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Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2



Worship

Saturdays 5:30pm
Sundays 8:15 & 11am

Sunday School

Adults, Students
& Children 9:45am

Our Calling As A Church

Transform-Experience personal salvation through Jesus

Equip-Learn to tell the story of their salvation to others

Extend-Replicate what we experience and learn at church, in our homes, our communities, and beyond.

Ethnic Worship

www.poplc.org/ethnic-outreach/

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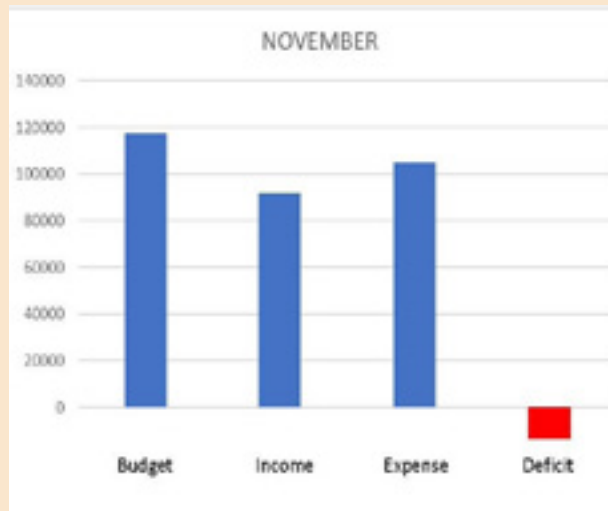
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Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Prince of Peace. Expense in November was **\$13,458** over income bringing our deficit to **\$51,208** for the current fiscal year. Please pray how God would have you help with the deficit.

THE JOY OF VOLUNTEERING

It is my privilege to see many people come weekly to volunteer at the Church. All come without fanfare, to do their works of mercy and service. **February 22 and 23** will be a weekend where you will be given the chance to sign up to help with the ministry that goes on at Prince of Peace. Please consider what God might be asking you to do. Here is the testimony of many who serve.

I volunteer because:

- I was baptized and confirmed in a LCMS church that was my extended family. Actually, a lot of the members were family. My parents were very active in the church and passed that love of service to us, their children. I started teaching Sunday School at 16 and cannot imagine belonging to a church and not volunteering where needed.
- As a former teacher, I enjoy volunteering as a reader on Sunday and leading a Bible study for the Women of the Word on Wednesday. I am so blessed in return by learning more about God's word and learning about my friends, who I consider my extended family, at Prince of Peace. I also have a good time with everyone when we are in the kitchen preparing a meal for any occasion. It may be work, but the old adage is true, "many hands make light work."
- I enjoy accomplishing small projects.
- As a retiree, I have more time available to assist where I can.
- I enjoy serving the Church with other believers.
- I like the feeling of accomplishing tasks that support PoPLC and its people.
- I feel good about using our God-given talents to further God's work at PoPLC.



- I believe it makes God happy to see His people at work serving His people.
- Never thought of why, just felt it was something I should be doing as a Christian.
- I volunteer not for personnel satisfaction, but because I feel I'm useful and giving back to the church. In some sense I feel someone has to do it; so why not me? I also enjoy being an usher. I have get to meet the members who would otherwise just be a face in the crowd if I came in and sat down in a pew every Sunday. Ushers and greeters are the first people they meet when they come to Church for the first time and hopefully we are friendly and answer any questions they may have. The one program that I volunteered for that gives the most satisfaction is being a Grief Share Leader, Stacey Crosson asked me if I would be one of the leaders after I attended the first Grief Share Program. Seeing the change in the attitude of participants in the program after the 13 week sessions gives me a sense of accomplishment.
- The Church is much more than a Pastor or staff. The Church is the members. The Church depends on the members to make it a viable institution. That means volunteering. Volunteering provides fulfillment. What can I give back to the Church that the Church has given me over the years? My wife and I met in a Church and it has always been a part of our family. God sends messages and it's how we listen that provides us with the guidance needed to be part of the Church (and society).
- I became a church usher at age 12. My father was the chief usher at our church and also the local Scoutmaster. He was having a difficult time recruiting men to serve as ushers. Concurrently, the boys (many of whom were also Boy Scouts) were doing their "boys will be boys" antics in the back of the church. My father solved two problems with one decision. Use scouts as ushers. After that when an adult would complain about him using "boys to do a man's job", he would suggest to the complaintant that - being a man - would he be happy to volunteer for a month's worth of usher duty. Complaints fell off immediately. Furthermore, it taught us boys valuable lessons in service in the community and in dealing with people in public situations. Jesus has told us to be "a light unto the world" and "a city on the hill". The Bible says: "Faith without works is dead". How does one do these things - particularly today - in this locality? Many people are very reluctant to reach out in the secular world they live in; or are not allowed to speak in their Government/Contractor jobs about beliefs, values, and religion. In volunteering and being open to friends and associates that "you volunteer"; leads to subsequent discussions of "I am volunteering at church"; which leads to others seeing you as being a small "light unto the world". All we have to do is plant the seed and walk - the walk; the Holy Spirit does the rest. After many years of clawing my way up the ladder to success; often without achieving my satisfactory expectations, I fell into a state of depression and to drinking far too much. In times like these the Lord leads one to thought and deep introspection. It took months (years ?) to come to the realization that being selfishly focused on my own goals was not leading to satisfying outcomes I had hoped for in life - in fact - it proved to be self-destructive. My revised philosophy was to admit I would not ever be the rising star which I hoped to be, but rather change my focus to "Making Someone's Day" - every day. This can take many forms: a friendly greeting, a compliment given to those who rarely get compliments, giving a street panhandler \$20.00 for a meal when they say they are hungry (regardless of your associates saying you are being ripped off), getting a homeless person shelter in a snow storm, providing anonymous donation for a child's medical care, walking into a foodbank and giving them a One Hundred Dollar Bill and walking out. It is actually more enjoyable being God's anonymous hands in a world of woe and need, the illogical result is the more one does it - the more the assets become available to do more. Love ain't love less you give it away! Try it - make someone's day; particularly when they are down and out.



Contact Brad.Womble@poplc.org
to be filled with the joy of volunteering.

Update from the Senior Pastor Call Committee

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Senior Pastor Call Committee has completed the third round of phone interviews. We interviewed 7 candidates and are in the process of inviting 3 (maybe 4) of them for in person meetings. Those meetings will take place in January. We have a number of dates to put on the calendar. On the weekend of **January 11 and 12**, we will be holding informational meetings following all three services. They will last 15 to 20 minutes and we will announce the candidates who will be visiting and the dates of the visits. A Town Hall will be scheduled for **Saturday, February 1st at 2 p.m.** Much like the previous Call Committee Town Halls, we will have an open discussion of the candidates and decide if we are ready for a Call Service. Should we feel ready to proceed a Call Service will be held on **Sunday, February 9 at 3 p.m.**

We once again have a number of individuals who could fill the role of Senior Pastor and continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the discernment to guide us to "God's Choice."

I recognize that with the return of the two prior calls there is some anxiety within the congregation as to why they were returned. Are we undesirable? Is it the cost of living in the area? Are we not offering adequate compensation? The reality is that the returned calls were more about the Pastors than about Prince of Peace. Pastor Adam had family considerations and did not feel his current call was in a place that allowed him to leave. Pastor Taylor also had family considerations. Both thought very highly of Prince of Peace and felt the compensation package was generous. Both did have sticker shock with the price of real estate, but that is not unexpected from anyone not coming from a similar market. Let not your hearts be troubled. God's perfect plan will be revealed in His time. Your servant, Dave McLean

New Steps in Ethiopian Outreach

We received great news in early December. Mezmur Zemichael Tesfaye and his family have all received their visas so that Mezmur is now able to work at Prince of Peace and be paid.

Mezmur was ordained in another denomination in Ethiopia and has worked for many years in various pastoral roles. He is participating in a Pastoral Leadership Institute cohort led by pastors in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and intends to apply for colloquy in the LCMS. He will now participate in Prince of Peace's outreach to Ethiopians as the leader of the congregation meeting at Prince of Peace. (*continues on page 8*)

Prayer Corner

Send your prayer requests to prayers@poplc.org

Answered Prayer & Faith Testimonies

We were so poor. My mom worked as a cashier at a grocery store in freezing Michigan winters so she could pay my tuition at Lutheran School. She saved my soul and my life. She turned 86 on December 10th.

Thanksgiving with my family

provided opportunities to talk about God's providence, to give thanks, and to witness to our faith.

Share YOUR Stories: Write them in the "Friendship Folder" located in the pews or send an email to Tanya.Tucker@poplc.org.





Sparklers Luncheon

Friday, January 17, 11:30am—1:00pm

Come and enjoy a variety of homemade soups made by our Sparklers. We will be entertained by the Hollin Hall seniors Band who always volunteer to play for us because they like our soup! Sign up sheets are in the hallway leading to the Kitchen. Bring a neighbor or a friend! Roger Burd roger.burd2@aol.com



Prince of Peace School Registration

For current School, Church and Alumni Families, registration for the 2020-2021 School Year for Preschool and Kindergarten will begin on **Friday, January 17th at 9:00am**. We encourage you to take advantage of this early registration before it is open to the community.

Our School is proud to be accredited by NLSA National Lutheran School Accreditation. To learn more about our programs for children from two and a half through Kindergarten, schedule a tour or contact Marcel Page our Registrar at 703-451-6177, marcel.page@poplc.org

Kindergarten Information Night—Monday, January 13th 7-8pm (open to school families and the community)

Community Open House—Saturday, February 1st 10am—12pm. Be sure to visit our School website

www.poplc.org/school and to tell your family, friends and neighbors about Prince of Peace Lutheran School!

Lisa Wentzel, Principal lisa.wentzel@poplc.org

Worship Flags

Saturday, January 11, following 5:30 worship

Come join in the fun! We will be having a pizza dinner, followed by flag practice 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to socialize and then try your hand at flagging. People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

If you are planning on coming, please RSVP with M.E. Sorenson at sorenson.me@gmail.com.

First Communion

Sundays, February 23, March 1, and March 8, in the youth room from 2:30 pm—3:45 pm.

It has been a long-standing tradition at Prince of Peace to offer opportunities for children, 3rd grade and older, to take classes to prepare them for First Communion. This FREE three-week course is designed for 3rd – 6th grade students and a parent to attend together. It's fun, informative, and interactive and it's led by our Pastors and staff.

Contact John.durkin@poplc.org to reserve your spot.



A Community of Women
Committed to the Call of Christ

www.poplc.org/women

Wednesday Mornings

9:30-11:30am

wowwednesday@poplc.org

Faith Shapers

Soul-Tending Reading

Meets monthly on Tuesday
Evenings

faithshapers@poplc.org

Holy Comforters

Quilt making for charity

Meets January-May

Thursdays, 9-3:00pm, Room 27

Holycomforters@poplc.org

Ladies' Night Out

Monthly Fellowship Events

dbastaich@cox.net

Questions?

Email info@poplc.org

Look for more details on the
women's ministry table
located in the hall
near the church office.

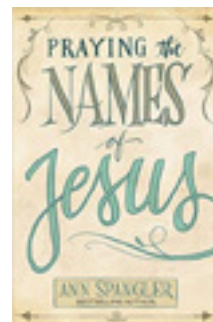
LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Women of the Word Sundays

Sundays, 9:45am—10:45am, room 13 downstairs

A welcoming group of women will be studying Ann Spangler's book, *Praying the Names of Jesus*. This book focuses on helping readers understand the biblical context in which the names and titles of Jesus were revealed, in order to gain a more intimate knowledge of His plans for their lives. Each chapter is independent of the previous ones, so come on down and join us for a time of fellowship and study. Mary Elizabeth Sorenson sorenson.me@gmail.com



Faith Shapers

Tuesday, January 28, 7—9pm, room 21

Faith Shapers will discuss 2 Samuel, a book of the Bible. This book starts with the ascension of David to the throne and traces his eventful reign over the nation of Israel, from wars to adultery to family rebellion. One might even point to 1 and 2 Samuel as the original "Game of Thrones" story—no dragons, but plenty of palace intrigue. Looking ahead, we'll discuss Glorious Weakness by Alia Joy on February 25. jennifergross@outlook.com

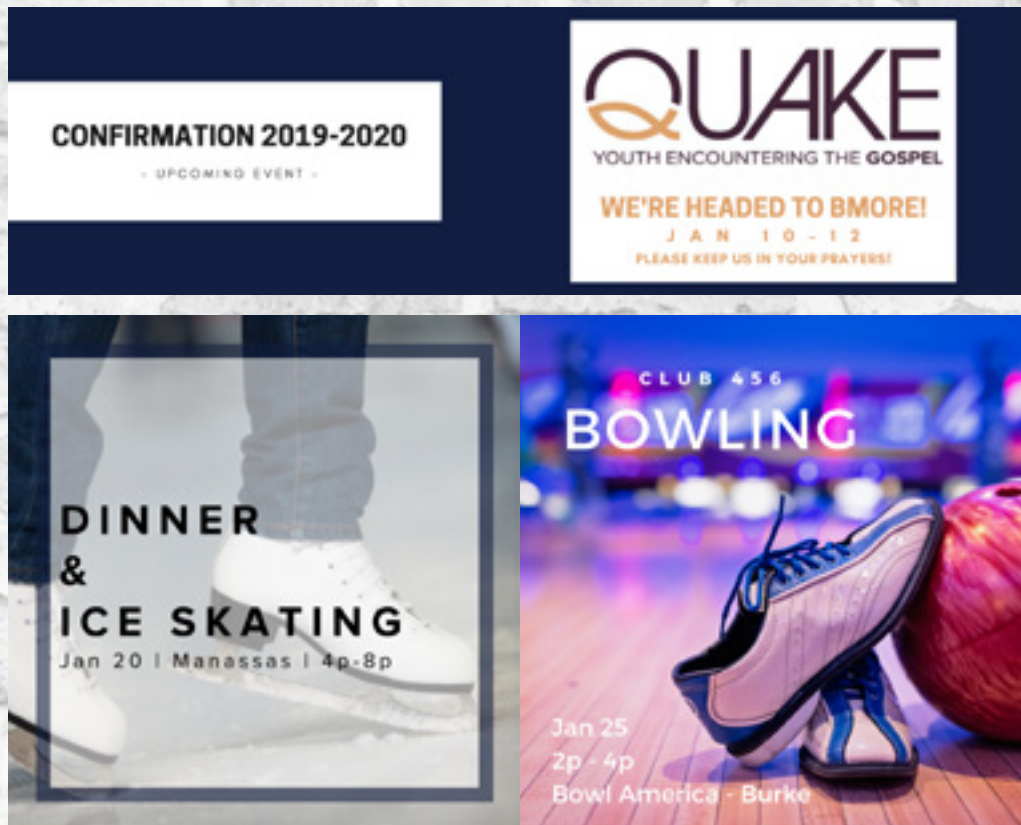


2020 Women's Retreat

March 13—15

REGISTER NOW!

www.poplc.org/connect/womens-ministry/



Sunday School

9:45-10:45am

Meet in Youth Room

Midweek

Senior High Youth

Weekly, 7:00-9:00pm

Follow @popleva_students
on Instagram!



Sign up for the Student
Ministry email blast:

www.poplc.org/connect/students

Need more info?

Katie.Baynard@poplc.org

"That the World May Know: Israel's Mission"

January 12th—May 17th, 9:45—10:45am

Come and join us as we continue our journey into the cultural, geographical and historical time of the Old and New Testament through Ray Vander Laan's That the World May Know class. Vander Laan's DVD based onsite teaching at locations throughout Israel will not only yield appreciation for the location and setting within which God proclaimed his Word, but will also provide thoughtful application of God's Word in the Christian's life. Jackie and Frank Faulhaber will continue to lead this course during Sunday School hour. It will begin January 12th and run for five Sundays. We hope you will come and join us whether it is for one class or all five classes. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie at JFAUL33@gmail.com.



Why Choose Care Ministry on Stewardship Weekend?

We understand the Lord's call to be faithful stewards of the time and talent he has given us. How to do that is often our question. Why not try Care Ministry? No skills or experience are required. The basic job description is to meet and make friends with guests. You will be on a team; your team will help you. You will be blessed to find out there is a high return on your investment of time. Usually a Care Minister is asked to give just one hour a month. Yet the time invested often pays dividends for God's kingdom. And you will feel blessed by the Spirit for your part in his work.

To join in, sign up at the Care Ministry table on Stewardship Weekend, February 22 and 23. "[Jesus said] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." John 15:16

New Steps in Ethiopian Outreach (continued from page 4)

In early December Mezmur made an important announcement to the participants in the Grace Ethiopian Family Church which he had been leading in succession of Pastor Zelleke. He would no longer be leading them, but instead would lead a new start in Ethiopian ministry that was committed to Lutheran teaching and which would be closely affiliated with Prince of Peace.

Since Pastor Zelleke was engaged in ministry elsewhere and since Wennie (Zelleke's wife) was in Ethiopia, all those who had been meeting as Grace Ethiopian continued to meet with Mezmur under his new commitments. A few weeks later when Wennie returned from Ethiopia she told those gathered that she supported this change and that she would join Zelleke in his new endeavors elsewhere. In effect this closed the ministry of the Grace Family Ethiopian Church.

So we rejoice in the clarity that this brings to the work of Mezmur. And we look forward to a fruitful relationship with those he gathers as brothers and sisters in Christ. If you would like to support Mezmur and this ministry, above and beyond your normal offerings to Prince of Peace, you may do so by making a contribution to the Ethiopian Outreach. All offerings being received by the Ethiopians are now handled through Prince of Peace's accounting. Expenses for Mezmur and this ministry are also being dispensed through Prince of Peace.

Christmas De-Decorating January 11

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Friday, January 24

Lutherans For Life
will be there!

www.lutheransforlife.org

Save the Date for our
2nd Annual Chili Cookoff
Sunday, February 23



Please notify
Brad.Womble@poplc.org
if you want to enter the
contest.



Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

HALF PRICE when you register online from January 6—January 27 with our Group Name: **poplutheran**

For more information visit: familylife.com/weekend

Mary and I have attended several times, and I can say from personal experience it is worth the investment of time and money. However, if you need assistance, don't hesitate to ask. Help is available. We are signed up to attend March 13—15 in Reston, but you can pick from any dates and locations! For all ages and years of marriage. Contact john.durkin@poplc.org.

For full calendar details please visit <https://73810819.view-events.com/calendar/73810819/>

To email a staff or BoSL member please visit www.poplc.org/about-our-church/meet-the-staff