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# GENEROSITY STORIES

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## **Bill Newton**

### **How has the ministry of Prince of Peace changed your life or the life of your family?**

My wife and I were immediately recruited and joined the choir after the first service we attended and while looking for a church. Some of the choir members asked us to join a group that would go out for dinner together and/or attend dinner at one of their homes. We have been members of the choir ever since, and still belong to a small group organized by Marlys Herstad.

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

Our parents taught us about generosity and about giving to the church. Tithing was an automatic regardless of any other circumstances. My dad always said, "It's God's share."

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

The most generous thing that I was a witness to was the gift of the pipe organ upgrade given by a Prince of Peace member after the funeral of his wife. His wife had once played organ in church and he wanted to honor her.

## **Ken**

"Prince of Peace was a place we came to 6 years after struggling with the suicide of our 20 year old son. We were condemning ourselves as being poor parents. Prince of Peace was and is an uplifting place of Christ. Many welcomed us here."

## **Julie**

"I am excited about the idea of curating a beautiful outdoor green space! I could see us hosting community invited events in this summer space and subsequently generating positive curiosity about Prince of Peace. What a great way to draw people in while we share our love for God and all people."

## **Sue Fuchs**

### **How has the ministry of Prince of Peace changed your life or the life of your family?**

When I was in a major car accident in a body cast experiencing pain and depression, I came to Prince of Peace. The music, singers, Pastor Dean, and the entire congregation welcomed me. I felt joy and happiness here. I loved the uplifting and inclusive message that brought me closer to my faith.

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

My parents taught me generosity by helping others.

## **Jim**

"POP's legacy is rooted in gathering in community in the outdoors. Creating space for kids to play, for members to be in community with one another and for visitors to feel welcome will help share God's love."

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## **Erin Bennis**

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

In May, my husband, Daniel, started complaining of a dry eye. He tried some eye drops, and it seemed to get better after a couple of weeks, but then the muscles surrounding his right eye were agitated and sore. He complained of pressure, twitching, but mostly muscle soreness. I suggested a visit to the doctor. Before he could take this suggestion seriously, the twitchy muscles moved down his face to the right corner of his mouth. Dan even started drooling. So, I brought him to the ER at Fairview Ridges on June 5th, beginning a life-changing journey for our family.

The ER ran several tests, including an MRI, which found a 3cm mass behind Daniel's cheekbone. He got a virtual appointment scheduled for the next day with an ENT at the University of Minnesota.

After a biopsy, his Doctor explained that the mass was visibly "abnormal." He explained there was a slim possibility of it being an infection, or some form of inflammation, but he was fairly certain it was cancerous.

A week and a half later, Erin took a pregnancy test, just to confirm that stress was messing with her. Much to her shock, she found out that she is now expecting their third child.

Two days later, we received Daniel's diagnosis: Sinonasal Undifferentiated Carcinoma. SNUC, for short, a rare and aggressive cancer known for a destructive main tumor that grows quickly.

The plan of action was, first, chemotherapy, and then radiation.

Unfortunately, because of the ball of chemotherapy being

attached by tubes, Dan feels best being separated from his boys during that time, so they can't lunge at the tubes and detach them accidentally. Nicky, who is 4.5, has been feeling the stress and fear, and reacting to it, so the whole family is dealing with the tantrums that go with big emotions. Jasper, who is 1.5, is also having extra tantrums. Both boys miss their daddy during those days.

Additionally, Daniel was the primary breadwinner until June. Unfortunately, he was one month shy of having worked for a year before this began, so he doesn't qualify for paid leave. I am working two part time jobs, attempting to cover our mortgage, food, utility, and medical bills. It has been a lot.

I know you asked about how POP changed our life, and asking about generosity. I still remember coming back to church about 3 years ago, trying to create a better routine for our tiny family coming out of Covid, and wanting to join MomCo and put Nicky in PoP pre-kindergarten, but needing a scholarship. And I never felt less than for asking, and the answer was "of course". I also remember an anonymous group giving me a card with a gift card in it, that sent me into tears. We've received more anonymous gifts since then, which always brings me to tears.

And now, with everything going on, I feel so blessed and loved by everyone at church. We set up a GoFundMe me a couple weeks ago, and almost a third of the people who have donated have come from our POP family. I thought I knew about generosity before all of this, but now, seeing people donate left and right, on top of offering to bring us food, and making our entire family prayer shawls, I am left in awe. Being on the receiving end of such enormous generosity is the best teacher of what it really means and what it really is. It's just incredible.

## **Ken Walter**

### **How has the ministry of Prince of Peace changed your life or the life of your family?**

It was a place we came to six years after a struggle to deal with the drug overdose of our 20-year-old son. We were condemning ourselves as being poor parents. Prince of Peace was and is an uplifting place of Christ. Many welcomed us.

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

My father was a generous giver to church as I grew up so he served as a role model. It was exciting to witness and participate in the funding of the chapel at Prince of Peace.

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

The packed church at the funeral service for our son. Thank you all for the generosity that made this place of healing for us and then continued to be a healing place for others.

Going to Appalachia to help with home care projects. Some in our group brought extra sandwiches for children with no food.



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## *Jessica Scholl*

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

The most generous act I have ever witnessed has to do with a few rolls of toilet paper and some canned goods. At the end of 2020, I was able to participate in “A Day in the Life of Homelessness”, which is an event sponsored by Agate Housing. It is intended to promote a deeper understanding of what it means to live unsheltered in Minnesota. Since we were still during the global pandemic, this event was virtual and had individuals who had previously experienced homelessness share their stories.

One person shared his story about the days immediately following the murder of George Floyd. He had finally been able to obtain stable housing in an apartment near Lake Street in Minneapolis. In the days following the murder, most of the stores including grocery stores were inaccessible for this man and his neighbors. There was a scary realization that they might not be able to access food and necessities.

As a result, he set up a table in the entrance of his building for him and his neighbors to share what they had and take what they needed. It started with him putting a few rolls of toilet paper and some canned goods on the table. It took off!

Because of this story, I now feel called to share what I have, however minimal, even during times of fear and discomfort. This was a real-life modern example of how God really does provide!

## *Wesley Whiteside*

### **How has the ministry of Prince of Peace changed your life or the life of your family?**

I like that I can walk here and I like the choir music.

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

Growing up on a farm helped teach me generosity. Serving in Puerto Rico for two years as a young adult also taught me. I realized you can't change the world by yourself. We need each other.

## *Megan Hieb*

### **How has the ministry of Prince of Peace changed your life or the life of your family?**

My husband and I have two daughters, Nora (7) and Lucy (3). Both were baptized at Prince of Peace and we are members. I have gone there since I was a kid!

When little Lucy was just four months old, we found out she had a rare neurodevelopmental disorder called CTNNB1 Syndrome. We were told Lucy might never walk or talk. She would have global developmental delays and intellectual disability. We felt our world shatter!

Lucy is now 3 and we are continuing to navigate this new world of “special needs”. At one point, I counted over 17 different specialist doctors that help with her care. Raising a child with such differences can be very isolating.

My husband and I both work full-time and finding quality care for Lucy has been difficult. She has a nanny part-time and went to a daycare at a different church. Last spring, the daycare terminated Lucy from their program. She was “too difficult” and they could not accommodate her. We tried two other places near our home but both denied her attendance.

We wanted Lucy to have the social experience of going to “school” so we signed her up for three camps this summer at Prince of Peace. After Worship Arts Camp, the Director of CDLC reached out to me and personally invited Lucy to their preschool program. I explained to her that we had opted for full-time nanny care and it would be too difficult to pay for both. The Director then went on to explain that PoP offers scholarships for children that have medical needs. This opened a door for us!

This really showed us that Prince of Peace does not just “talk the talk,” but “walks the walk.” PoP loves others the way God does and that has been our experience with CDLC.



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## ***Sarah Anderson***

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

Our family experienced a devastating house fire in June, and the generosity we've received since has been nothing short of extraordinary. Words cannot fully express the gratitude we feel. We have been blessed with an incredible outpouring of support from our family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and community as we work to rebuild our lives and replace all that was lost.

Our son Theo lost all his clothing and toys, yet complete strangers who heard our story stepped forward with gifts of clothes, toys, and more. Others have given financial support, meals, and even their time to help care for Theo. We are deeply thankful that everyone, including our pets, made it out safely, unharmed.

This is not the first time our community has carried us through hardship. Five years ago, when we lost our son Maverick shortly after his birth, we felt that same embrace of love and compassion. To be surrounded once again by such kindness reminds us how truly blessed, we are.

From the bottom of our hearts, we are profoundly grateful for every prayer, every gift, and every act of support.

## ***Sharon Venne***

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

In July of 2010, I was lucky enough to travel to Tanzania to visit Prince of Peace's sister church in Ilambo. I was so excited! We were going to do VBS with the children, gift the pastor with a motorcycle to use traveling his large parish (so he did not have to walk), and provide funds to help them finish the church they were building. We hoped to do some work with them on the church. It was going to be a great mission trip!

What I did not know was I was going to receive so much more than we brought. Our brothers and sisters in Ilambo would share with us so much generosity it's still hard to believe.

They were waiting for us at the town gate, even though they didn't know exactly what time we would arrive. As we came over the rise, we could hear them singing before we could see them. With the singing they were waving palm branches and dancing in honor of us. They welcomed us into their homes, sleeping on the floor so we could have beds.

They were welcoming us from the bottom of their hearts.

What I experienced in Ilambo were people living their love of God by welcoming us and giving generously to us from what they had. They were truly living their faith. That time in Ilambo will always be with me and reminds me to find ways to be generous with whatever I have.

## ***Adalyn Dummer***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

I have met a lot of people who have helped me throughout my faith journey.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Being a good friend to everyone and sharing my gifts and talents.



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## **Todd Racek**

### **How has the ministry of Prince of Peace changed your life or the life of your family?**

I grew up in Prince of Peace. It has shaped who I am as a Christian from early days of Sunday School, kindergarten in the church, confirmation and being a member in PoP groups all before heading off to college. Then returning to a Young Adult Ministry participating in the drama and then leading our children's groups while they followed a similar Spiritual growth pattern at Prince of Peace.

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

My family growing up including my grandmother. But in the church, it would probably be the time given to all the youth by volunteers and staff. In my early years, PoP groups and Bible studies through Handt Hanson and Steve Swanson both at church and their homes. For my kids, Jeff Lexvold got both of our kids involved in church and camp.

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

Within Prince of Peace, our family has loved the Giving Trees and the chance to share with others. But I would say Pastor Marian donating a kidney to a PoP member, Linda Nelson, really showed our congregation that our staff practices what they preach.

## **Chad Manbeck**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Prince of Peace helped us, myself, and my family land in our community. Moving from Illinois when the children were small we first attended SOV in Apple Valley but the kid's friends were here attending WOW! and Stumin. For me it has been accessing a community of artists and creative thinkers through Art Guild. POP also gives me opportunity to participate in a community that loves and respects each of us in all our differences. HOPE! PEACE!

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

My legacy here now is small. My art, my participation, my kid's development. I invited my mother to join us, she did, she brought her voice and music. At my original church I was baptized and soon became President of the Council. I was the designer, a property manager and very involved. At POP my footprint is smaller as I am learning more about my relationship to my faith. I am supporting the Mission and will step up. Now I am grateful for this place, more to come!

## **Tammy Freilinger**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

I met my husband at "Starting over Single" 02/96. We married 06/96 and spent many years at this church raising our 7 children and many foster kids. I taught many different grades on Wednesdays over the years.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

My family is legacy here. The years where all the kids were home. I am currently returning to my home here because my husband died 03/30/25. I cannot return to my previous church because my heart cannot take it and because I believe the church's doctrine does not match my beliefs.



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## **Bob Nordin**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Allowed me to go on six trips to Dominican Republic to meet POP members and friends from DR. This has been a vital part of my spiritual life.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Have been a member since 1971- be part of POP growth over the years. "Friends unlimited" here.

## **Ellie & Kelly Schweim**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

It has allowed me to come to church every Sunday and given us a safe space to come worship the Lord.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Involvement in POP Kids, Student Ministry and VBS. Baptized and confirmed children at POP.

## **Steve & Sharon Hanson**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

For Steve – It has made me enthused about being active in this church.

For Sharon – this church has reinforced my faith each time I come. The music and messages are outstanding.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Steve – My legacy here at POP would be to demonstrate the importance of my faith to my family.

Sharon – My legacy would be to continue to keep my faith front and center.

## **Lynette Phenix**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Encouraged questions, challenging thought through messages and broad community focused involvement.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Opening up young people to community service (Mary's Place and People Serving People) leading a confirmation class. Helping and bringing guests to work Feed My Starving Children, serving on the Board, doing the difficult work keeping the congregation from splintering following the departure of Pastor Thompson.



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## *Julie Buryska*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Prince of Peace is one of my favorite places. It offers my family love, comfort, support, and the stretching of my (our) own faith. The community renews and reminds me that I am loved and God's in charge!

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I hope my legacy is that I have lived my life sharing and showing the love of Jesus.

## *Carin Manbeck*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

POP's family group was a really good opportunity for us to release and hold up our stresses as parents of neurodivergent. It was so good to be heard. The Pandemic brought an end to that but POP stepped up quickly to offer and continue to offer online worship, which filled a huge need to connect, even when we could not in person. For me, the weekly messages/sermons have been a healing and hopeful reentering focus. Thank you. Love and Trust God!

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

As a working person, I am still looking for a small group that makes sense for me. More to come!

## *Russell S & Donnelle M Sampson*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Pastor Richard Nelson was here in 1980ish and was a shirt tail relative of mine, so I joined POP in 1985/ was married here in 1988, had a daughter baptized and confirmed in POP and love the history and past stories about the beginnings at a Drive In Theatre for outdoor services.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I have thought about a donation to POP to put up a history spot out in the hallway @The Early Days and all the different lead pastors and the original building/and new building. History is very important to new members.

## *Amber Aslakson*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

POP gave us a place to call home. It has given us a community that we not only attend church with but live life with. It started with MomCo (Mops) and has continued to grow. We love raising our kids here in a faith filled community that they feel they can be our authentic selves. Our POP family has been there in dark days and in celebration.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

My legacy started here joining up with MomCo leadership year ago. I firmly believe in giving back and creating opportunities that not only I want, but want to share with others. I have stepped into volunteering in Family Ministry in multiple roles that has allowed chances for my kids to grow their faith, their friends to do that and it had tremendous influence on my faith. I have been blessed to have the time to give and appreciate POP giving me the chance to lean on my teaching background and be an active part in developing my kid's faith. I hope my legacy is one where others feel it is home here to through community building, friendship, and a call to belong.

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## *Kate Stoe*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Prince of Peace has been a stable and faith giving presence for me for 28 years. From teaching our 2 boys from elementary to HS and to the variety of service projects we did throughout the years.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I leave a legacy of loving God, serving others, and growing in my faith.

## *Lee Stoe*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

POP has drawn me into worship. The messages give me self-improvement ideas I can strive to achieve. I love POP's inclusiveness!

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

Beyond simply giving communion monthly, I hope I give off radical acceptance along w/openness and a smile.

## *Julie (Vinge) Reed*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

From the moment my family at my young age of 9 brought me to the "Lucky Twin Outdoor theatre" to praise God – I found my family very blessed beginning with worship. Praise for learning the word of God. Nothing has changed. I am almost 64 and love my worship here!

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

My legacy is that I intend to continue to Praise God/Jesus and share my love for the Lord with everyone including those that prove to be a challenge.

## *Ann Non*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

It makes me think about showing compassion, generosity, and kindness to others. And not be over anxious when things are...well you know.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I don't know yet, this is my first full service since I moved here.



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## ***Nathanial***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Prince of Peace has become a church home for me and my family. My grandma worked here until her health became too fragile. She believed in her mission here until her death and my siblings, their children and mine still attend Worship Arts Camp, many traveling from out of town. I bring my children to Saturday evening service to spend time in worship with my grandpa.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Family.

## ***Leslie***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Provided much comfort and wisdom over the 34 yrs I have been a member. I love all the opportunities to give back. Angels all around this place!

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Leaving kindness and love in people hearts that are in need via volunteering in Mission Outpost.

## ***Robin Kutz***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Music, children, art welcome everyone. Grief group – ducks, life keys, Enneagram Class, Life Finding Purpose, Feed my Starving Children, Prayer group – Mondays 3PM zoom – yay Karen Odegard.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Finding acceptance and love through choir, children’s ministries, CDLC, and the Art Guild.

## ***Jeffrey & Tracy McDaniel***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

This church has me and family a lot because God Loves all his people. I thank you all for the help and guides.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

I want my family legacy to be that God keep his hands on my family.

## ***Steven L Hylbak “Hatman”***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Everyone has influenced our lives. We thank you!

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

To wear hats to tell my story that God saved my life. You must be happy and be thankful each and every day.



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## ***Eric Wahlstrom***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

This has been a wonderful spiritual home for my wife and I and our sons. POP has given us purpose through service opportunities and a community that loves and supports our whole family.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

I have been blessed to have an impact on the young men who were in my StuMin small groups.

## ***Dorine Martinez***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Joined in 1982 when kids were 2 and 4. POP a source of inspiration stability and comfort all these years. My husband found his special place after many years volunteering at the food shelf. POP is a rock for our family!

## ***Evonne Hansen***

### **How has the ministry of Prince of Peace changed your life or the life of your family?**

This is the story of how PoP saved my life. My amazing husband of 30 years passed away unexpectedly at home in 2017. My sister said we were the couple everybody wanted to be. We were so lucky to have found each other.

I was devastated with grief. I started attending the Grief Group sessions at PoP about two months later. I attended them for 2 ½ years. I decided I needed to do something else. I joined the choir at PoP. I knew very few people at PoP and the choir members were so welcoming to me. I was excited to know that no auditions were necessary to join! I love singing with them. Joining this group allowed me to travel and sing at Carnegie Hall this year.

When I joined choir, I was also encouraged to volunteer at Mission Outpost. I started volunteering once a week sorting clothing donations and putting them out for our guests. I have now been part of the choir and Mission Outpost for six years. I truly enjoy all the people I have met at Prince of Peace.

## ***Todd***

“Excited to see the roof get some needed TLC. I have so many memories under this roof that I want all future generations to also share. After marching the chairs down Nicollet Avenue to be set up under this new roof, the years have flown by. My first “small group” Bible study in high school; home concerts for POP group tours; Young Adult studies and celebrations; Parents night out events; Christmas Cantatas; dressed as Jesus and stuck on the lift above the sanctuary - all have shaped who I am today, built my faith, and placed God in my heart a little stronger with each moment.”



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## ***Sandie Wood***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Did my husband's funeral as we were just joining and you took me in carried me through the grief and became my church family. Made me feel welcomed and belong.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

I volunteer as a hostess at Mission Outpost, subbed for youth group leaders, worked garage sales and events.

## ***Parker Family***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Positive influence/supportive community for our children- opportunity for them to grow, thrive, make friends, and learn God's teachings.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Inconspicuous- lead through actions in daily life and within community.

## ***Anonymous***

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

I was invited to attend POP by a friend in the divorce support group in 1997-98. I had left an abusive husband after 23 years of marriage and found no help or support at another church. At POP the sermon seemed perfectly directed at me, basically that God wanted only for me to be happy. I found friends, support and most importantly, a true living faith in God.

## ***Anonymous***

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

My parents. My Dad tithing every Sunday when our family was poor and did not even make our family budget.

## ***Anonymous***

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

My late wife taught our son to be generous and then he taught me.

### **What was the most generous thing you ever witnessed?**

Without a doubt it was a gift that my wife gave to a woman who had hurt her.

## ***Anonymous***

### **Who taught you generosity and how?**

Serving at the Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen, I saw homeless people share what they had with other folks in need.



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## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

I have many friends here. My sons were confirmed here and one of them was very active in First Light and musical ministry.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

I have served as president of the women's organization and as a Bible study leader. I have donated money and tied lots of quilts.

## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

POP taught me to know about God is not as important as to KNOW God as your savior, friend, and guide in all of life.

## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

POP is a caring community of believers It has been a pleasure to be a part of.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

All the friendships and support of so many members and staff.

## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Been a member since 1982. My children were confirmed here and we were active in POP.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Raised family and children and children still come back for occasions and bring their children for special occasions and Thanksgiving. Set example for grandchildren.

## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Throughout these many years at POP, I always know it is a safe place where I can leave a service always feeling better than when I walked in.

## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Prince of Peace has been a welcoming place for my family to grow in faith and make connections with other like-minded people.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

The importance of involvement of youth during worship.

## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

POP has been my centering for through all my trials of life.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

Always loyal, no matter the pressures of society.

## **Anonymous**

### **How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?**

Prince of Peace has been a friendly place to worship.

### **What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?**

I strive to be a better person of God and meeting the great people here has helped.



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## Anonymous

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

My family have been members of Prince of Peace for many years. I am so thankful for this church and the many memories of this place that I have.

## Anonymous

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Brought us closer to community faith, I like that it is open to ALL.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

Disappointed by Catholic Church protecting priests. Was a lifelong Catholic. Found community here.

## Anonymous

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Our family has been baptized, confirmed, married, blessed nurtured and comforted at POP! What a great story for our family.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

We are pleased our children and grandchildren worship here. We have included POP in our plans so the glory of POP continues.

## Anonymous

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Giving myself to others. Each Sunday gives me grounding in my faith.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

Everyone is welcome- appreciate that the scriptures show how we live today.

## Anonymous

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Following Jesus- messages have spoken into my life circumstances in a way that only God makes happen.

How to raise my family- tools and guidance through all stages and ages.

Growing my faith and building relationships in small groups and beyond.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

Love God, love people- while this is the newest church mission- this has been my own mission to try and thrive.

## Anonymous

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

I am grateful for the many years POP has stepped up to be a leader in the community and throughout the Church. We are a city on a hill. Let's continue to be a welcoming, changing community.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

To participate in this striving and sharing church in all ways.

## Anonymous

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

People here have helped me see who I am, who God is and who I can become someday I can lean on them in times of need.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I am a youth leader here, I hope my girls remember me fondly and know how much God loves them.



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## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

POP has helped me strive to be more like Jesus.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I have been a member of POP since 1975. It has always been my church and support for my family and me.

## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

It provides a community to sing and hear messages that I carry through the week.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I care deeply about all others, regardless of their story.

## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

I love that my family all worship in the same place again, rather than so many miles apart.

## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

I came to POP many years ago and was welcomed and even though I worked full-time, I found so many things I could be involved in with my family. It has become a huge part of my life. I hope all people can feel as we do -- all are welcome here!

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I hope as I touch people's lives they feel as blessed as people have made me feel living in this wonderful world- yes with its hardships, loss, and sadness. God has made an amazing place for us until we can be with him.

## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Started in a pair of jammies at the Lucky Twin theater. Loved it from the word "welcome" Confirmed, locking friends and connections and feelings when I walk into my church. Taught me to love, share pray and give.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

The word forever comes to mind.

## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Coming for grief group and being in choir and singing at the early service and Carnegie Hall seeing the Statue of Liberty and the 911 towers which reminded me that anyone who is close to dying that there are angels up in heaven praying for them.

## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Has provided hope in tough times; a sense of calm and stability.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

I hope that giving my talents through volunteering over the years has grown a legacy.

## *Anonymous*

### How has Prince of Peace influenced your life?

Strengthen my walk of faith in our father- continuing the legacy my mother left with our family.

### What is your legacy here at Prince of Peace?

To bring the light of the Lord Christ with me where I go and who I speak with.





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