us to bless the families we serve! Place any donations in the blue donation bins inside of any entrance:

- non-perishable food items (especially canned goods)
- bed sheets (queen/king) & blankets
- dishes, drinkware, silverware & pots/pans
- bath towels & bathroom rugs
- toilet paper & feminine products
- soap, toothpaste & lotion
- deodorant

MOVE

Do you find yourself recently retired or looking for a volunteer opportunity in the evening? We are looking for volunteers willing to be trained to assist families with “next steps” beyond our food shelf and clothing closet. For more information please contact Linda Olson at lolson@popmn.org or 952-898-9307.

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Mission Outpost Furniture

We accept basic household furniture in good shape to deliver to families who are currently without these items. If you have furniture to donate or if you have a furniture need, please contact Kim at 952-898-9310 or kharris@popmn.org. We can pick up and deliver furniture from/to your home.

Mission Outpost Dental Clinic

Registered Dental Hygienists, dentists, oral surgeons, and assistants are also encouraged to volunteer their time and talents in our dental clinic on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 pm for triage, or to provide services any time on Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. Please email Trudy Koepsell at outpostdental@popmn.org for more information.

Dakota Woodlands Shelter

Gift card buyers are needed for the monthly birthday parties at Dakota Woodlands, our local shelter for homeless families. Spend \$15-20 on a Target or Walmart gift card. Volunteers are also needed! If you would enjoy volunteering for the birthday parties at Dakota Woodlands please contact Kim at kimberlyj1078@gmail.com or call (952) 240-7688. You can volunteer as your schedule permits.

Medical and Dental Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

**Information meeting: Tuesday, May 1
7:00 pm | Mission Outpost**

Medical and Dental Professionals: Have you ever wanted to share your gifts at an international location? In partnership with our long-term mission partner, Doulos Discovery School in the Dominican Republic, we will be hosting our fourth Medical/Dental mission trip (non-surgical). This is a great opportunity to serve in a developing world country. We will be conducting four clinics over the course of the week. We are looking for doctors (both medical and dental), PA's, nurses, dental assistants, hygienists and pharmacists. Trip dates are October 20 - October 27. Cost will be about \$1,800. If interested, contact Eric Elton at 952-898-9377 or eelton@popmn.org.

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 at (952) 898-9390 or mframpton@popmn.org.

Military Ministry

We invite you to join Prince of Peace and Mary Mother Catholic Church in sending care boxes to support troops stationed overseas. The Support Our Troops board is located in the Worship Center just inside Door B where you will find more information. Call JoAnn, 952-894-2787, with questions or to assist with packing.

FINANCE UPDATE

Blessed to be a Blessing

Prince of Peace Offering

February 2018 Budget	\$223,650	July – February Budget	\$2,028,305
February 2018 Actual	\$239,132	July – February Actual	\$2,063,805
		Year to date total above budget	\$ 35,500

Total online giving in February (included above): \$102,159

Your generosity changes lives! Thank you!

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelopes for April will support **Lutheran World Relief**, which helps families in the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive. Lutheran World Relief operates in 32 countries, working in both relief and development initiatives. In 2016 LWR provided support to nearly 3.5 million people through 118 projects.

Envelopes are available in worship and at the welcome desk or give online at popmn.org/give.

Make an impact around the world! Give generously!

IRA Charitable Gifts

Many families are choosing to contribute through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from an IRA for ongoing giving and One Church campaign contributions. These are gifts given directly to Prince of Peace from an IRA account and are limited to those who are 70½ years of age or older. Amounts distributed as a QCD have special tax advantages. Please consult with your tax advisor for more information. General information is available on our website or contact Jane at jvictory@popmn.org or call 952-898-9313.

Pledges for 2018 Ministry

Online pledging for 2018 ministry is easy to set up! Visit our website at popmn.org/give/2018-stewardship-commitment/

Please prayerfully consider your financial support of all of the ministries at Prince of Peace as we partner in God's work locally and around the world. This is work that can't be accomplished by any one of us as individuals, but takes all of us together to make a difference.

Our generosity together truly changes lives!

CHURCH/BOARD UPDATE _____

Jane Victorey Celebrates 10 Years with Prince of Peace

Finance Director Jane Victorey is celebrating ten years with Prince of Peace this month. Under Jane's financial leadership, Prince of Peace eliminated \$5 million in debt during a time of economic downturn and held a successful capital campaign. As a member of the leadership team, Jane helped us discern a new vision for Prince of Peace. Her leadership was – and continues to be – vital to our Land and Building project. We are thankful for Jane's wisdom and vision, as well as the grace and joy with which she shares it.

2018 Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly

On Friday, May 18 & Saturday, May 19, voting members from 100+ Lutheran churches in the Saint Paul Area Synod will gather at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi for the 2018 Synod Assembly, highlighting the theme "We Are Lutheran: Restless & Resolute." Special guests, inspiring worship, and breakout groups will help us to learn more 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 Synod Assembly, please contact Julie at jklein@popmn.org no later than May 1. For further details, please visit www.spas-elca.org/events/synod-assembly/

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 or Connection Card drop box.

Baptisms:

Nathan William Eklund, son of Eric & Amy Eklund; Harrison Herman Jass, son of Tanner & Kelli Jass; Mila Jane Kellum, daughter of Jesse & Katie Kellum; Lincoln Bjorn Knutson, son of Kevin & Katie Knutson; Katherine Leigh Knutson; Isla Elaine Langseth, daughter of Levi & Rebecca Langseth; Finnegan Marvin Quast, son of Stephen & Emily Quast.

Sympathy to:

Marilyn Liesch and her family, as they mourn the loss of her husband, Dale Liesch; Family & friends of Lois Bergsjø, as they mourn her loss; Family & friends of Karl Renner, as they mourn his loss.

Contacts for Prayer

Email prayer requests:

prayer@popmn.org

Prayers printed in the *Direction*:

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

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 | *Empty Nest = New Beginnings* | 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.

Become a Sustainer

Give automatically at popmn.org/give.

The deadline for the May Direction is noon on Tuesday, April 3. Please email information to: communications@popmn.org.

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