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New Worship Series: Come and See

by Mark Slaughter

The season of Lent.... this often conjures up the idea of abstaining from chocolate, desserts or social media. While the motivation to surrender something for a period of time is noble and potentially beneficial, is this really the intention of the season of Lent?

For centuries, the church has considered the season of Lent as a time of reflection and preparation before the celebration of Easter. While there are various ways to prepare, the goal is to give careful consideration to our own spiritual journey. During Lent, we seek to set aside anything that hinders our connectivity with the Spirit of God, and draw near to the enduring love of our Father.

One of the ways we can more deeply connect is to gain a greater understanding of Jesus and his influence on those he came in contact with. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus encounters normal, everyday people and shares about a deep, abiding love that is life-giving. During the

season of Lent, we are going to invite everyone to ***Come and See*** how Jesus can connect with each one of us. Whatever is going on in your life, ***Come and See*** what the message of Jesus can do for you!

Ash Wednesday Worship

**February 14 | Noon, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Sanctuary**

We begin the season of Lent with a compelling time of worship as we come opening our hearts to the grace and forgiveness of the Spirit of God. Each service will provide a time to deeply consider your own spiritual life before beginning the 40-day journey. The 5:30 pm service will be a family-oriented service led by the WOW worship team and 7:00 pm will be led by our Celebration Choir. A soup supper will be served from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Community Room. Join us as we steep into the season of Lent and consider the gift of grace through Jesus, the Messiah.

ONE CHURCH _____

POP Live: One Church

On Saturday, March 3 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Prince of Peace is going live on Facebook! During this 5-hour “Facebook-a-thon” you will have a unique chance to witness, celebrate and share the richness of life at Prince of Peace. See worship bands and choirs perform live from our Sanctuary. Take a virtual backstage tour as the worship team gets ready for worship. Watch new and classic POP videos. Get updates on the One Church campaign. There will also be plenty of chances for you to be involved! Share your favorite moments with your friends and family. Send in requests and questions. Tell your own stories of Prince of Peace. Sing along at home. Donate or pledge to the One Church campaign. This is a great opportunity for us to come together and celebrate everything that God is doing at Prince of Peace... from the comfort of your home! All you need to do is jump on your computer, tablet or mobile device to join us for this awesome event!

One Church Capital Campaign

As of January 18, 708 families have committed \$5.6 million for the One Church campaign. An additional 162 families are contributing to the campaign, but have not returned a pledge card. Our investment in construction and renovation will provide a welcoming entrance with a clear front door, large gathering areas, new space to bring all ministries under one roof, and make needed updates to our current Worship Center building to extend its life well into the future. All we invest today will richly bless ministry today and bless generations of tomorrow. **Take ownership of our future – give generously!**

LAND & BUILDING UPDATE _____

Land & Building Update

- Our architects with Cuningham Group are working on construction drawings. These are the detailed plans on which our General Contractor will bid our project. The building layout and site plan are set and detailed decisions are being made on finishes, mechanicals, wiring & controls, and hardware. Our finishes include warm woods and stonework outside and carried inside through the gathering areas, colored glass and extensive natural light. The project will be bid in February/March and decisions made at that time on the final scope of our project based on project costs and our financial capacity.
- We’ve met with four financial institutions on options and terms for construction financing, terms of a final loan and ongoing banking services. Discussions continue with potential partners for our Christian Life Center building and available land. Revenue from lease or sale of property will help finance the next phase of our construction.
- The Planning Commission for the City of Burnsville is reviewing our site and building plans prior to the City Council giving approval for the construction and changes in our property description. Construction will likely begin sometime in April, when the frost is out of the ground.
- Need more info? Stop in the Community Room to see the latest renderings or visit our blog at popmn.org/land-building-blog.

CALLED TO CONNECT UP with God

Be Your Best Self

by Pastor Sandy Rothschiller

It's important to show compassion for others, but how often do we treat ourselves with that same level of kindness? One of the best things that we can do for our minds and bodies is to **take a break and remember that we are worthy of love.**

For some people, adding self-care into a daily regimen can seem inconvenient or even intimidating. Your first defense might be "I don't have time for that" or "I have too many other things to do." But repeatedly putting the needs of others before our own can lead to a lack of "me time" which can, in turn, create stress and resentment and prevent us from being our best selves. And that is not how God calls us to live.

In Matthew 22:39 Jesus says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." That means you can't love anyone else unless you love yourself. God calls us to love God, ourselves and then others. When you practice self-care you are loving yourself.

Here are a few suggestions for you to take time for self-care.

- 1) Create a cozy space. Go to that space in your home. Sit, read, light a candle. Just spend quiet time alone in that space. Start with 5 minutes of uninterrupted time.
- 2) Spend time each evening turning off all electronics, then sitting and reflecting on the good things of the day. Start with 5 minutes.
- 3) Give yourself a break. If you have hurt someone, made a mistake, or let another person down, forgive yourself. Tomorrow you start new in your baptism.
- 4) Go have fun doing something you love to do at least once a week.
- 5) Pray and listen. Jesus is for you and loves you.

CALLED TO CONNECT

UP with God _____

Students Affirmed Their Baptism

We rejoice with these teens who affirmed their baptism on January 27-28. Please keep these students in your prayers:

Madeleine Clare Anderson
Noah Elijah Archambault
Ava Frances Brandt
Lauren Rae Brandt
Tatum Marie Brostrom
Samuel Hogan Caulder
Hailey Alexa Decker
Gavin William Drill
Abby May Eller
Brooke Elizabeth Emery
Sydney Lee Emery
Natalie Laura Ernst
Abigail Glenn Fields
Amalia Glenn Fields
Alicia Nicole Franson
Emma Jo Fretheim
Maxwell Rickard Gotter
Brooke Shirley Haddorff
Evan Charles Helvick
Jacob Louis Helvick
Sydney Marie Heupel
Joshua John Holden
Wesley Robert Jacobson
Brennan Eric Jensen
Kaylin Michelle Jones
Leah Grace Keith
Riley Francis Kennedy
Garrett Robert Long
Kendall K Meier
Greta Luella Nelson
Alix Amanda O'Brien
Angela Mary Rees
Brianna Marie Rehborg
Cooper DeVer Roberts
Mason Donovan Trocke
Alyssa Josephine Weber
Emma Joy Welch
Kylie Cristine White

CALLED TO CONNECT

IN through Community _____

Keeping the Promise [KTP]

Family Experience

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

2nd Grade KTP: Ten Commandments

Sunday, February 11 | 9:45 am

Wednesday, February 21 | 6:00 pm

Christian Life Center Family Room & Media Center

In response to the promise to teach children the Ten Commandments, this KTP will give families the opportunity to come together for an engaging and hands-on experience. Instead of attending small group, you and your second grader will work through station rotations through which you will explore the Ten Commandments and discover how they inform the way we live out our faith today.

Please note this means second grade small groups will not meet this week; instead, please come with your child to the Family Room for Children's Ministry worship on Sunday/WOW on Wednesday and then plan to stay for the KTP immediately following. If your child does not currently participate in a Children's Ministry small group, please select from either of the above times to join us as we seek to equip families to live out the promises made during baptism.

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The 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.

Vacation Bible School

June 11–14 | 9:00 am - noon

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, spend some 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 Sendoff, 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 band at all worship times, incredible Spirit-filled fun, and hundreds of amazing volunteers who love Jesus and love kids! Register at popmn.org/register starting February 5.

Camp Wapo

This summer all of the kids involved in Family Ministry will head to Camp Wapo on the same week! Middle school students will enjoy a great week on main site. Our high school students will spend the week at Ox Lake, where they will be challenged as leaders in our StuMin community through high ropes courses and leadership training, enjoy the beauty of the St. Croix River Valley by hiking, canoeing, and horseback riding, and grow deeper with God through campfire worship and devotional time. Registration is open for this week and the cost is \$430/student. Register at popmn.org/register. For more information, please contact Jason Kramme at jkramme@popmn.org.

CDLC Preschool

CDLC was able to collect over 100 hats for Mission Outpost last month. The children are hoping to have snow with warm temps to play outside. It is not too late to register your child for the 2018-2019 school year. We are located in the lower level of the Worship Center. Children are grouped according to age, and both half and full day classes are available. Daily activities include cooking, science, large motor, creative arts, and music. It is our goal to provide a safe and loving environment for all children within a Christian setting. Register at CDLCPreschool.org. For more information call 952-435-8105.

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March Mystery Madness

Friday, March 2 | 7:00 pm - midnight

Middle school students from Prince of Peace will join students from other area churches for our annual March Mystery Madness retreat! This year we will begin our night at Shepherd of the Valley at 7:00 pm with worship led by our very own StuMin Band, huge group games, and time to connect with friends from other churches. Then from 9:30-11:30 pm we'll take buses to Bowlero in Lakeville to play arcade games, laser tag, and bowling. The cost for the evening is just \$35 and covers two games of laser tag, two hours of bowling, \$5 of arcade tokens, and the bus. If students want to buy concessions at Bowlero, they will need extra money. Register at popmn.org/register today.

Sunday StuMin

Sunday, February 25 | 11:00 am

Christian Life Center Room 200

Join other middle school students for games, music, and a devotional at Sunday StuMin. There is no registration required and is open to all middle school students. Contact Jason Kramme at jkramme@popmn.org for more information.

Affirmation of Baptism

Our spring session of Affirmation of Baptism begins on Sunday, February 11 at 11:00 am in the Christian Life Center Media Center. Affirmation of Baptism is "confirmation" at Prince of Peace. It is a 10-week session for students starting in ninth grade to explore what it means to say "yes" to their baptism. Register at popmn.org/register.

Guitar Class with Swen

Mondays, February 5, 12, 26 | 4:00-5:00 pm

Christian Life Center Media Center

So you got your kid a guitar for Christmas or have had one but are looking to take lessons? Look no further. As part of our mission of equipping students for ministry, Swen is teaching a guitar class for kids. These sessions consist of three introductory lessons for 3rd grade and higher. Sign up for these free lessons by emailing to Swen at cswenson@popmn.org.

Artist's Way Group

"Many of us wish we were more creative... or we hunger for what might be called creative living... While there is no quick fix for instant, pain-free creativity, creative recovery (or discovery) is a teachable, trackable spiritual process." (from *The Artist's Way*)

The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path To Higher Creativity is a self-help book by Julia Cameron. The book was written to help people with artistic creative recovery, which teaches techniques and exercises to assist people in gaining self-confidence in harnessing their creative talents and skills. Anyone interested in participating in this 12-week guided encounter with our own creativity is welcome to come for an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 1:00 pm in the Christian Life Center Chapel. Please contact Jody Slaughter at jslaughter@popmn.org or 952-898-9312 with questions.

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Men's Retreat

**March 24–25 | Mount Olivet Retreat Center
Farmington**

We've tripled our space due to popular demand! Join us from 1:00 pm on Saturday to 10:00 am on Sunday. We will screen two movies followed by some faith-based conversations, along with time for rest, relaxation, cribbage, and some Final Four basketball! Cost is \$60 for a dorm-style room and \$80 for a hotel-style room and includes dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday and tons of great "guy time." Feel free to bring a snack to share and your own beverages. Register at popmn.org/register or contact Mark Rehborg at 952-452-4433 or mark.rehborg@gmail.com with questions.

Seniors: Need a Little Extra Help?

Love Your Neighbor (LYN) is working to do just that. Our vision at Prince of Peace includes caring for our older adults. The LYN program is about neighbor helping neighbor. An LYN volunteer will be connected to an older adult who needs just a little extra help with things like getting to church, a doctor appointment, shoveling snow, giving a bit of respite time to a caregiver, or grocery shopping with a senior. 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 thinking that this little bit of extra help would benefit you, please contact Pastor Sandy Rothschiller at srothschiller@popmn.org or 952-898-9358 or Kari Snyder at ksnyder@popmn.org or 952-898-9357. We'd love to get you connected.

Living Life Bigger Than My Illness

**Mondays, April 9 – May 7 | 6:30-8:30 pm
Christian Life Center Media Center**

Almost half of the adult population is living with a chronic disease. If you are sick and tired of being sick and tired and want to take control of your life, then this program is for you and those who are walking this journey with you.

This 5-week course is a fun and effective way to help you and your loved ones learn to deal with the stress, fatigue, frustration and pain that are common for people who live with chronic conditions. Often these secondary symptoms of chronic illness can become more debilitating than the disease itself. You will gain the self-confidence to manage your illness as you discover and believe in the possibility of abundant life through hope, strength, joy and anticipation for a future filled with promise.

The course is led by Marilyn Tubbs, a lay minister at Prince of Peace with 37 years of lay ministry experience 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, if needed. Deadline for registration is April 2. Registration is free and limited to 30 participants. To register, contact Kari Snyder, Senior Adult Ministries Coordinator, at ksnyder@popmn.org or 952-898-9357.

CALLED TO CONNECT OUT for the World

Mission Outpost Food Shelf and Clothing Closet

Volunteers Always Welcome

Have you ever wondered what happens in Mission Outpost? Come find out and 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 a 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 information.

Gently Used Household Items Requested

Did you know that Mission Outpost gives out basic household items to our guests if they are in need? If you are replacing your sheets (especially queen and king), blankets, dishes, glassware, silverware, pots/pans, bath towels or bath rugs with new, we'd love to have your gently-used items to bless our families! Place any donations in the blue donation bins inside of any entrance.

Donations of Hygiene items

Each family that visits Mission Outpost receives a bag of the hygiene items we have in stock. These items are greatly appreciated by each family. Please help us to bless those families by donating toilet paper, soap, feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and lotion to help fill those bags. Donations can be placed in the blue donation bins.

Food Donations

In 2017 we served over 6,500 individuals in our community. Whether you donate money or food items, you are helping families to have nutritious options available throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity!

From a Mission Outpost family:

Thank you for providing food and clothing to our family each month. My husband lost his job a few months back and our family did not have enough money to pay our bills. With the colder weather we found ourselves without proper clothing for our children and no extra money for Christmas. Coming to Mission Outpost has been very humbling for us, but we always feel welcome here. My husband looks at the job board while we are waiting and found a job just before Christmas. Things are not perfect yet and we will still be using the food shelf in the coming months, but we want your congregation to know just how thankful we are to be blessed by Mission Outpost. Thank you for your generosity.

Mission Outpost Dental Clinic

Registered dental hygienists, dentists, oral surgeons, and assistants are 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.

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Mission Outpost Furniture

We accept basic household furniture in good condition 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.

MOVE

With our volunteer staff now trained to build resumes for guests, we are off to a good start this year. If you are feeling a gentle nudge to start off this year in service to those in need, MOVE just may be the place for you. If walking a journey with a family who find they are traveling a difficult road makes your heart smile, we may have a place for you. In 2017 MOVE helped more than 500 families obtain County services or MNsure, assisted with job search, applications for energy assistance and helped to find other resources to meet their needs. As we move into 2018, we will continue to build a path for families willing to transition their lives. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Linda Olson at lolson@popmn.org or 952-898-9307.

Dakota Woodlands Shelter

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

Feed My Starving Children

Thank you to all who volunteered to help pack meals for Feed My Starving Children on January 29-February 3 at Prince of Peace. The goal of the South Metro Meal Pack was for churches, schools, businesses and community members to come together to collectively pack 2 million meals and raise \$500,000 to cover food and resource costs. Prince of Peace has committed to raising \$100,000. Please help us to finish strong! Donate today at popmn.org/fmsc.

T-Shirt Diaper Ministry

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

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-shirt into diapers for little ones. Diapers not your thing? We also make toys for our canine friends from the same discarded t-shirts. NO sewing experience required. Contact Nancy Ferche at nlferche@gmail.com.

Military Ministry

Join Prince of Peace and Mary Mother Catholic Church to send care boxes to support troops stationed overseas. The Support Our Troops board is located in the Worship Center, where you will find ribbons with current needs for this project. Please place the donated item in a bag labeled "Military Ministry" in any of the blue bins near the entrances. Contact JoAnn at 952-894-2787.

FINANCE UPDATE

Blessed to be a Blessing

Prince of Peace Offering

December 2017 Budget	\$356,960	July – December Budget	\$1,538,765
December 2017 Actual	\$489,131	July – December Actual	<u>\$1,605,438</u>
		Year to date total above budget	\$ 66,673

An additional \$57,600 in offerings were received early for the 2018-19 fiscal year and have been set aside for our next budget year.

Total online giving in December (included above): \$103,453

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 through February will provide support for **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)**.

In March and April our special offerings 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!**

2017 Tax Statements

Giving receipts for 2017 tax purposes were mailed January 18. If you have not received your statement or need another copy please contact the finance office at 952-898-9390.

2018 Giving

As we enter into a new year, 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!

Pledges for 2018 Ministry

Your pledge for 2018 may be made online at popmn.org/give. There are many ways to give including regular weekly offerings, online giving, appreciated securities (stocks and mutual funds) and IRA Charitable Rollover gifts. Please notify Jane Victorey if you are making a gift of appreciated securities or an IRA Charitable Rollover gift, or if you have questions: jvictorey@popmn.org or call 952-898-9313.

CHURCH/BOARD UPDATE

President's Day Holiday

Prince of Peace buildings will be closed on Monday, February 19 for the President's Day holiday. If you have an emergency, lay ministers are available 24/7 by calling the church office at 952-435-8102.

Feeling Called to Serve?

Prince of Peace Board of Directors is seeking individuals passionate about our future and willing to bring experience and skills. Current board members are eager to talk with you. Simply email boardofdirectors@popmn.org to ask questions about the board, role, and our mission. Board applications are being accepted until February 28 at 5:00 pm (no exceptions please). To access an application form, go to popmn.org/board or pick up an application packet at the information desk. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

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:

Emerson Joseph Albachten, son of Derek & Kacie Albachten.

Sympathy to:

Mel Eliason and family, on the loss of his father, Roy; John & Bev Shand and family, on the loss of their grandson, John White; Dan & Lisa Anderson and family, on the loss of Lisa's mom; Paula O'Brien and family, on the loss of her niece; Warren & Jeanne Kalsow and family, on the loss of Warren's dad, Waldo; Karen Wilson and family, on the loss of her brother, Charles Wilson; Pat & Todd Feely, on the loss of wife and mother, Sue Feely; Family & friends of Agnes Larson; Steve & Pat Schumacher and family, on the loss of Steve's stepfather, Ramy Wangler; Jennifer Sullivan and family, on the loss of her mother, Chin Choon Ho; Kathy Boyer, on the loss of her brother-in-law, Rod Dillon; Paul & Kelly Gueldner, on the loss of Paul's father; Family & friends of Kathy Yeschick; Bill & Marlene McCausland, on the death of Marlene's brother, Butch Bylander.

Contacts for Prayer

Email prayer requests:

prayer@popmn.org

Prayers printed in the *Direction*:

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

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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 March Direction is noon on Tuesday, February 9. Please email information to: communications@popmn.org.

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