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**PRESERVE • OPEN • PLANT**

**PRINCE OF PEACE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROSPECTUS**



## Dear Prince of Peace Family and Friends,

As we invest in our future, we are confident that God has been, and will continue to be, faithful. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us of God's faithfulness: *For I know what I have planned for you, says the LORD. I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope. (Jer 29:11)*

Prince of Peace has lived into this promise for generations and will continue to do so for generations to come. We are all a part of this shared legacy, a legacy that will **Preserve** our past, is **Open** and welcoming to all, and **Plant** our future harvest together. Our POP Capital Campaign is designed to do just that.

We ask for your prayers and support. Please, join us.

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**Paul Dean**  
Lead Pastor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Pat Theis + Taya Theis'.

**Pat and Taya Theis**  
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## PRESERVE: Our History

In 1963, 68 families came together to form a new Lutheran church in the corn fields on the far edge of the Twin Cities. They adapted to changing times and changing demographics, innovating to reach people with the Good News of God's love. This innovative spirit led to the creation of the now-iconic outdoor worship service in the old Lucky Twin Drive-In Theater.



Through God's faithfulness, Prince of Peace quickly outgrew the original building, located at Nicollet Avenue and Burnsville Parkway. In 1976 we moved to our current campus. Multiple purchases, renovations, and additions led to the space that anchors our vibrant ministry today and allows us to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in our community and beyond.

This creative ingenuity remains part of Prince of Peace's DNA. We've never been a typical Lutheran Church.

- ✓ In recent years, our Mission Outpost has grown from a few cans of food in a closet to a place of hope where the physical and spiritual needs of people are met with radical hospitality and care. We have encountered the Holy Spirit at work as we've adapted to meet the needs of our community.
- ✓ We invite all people to experience God's presence in powerful ways through our unique worship services, including use of our recently added sensory space to help people of all ages feel welcome just as they are.
- ✓ We continue the tradition of gathering for outdoor worship throughout the summer months, enjoying God's creation as we sing, commune and pray together.

We will **preserve** that innovative culture as we look to the future.

## OPEN: To God's Love for All

At Prince of Peace our goal is simple – to love God and to love people. All people!

These words as we prepare for Holy Communion say it all:

*Again, after supper,  
Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink,  
Saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
And all means all*

At Prince of Peace we believe that God loves us all, exactly as we are. God's abundant love is inclusive of all ages, genders, races, identities, sexual orientations and socioeconomic backgrounds. We're **open** to all people, because God is open to all people.



## PLANT: Seeds for the Future

Prince of Peace builds on our proud and innovative past, continuing to plant seeds that will bear fruit for years to come.

We are planting seeds in future faith with a renewed emphasis on kids, families and young adults. Recent additions to our pastoral staff are helping us lay this groundwork. Pastor Rory Philstrom will focus his work on engaging the Millennial and GenZ communities while Pastor Jill Bergman will foster authentic community and connection with children, students and young families.

These seeds of faith continue to grow as we realign our staff for new ministry initiatives that focus on our community of newly-retired adults.



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**\$4.6 MILLION GOAL**

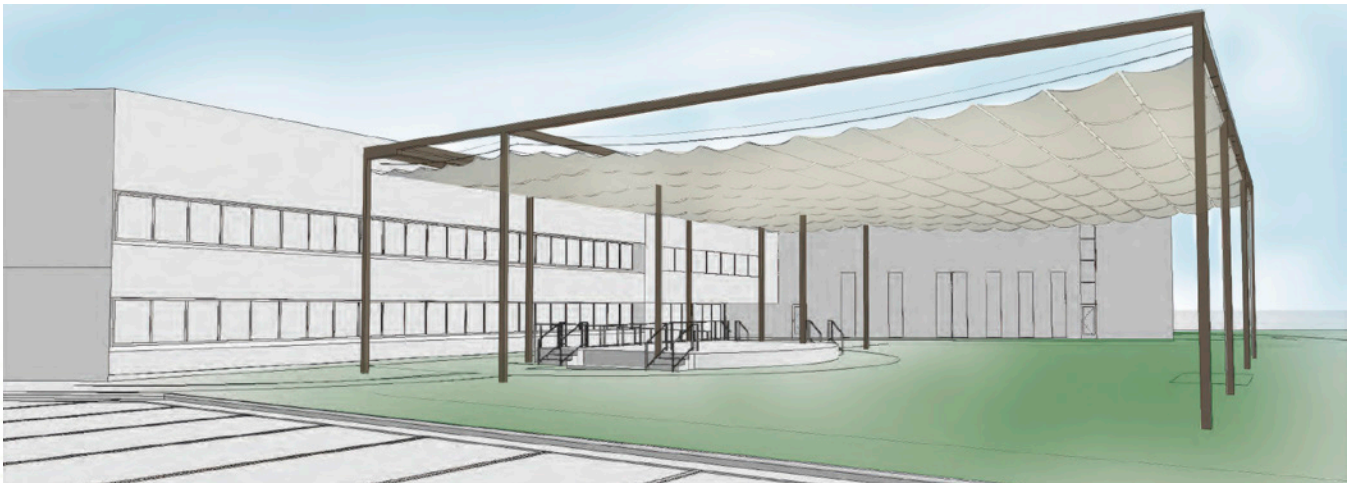
## PRESERVE *Our Roof*

Our sanctuary is a place where lives are touched and hearts are renewed. Here, the message of God's love offers hope and inspiration. Baptism becomes a moment of divine embrace, and communion offers a sacred encounter with Christ. Soul-stirring music fills the space, inviting people of all ages and backgrounds into a worship experience that is both meaningful and uplifting.

The roof over our sanctuary, now more than 30 years old, brings significant challenges. Occasionally, it allows water to seep into the building, causing avoidable damage to our cherished space. Its age also poses a concern for insurers, making coverage more difficult to secure and leading to increased costs.

Through the **Preserve-Open-Plant Campaign**, Prince of Peace will preserve this space for years to come.

Investing in a new roof will help protect our sanctuary for years to come. In 2020, we replaced the roofing over other areas of our building—this final, main section is the last to be addressed. Of the eight HVAC units located on this roof, only six are currently operational. As part of the project, all units will be replaced with more energy-efficient models, improving performance and reducing long-term costs.



## PLANT *Green Space*

A newly imagined green space beside the building will extend ministry to our outdoor grounds throughout the year. This thoughtfully designed area will feature a retractable canopy for shade during warmer months and a raised platform that can host large gatherings and events. In addition, reconfiguring the space will allow for a net gain of 14 parking stalls—including additional handicapped parking options closer to the building—to better serve our community's needs.

In this lovely space:

- 🌿 Lush green space will invite children and youth to play, explore, and connect.
- 🌿 Summer concerts will bring neighbors together in celebration and community.
- 🌿 Outdoor worship will offer a meaningful way to encounter God in nature.
- 🌿 Families will find a welcoming place to gather, share meals, and make memories.



- 🌿 An outdoor ice rink could open new possibilities for connection and joy during colder months.
- 🌿 This space will serve as a vibrant gathering point for the wider community.

# OPEN *New Possibilities with Debt Relief*

Prince of Peace's facilities have served our mission for nearly 50 years. In that time we significantly invested in our space. From the most recent renovations, a \$2.9 million mortgage remains, requiring \$200,000 a year to service that debt. This year, \$100,000 comes from our annual budget and \$100,000 from the remaining gifts of the previous campaign.

Just think of the transformative ministry Prince of Peace could cultivate with an additional \$100,000 every year!

- By investing in a strong foundation for our Mission Outpost, we could impact even more lives throughout our community. This support will allow us to grow and expand current services—such as dental and eye care—and explore new possibilities, including a future medical clinic.
- By offering scholarships for Bible Camp, Vacation Bible School, and Worship Arts Camp, we could nurture powerful opportunities for our youth to experience the love of God in transformative ways. Each experience opens a door to spiritual growth, connection, and solid faith foundations.
- We could continue to lead within the ELCA by empowering the next generation of pastoral leaders through a dedicated internship track for college students. By investing in their development, we strengthen the future of ministry and affirm our commitment to cultivating faithful, visionary leadership in the church.
- We could create a welcoming space where seniors, those who feel alone, and those who often go unseen can gather and know they belong—a place where every person is valued, connection is nurtured, and community is built with care and compassion.
- This just scratches the surface of what could be possible!

The 2020 Get It Done Capital Campaign marked Phase 2 of our One Church Transformation, resulting in significant renovations throughout our current building. That campaign concluded in January 2024 and set the vision for Phase 3—a bold step to eliminate outstanding debt, replace the main roof, and advance additional key projects. Today, the Preserve·Open·Plant Campaign carries that vision forward as the next phase in our transformational journey.

# PLANT *Seeds in our Community and the World*

\$250,000 of the **Preserve·Open·Plant Campaign** will impact lives in our community and beyond.

- Create a scholarship fund to support international mission trips for all ages, opening doors to transformative experiences and global outreach.
- Construct a new school building for our long-time mission partner Doulos Discovery School in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, deepening our long-standing commitment to education and service.
- Provide ongoing support for the Mission Outpost dental and eye clinics, ensuring vital care and compassion continue to reach those in need.
- Build a storage facility on our campus grounds to serve the Mission Outpost furniture ministry, enhancing organization and expanding capacity to serve the community.
- Complete the construction of three sanctuary spaces for our sister congregation in Ilambo, Tanzania, deepening bonds of faith and partnership that span cultures and continents.

# PLANT *Ministry Opportunities in 2026*

As Prince of Peace moves forward with these exciting initiatives, we will preserve our ministry, planting new seeds in 2026.

- Plant:** We will reduce barriers to participation by offering free registration for all families engaging in Wednesday and Sunday Family Ministry throughout the program year. In addition, we'll establish scholarship funds for Vacation Bible School, Worship Arts Camp, and other formative experiences—ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow in faith and connection.
- Open:** We will continue to expand our reach to those in need in the community. Our newly opened eye clinic is growing rapidly and will double its service offerings—from two clinics a month to four—by the end of the year, allowing greater access to essential care.
- Preserve:** We are experiencing meaningful growth in worship—both in-person and online—alongside a renewed sense of financial strength and vitality. With increased support, we will build on this momentum, continuing to foster a thriving ministry for today and the future.



The ministry of Prince of Peace stands on a strong foundation, built with faith and dedication. With increased support for the 2026 Mission and Ministry Offering, we can confidently carry forward the work we've begun—expanding impact, deepening connection, and living out our mission with bold purpose.



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## OUR COMMITMENT

Please prayerfully consider joining hands with others in the **Preserve-Open-Plant Campaign**.

Our goal is to raise \$4.6 million to **Preserve** our sanctuary's roof, **Open** new possibilities through debt relief, and **Plant** a vibrant green space for ministry and community.

Together, we can reach this goal. As we respond with generosity and purpose, prayerfully reflect on your capacity to give to our collective impact that moves this mission forward.

Please consider two gifts to Prince of Peace as part of this appeal:

### A Three-Year Commitment - Capital Campaign

First, we invite your gift to the **Preserve-Open-Plant Campaign**. Your contribution can be spread over the next three years. As you consider your participation, the following tables may be helpful.

### One-Year Commitment - 2026 Mission and Ministry Offering

Second, please consider a modest increase to your one-year annual ministry gift for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to Prince of Peace. This gift supports ongoing ministries in our congregation, our community, and beyond.



### Commitment Increments Over Time

AMOUNT PER WEEK	AMOUNT PER MONTH	AMOUNT PER YEAR	AMOUNT PER THREE YEARS
\$770	\$3,333	\$40,000	\$120,000
\$577	\$2,500	\$30,000	\$90,000
\$384	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$60,000
\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000
\$160	\$694	\$8,333	\$25,000
\$128	\$555	\$6,667	\$20,000
\$96	\$416	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$38	\$167	\$2,000	\$6,000
\$19	\$83	\$1,000	\$3,000
\$12	\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$6.50	\$28	\$336	\$1,000
\$3.85	\$17	\$200	\$600

### Gifts Needed

NUMBER OF GIFTS	GIFT AMOUNT OVER THREE YEARS	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
1	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
5	\$100,000	\$1,500,000
10	\$75,000	\$2,250,000
15	\$50,000	\$3,000,000
20	\$25,000	\$3,500,000
30	\$15,000	\$3,950,000
35	\$10,000	\$4,300,000
40	\$5,000	\$4,500,000
45	\$1,000	\$4,545,000
Many	less than \$1,000	\$4,600,000

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# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q: When do my gift contributions for the campaign begin?

A: The giving period begins November 2025, unless a different timetable better suits your needs. The Intent Form allows you to specify how and when you plan to fulfill your commitment.

## Q: How long does the Preserve-Open-Plant Campaign last?

A: The campaign runs for three years, from November 2025-October 2028. However, if extending your giving period allows you to make a larger gift, you are welcome to do so. You may also choose to give a one-time gift or make payments for a shorter duration.

For those aged 73 or older, donating through an IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) can be a strategic way to make a significant contribution at a time that works best for you.

## Q: Is it possible just to make gifts to the Campaign without making a specific commitment?

A: Yes, however submitting a Statement of Intent—while not legally binding—helps us plan for the future impact of our ministry. Every response, even without a formal commitment, strengthens our shared vision and demonstrates our congregation's dedication to new and expanded ministry opportunities.

## Q: Do all gifts to the Preserve-Open-Plant Campaign have to be cash?

A: No. You may give in various ways, including:

- ☛ Property
- ☛ Appreciated stocks or mutual funds
- ☛ Cash value from life insurance policies or policy loan proceeds
- ☛ Certificates of Deposit (CDs), bonds, or annuities

Because certain gifts may have tax implications or restrictions, we encourage you to consult your financial advisor.

For gifts other than cash, contact: **Kienan Mick** at [kmick@popmn.org](mailto:kmick@popmn.org) or call **952-435-8102**.

**Important: If donating stocks or property, do not sell them yourself, as you may be subject to capital gains taxes. Instead, let Prince of Peace or your financial professional help structure the transaction for maximum benefit.**

## Q: What is the advantage of giving appreciated stocks or property?

A: By giving appreciated stocks or property, you can avoid capital gains taxes and receive a charitable tax deduction.

## Q: How do I make a gift of appreciated stock?

A: Your broker can transfer shares from your account to the church. Contact **Kienan Mick** at [kmick@popmn.org](mailto:kmick@popmn.org) or call **952-435-8102** for account information.

**Important: Do not sell the stock yourself, or you may be unable to avoid capital gains tax. The church's broker will sell the stock, and you will receive a deductible credit based on the average market value on the day the stock is transferred.**

## Q: Will I be asked to give a specific amount?

A: You will be asked to prayerfully consider an amount based on the Gifts Needed Chart above to reach our goal. If every gift is fulfilled, we can exceed our goal.





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