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You Are Invited On A Journey To Be Transformed!

by Pastor Jeff Marian



Easter celebrates the power of God to TRANSFORM death to life and brokenness to wholeness. 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 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 a new worship series called

Transformed starting next weekend, April 7-8. 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.

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 would like to get connected into a new small group during this series, please contact Amy Oestreich at aoestreich@popmn.org. Companion workbooks will be available to purchase for \$15 in the Community Room between worship services.

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!



LAND & BUILDING UPDATE _____

One Church Transformed

Our campus is about to undergo a remarkable transformation! We will be breaking ground later this spring on about 45,000 square feet of new and renovated space, plus a 5,000 square foot chapel space in the Worship Center building. This is the first phase of a project that will be completed in multiple phases and will result in all ministry housed under one roof with more flexible spaces and more efficient use of resources for future generations. The Christian Life Center building will likely be sold or leased.

Construction drawings are currently more than 95% complete. The General Contractor and Architect are working together to bring this project within the \$11M budget established by the Board of Directors for Phase 1. The Board will determine how much of Phase 1 is actually completed based on final costs and financial resources.

Bids on Phase 1 are due in late April. In the first weeks of May we will have a guaranteed maximum price set by the General Contractor. The Board would take action to determine the final scope of Phase 1 of the project in early to mid-May.

Phase 1 is the largest of the three phases. Phase 2 would include renovation work of the original triangle building, creating a new Mission Outpost and renovating the Sanctuary. The cost and construction time will be significantly less than Phase 1. This would not begin until 2019 or later. Phase 3 would be site work, including outdoor worship space, landscaping, an outdoor columbarium, parking lot resurfacing and new parking lot lights.

Visit popmn.org/land-building-blog for updates.

CALLED TO CONNECT UP with God _____

Concert of Praise

Sunday, May 6 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Join the Celebration Choir, Children's Choir, and special guest Robert Robinson (local gospel vocal legend) in a 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. This concert is open to the public. In lieu of an admission fee, an offering will be received. Join us for an incredible evening of praise!

You Are Not Alone

The Spiritual Care Team wants you to let us know when we can partner with you during life's challenging experiences. Tending to one's spirituality helps maintain health and makes coping with illnesses, losses and life transitions easier by integrating body, mind and spirit. If you would like us to visit, pray or meet with you, please contact Pastor Sandy Rothschiller at 952-898-9358 or srothschiller@popmn.org.

Interested in Becoming a Prince of Peace Member?

With people's busy schedules we want to make the process of joining Prince of Peace 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, new member expectations and more. Contact Julie Klein with questions: jklein@popmn.org or 952-898-9308.

CALLED TO CONNECT IN through Community

Family Ministry Summer Events

Register your family now for a summer of fun, fellowship and worship at popmn.org/register.

Okoboji Family Recharge

May 18-20 | Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, IA

We would love to have you and your family join us this year for a weekend away to lovely Lake Okoboji. Cost is \$200 for a family of four.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): age 2 - grade 5

June 11-14 | 9:00 am - noon

Family Night: June 14, 5:30-7:30 pm

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!"* Cost is \$45/child or \$115/family through May 15.

VBS After Party: middle school & high school Thursday, June 14

Middle school students will head to Valley Fair 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.

Worship Arts Camp: grade K-5

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

Join us for an awesome week of *"Kidz Under Construction"* where we'll sing, dance, create art, serve others and discover how we can use our gifts for God's glory. Cost is \$100/child.

2018-19 Preschool Enrollment

Child Development & Learning Center (CDLC) invites all children ages 3-5 to discover creative arts, cooking, science, large motor, and music in a Christian environment. Call 952-435-8105 for a tour or enroll online at CDLCpreschool.org.

Join a Small Group

Why should you join a small group? Hear "what my small group means to me" from one of our Small Group Leadership Team members:

Getting together with my small group means spending time with friends. Laughing. Eating. Serving others. Praying for one another. But mostly just sharing God's love here on this Earth. My small group encourages me to love God and love others. – Kevin K.

We want to provide a space for Prince of Peace disciples and friends to grow deeper with God and each other. Interested in joining a group? Please contact Amy Oestreich at aoestreich@popmn.org for more information.

CALLED TO CONNECT OUT for the World

Serve in Mission Outpost

Volunteer as we serve local families through our food shelf and clothing closet. For specific dates and times to serve, please visit popmn.org/missionoutpost or contact Jan Dawson at 952-898-9362 or jdawson@popmn.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

YOU can provide hope and wholeness to people in need! There are many opportunities to serve at Prince of Peace. Visit popmn.org/volunteer for serving opportunities.

Online Giving

Your Easter offering may be given online. Visit popmn.org/give for all giving options.



Worship Times

Saturday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - 6:00 pm (*Family worship: Sept-Apr*)

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

Childcare is available for all worship services.

Connection Card

If you are a guest or want to 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 the completed card in the offering bag or in the Connection Card drop box.

Online Resources

There are several resources available at popmn.org/downloads to help you on your spiritual journey, including Sermons, Small Group Resources and more. Subscribe to the Prince of Peace podcast on iTunes for Sermon and Engage Bible Study audio at popmn.org/podcast. Check out Pastor Jeff's weekly blog at popmn.org/blog. Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter at popmn.org. And stay connected to what's going on at Prince of Peace on social media with the links at the bottom of the page.

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