



April 27-28, 2024
1 Corinthians 12:12-26



**THRIV'ERA
CONNECTED**

As image bearers of the Divine, we are connected human beings called to explore generative, healthy, life-giving relationships with others. We thrive as connected people by nurturing healthy interactions, practicing intentional acts of kindness, and showing hospitality to create trust and build respect that sustains the community.

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, 5:30 pm / SUNDAY, 10:30 am

Unselfie: The Musical

Presented by the POP Praise Choir

SUNDAY, 9:00 am

All Are Welcome

**10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord
They'll Know We Are Christians**

Message: Nathan Lyke

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Go as a connected child of God,
bringing some good to each moment,
something better to each day,
and our best to each other.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Thriv'era Sermon Series

If you would like to access small group study guide resources for this sermon, visit popmn.org/worship/downloads/

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Anniversary Celebration

Join us in the Community Room on **Sunday, April 28** as we celebrate MOPS' significant years of ministry! We are excited to introduce this ministry's new name: The MomCo!

Mens' Ministry Pre-Mother's Day Breakfast

Join Men's Ministry in the Community Room on **Sunday, May 5** as they serve their last breakfast for the season in honor of all mothers ... and all mothers eat free!

Transition Blog

Visit our Transition Blog for updates related to leadership transitions: popmn.org/category/transition-blog

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



CONNECTION CARD

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PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Best Contact Phone _____ Birthdate _____

How did you hear about us? _____

(name of person who invited you, mailing, website, etc.)

☐ Guest

☐ Desire to Join

☐ Desire to Volunteer

☐ Contact Update

☐ Contact Me

*See reverse side for
Spiritual Care request*



Through the research of Canadian scientist, Dr. Suzanne Simard, and others, we have learned that trees are connected underground by a wide and complex fungal network. They can use this network to send messages, warnings, even nourishment to other trees in their community.

You might have heard that scientists studying quantum physics are finding that we share billions of atoms with other people, including those who are long dead. You might have heard civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer's quote: "No one is free until everybody's free." You might have heard people say things like this: "If it's not Good News for everyone, than it's not good news for anyone." Or "we are all one body in Christ." Or "It takes a village." Or "We are stronger together." Or "I get by with a little help from my friends."

If you're a Harry Potter fan, you might remember Luna Lovegood telling Harry: "If I were You-Know-Who, I'd want you to feel cut off from everyone else. Because if it's just you alone, you're not as much of a threat."

Science and art, poetry and activism – they all tell us that we're made for connection. But our current situation – lingering Covid-related separation, anger and division created by social media, the proliferation of screen addiction, a decreasing ability to respectfully engage in difficult discourse, and more – fosters isolation.

- What are we, as followers of Jesus, called to do about that isolation?
- Who needs welcome, solidarity, support? Who needs to know that they are not alone? Who needs to be invited into community? Who is desperate to be seen or heard? Who is always overlooked? How would your community be richer with more people, with different voices, and with wider connection and belonging?

RESOURCE: To dive deeper into the topic of connection, watch Tom Shadyac's 2010 documentary called "I AM," available to rent on Prime Video or YouTube TV. It poses many questions about the nature of connection, and what that means for us as humans.

SPIRITUAL CARE REQUEST

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Prayer Request: Prayer Ministers will pray for your request(s) listed below.

IS THIS PRAYER REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL?

- ☐ Yes. Share with the prayer team only. ☐ No. First name can be shared on the congregational prayer list.

Name _____ Date _____

Email/Phone _____

I Would Like:

- ☐ To pray with someone over the phone or in person.
- ☐ Someone from the Spiritual Care Team to contact me.