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**JANUARY**  
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## South Metro Meal Pack Comes to Prince of Peace

*by Eric Elton*

January 29 marks the beginning of our 5th annual partnering with Feed My Starving Children and other South Metro churches... in fact 20 church partners this year. After an extensive search of vacant retail spaces in Burnsville, Apple Valley and Lakeville, Prince of Peace will be the 2018 host for this event, which will gather 10,000 people to pack life-saving Feed My Starving Children meals.

This group of churches, representing more than eight different denominations, will need to recruit nearly 10,000 volunteers and raise about \$500,000 for the 6-day event. The event dates are Monday, January 29 to Saturday, February 3. There will be 21 different shifts offered during the day and in the evenings. Child care will be provided for several shifts.

The event will take over both the Sanctuary and the Community Room. **Saturday night worship on February 3 will be spent packing meals.** The event will end at 7:00 pm, and the Sanctuary will be cleaned and set up for Sunday morning worship. (We will need your help!! Hint, hint.)

The meals are life-saving for the people that receive the food, but this event also has a

significant impact on the people that pack. There will be large groups of kids that will take a "field trip" from school and pack. There will be hundreds of individuals and families...there will be basketball teams, hockey teams, small groups, and scouts. Each person that comes will hear a story of how their time impacts the life of someone else. At the same time, their life is being impacted. Each person will be engaged in God's world. They will learn that the world is much bigger than the South Metro area. They will know that they can make a difference and in this day and age, we need it!

Will you join us? Please pray for this event, join us to pack meals, and support this event financially. Our challenge to YOU is to invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to get engaged. Join us in making a difference! Donate and register today at [popmn.org/fmsc](http://popmn.org/fmsc). You may also donate by text. Simply send a text to 952-260-6167 with the amount you would like to give followed by "FMSC." Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. (Example: \$10 FMSC). Contact Eric Elton at [eelton@popmn.org](mailto:eelton@popmn.org) with questions.

## ONE CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_



The Hub/Lobby

### One Church Capital Campaign

As of the end of December, 849 families are participating in the One Church campaign with total pledges of \$5.6 million. This, along with capacity we have in the budget for debt, will allow us to complete more than 22,000 square feet of new space, build a 5,000 square foot basement, and renovate 16,000 square feet of current space as a first phase of our construction. We'll have a clear front door, large gathering spaces, new classrooms, conference rooms and administrative offices.

We have an opportunity to complete the alternative worship space (chapel) as a part of the first phase if we can raise another \$1.5 million. This would save over \$300,000 in construction costs and allow all of family ministry to be under one roof. Our goal is to apply every dollar received towards first phase construction costs and get just as far as we can with the project to most efficiently use our resources.

If you haven't yet made a commitment or you feel called to increase your commitment, please find a commitment card in the back of the Sanctuary or visit [onechurch.popmn.org](http://onechurch.popmn.org).

## LAND & BUILDING UPDATE \_\_\_\_\_

### Land & Building Update

We are currently working with Cuningham Group Architecture to create first phase construction drawings for our general contractor, Wenck Construction, to bid the project. In February this project will go out to bid and when final costs are in our Board of Directors will determine the scope of the project. We are working with campus partners, an appraiser, the City of Burnsville and financial institutions as we explore options to lease or sell the Christian Life Center. We anticipate breaking ground in April 2018. Visit our blog at [popmn.org/land-building-blog](http://popmn.org/land-building-blog).

## CALLED TO CONNECT UP with God \_\_\_\_\_

### Engage Bible Study

The next session of the Engage Bible Study will begin on January 8, 9 and 10. Led by the pastoral staff, we learn together as we discuss what scripture meant long ago and what it means for our lives today. The study on the Gospel of John continues through mid-May. Three identical sessions are offered each week:

- Mondays evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 am (Men's Bible Study)
- Wednesdays, noon-1:00 pm

Bring a Bible and join us in the Worship Center Community Room. Everyone is welcome! All sessions are also available for audio download at [popmn.org/downloads](http://popmn.org/downloads).

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### New Worship Series: Taste and See!

*by Jeff Marian*

“See and taste” is the rhythm of the holidays. We see Christmas cookies, fruit cake, and chocolate truffles and we taste them, usually too often and too many! As we enter the New Year our bellies are full. But how is your faith? Is it well-fed or a bit thin?

While “see and taste” is the rhythm of the holidays, “taste and see” is the rhythm of spiritual growth. By tasting the presence and goodness of God through spiritual practices we begin to see God active in our daily lives. When we live into this rhythm, God ceases to be a concept we believe between our ears and becomes a constant presence that we experience in our hearts.

In January we’re starting a new worship series entitled, “Taste and See.” We’ll explore the depths of our spiritual hunger, and learn how God feeds our faith through spiritual practices. This will be a practical and life-changing series that you won’t want to miss. In fact, you’ll want to invite others to join you! The series begins January 6-7. Come, and taste and see for yourself!

### Augustana Concert Band FMSC Benefit Concert

Hear awesome music and raise funds for the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) South Metro Meal Pack—all at the same time! The Augustana University Concert Band will be joining the Prince of Peace community on Sunday, January 28 and you won’t want to miss it.

This award-winning, 50 piece concert band on tour from Sioux Falls, SD, filled with talented and spirited college musicians, will help lead worship at both the 8:30 and 9:45 am services that Sunday morning. That afternoon at 2:00 pm they will be hosting a benefit concert in the Sanctuary for the FMSC South Metro Meal Pack, taking place January 29–February 3.

A freewill offering will be received with all proceeds going to support the following week’s food packing event right here at Prince of Peace. Come hear inspiring music from Bach to Grainger to Sousa and support the community-wide FMSC event!

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Save the date for our annual Ash Wednesday worship services at noon, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 14. A soup supper will be served in the Community Room from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Child care will be available for the evening services.

## **CALLED TO CONNECT** IN through Community

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### **Small Groups at Prince of Peace**

*by Amy Oestreich*

Small groups at Prince of Peace are a great place to grow deeper in your walk and build relationships with others. Did you know we have over 60 small groups that meet on a regular basis? Our small group leadership team is always working to get new groups started and helping find the perfect group for you.

#### **Why should I join a group?**

Small groups provide us a place to grow IN through Community here at Prince of Peace. We want to connect you with a group of people that will challenge, support, and encourage you! We have groups of all shapes and sizes that meet varying times and days of the week. Our goal is to find a group for you that works into your busy schedule and provides you a place to belong.

#### **How do I join a group?**

There are multiple ways to join a group:

- Contact Amy Oestreich (aoestreich@popmn.org)
- Visit our website to view a list of available groups
- Gather with a group of friends and start a new group
- Look for our sign up weekend January 27-28 to connect with our team and find a group for you!

#### **We are looking for leaders!**

As we continue to grow our small group ministry, we are always looking for new small group leaders. Our team is here to equip you and will walk alongside you as we work together to start new groups. We've got the tools you need to be a successful small group leader! Please let us know if you are interested!

Questions? Want to start or join a group? Contact Amy Oestreich for more info at aoestreich@popmn.org or 952-898-9393.

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### **Beloved Bible Study**

**Mondays, January 22 – March 12**

**9:30 am - 11:15 am | Community Room**

Are you feeling controlled by your to-do list? Are you tired of the busyness of life? Do you crave tranquility and serenity? Perhaps you need to slow down, breathe, and remember the Sabbath. All women are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship, as we study "Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath," by Priscilla Shirer. Child care is provided for a small fee. Contact Jade Gotter, jadegotter@gmail.com, 651-470-9859.

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### **CDLC Preschool**

Do you have a three or four year old ready to attend preschool? We have a few spots in our all day classes and half day mornings T-Th. It is only the beginning of the New Year but is time to think about preschool for September. CDLC will be starting enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year on January 16. Register at [CDLCPreschool.org](http://CDLCPreschool.org). Call 952-435-8105 to set up a tour of our school or for any questions.

### **MOPS – 2nd Semester**

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) gives moms with small children a chance to take a break, be creative, hear a speaker, share stories, participate in service projects, and create life-long friendships. MOPS invites all moms with children ages birth through kindergarten to join one of our groups on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:30 - 11:30 am or 6:00 - 8:00 pm or the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 – 11:30 am. Children who attend child care will have the chance to sing, read Bible stories, make crafts and have a snack all while being cared for by Prince of Peace child care staff and volunteers. Register at [popmn.org/mops](http://popmn.org/mops).

### **Parent's Morning/Night Out**

We offer opportunities for parents to connect with each other, hang out with friends, or relax on their own. Parent's Morning Out is the 1st Wednesday of each month. Parent's Night Out is the 2nd Saturday of each month. Cost is \$15/child or \$25/family. RSVP to Jeanne Kalsow at 952-898-9378 or [jkalsow@popmn.org](mailto:jkalsow@popmn.org)

**Saturday, January 13 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

Kids will enjoy free play

**Wednesday, February 7 | 9:00 am - noon**

Kids will enjoy free play

### **Keeping the Promise:**

#### **New Dates! January 14 & 17**

Prince of Peace has dedicated 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.

**Grade One | The Lord's Prayer**

**Sunday, January 14, 9:45 am**

**Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 pm**

In response to the promise to teach our children the Lord's Prayer, this KTP will give us the opportunity to learn about the significance of prayer. First graders and their families will experience different ways to pray and receive ideas of ways to pray as a family. Come to Sunday morning Children's Ministry Worship or Wednesday night WOW with your first grader and stay for some intentional family fun!

### **Sunday StuMin**

Calling all middle school students! Have a hard time making it to StuMin on Wednesdays? Looking for students to hang out with on Sundays? Join us on the following Sundays from 11:00 am - noon in Room 200 of the Christian Life Center: January 14, February 18, March 18, April 15. Contact Jason Kramme with questions at [jkramme@popmn.org](mailto:jkramme@popmn.org)

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### **Affirmation of Baptism**

On Sunday, February 11 at 11:00 am in the Media Center of the Christian Life Center we will begin our winter/spring session of Affirmation of Baptism. All students in grades nine through twelve are invited to participate. Parents are to attend the first session. Register at [popmn.org/affbap](http://popmn.org/affbap). If you have questions, contact Jason Kramme at [jkramme@popmn.org](mailto:jkramme@popmn.org).

### **January StuMin**

This month we are starting a series called "Come and See." This is a series that invites the students into the Gospel of John. We will move about the campus, throw a wedding reception, and actually feed thousands along the way. If you have questions about getting involved with Student Ministry at Prince of Peace, contact Jason Kramme at [jkramme@popmn.org](mailto:jkramme@popmn.org).

### **FMSC Family/Small Group Night**

**Wednesday, Jan. 31 | 5:00-7:00 & 7:30-9:30 pm**

Praise Choir, POP Rocks!, WOW/Children's Ministry and Student Ministry will gather at Prince of Peace, not for regular programming, but to join together with the community to pack Feed My Starving Children meals. Please come during the shift that is best for your schedule. If January 31 doesn't work please sign up for another (or an additional) packing session. This is a great event for inviting classmates, teammates, neighbors and extended family to work alongside you.

**GUARANTEE YOUR SPOTS!** In December, Family Ministry emailed a link for registering early, before the spots are released to the public. If you need the link resent, contact Dawn at [dridgway@popmn.org](mailto:dridgway@popmn.org).

### **Seniors: Need a Little Extra Help?**

Love Your Neighbor (LYN) is working to do just that. Our vision at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church includes caring for our older adults. The LYN program is about neighbor helping neighbor. A 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 Kari Snyder at [ksnyder@popmn.org](mailto:ksnyder@popmn.org) or 952-898-9357. We'd love to get you connected.

## **CALLED TO CONNECT** OUT for the World

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### **Faith in Action: Clean Energy**

The POP Creation Care team is supporting an interfaith effort to challenge the MN legislature to raise the renewable energy standard. The current goal, 25% by 2025, set by the 2007 legislature, is already at 21%, eight years early. Over 100 pastors have signed a letter encouraging our lawmakers to increase the goal to 50% by 2030. The South Metro InterFaith Creation Care team is encouraging all people of faith to support this effort by signing. Every faith tradition calls on God's children to act powerfully as stewards of God's creation. Please visit us in the Community Room every Sunday in January and consider adding your signature.

## **CALLED TO CONNECT** OUT for the World

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### **Showing Others the Love of Jesus**

*by Eric Elton*

I was recently in a Bible study and the question was presented, "Who was the person that told you about Jesus?" A follow up question was, "How did they tell you about Jesus?"

As I thought about my answers, I came to the conclusion that I don't think anyone sat down and talked to me about Jesus. Now, that probably isn't completely true, but I have no recollection of a conversation. I am sure it probably happened through Sunday School, prayers and conversations around the dinner table, etc.

What I do remember, is that I had many people in my life that showed me how to be Jesus. They were servants. It was my grandfather who allowed me as an elementary aged kid, to count the offerings every Sunday after church in their little country church. It was my grandmother who was the church organist at the same church for 50+ years. It was my parents who were active in leadership at Prince of Peace and in the choir. It was also my youth group at Prince of Peace that showed me how to be more like Jesus. Jesus was far more than a person in the Bible. Jesus was with me and around me all the time, but I, like many of us, didn't always notice.

I left corporate America in August 2001 and started working at Prince of Peace on September 4. One week later, the Twin Towers came down. Our world changed in one tragic morning. More than ever, the world needed to see Jesus.

In our own community, people were coming to Prince of Peace for food, clothing and furniture. We could not turn them away. As the days, weeks and months rolled by, more and more people came for those items. More food was donated, a van was donated for the furniture, more space was provided for Mission Outpost. More volunteers came to show their love for Jesus by sharing that love to those who came asking for services.

Almost four years ago, we opened the dental clinic at Mission Outpost. Outside of utilities and space, the clinic is fully supported by grants. Some of the granting foundations freak out because Mission Outpost is connected to the church. In our grant request, we tell them that they do not need to worry about us preaching to the patients. We believe that our evangelism is in our smiles and the knowledge that the dentist, assistant and/or hygienist volunteer their time and their vocational gifts. The clinic is able to show the patients Jesus.

There was a song from my youth days at Prince of Peace called "Show You What Love Is." The song talks about how you can "say all the right words, cite phrases that we both agree, make you believe that I truly love you..." The chorus goes on to say, "Let me show you, what love is, not tell you, what love is." When I look at my life journey so far, it can be very difficult to tell someone about Jesus. I have learned that is not my gift. But ask me to show someone... now you are talking my language! People will put their defenses up and sometimes freak out. But, I have rarely had anyone freak out by showing Christ's love to those around me.

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### Thanksgiving Meal

*"When I was hungry, you gave me food to eat."*

Thank you to everyone who gave of their resources or time to provide our annual Thanksgiving meal. We served about 200 guests dinner and sent over 140 meals to go as well. Who ate with us? Friends, families, employees from Fairview Ridges Hospital, folks without loved ones close by, homeless individuals, and people looking to connect in community on what otherwise may have been a lonely day in their life. We were blessed by many thank yous, smiling faces and laughter throughout the day as well as a full tummy as we finished that last bit of the pumpkin pie.

### Gift Tree

The opportunity to provide a gift through our Gift Tree program has become part of the tradition of many people at Prince of Peace. Imagine the joy as the gift you purchased brightens a child's face on Christmas morning. The hope as a parent opens the food gift certificate and knows their family will have food for a few days to come. The peace of a senior as they snuggle into that soft blanket and for a moment are reminded of a loved one's embrace. Through the generosity of this congregation these moments were played out over 800 times on Christmas morning. Thank you for opening your hearts to people big and small this Christmas season. *Matthew 25:30 - Then the King will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me."*

### Mission Outpost Food Shelf and Clothing Closet

*Isaiah 58:7 - "Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."* Thank you for responding so positively to our food donation request in November. Thanks to you, all the families we served received side dishes for their Thanksgiving meal.

**Volunteers Needed:** During 2017, we served an average of 550 families each month in Mission Outpost. Come serve with us and experience the joy of serving our neighbors in need! Many of our volunteers head south for the winter leaving volunteer opportunities for others, so now is a great time to get involved. Volunteers are needed to sort food and clothing each morning, as well as serve families when we are open for food distribution. We also have an immediate need for drivers to pick up food at various locations each morning, including weekends. All volunteer opportunities are listed at [popmn.org/volunteer](http://popmn.org/volunteer) or contact Jan Dawson at [jdawson@popmn.org](mailto:jdawson@popmn.org) for more information.

**Food Donations:** Your non-perishable food donations are greatly appreciated by the families we serve. Please leave items in the blue bins located at each entrance. Thank you for your donation.

**Donations of Hygiene Items:** Each family that visits Mission Outpost receives a bag of hygiene items. Help us to bless these families by donating toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, feminine products, conditioner, shampoo and lotion to help fill the bags. Donations may be placed in the blue donation bins.

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### **OUT for the World**

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#### **Mission Outpost Dental Clinic**

To prepare for National Children's Dental Health Month in February, new child size toothbrushes may be donated for our visitors to the Mission Outpost in January. Dentists, oral surgeons, hygienists and assistants are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents in our dental clinic on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 pm or on Tuesdays through Thursdays any time. Contact Trudy Koepsell at [outpostdental@popmn.org](mailto:outpostdental@popmn.org) or call 952-898-9318 for details.

#### **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](mailto:kharris@popmn.org). We can pick up and deliver furniture from/to your home.

#### **MOVE**

MOVE is happy to announce a new step in helping families to move toward self-sustainability. Our volunteer team and staff were recently trained by Dakota County Work Force Center to assist clients with resume building. POP now uses the same program available through The Work Force Center for clients visiting our site. This will allow ease of transition between our office and The Work Force Center in either Burnsville or West St. Paul. Visitors to our site who participate in resume building services will receive a flash drive with their resume and other supporting documents, as well as 10 copies of the printed resume. For more information contact Linda Olson at [lolson@popmn.org](mailto:lolson@popmn.org) or 952-898-9307.

#### **Sharing & Caring Hands**

On Monday, January 15 we will be serving a meal at Sharing & Caring Hands in downtown Minneapolis. Please consider joining us in this ministry by preparing/donating food or by volunteering to help serve the food. Volunteer time is 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact Karen at 952-447-4919 or [chellandkaren@mchsi.com](mailto:chellandkaren@mchsi.com) for more information or visit us in the Community Room on January 7 and 14.

#### **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 please contact Mary Frampton at 952-898-9390 or [mframpton@popmn.org](mailto:mframpton@popmn.org).

#### **Human Trafficking Justice**

Trafficking Justice at Prince of Peace is a small group that comes together to fight for the freedom from human trafficking. You can help by participating in these upcoming opportunities: Dignity Bags are used by the police and FBI during recovery operations. We need brand new, plain (no brands/wording) clothing in size M-XXL: underwear, sports bra, socks, t-shirt/long sleeve shirt, sweat pants, package of cleansing cloths, and (optional) slipper/shoes that stretch to fit many sizes. Place items in the blue donation bins in a bag marked "Dignity Bags" with the size marked. Pray for those being trafficked and those who've been rescued. Join others for a monthly group prayer on the first Tuesday of the month at Faith Covenant Church (12921 Nicollet Ave., Burnsville, MN 55337): February 6 at 6:00 pm.

## FINANCE UPDATE

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### Blessed to Be a Blessing

#### Prince of Peace Offering

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| November 2017 Budget | \$264,120 | July – November Budget          | \$1,181,805 |
| November 2017 Actual | \$210,164 | July – November Actual          | \$1,116,307 |
|                      |           | Year to date total below budget | \$ -65,498  |

Total online giving in November (included above): \$87,601

**Your generosity changes lives! Thank you!**

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

#### Special Offering Envelopes: Feed My Starving Children

The Special Offering envelopes through February will provide support for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). The 2018 South Metro packing event will be held on January 29 – February 3, at Prince of Peace. FMSC has been feeding God's hungry children in body and spirit in more than 70 developing countries since 1987, feeding some of the hungriest kids in the world. Each dollar raised with this special offering will support our goal of raising \$100,000 toward the cost of this event. If you would like more information about the FMSC event, please contact Eric Elton at [eelton@popmn.org](mailto:eelton@popmn.org).

Envelopes are available in worship and at the welcome desk or give online at [popmn.org/give](http://popmn.org/give). **Give generously!**

#### 2017 Tax Statements

Giving receipts for 2017 tax purposes will be mailed the end of the third week of January. If you are at an alternate address in January and would like your statement mailed there, please email that information to [sbradee@popmn.org](mailto:sbradee@popmn.org) or call the church office at 952-435-8102. The US Postal Service will not forward tax statements to another address.

#### 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 changes lives!

#### Pledges for 2018 Ministry

Your pledge for 2018 may be made online at [popmn.org/give](http://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](mailto:jvictorey@popmn.org) or call 952-898-9313.

## STAFF/CHURCH UPDATE ---

### Called to Serve on the Prince of Peace Board of Directors?

Love our faith community? Feeling a nudge to serve? Excited about helping Prince of Peace move into a vibrant and exciting future? Prayerfully consider serving on the Board of Directors. Current board members are eager to talk with you about your interest. Reach out to any of them to ask questions about the Board, the role and our mission by emailing [boardofdirectors@popmn.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@popmn.org). Board applications are being accepted until the end of February. To download an application form, visit [popmn.org/board](http://popmn.org/board) or pick up an application packet at the information desk.

### Employment Opportunities

#### Facilities Technician

This position is responsible for set-ups and cleaning and maintaining all public spaces inside and out. The hours are Monday – Thursday 12:30-9:30 and Saturday noon-8:00. The ideal candidate is self-directed, flexible and can adapt to change, has good interpersonal skills and has the ability to work as a part of a team.

#### Family Ministry Community Director

The primary role for this position will be to develop community and connections within Family Ministry. Specific expressions of this role include house groups for Student Ministry, community gatherings for families with children, and connections for new and young parents into Family Ministry. This person will also serve on the teaching teams for Children's Ministry and Student Ministry.

For more information and an application, visit our website at [popmn.org/employment](http://popmn.org/employment).

## 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:** Karys Ann Peare-Kamish, Jackson Mark Peare-Kamish, Maxwell Jordan Gatlin, Sullivan James Gatlin, John Gregory Kirschling, Peter James Kirschling, Olivia Rose Whitcomb.

**Sympathy to:** Ethel Miller & family, on the loss of her husband, Don; Family and friends of David Lehman, as they mourn his loss; Arnie, Elma & Paul Olson and family, on the loss of Paul's wife, Bev; Family and friends of June Soash, as they mourn her loss; Tom & Linda Nelson and family, on the loss of Tom's father; Sue O'Connor & family, on the loss of her husband, Ed; Gene & Sue Schultz and family, on the loss of their son, David; Margret Johnson & family, on the loss of her husband, Richard; Craig and Jeff Loftsgaarden & their families, on the loss of their mother, Jan Loftsgaarden; Agnes Larson & family, on the loss of her husband, Pastor Cal Larson.

### Contacts for Prayer

#### Email prayer requests:

[prayer@popmn.org](mailto:prayer@popmn.org)

#### Prayers printed in the *Direction*:

Karen Helle: [khelle@popmn.org](mailto:khelle@popmn.org), 952-898-9317

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

BONNIE FEATHERSTONE | *Night Freighter* | 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](http://popmn.org/give).

*The deadline for the February Direction is noon on Tuesday, January 9. Please email information to: [communications@popmn.org](mailto:communications@popmn.org).*

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