



*Merry Christmas*

## Who Is God Calling You To Be?

"You've got a call!"

"Who is it? What do they want?"

Just a few years ago, this was a conversation you would hear a lot. Do you remember those days when there was only one phone in the house, and we generally had to go and pick it up to answer it? Taking a phone call today is much different, but the decision on whether to answer the call still continues.

Responding to God's call has some similarities... we may have a call, but we are often still perplexed by who is calling and what they want. What is God calling me to do, to be? Many believe the word called, particularly in the church, refers to pastors who receive some type of spiritual calling. Certainly, this is one dimension of calling, but there is much more to learn and understand.

In January, we are beginning a new worship series entitled, "Called." What does this word conjure up in you? Have you ever received a "call from God" or is there a ministry or mission you feel "called" to be a part of?

For nine weeks, we will explore how the intersection of our passions and the needs around us relate to how we are all called...and not just pastors.

Together, we will discover that all of life is a response to God's call, and that our stories are intimately and inextricably tied to God's larger story.

Got a call? Let's learn together how to answer and respond to God's call!

Join us beginning the weekend of January 5-6. Worship services are Saturday at 5:30 pm or Sunday at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 am.



## WE ARE CALLED TO CONNECT

At Prince of Peace we are called to provide hope and wholeness to all people, with specific focus on children, seniors and people in need in the south metro area.

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### Weekly Worship Times

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am

**Wednesday:** 6:00 pm Family Worship

### How Can We Pray For You?

Prince of Peace is a community of faith rooted in prayer. Email prayer requests to [prayer@popmn.org](mailto:prayer@popmn.org) or fill out a Connection Card found at the Welcome Desk and in the back of the Sanctuary. Place the card in the offering bag or in one of the Connection Card stands.

### Engage Bible Study

The next semester of the Engage Bible Study begins January 7, 8 & 9 and we're excited to use the new Alpha Film Series to explore the basics of our faith. We'll dive into questions like:

- Who is Jesus, and why did he die?
- Why and how do I pray?
- Who is the Holy Spirit and what does the Spirit do?
- Does God heal people today?

The goal of this series is not to provide clear answers for everyone, but to provide a safe and engaging space for people to ask questions, express their doubts, and explore ways of framing their faith that makes sense to them. Everyone is welcome to join in the adventure!

Three identical sessions are offered each week. All sessions are led by our pastoral staff and meet in the Christian Life Center, Family Room:

- Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 am (Men's Bible Study)
- Wednesday, Noon - 1:00 pm

### Feed My Starving Children

#### South Metro Meal Pack

**February 4-9 | Hosted at Berean Baptist Church**

Join us for the 6th annual Feed My Starving Children South Metro Meal Pack! Gather together with 10,000 volunteers from 20 different churches and the south metro community to pack over 2 million life-saving meals for hungry children around the globe. Free child care is available for several meal-packing shifts. The total cost of this event is \$500,000. Prince of Peace has committed to raising \$100,000. Donate today and sign up for 1 or more meal-packing shifts beginning January 1 at [popmn.org/fmsc](http://popmn.org/fmsc).

### Summer Camp

**Seeds Weekend: Current 2-3 Graders, July 12-14**

**Youth Week: Current 4-8 Graders, July 14-19**

**Senior High Week: Current 9-11 Graders, July 14-19**

Camp Wapo in Amery, WI is a great opportunity for kids to grow in faith and build relationships. This summer's theme is Claimed: Wildly Loved By God. Registration opens January 15 at [campwapo.org](http://campwapo.org). Don't delay! Space is limited!

### CDLC Preschool Enrollment

The Child Development & Learning Center (CDLC) is a NAEYC accredited, top-rated Christian preschool for 3-5 year olds. Founded in 1971, CDLC offers half and full day classes. Activities include cooking, science, large motor, art, and music. Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year opens January 16. Enroll online at [CDLCPreschool.org/register](http://CDLCPreschool.org/register) or call 952-435-8105 to set up a tour.

## Support Groups

We value relationships in which we grow together to celebrate our joys and bear one another's burdens. Visit [popmn.org/support](http://popmn.org/support) for info about our 10 different support groups.

## Consider Joining a Small Group

Small groups provide a place for you to grow in your walk with God, get to know others, and support one another through life's ups and downs. Small groups gather for Bible study, book clubs or other types of common hobbies or interests. Visit [popmn.org/smallgroups](http://popmn.org/smallgroups).

## Volunteer in Mission Outpost

Mission Outpost supports our neighbors in need by providing food, clothing, furniture, dental service, job searching, Dakota County intake, linens, household items, and hygiene items. We serve up to 200 families each week. Join the fun when you can. Day and evening shifts are available during the week. Contact Jan Dawson at [jdawson@popmn.org](mailto:jdawson@popmn.org).

## Join Prince of Peace

Become a member any time using our online New Member portal at [popmn.org/join](http://popmn.org/join).

**Poinsettias Are Given By:** Dave Abernethy, David B. Abernethy & family and David & Nancy Hippe, in memory of Betty Jean Abernethy; Butch Ames Family, in memory of Karen Ames; Dick & Joan Angevine, in memory of Matthew Price Angevine; Patricia Becker, in memory of my brother, Scott Becker; Cheryl Brown & family, in memory of David Brown; Kathy Brummond, in memory of my husband, Bill; Toby & Ann Cadwell and grandchildren Owen, Sara and Elijah, in memory of Charles (Papa Chuck) Cadwell and Sarajane Klingberg; Lori & Jim Corbey, in memory of Carolyn Ponting; Brad & Maure Creager; Jan & Jef Dawson and family, in memory of A.L. Christianson, Ken & Barb Dawson; Dee DeGrote, in memory of husband, Ron; Bonny Demeules & Tim Graf, in memory of Erv Graf and David Demeules; Detlefsen Family, in memory of Roy Detlefsen; John & Joy Englund, in memory of our parents; Arlis Froysland & her girls, in memory of Gordon Froysland; Wayne & Pat Funk, in honor of friends and family; Jeff & Michelle Gerow-Ellis, in honor of our parents; Jere Graetz Family, in memory of Lauretta Graetz; David & Nancy Hefko Family, in memory of Krysten Hefko, Terry Hefko and Betty Hefko; Dan Hendrikson Family, in memory of George & Eva Hendrikson, Steve & Esther, Dick, Butch & Gwen Lickteig; David & Nancy Hippe, in memory of DeLoris & Irv Hippe and John Cavanagh; John & Dotty Holden, in memory of our parents, Leon & Dorothy Teigen and Gina Holden; Teri Iverson, in memory of Gerald Iverson; Karin and Beverly, in memory of parents and grandparents who have gone before us; Gary & JoAnn Kelly, in memory of daughter, Vicki; Crystal Luedke, in memory of Juanita Olson and Craig Myers; Karen & Ron Mattingly, in memory of Evahjune "Tootie" Mattingly; Bill & Marlene McCausland, in memory of Scott Jones McCausland and Rick McCausland; Jan & Art Nelson, in memory of our beloved son, John Arthur Nelson; Jim & Sharon Norrbom, in memory of our parents; John & Lois Olson Burkholder, in memory of Paul Olson; Sheila Pederson & family, in memory of Boyd Abbe, loving husband, father & grandfather; Jean Peters & family, in memory of Howdie Peters; The Family of Dan Peterson, in memory of Dan Peterson; Cindy & Steve Pivec, in memory of our parents, Bob & Alice Pivec and Raymond Johnson; The Reddall Family, in memory of Nancy and Jessie Nelson; Donna Rohrer & family, in memory of our beloved Charlie Rohrer; Judy Schilling; Joanna & Curt Sommer and family, in memory of Robert & Helen Jacobson; Carole Stockman & family, in memory of Wayne Stockman; Darrel & Marlene Tollefson, in memory of Bethany Santilli and our parents; Sharon Venne, in memory of my parents, Art & Orpha Venne; The Wendorf Family, in memory of Greg and Vernon Wendorf; Judy Wenner, in memory of my family; Tim & Karen Wiens, in memory of Gladys Wiens.





## One Church Transformation

Every week brings big changes for our One Church Transformation project! In December the concrete for the elevator shaft was poured and the remainder of the structural steel and roof steel was set. Level two precast planks were installed. Framing began for exterior walls in the new construction. Now we get a real sense of the scope of the new addition! Roofing will begin in early January, along with exterior wall board and stone masonry.

In the renovated space the interior walls continue to be framed. Considerable work continues with new plumbing, electrical and HVAC installation. A new roof will be installed for the renovated space at the same time the roofing is done for the new addition.

We remain close to our original schedule and still anticipate the project completed about Labor Day, 2019. Keep up to date with the building project on our blog: [popmn.org/land-building-blog](http://popmn.org/land-building-blog). And continue to check the construction view from the Sanctuary windows. We'll be able to watch from there until the windows need to be removed on the east side of the Sanctuary in a few weeks. You won't want to miss the adventure!

