

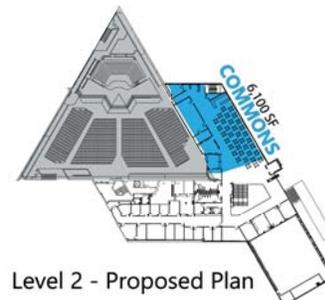
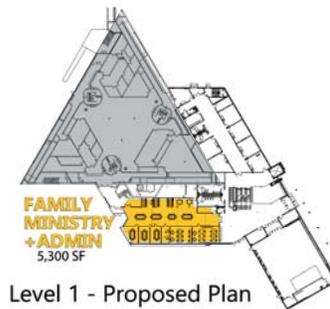
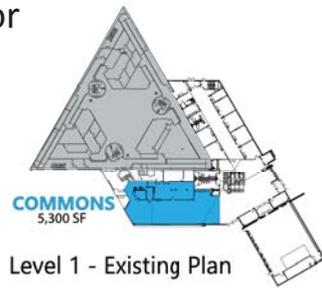


Update on One Church Transformation Construction

by Jane Victorey

Critical design changes have been made to our One Church Transformation project. Every renovation project provides the opportunity to make changes along the way as new information is gathered and as teams work together to create the best possible outcome. In early April our Land & Building team, staff, Board, architects and general contractor discussed changes to the commons gathering space proposed for the first floor and came to consensus on swapping this space with the shared office spaces proposed for the second floor of the new addition.

Proposed Floor Plan Changes



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ONE CHURCH

Why the change?

- The first floor of our 1982 addition (current child care area) has low ceilings, creating design difficulties with ductwork/venting necessary for use as gathering space and commercial kitchen
- There was ongoing concern about the low ceilings and length of the proposed space making the gathering area feel like a tunnel rather than a welcoming place to congregate
- Five pillars must remain in that space and would provide sight line issues in a gathering space
- The initial building flow would have promoted an immediate exit after worship rather than encouraging people to stay for fellowship

What's the impact of swapping the locations of the commons gallery and shared office spaces?

- A second floor commons space with large windows, tall ceilings and uninterrupted space will feel more spacious and inviting; people will flow directly out of the sanctuary into space that invites them to stay and build community
- The commercial kitchen can be designed more efficiently in new space on the second floor versus retrofitted space on the first floor; a catering kitchen and coffee bar will be added to the first floor
- Family Ministry and some administrative offices will move to the first floor in space that lends itself to flexible options, small group areas and more efficiently laid out offices
- Improved flow for family ministry with small group space adjacent to the chapel
- Simultaneous events can be accommodated in the chapel and the sanctuary with separate gathering spaces for both groups. A large gathering area will remain near the main door outside the chapel with room for 160-200 people. The upstairs commons area can accommodate over 450 people to gather outside the sanctuary.

What happens with construction timelines?

- Our project has already been delayed about a month while mechanical systems were being redesigned. This change will add a few more weeks to the construction drawings and bid work
- Final costs will be determined by the second week of June
- With Board approval on the scope, construction work will begin in July
- Phase 1 will be complete by the end of summer 2019

What about the scheduled groundbreaking ceremony?

The groundbreaking ceremony has been rescheduled for June 23-24 during all worship services. It has been postponed from its original date of June 3 so that we can have final costs and an approved scope of work for Phase 1 of our One Church Transformation project prior to the groundbreaking.

Congregational Forum | Sunday, May 20 | Following 8:30 & 9:45 worship services

Congregational forums will be held in the Community Room to discuss updated plans and the latest timeline, along with an opportunity to ask questions about the project. Additional information is available at popmn.org/land-building-blog.

Every journey takes an unexpected turn or two, and this one is no different. We fully trust God is directing our steps and that the destination – a new home for God and God's people – will be worth the wait!

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UP with God _____

Outdoor Worship

May 26-27 – June 23-24

Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 9:45 am

A silver lining with our construction delays is the ability to have a few weekends of outdoor worship this summer! Join us Saturday at 5:30 pm or Sunday at 9:45 am beginning Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. This is a great time to connect with friends and make new ones in a causal setting. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, or use some of the chairs provided. We will move indoors after the groundbreaking ceremony on June 23-24 so that the construction project can get underway. Our Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am worship services will continue to be held in the Sanctuary. We hope you will make worship a priority throughout the summer months as we continue to engage in God's Word together.

Concert of Praise

Sunday, May 6 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary



The psalmist says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!" Join the Celebration Choir, Children's Choir, and special guest Robert Robinson

(local gospel vocal legend) in this 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. Join us for this incredible evening of praise as we respond to the call to give praise to the Lord! This concert is open to the public. In lieu of an admission fee, a freewill offering will be received. Join us for a great evening of music!

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IN through Community _____

Welcome to Our Newest Prince of Peace Members!

- Tanner, Kelli and Harrison Jass
- Bonnie Boberg
- Doug and Janet Pritchard

Become a member 24/7/365 using our online New Member portal at popmn.org/join.

Contact Julie Klein if you have questions: jklein@popmn.org or 952-898-9308.

Engage Bible Study

The final sessions of the Engage Bible Study for the season will be May 14, 15 and 16. The sessions are Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesday at 6:30 am (Men's Bible Study) and Wednesday at noon. Engage Bible Study will resume in September 2018.

S.A.L.T. (Senior Adults Learning Together)

Mondays, May 7 & 14 | 9:30-11:45 am

Seniors Learning Together, Inc., a non-profit organization for over 20 years, continues to offer enrichment learning to people over 55. Sponsored by a coalition of 13 churches in Dakota County, the program is, however, open to people of ALL ages! There are 4 presentations on various subjects scheduled each day (2 speakers each hour). Participants choose one session to attend each hour. The first hour begins at 9:30 a.m. Classes are \$5/ person per Monday. No pre-registration required. The program is followed by an optional lunch at 11:45 a.m. that includes entertainment. For up-to-date information and to register visit risensavior.org/salt. (Please note the program takes place at Church of the Risen Savior in Burnsville.)

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Fun in the Summer Sun!

by Jess Olson & Swen Swenson

After a snowy start to spring, it's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner...but we have hope. And we have plans. Boy, do we have plans! Okoboji Family Recharge, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Worship Arts Camp, Wapo...all amazing opportunities to move UP with God, IN through Community and OUT for the World! Register today at popmn.org/register.

Okoboji Family Recharge | May 18-20

Every year Prince of Peace sets aside a weekend for young families to grow closer together, meet other families, and recharge their faith and friendships. This year at "Base Camp" we welcome Derek Jacobsen, Director of Youth for Christ in N. Iowa, as our guest speaker. Derek will share his journey of climbing Mt. Rainier and inspire us with stories and lessons designed to strengthen our faith and empower us to overcome the mountains we face in life and give us tools for the journey. This all takes place just over 3 hours away at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp on beautiful Lake Okoboji, IA. The cost is \$200 for a family of up to 4 people (\$25 per additional person), and includes lodging, food, programming and use of facilities.

Vacation Bible School | June 11-14



This year, we find ourselves "Shipwrecked" and saved by Jesus as we discover that Jesus rescues us when we're lonely, worried, struggling, when we make a mistake and feel powerless. We'll learn that Jesus journeys with us through life and loves us...no matter what. In talking to people about VBS, I heard, "I love VBS! My favorite part is all of it!" and "Being a leader at VBS is so fun because all you do is spend a couple hours hanging with great kids and having a whole lot of fun right along with them!" If you're available until noon

Monday through Thursday, plan to join us! I promise there's no better way to kick off your summer!

Worship Arts Camp | June 25-28

A fabulous week where kids in grades K-5 explore the worship arts and discover how God can use them in the world. Our week is full of art, singing, drama, and music. We get to experience specialty clinics, visit nursing homes, serve the families of the Mission Outpost, and close our week with a powerful worship experience that highlights how God worked in us and through us throughout the week! We serve others, we grow in faith and we discover that God has given us gifts that can touch the lives of other's for God's glory.



Camp Wapo | July 13-15 + 15-20

We'll head to Lake Wapogasset in Amery, WI for an amazing week centered around Hebrews 10:24-25 where we'll not only discover that we are created for community but experience it in everything we do! It's going to be an amazing weekend/week!

We can smell the sunscreen already!

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POP Play Place

Parents: Beginning this month, you'll have the opportunity to grab a cup of coffee and spend time in the Community Room connecting with other adults before or after worship while your kids play in the POP Play Place! This is a dedicated area in the Community Room with toys and space for preschoolers to get their wiggles out every Sunday morning. There will be information available about opportunities for families with young children and a child care staff person will be available to answer any of your questions. Parent supervision required.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

May 12-13

Prince of Peace students will be selling geraniums, begonias, petunias, marigolds and mixed annuals for \$18-25 to raise funds for scholarships. Sales will benefit students attending Camp Wapo and going on the Student Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. Contact Dawn with questions at dridgway@popmn.org or 952-898-9337.

Register for 2018-19 School Year

Child Development & Learning Center (CDLC) has been a ministry and outreach of POP for 47 years. We are located in the lower level of the Worship Center. Children are grouped by 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. We only have a few spots left for the 2018-19 school year. Call 952-435-8105 for more information. Register at CDLCPreschool.org.

VBS After Parties

Thursday, June 14

This year we will host two editions of VBS After Party. Middle school students will head to Valleyfair 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. Register at popmn.org/register.

Summer StuMin

June 20 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 1 & 8

This summer, Prince of Peace students and friends are invited to six weeks of social gatherings for students in middle and high school. Each week middle school will gather in one house while high school will gather in another. There is no registration fee for participating, however students are asked to donate snacks when they attend. Activities will include swimming, wakeboarding, pontooning, ultimate Frisbee, movies, and game nights. We are looking for adult volunteers to chaperone events. Students must sign a waiver to participate; it can be found at popmn.org/stumin. Contact Jason Kramme at jkramme@popmn.org for more information.

Waffle Wednesdays With Jason

June 20 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22
9:00-10:00 am | The Buzz Coffee & Café,
411 Burnsville Pkwy., Burnsville

Like Jesus? Like waffles? Students in grades 6-12 are invited to meet Jason Kramme at the Buzz in Burnsville on Wednesdays this summer. Waffles and a drink will run approximately \$10. Come and hang out! Contact Jason at jkramme@popmn.org

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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 - 8:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 230

Adult Children of Persons with Memory Loss

3rd Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 250

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday-Thursday, noon - 1:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 200

Caregiver Support Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 230

Depression Support Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 280

Grief Support Group

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Christian Life Center, Chapel

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

2nd Monday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Christian Life Center, Room 230

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

2nd Thursday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Christian Life Center, Media Center

Women's Divorce Support Group

Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Christian Life Center, Welcome Center

All groups are open. No fee or pre-registration.
More information at popmn.org/support or
call 952-898-9358.

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OUT for the World _____

Sharing & Caring Hands

Do you love to cook or do you have the gift of serving others? On Monday, May 21, we will be serving a lunchtime meal in downtown Minneapolis. Please consider joining us in this ministry by preparing/donating food or by volunteering to help serve the food at Sharing & Caring Hands. Contact Karen at 952-447-4919 or email chellandkaren@mchsi.com for more information or visit us at the sign-up table in the Community Room after worship services on May 6, 13 and 20.

Echo Park Gives Thanks!

The staff and students of Echo Park Elementary are grateful for the vision to "Adopt Your Neighborhood School" that was established by Prince of Peace in August of 2011. Each day the halls are brightened with Prince of Peace volunteers creating relationships with our children while strengthening their academics. For this, we say "THANK YOU!"

We would like to invite those who have served at Echo Park in any capacity, for any amount of time, to a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, May 17 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please contact Joy Englund with questions at joy.englund@distrcit196.org or 952-431-8390.

CALLED TO CONNECT OUT for the World

Mega Sale 2018

by Jan Castillo & Eric Elton

As we prepare for the construction project to begin later this spring, we're excited for the great mission and ministry that will continue throughout the process, including our Mega Sale. The 28th annual sale will downsize and be known as the **Mini Mega Sale**. We are taking our missions fundraiser back to its roots as we reorganize and prepare to hold the three-day event in and around the Christian Life Center building. This year, the Mini Mega Sale will include the following sale areas:

- Adult Clothing, Shoes, Accessories
- Antiques & Collectibles
- Children's Clothing, Equipment, Toys
- Computers & Electronics
- Furniture
- Home Décor & Baskets
- Household
- Lamps & Vacuums
- Linens
- Office & School Supplies
- Sporting Goods
- JoAnn's Java Coffee Shop
- Men's Ministry Food Stand

With the shortened list of sale areas and the reduced list of accepted items, volunteers will be diligent during donation drop-off to turn away items at curbside that are not accepted. We just won't have the space to take them. Visit popmn.org/megasale and [facebook.com/POPMegaSale](https://www.facebook.com/POPMegaSale) for a list of accepted items and where you can donate items not accepted for sale.

The Mini Mega Sale – from the first day of donation drop-off to post-sale clean up – will last only 15 days! There will be 6 days to drop off donations this year. With a shorter schedule, we need lots of volunteers to help prep for and execute a successful sale.

Mini Mega Sale Dates:

Thursday, August 23 | 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, August 24 | 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, August 25 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Drop Off Dates:

Saturdays, August 11 & 18 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sundays, August 12 & 19 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Monday, August 13 | 1:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, August 16 | 1:00 - 8:00 pm

The website and Facebook page listed above will be updated regularly with volunteer needs, a sale map, and how YOU can help make our mini sale a HUGE success.

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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.

- **Weekend opportunity to serve:** emptying the blue donation bins once a month on Sunday morning (great opportunity for a family to work together!)
- **Morning opportunities to serve:** pick up food at various locations each morning including weekends. Contact Jan Dawson at jdawson@popmn.org or 952-898-9365 for more information.

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
- feminine products
- diapers (sizes 4 & 5) and wipes

Mission Outpost Furniture

Would you like to deliver a bed or a dresser to a family in need? We're looking for volunteers to join our delivery team! Time commitment is about one hour. Vehicle is provided. Anytime between 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Also Saturday morning. Contact Kim Harris at 952-898-9310 or kharris@popmn.org.

Mission Outpost Dental Clinic

Registered Dental Hygienists, dentists, oral surgeons, and assistants are also 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 Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. Please email outpostdental@popmn.org for more information.

Do You Own A Local Business?

Are you a business owner looking for a non-traditional way of being in service? As part of our MOVE ministry we assist adults with local job search. We are currently looking for business leaders willing to partner with us to help adults who utilize our food shelf/clothing closet to attain a living wage. Many of our families/adults are currently employed, with some having 2 or more jobs. However, with the rising costs of rent, healthcare, food and other life necessities they are still finding it hard to make ends meet. Please contact Linda Olson at 952-898-9307 for more information.

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Dakota Woodlands Shelter

Gift card buyers are needed for the monthly birthday parties at Dakota Woodlands, our local shelter for homeless families. Spend \$15-20 on a Target or Walmart gift card. Volunteers are also needed! If you would enjoy volunteering for the birthday parties at Dakota Woodlands please contact Kim at kimberlyj1078@gmail.com or call 952-240-7688. You can volunteer as your schedule permits. These monthly gatherings are such a blessing to these families!

T-Shirt Diaper Ministry

2nd 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-shirts 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 niferche@gmail.com.

Military Ministry

We invite you to join Prince of Peace and Mary Mother Catholic Church in sending care boxes to support troops stationed overseas. The Support Our Troops board is located inside Door B where you will find further information. To assist with the packing or any questions please call: JoAnn at 952-894-2787. Thank you to all who support this ministry.

STAFF UPDATE

Thank You, Trudy Koepsell!

What? A dental clinic? At Prince of Peace? Just over four years ago, we added a dental clinic to our offerings at Mission Outpost. Trudy Koepsell was our first staff person to launch into this new ministry. She blazed trails by recruiting dental professionals to serve, made connections with local dental clinics, dental supply companies, hygienist associations, and many more areas. After serving over 2,000 patients, Trudy is retiring from the dental clinic leadership. We are grateful to God for Trudy and the way she shared her gifts and passion for the underserved in the area of oral hygiene.

A Job Well Done for Carrie Keuhl!

We'd like to express our appreciation to Carrie Keuhl for her seven years of service on the Worship Arts team. Carrie completed her work at Prince of Peace in April to pursue her expanding travel business. The good news is that you will continue to see her at Prince of Peace and hear her singing and leading in worship. We are thankful for all her gifts and for her ministry with us.

Thank You, Holly Welch!

We are grateful to Holly Welch for all of the gifts she has shared with us over the past eight years on the Worship Arts team. Holly has served as a writer, artist, and creative thinker; most notably, providing the weekly small group resources and artwork for our many worship series. She will conclude her time on staff at the end of May.

FINANCE UPDATE

One Year Celebration of the One Church Capital Campaign

We have much to celebrate!

Our One Church capital campaign was launched on May 7, 2017. As of April 20, 877 families have made a commitment to the One Church campaign to support the first phase of transforming our Worship Center. Transformation that when complete will bring all ministries under one roof, create a clear and welcoming front door, significantly enhance hospitality, add a 300-seat chapel space, upgrade all of our building systems and technology, and create less dedicated/more flexible spaces to accommodate more ministry possibilities. These improvements will serve ministry today and for generations to come.

To date \$5.7 million has been committed for Phase 1 of this transformation, and \$3.2 million has already been received! This is 56% of commitments received within the first year of the capital campaign, a remarkable response! This accelerated giving will allow us to proceed farther into construction without borrowing, and gives confidence in the overall campaign to support the transformation project.

Thank you to all who have committed to the One Church campaign! If you are not yet participating – we need you now! Be a part of our future as we enrich ministry today and richly bless the generations of tomorrow. Visit popmn.org/onechurch to make a commitment.

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Prince of Peace Offering

March 2018 Budget	\$256,350	July – March Budget	\$2,284,655
March 2018 Actual	\$266,587	July – March Actual	\$2,330,392
		Year to date total above budget	\$ 45,737

Total online giving in March (included above): \$97,339

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 May and June will support **ELCA Hunger**, which is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. More than 800 million people are hungry in the world, and our gifts together will support microloans, water wells, community meals, advocacy and sustainable solutions to get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

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!**

CHURCH UPDATE

Memorial Day Holiday

The church offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 28, but on-call ministers are available 24/7 by calling 952-435-8102.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The next Annual Meeting of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will be held on June 9-10, 2018 during all worship services.

Save the Date – Footsteps of the Apostle Paul

Join Pastor Jeff in August 2019 on a journey to Greece in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul. More details to come.

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:

Cameron Matthew Pivec, son of Matthew & Emily Pivec; River Keaton Spescha Emsley and Sophie Renae Spescha Emsley, children of Jacob Spescha Emsley & Starla Miranda.

Weddings:

Darlene Galbrecht and James Johnson

Sympathy to:

Gina LaDoux & family, on the death of her brother, Gary; Mark & Kathy Thompson & family, on the death of Mark's mother, Ardell Thompson; Family & friends of Beryl Maw; DeAnn Purcelli & family, on the death of her sister-in-law, Esther Anderson; Robert & Jean Steffen and family, on the death of Robert's mother, Donna; Family & friends of Margie Seklund; Steve & Peg Knudsen & family, on the death of Steve's mother.

Contacts for Prayer

Email prayer requests:

prayer@popmn.org

Prayers printed in the *Direction*:

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

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

BONNIE FEATHERSTONE | *Orange Cones - Summer in the City*



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 June Direction is noon on Tuesday, May 8. Please email information to communications@popmn.org.

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