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## Holy Week at Prince of Peace

*by Mark Slaughter*

Throughout the season of Lent, we are inviting everyone to “Come and See” how Jesus’ life and ministry changes us and the way we see one another and the world around us. Holy Week marks the culmination of Lent and the most significant season for Christians around the world. It begins on March 24-25 with **Palm Sunday** weekend and concludes with **Easter** weekend, March 31 - April 1.

### **Maundy Thursday – March 29, 7:00 pm**

Maundy Thursday will be an immersive time of worship led by the choir and other worship leaders. We will contemplate the time in the Upper Room and consider the drama that unfolded. Together we will re-envision how Jesus demonstrated our calling to serve one another by washing the feet of the disciples, how he taught that the greatest would be the one who serves, and how he reminds the disciples that his mission and calling was to obey his Father, which leads to his impending death and ultimate act of service and sacrifice. This will be a powerful time of worship as we gather in community, so we invite everyone to “Come and See.”

### **Good Friday – March 30, noon & 7:00 pm**

This compelling time of worship will focus on the significance of the cross, one of the most recognizable symbols of all time. We are reminded of Jesus’ crucifixion and how our sin individually and as a community continues to crucify the Body of Christ. Most often when we see a cross, it is empty; however, on Good Friday we see a cross filled with our sin...sin that we must recognize and confess.

### **Easter Weekend – March 31, 5:30 pm & April 1, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am**

It is time to celebrate! The 40 days of Lent have led us to the resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah. We are planning a meaningful and powerful time of worship on Easter weekend. Together our choir, instrumentalists and Pastor Jeff Marian will lead us in worship.

Throughout the season of Lent, many people consider their own spiritual journey and it is a great time to extend an invitation to someone. I encourage you to be courageous and invite someone to join you for worship to “Come and See” how the message of Christ is changing us.

## LAND & BUILDING UPDATE

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### One Church Transformation



#### How Are Plans for Construction Coming?

Our architects at Cuningham Group Architecture are working on construction drawings – the detailed plans that will be used to bid out our project in early spring. Construction drawings are now 75% complete and will be finished in April. We continue to meet with our architects to work out the details on everything from carpeting to wood finishes to mechanical systems to the ultimate scope of work. Construction has been delayed about a month as our architects work through changes in mechanical system design.

Once we have received construction bids in April, our Board will be asked to approve the final scope of the project for Phase 1. Currently it looks like the construction work will be done in at least two phases, with landscaping and parking lot improvements completed in a third phase.

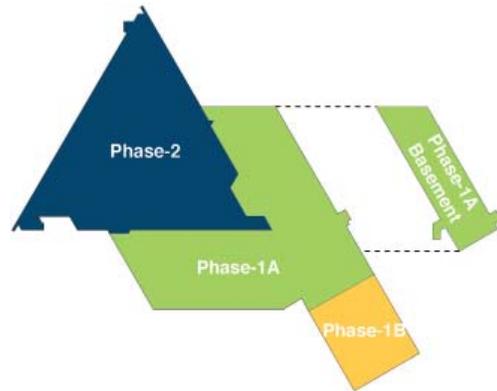
**Staging for construction is tentatively planned for May 15. Our ceremonial groundbreaking is scheduled for Sunday, June 3. Watch for more info in April or visit [popmn.org/land-building-blog](http://popmn.org/land-building-blog).**



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### Proposed Phase 1 Includes:

- construction of a main entrance with a grand staircase, fireplace lounge area, and a large new elevator
- renovation of the lower level child care and hallway into a large gathering space with a new kitchen
- renovation of the Community Room into new administrative offices
- new preschool/family ministry area
- new family ministry offices/small group space
- construction of a basement



Depending on construction bids in April and total financial support from the congregation, Phase 1 may also include all or a portion of the new chapel space. Phase 1 is the most extensive of the entire construction project. When the chapel is complete, it will allow all of family ministry to be in a single building. At that point, everyone except Mission Outpost will move into the new space. Phase 1 adds about 5,000 square feet in the basement and nearly 40,000 square feet of new and renovated space. The chapel space would add just over 5,000 square feet of space. Phase 1 must be complete before work can begin on Phase 2. The current One Church Capital Campaign applies to Phase 1 costs.

### Phase 2 will include:

- a new Mission Outpost space
- renovation of the Sanctuary
- creation of music offices and rehearsal space
- completion of the chapel space, if not done as a part of Phase 1

Phase 2 will require additional funding and a second capital campaign.

### What Will Happen During Construction?

All Prince of Peace ministries will continue during construction, including weekly worship, Vacation Bible School, Worship Arts Camp, Family Ministry, Mission Outpost, support groups, weddings and funerals, small groups and Engage Bible Study.

Will there be impact? Absolutely! Our staff is already collaborating on the ways we can share space and logistics of moving to different space. Construction might change where some people park and how we move around and use our current space, but our staff is working on ways to ease the transition and help everyone – Prince of Peace disciples and guests – get where they need to go.

It is important to remember the disruption and confusion will be temporary. The results – One Church with One Vision under One Roof – will be long-lasting and will leave a legacy for future generations. This is the beginning of a very exciting adventure for us!

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# TRANSFORMED

## *How God Changes Us*

*Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .*

ROMANS 12:2

### Post-Easter Worship Series: Transformed

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 week for **Transformed** starting 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. We’ll set goals by faith and entrust them to the One who cares more about our lives than we do.

We all know that change is hard, even with God on our side. So, we’re inviting all small groups to work together to support one another along the way. We’re also launching new small groups to form during this series, providing a great opportunity to “kick the tires” of small group life if you’re just not sure it’s right for you! Sign up to participate in a small group at the Transformed table each weekend in the Community Room in the month of March.

We’re encouraging you to purchase a special journal 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. Journals are available in the Community Room each weekend in March for \$15.

Our physical campus is about ready 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!



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### **popmn.org/easter**

Visit our Holy Week and Easter web page at **popmn.org/easter** for details about our current worship series, "Come and See" along with info about Holy Week worship, ordering Easter plants and details about our post-Easter worship series, "Transformed!" Share this page with friends and family through your favorite social media platform and invite them to join you.

### **Come On and SING!**

It is time to SING with the Celebration Choir as we prepare for Holy Week. Join us on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a great time of rehearsal as we prepare for all the special times of worship during Holy Week. For more information, visit [popmn.org/choir](http://popmn.org/choir) or contact Dr. Mark Slaughter at [mslaught@popmn.org](mailto:mslaught@popmn.org).

### **Order Easter Plants**

Help us decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by ordering an Easter plant in memory or in honor of a loved one for \$20. We will order Easter lilies, tulips and mums. You may take a plant home with you after the 11:00 am Easter service. Order forms are at the welcome desk, on tables in the Sanctuary, or online at **popmn.org/easter**. Order by March 20. Contact Karen at [khelle@popmn.org](mailto:khelle@popmn.org) or 952-898-9317.

### **Worship at Prince of Peace**

**Saturday - 5:30 pm**

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

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

Childcare is available for all worship services.

## **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](mailto:jklein@popmn.org) or 952-898-9308.

### **Feeling Lost, Dissatisfied or Disconnected?**

**Tuesdays, April 3 – May 15**

**1:00 – 2:30 pm OR 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Christian Life Center Room 110**

You're not alone. So quit wondering, "Is this as good as it gets?" Instead, sign up for On-Purpose Peace and start making sense of your life. This 7-week course will help you discover what inspires and renews you. It will also help you grow into the person God gifted you to be. Cost is \$38 for the On-Purpose Person book and participant guidebook by Kevin W. McCarthy. To learn more or sign up, contact Karen Odegard at [kmodegard@gmail.com](mailto:kmodegard@gmail.com) or 952-210-6818.

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### **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](mailto:ksnyder@popmn.org) or 952-898-9357.

### **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](mailto:ksnyder@popmn.org) or 952-898-9357 to register by Friday, April 6.

### **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](mailto:srothschiller@popmn.org) or 952-898-9358 or Kari Snyder at [ksnyder@popmn.org](mailto:ksnyder@popmn.org) or 952-898-9357. We'd love to get you connected.

### **CDLC Carnival**

**Saturday, March 10 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

CDLC Preschool is getting ready for our annual carnival with games, silent auction, face painting, food, Curious George and more! We invite everyone to come play and have a fun day. Please bring your children and grandchildren. The carnival is a fundraiser for CDLC and our scholarship fund.

**VOLUNTEER GROUPS NEEDED** - We are looking for groups to volunteer at the CDLC Carnival. The time commitment is 2 to 4 hours. If you are aware of any groups that would like to volunteer (Ex. Girl Scout troops, small groups etc.) please contact Linda at [lfreeding@popmn.org](mailto:lfreeding@popmn.org) or 952-435-8105.

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### **Keeping the Promise 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.

**Grade 5 KTP: Apostles' Creed**  
**Sunday, March 11 | 9:45 am**  
**or Wednesday, March 14 | 6:00 pm**

In response to the baptismal promise to teach your child the Apostles' Creed, this KTP will give families the opportunity to explore the meaning behind this very important declaration of faith.

*Please note:* 5th grade Children's Ministry small groups **will not meet** this week; instead, please come with your child to the Family Room for Children's Ministry worship on Sunday or WOW family worship 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 join us for either date as we seek to equip families to live out the promises made during baptism.

### **Student Ministry Worship Series**

During the month of March, StuMin will be working through a topical series called "Captives." During this series the students will hear from speakers regarding phone addiction on March 7, eating disorders on March 14, and sex trafficking on March 21. Parents are invited to attend Parenting Tools during StuMin where there will be a parallel speaker on these subjects from 7:15-8:00 pm in the Chapel in the Christian Life Center.

### **StuMin Serve Night**

**Wednesday, April 18**

On Wednesday, April 18 students will participate in a StuMin Serve Night. Each group is responsible for determining their own service project for the evening. If you have projects that you would like a small group of students to undertake, please contact Jason Kramme at [jkramme@popmn.org](mailto:jkramme@popmn.org).

### **StuMin Banquet**

**Wednesday, May 2 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary**

The StuMin community including students, parents, and leaders will join together to celebrate all that God has done in the past year in StuMin. We will also look ahead to the future of Student Ministry including special initiatives to stay connected to our graduating seniors. Guests are welcome to attend this event! Look for registration information in April. If you would like to donate to or volunteer at the banquet, please contact Jason Kramme at [jkramme@popmn.org](mailto: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](mailto:cswenson@popmn.org). Cost is \$200 for a family of four. Register at [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register).

## Camp Wapo

**Grade 2-3: July 13-15 | Grade 4-12: July 15-20**

This summer all of our Prince of Peace kids will head to Camp Wapo on the same week! Elementary and middle school students will enjoy a great week at the 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, hiking, canoeing, and horseback riding, campfire worship and devotional time. Cost is \$165 for grade 2-3 and \$430 for grade 4-12. Register at [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register) by March 15. Contact Jason Kramme, [jkramme@popmn.org](mailto:jkramme@popmn.org).



## 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](http://popmn.org/register).

# FAMILY MINISTRY SUMMER 2018



## VBS After Party

**Thursday, June 14 | [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)**

**Middle School: Grade 6-8 | Noon - 5:00 pm**

After VBS we will head to Valleyfair. Then we will come back to Prince of Peace to volunteer at the VBS Family Picnic from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

**Thursday, June 14 | [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)**

**High School: Grades 9-12 | 7:00 - 10:00 pm**

We will meet at Emagine Theater in Lakeville where we will have our own personal theater. We will play games, watch a movie of our choice and end with worship led by Russ. \$20 gets unlimited popcorn and refreshments.

## 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](http://popmn.org/register).

## Summer StuMin

Join us for six weeks this summer at gatherings hosted at members' homes, including food, fun, and an opportunity to gather around our faith all summer long. Each week there will be a separate gathering for Senior High (grade 9-12) and Middle School (grade 6-8). No registration required. Bring your friends. Look for more information in April! To help out with planning, contact Jason Kramme at [jkramme@popmn.org](mailto:jkramme@popmn.org).

## 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](mailto:dridgway@popmn.org) or 952-898-9337. Proceeds not designated for a specific student will go toward scholarships for these events.

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### **Clean Energy Passion Appreciated**

The POP Creation Care small group wants to thank the many Prince of Peace members who signed the letter in January encouraging our Minnesota lawmakers to increase the renewable energy standard in the state from 25% to 50%. Our list of signatures was joined with those from the 11 churches in the south metro that make up InterFaith Creation Care. They were then combined with those collected by Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light, ISAIAH, and the EcoFaith Network of the Minneapolis Synod, ELCA. Representatives from those organizations will present the signatures along with the letter to the Capitol. The letter is a powerful statement for stewardship of God's creation and can be found in the "Actions we have taken" page of the POP Creation Care website at <https://popcreationcare.blogspot.com>. Actions taken by the legislature will be reported at this website also. Your children and grandchildren thank you!

### **Men's Retreat**

#### **March 10-11 | Mount Olivet Retreat Center**

We've tripled our space due to popular demand! Join us in Farmington from 1:00 pm on Saturday to 10:00 am on Sunday. We will screen two movies followed by faith-based conversations, along with time for rest, relaxation, cribbage, and 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." Bring a snack to share and your own beverages. Register at [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register). Contact Mark Rehborg with questions: 952-452-4433, [mark.rehborg@gmail.com](mailto:mark.rehborg@gmail.com).

### **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**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)**

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

#### **Parkinson's Disease Support Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://popmn.org/support) or call 952-898-9358.

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### Mission Outpost: Minnesota FoodShare Month



The holiday season is a time of great generosity. People make sure struggling families can have a big, joyous meal and children can wake up to presents. But the needs of many families don't end when the holidays do. Every day families in our communities are faced with tough choices when their income doesn't meet their basic needs. Rent or food? A bed or gas to get to work this month? Winter coats or boots and mittens?

Our Mission Outpost staff and volunteer see hundreds of families each month faced with tough – sometimes painful – decisions around food, clothing and other basic needs. They are parents who have to put their baby to bed hungry, and then listen to them cry themselves to sleep. They are children shivering while waiting for the bus in a sweatshirt. They are people sleeping in their car on a cold Minnesota winter night.

Minnesota FoodShare works to restock Minnesota food shelves after the glow of the holidays has faded. Minnesota FoodShare envisions a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. March is Minnesota FoodShare Month. In 2017, over \$8 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds of food were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare. We invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our communities.

To partner with us, please consider placing a donation of non-perishable food items in any of the blue bins in the month of March. You may also make a financial contribution in the offering bag designated to Mission Outpost. At the end of the month, the total pounds of food and total dollars we raised will determine how much of a matching donation we get from Minnesota FoodShare, allowing us to serve even more of our neighbors in need.

Every little thing you give to Mission Outpost goes to support families in need. From the can of corn to the gently-used bedding nothing goes unused. The money you saved by not purchasing that cup of coffee can provide protein for a family of four for two meals. The t-shirts in your donated bag of clothing are now used around the world as diapers for newborns. Your generosity changes lives.

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### **OUT for the World**

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#### **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](http://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](mailto: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)
- bedsheets (queen & king) & blankets
- dishes, drinkware, silverware & pots/pans
- bath towels & bathroom rugs
- toilet paper & feminine products
- soap, toothpaste & lotion
- shampoo & conditioner

#### **Mission Outpost Furniture**

We accept gently used basic household furniture 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 Harris at 952-898-9310 or [kharris@popmn.org](mailto: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 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 contact Trudy Koepsell at [outpostdental@popmn.org](mailto:outpostdental@popmn.org) for more information.

#### **MOVE**

If walking alongside a family who is traveling a difficult road makes your heart smile, we have a place for you! To learn more about this ministry please contact Linda Olson at [lolson@popmn.org](mailto:lolson@popmn.org) or 952-898-9307.

#### **Military Ministry**

Did you know that as of August 2016 the US had over 1.3 million active duty personnel? Of those, 193,442 serving overseas in 150 countries around the world. We are grateful that this number has decreased significantly over the past few years, but when it is your son or daughter, husband, wife or significant other, that number need only be 1 to have an impact on your life.

We invite you to join Prince of Peace and Mary Mother Catholic Church in sending care boxes to support these troops. The Support Our Troops board is located in the Worship Center just inside door B where you will find further information. Contact JoAnn at 952-894-2787. Thank you to all who support this ministry.

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### Sharing & Caring Hands

Do you love to cook or do you have the gift of serving others? On Monday, March 19 we will be serving a lunchtime meal in downtown Minneapolis. Please consider joining us by preparing/donating food or by volunteering to help serve the food at Sharing and Caring Hands. Contact Karen at 952-447-4919 or [chellandkaren@mchsi.com](mailto:chellandkaren@mchsi.com) or visit our table in the Community Room March 4, 11, and 18.

### 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. You may also volunteer at the birthday parties at Dakota Woodlands on March 26 or April 23. Please contact Kim at [kimberlyj1078@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyj1078@gmail.com) or 952-240-7688.

### T-Shirt Diaper Ministry

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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-shirt 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](mailto:nlferche@gmail.com).

### Join our Hospitality Team!

We are looking for volunteers to help us ensure every person that attends weekend worship at 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 worship 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, friends, small group, or your whole family! All volunteers will serve on a rotational basis. Contact Amy Oestreich for more info at 952-898-9393 or [aoestreich@popmn.org](mailto:aoestreich@popmn.org).

### Thank You from Trafficking Justice!

Trafficking Justice would like to thank all who contributed to the Dignity Bag Project in January. We delivered 23 bags of clothing to Youth Links who planned to use them for girls rescued from sex trafficking during the week of the Super Bowl. They were thrilled to get them! Sadly, this issue doesn't stop when the game is over. Minnesota ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the country for human trafficking and 1<sup>st</sup> for online trafficking.

Pray for those being trafficked and those who've been rescued. Join others for a monthly group prayer at 6:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Faith Covenant Church, 12921 Nicollet Ave, Burnsville, MN 55337.

## FINANCE UPDATE

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### Blessed to be a Blessing

#### Prince of Peace Offering

January 2018 Budget	\$265,890	July – January Budget	\$1,804,655
January 2018 Actual	\$221,835	July – January Actual	<u>\$1,824,678</u>
		Year to date total above budget	\$ 20,018

Total online giving in January (included above): \$117,779

**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 March and 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](http://popmn.org/give).

**Make an impact around the world! Give generously!**

#### 2017 Tax Statements

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

#### Pledges for 2018 Ministry

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. Your pledge for 2018 may be made online at [popmn.org/give](http://popmn.org/give). Our generosity together changes lives!

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.

## CHURCH/BOARD UPDATE

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### Pastor Jeff Celebrates 10 Years with Prince of Peace

This month marks Pastor Jeff Marian's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Prince of Peace. Pastor Jeff has led Prince of Peace with vision, insight, compassion and humor. We are blessed by his visionary leadership, thoughtful teaching and inspiring preaching. Please join Prince of Peace staff and leadership in offering thanks for Pastor Jeff and asking for blessing for our future together.

Join the Call Committee and Board of Directors for a reception of cake and punch after all worship services in the Community Room on March 10-11.

## ONE CHURCH

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### One Church Capital Campaign

As of February 26, 877 families are participating in the One Church campaign, with pledges just over \$5.6 million. Donations may be made online at [popmn.org/give](http://popmn.org/give). All we invest today will richly bless ministry today and bless generations of tomorrow. Take ownership of our future. Build our legacy. Give generously.

## PRAYERS

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### 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:**

Lily James Reierson, daughter of Carter Reierson & Brandy Gilbertson; Conor Joseph O'Shaughnessy, son of Trevor & Bethany O'Shaughnessy

#### **Sympathy to:**

Doug and Anita Cole and their family as they mourn the loss of Doug's father; the family and friends of Walter and Helen Korsrud as they mourn their loss; the family and friends of Cindy Balgaard as they mourn her loss.

### Contacts for Prayer

#### **Email prayer requests:**

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

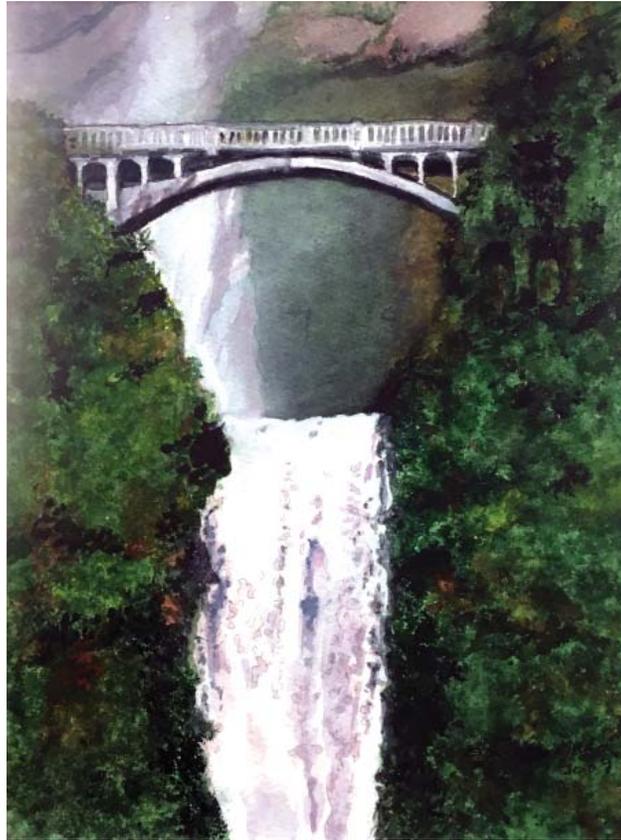
#### **Prayers printed in the *Direction*:**

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.

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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](http://popmn.org/give).

*The deadline for the March Direction is noon on Tuesday, March 6. Please email information to: [communications@popmn.org](mailto:communications@popmn.org).*

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