

The Vine

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Celebrating Charter Members Bishop Patricia Lull, guest speaker



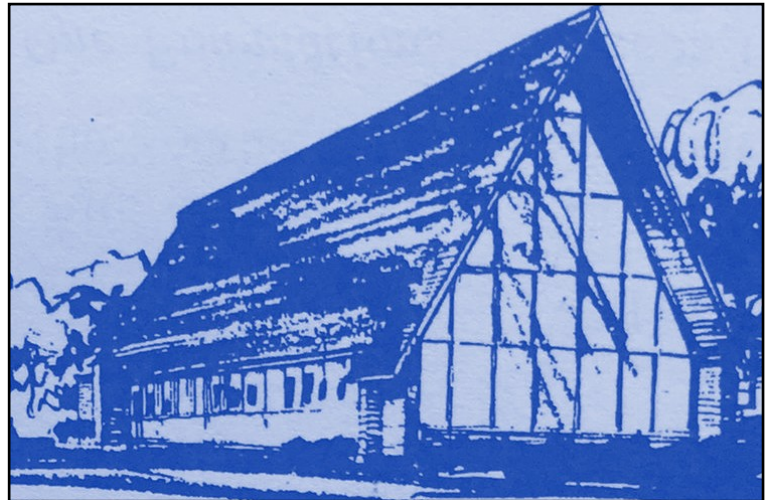
On Sunday, April 15th, we will commemorate the conclusion of our 60th anniversary year with “Charter Member” Sunday. St. Paul Area Synod Bishop Patricia Lull will be our

guest preacher during both of our regularly scheduled worship services.

Any Charter Members (whether currently on the roster or not) who can join us this morning will help to make this occasion even more special. All those who were received in that first year of ministry have come to be known as our “charter members.” This opportunity to be reminded of and to celebrate those who first gathered in this place will inspire all of us who now follow in their footsteps.

Friends of Huruma Coordinator speaks April 8

Pastor Chris Smith, coordinator of the Friends of Huruma, will be our guest preacher April 8th. Smith will tell of the care that the Friends provide for children of the Huruma Center orphanage, working through mutual relationship, prayer, financial support, and programs that enrich the lives of the children. Prince of Peace has received a \$2,000 matching grant for Friends of Huruma, with a potential of matching 4:1. Join us to hear Pastor Smith tell his story.



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This is the new look of the Vine Newsletter, which is an adaptation of articles and information on our website www.PoPRoseville.org. This print version will be available for those who do not have access to the internet.

April 1st Easter Sunday
with communion
Chancel Choir & brass at both services

April 8th
Band Led (Irish Flavor)
8:30 Chancel Choir 10:45 Lightshine

April 15th Traditional with communion Bells of Peace at both services

April 22nd Traditional 8:30 Lightshine 10:45 Joyful Noise

April 29th Masterworks Chancel Choir

May 1st Special Event Good Pellas Concert @ 7 p.m.,
Good Pellas is an extracurricular vocal ensemble at Roseville Senior High School. This is the second year we've been fortunate enough to host their final concert. They were incredible last year and I expect they will be incredible this year, too. There will be a free-will offering taken. Watch for details in the coming weeks!



Spring Masterworks

Rutter Requiem on April 29

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services

Please make plans to join the Prince of Peace Chancel Choir and Guests for our presentation of the **Requiem by John Rutter** on Sunday, April 29, at the 8:30 and 10:45 am worship services! The choir will offer this sensitive and expressive piece for choir and soprano soloist with accompaniment by flute, oboe, cello, timpani and organ. Invite friends and family to join us on April 29 to hear this dramatic masterwork.

A Musical Mother's Day: Join us and Sing!

Calling **all men**: to honor all mothers on **Mother's Day**, we are once again inviting the men of the congregation to sing in a men's ensemble on **Sunday, May 13, at the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.** worship services. **We will rehearse twice, on Wednesdays, May 2 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room for about 20 minutes.**

We will sing early in each service so you may leave after we sing and we will not sit in the choir loft so you will be free to sit with your families. Please consider being a part of this wonderful (and easy!) event. See you at our first rehearsal on Wednesday, May 2!



Minnesota's Next Steps to a Clean Energy Economy



In observance of Earth day, the League of Women Voters Roseville Area will host a symposium celebrating steps Minnesota is taking toward energy efficiency as they affect air and water quality and our economy through lower costs and job creation. Featured speaker is acclaimed climate and energy policy expert J. Drake Hamilton, Fresh Energy Science Policy Director. Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine named her "one of Minnesota's 100 influential people who make things happen." She will highlight how solar and geothermal usage can affect a typical home in our community.

The Tuesday, April 17 meeting will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 N. Victoria, Roseville. The event is free and open to the public.

**OK's luncheon & program
11:30 a.m.,
Thursday, April 12
Hymn Sing Favorites
with our own organist
Cheri Sykes**



Social hour is at 11:30,
luncheon served at noon and
program follows.

Cost is \$10.00.

**Make your reservation after worship
on April 8th or call in your reservation by
Monday noon, April 9, to Helen Danielson, 651 765-1940
or to Vera Ista at 651-484-4443.**

Hope to see you there as we also celebrate SPRING.

Women's Bible Study Groups

Session 4 of this series of bible studies "Multiple Meanings," from *Gather Magazine*, will be about the "Prodigal Son Story" from Luke 15:11 – 32. From what perspective would a "famine" or "squandering your possessions" contribute to the understanding of this story? How do the Tanzanians interpret the "Prodigal Son Story? Discover how the Russians interpret this story.



Join in on any one of the following four bible study groups. Call the hostess for directions or for information. You would be more than welcome. The Women's Bible Study Circles meet the second week of each month.

Rebecca Bible Study Circle meets in the home Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

Hostess: Serene Thornton, 651-558-6333

Bible Study Leader: Carol Swanson

Lydia Bible Study Circle meets in the church library

Tuesday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Maria Larson, 651-653-9108

Bible Study Leader: Sharon Rachner

Women of the Well Bible Study Circle meets in the home

Tues, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Mazie Niebeling, 651-484-6477

Bible Study Leader: Anne Olson

Ruth Bible Study Circle will meet at Sunrise Senior Center

Wed., April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Jean Knaak, 651-483-9261

Bible Study Leader: Judy Florine

From Milt: Walking with Jesus in Lent

We've been looking at Jesus's "I AM" statements over Lent. As we head into Easter Sunday and the Easter Season, it is important for us to ask ourselves how we can live our life like Jesus's I AM statements. Last month I used the phrase "I AM.....Am I?" I'd like to look farther into that statement.



What global, continental and local issues are important to you? How do we support the issues that are important to us? How do we take the lessons our faith teaches us out into the world? I liked the image that Pastor Lynn recently used: A finger saying Jesus is number one, or a finger pointing out others' deficiencies. This image really got me to thinking about "I Am.....Am I."

Jesus said he was many things. Are we saying "I AM," or are we pointing our fingers and saying are you, or worse? Are we listening to others' issues and trying to come up with solutions, or are we pointing our fingers and saying you're wrong, or worse?

As we journey through this Easter Season, may we be conscious of where our finger is pointing. Is it pointing skyward proclaiming Jesus as our savior and guide, or is it pointing at others, proclaiming what we see as their deficiencies and maybe ignoring our own deficiencies? May we all keep our fingers pointing skyward. As many of our Easter hymns state: "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!"

—Milty

Upcoming Adult Forums - 9:40–10:40. Please join us!

- April 8** – Desmond Tutu called Bryan Stevenson “America’s young Nelson Mandela.” Join the Social Concerns discussion of the highly praised, award winning memoir *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson, on the unfairness of the justice system. This will be led by BJ Metzger.
- April 15** -- A Conversation with Bishop Patricia Lull of the St. Paul Synod.
- April 22** – Refugee 101 – with Shelby Pasell from International Institute of Minnesota. Learn about who refugees are, where many refugees in Minnesota are arriving from, and what the refugee journey entails. We'll also talk about what happens once families arrive in Minnesota, and how what's happening in Washington affects Minnesotan refugees.
- April 29** – Pathway to Citizenship – with Corleen Smith, Director of Immigration Services at International Institute of MN. We'll discuss who is eligible for citizenship, and what the process of naturalizing looks like. We'll also talk about why citizenship is such an important step for New Americans. Why it is important to our Minnesota community for people to become citizens.
- May 6** – Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung, CEO of the Minnesota Council of Churches, will be with us to talk about the work of the Council, which seeks to be an agent of unity in the faith community and a moral voice for a just society. Rev. DeYoung is a pastor, former professor of Reconciliation Studies, and an author and editor of ten books on reconciliation, multiracial congregations, interfaith spirituality, racism, and cultural diversity.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR HOLY HAMMERS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Prince of Peace participates in an annual build as part of the "Holy Hammers" (HH) coalition of 15 churches. This year the home is at 717 Geranium Ave. E., St. Paul.

Monday, April 16 (3 volunteers),
Tuesday, April 17 (3 volunteers)–
Framing the house

Monday, April 30 (5 volunteers),
Tuesday, May 1 (5 volunteers)–
Continuing framing the house, and
window/door installation

Monday, May 14 (3 volunteers)–Installation of siding and soffit

Monday, June 18 (3 volunteers), Tuesday, June 19 (3 volunteers)–
Interior painting, flooring, garage

The Prince of Peace Church meals and snacks days are
Monday, April 30 (3 or 4 volunteers) and Tuesday, May 1 (3 or 4 volunteers).

The signup sheet is hanging up in the hallway by the pastors' office.



Last year's participants Tom Rockne, Russ Wilkinson, Peter and Anne Christ

From Pastor Lynn: *Footprints*



Dear Friends,

This weekend, our daughter, Sarah, had a couple of extra days off so we spent some time in Milwaukee. Although it was colder than I hoped – the sun was shining – so we took a long walk along beautiful Lake Michigan.

As we made our way along the edge of the wet sand looking for interesting rocks and other treasures, we left a trail of footprints that were quickly reclaimed by the waves. Looking behind us, I was reminded of the popular poem "Footprints in the Sand."¹ In a dream, the author walks along the beach with Jesus, with scenes from her life appearing across the sky. During difficult times, she notices just one set of footprints in the sand instead of two and worries that she has been abandoned at her lowest. Jesus reassures her that he had carried her safely through those times.

It is a beautiful poem – and so popular it can be found emblazoned on pillows and wall hangings and coffee mugs and bookmarks. However, as I walked along the sand of the uncrowded beach, I thought about my own faith over time, including periods of great difficulty. For me, the footprints poem paints an incomplete picture.

For example, where is the deep groove along the beach where I was reluctantly dragged - being led in a direction I did not want to go? Perhaps I felt called to be more generous than I intended, or to end an unhealthy relationship that I treasured, or to take a stand that made me uncomfortable or unpopular. Sometimes I have followed Jesus grudgingly instead of joyfully.

What about the times my footprints could be found heading in the opposite direction from those of Christ? When I had no concern for my neighbor, when I behaved selfishly, when I hurt others.

And how could there possibly be just two sets of footprints along the beach? A truer picture of a walk of faith would be a beach trampled with footprints – the countless imprints of those who came before us, those with whom we have walked, those whom we loved and loved us, those with whom we disagreed, stepping upon their feet as we walked. Teachers who challenged, family members who supported, childhood mentors who inspired, doctors who chided, church members who modeled faithfulness and playfulness, friends and strangers, children and elders. So many footprints.

We walk in the sandy footsteps of the heroines from the Bible we encounter during our mid-week Lenten services—Eve, Lydia with her purple cloth, Rahab, Mary and so many more. Our relationship with Christ, rather than being a serene stroll along a lonely beach, connects us to a vast cloud of witnesses.

As I walked along with my own dear family, the waves gathered up the footprints surrounding us and carried them away, leaving a clean slate before us and behind us. Our life of faith includes this too! We are called during this season of preparation for Easter to wade in the promises of baptism — claimed as God's own beloved children, washed clean and freed from sin and death.

I thank God for you, for the gift of his Son, and for our overlapping footprints.

Pastor Lynn

¹The authorship of the well-loved poem is disputed. Mary Stevenson, Carolyn Joyce Carty and Margaret Fishback Powers have all copyrighted slightly different versions.

April Birthdays

April 1	Nate Ackman	April 18	Leah Lolmaugh
April 4	Gordon Anderson		Tori Walker
	Wesley Kors	April 19	Anna Pettinelli
April 5	Esther Tatley	April 22	Deb Cordes
April 7	Ayden Lolmaugh		Karen Luger
April 8	Lois Carr		Juno Moore
	Jerome Schewe	April 23	Tammy Heimer
April 9	Bev Bail		Anna Miller
April 10	Nell Sponheim		Kathy Tunseth
	Dylen Wetteland	April 24	Gordie Gutzmann
April 12	Logan Johnson	April 25	Henry Kwapick
April 13	John Olander	April 26	Josie Hogen
	Lauren Pettinelli	April 28	Grant Anderson
	Linda Wagner		Ryan Burke
April 14	Taryn Wetteland		Zach Duncan
April 15	Karen Carr		Natalie Hudoba
	Nancy Murch	April 30	Quin Nordman
April 16	Don Birkeland		Brian Peterson
	Gus Haugan		
	Jerry Rowe		

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays in April!
Don't want your birthday included? Please let us know
prior to the month of your birthday.



OLD GUYS

9:30 a.m. every Tuesday
at Perkins—Lexington & Hwy. 694
3855 No. Lexington Ave.

Join the guys for a cup of coffee
and a look at this week's lectionary
or sermon texts.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Thursday, April 5th
7:30-8:30 p.m.,
at Ol' Mexico,
1754 Lexington Ave. N.

The format is one beverage,
one question, one hour.
We'll meet to dig deeper into
questions that affect our faith





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Sunday 8:15a Sunday Morning Childc 8:30a Worship Service 9:40a No Adult Forum today 9:40a No Sunday Faith Formi 10:45a Worship Service 1p Worship Service -Eternal L	2 9:30a Monday Morning Crew 5p Worship Committee Meet 7p Mill's basketball	3 8:30a ECFE Drop in & Play 9:30a Old Guys -at Perkins 2:30p YogaDevotion	4 8:30a ECFE Drop in & Play 11a Staff Meeting 1p Red Cross Blood Drive 6p Bell Choir 6:30p Youth Group 7:30p Lightshine Choir 7:40p Chancel Choir	5 7:30p Theology on Tap	6 2:30p Cookie Baking	7 6:30p Meditative Drumming
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**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

Wednesday,

April 4th,

1-7 p.m.

in the gym

Sign up in the narthex
or online:

www.redcrossblood.org,
enter POP Roseville
in "Find a Blood Drive."

Growing Through Loss

is a 6-week series that provides opportunities to obtain info and support for a variety of loss & grief issues.



Prince of Peace Church supports this series through the No. Suburban Grief Support Coalition.

Info is in the track rack in the narthex.

Begins Thursday, 4/12-5/17, at 7 p.m.

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley

more info: 763-755-5335

All are welcome. Donations are accepted.

First three in the series:

April 12—Understanding Grief & Loss

April 19—Feelings & Emotions of Grief

April 26—Self Care while Experiencing Grief

Paul Bernards and his children

would like to thank Pastor Lynn, Pastor Peter, Betchen Oberdorfer, Anne Haugan, Paul Thompson, Jan Hanson, Savita Oberdorfer, Tara and many, many others for their hard work and love shown in the coordination of Phyllis' Memorial service. We recognize the extra work you did to make it happen and want to thank you! Blessings galore on each one!

Many thanks go to all of the people

who helped make the Friendship Dinner at the Hospitality Center for Chinese a wonderful event for the U of M Chinese students and their families. PoP members generously supplied cookies, cake, bread pudding, buns, vegetables, fruit, salads, pork roast, and sloppy joes! Along with Calvary Memorial, we were a bustling crew that fed about 130 students and volunteers!

Thank you!

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Joyful Noise Director.: Melissa Burke

Interim Youth Director.: Erika Coe

Office Administrator: Tara Emerson

From Tara Emerson, Office Administrator

There was no paper copy of the March Vine Newsletter. These articles were on the website. I am adding to the back of this April Vine, so that those who don't have access to the internet are able to enjoy the thoughts of Milt W., Pastor Peter and Pastor Lynn. Thank you for your patience in this transition of the Vine from hard copy to the internet.

Milt's March article

From Milt: Walking with Jesus in Lent

We are now fully in the Lenten season. I hope you've been finding the "I am" statements and the "Her-story"/Holden services meaningful. In looking at the "journey to the cross stories" in the Bible, I've really noticed how often women are mentioned, or named.

This wasn't a total surprise, but there were a few times I hadn't remembered them being there. I've often wondered why women in many churches aren't allowed a more prominent role in leading worship. Women have long been the "educators" in the church via Sunday School and Bible Studies, so then why not in leading worship? Why did it take so long to allow women pastors in the ELCA and its preceding synods.

Many women have had a great influence on my faith, both here at Prince of Peace and growing up, so I guess I wasn't fully aware of how male-dominated religion could be. It's just mind boggling to me that people are judged to be better equipped to lead religion because of gender, race, age, or anything else.

"We All Are One in Mission" ELW 576 verse one:

"We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us
from above to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love."

Seems simple enough; we all have gifts to use, to proclaim Christ's love to the world. I think this is what Jesus is getting at when he states that he is the vine and we are the branches. In looking at the "I am" statements we're studying this Lenten season, my biggest question for myself and all of us is "am I?"

Am I leading my life Christ-like as a follower of the Vine, Bread of Life, Light for the World, Door, Good Shepherd and Resurrection? What does it mean for each of us to be a follower of the "I am"?

Are we like Peter when he denies knowing Christ, or are we truly branches of Christ's love and life? Do we help keep Christ's light shining in the world, or are we more like Judas and help arrest Jesus? Do we enter the door that Jesus opens for us, or do we walk away to find our own way? Am I a follower, or a wanna-be? Do I welcome women as leaders of the faith, or am I one that blocks their path?

My prayer for all of us is that we examine our own faiths and ask AM I?.....

—Milty

From March:

From Pastor Peter *Are these burdens too great?*

For as long as kids have been playing pick-up baseball, the same trick for deciding who goes first has been used. A player from one team grabs and holds a bat and then a player from the other team grabs the bat just above the hand already on the bat. The players alternate grabbing the bat, ever higher, and whoever is last able to grab the bat at the end wins. I'm guessing you might have used this or a similar version too.



I think about these hands piling on top of each other trying to be the last on top, trying to win, when I consider the pile of big things going on, all seemingly competing for attention, all trying to “win” the moment. Today it's renewed threats of nuclear weapons pointed at the U.S. Last week it was gun violence and school shootings. Just before that the #MeToo movement around sexual harassment and before that worsening race relations, North Korean aggression, growing economic disparity, election tampering... the list seems to go on and on. Truthfully, I don't want any of them to “win.” I'd like my attention to be anywhere else but on these big and awful things.

The Olympics were a nice distraction. This was mostly true until a troubled young man decided to fire his gun in the hallways of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14th.

That day was Ash Wednesday and I was busy preparing for our two worship services that day and finding a last-minute Valentine's Day present for my wife. I learned about the tragedy in Florida, just before the start of our 7 p.m. service. Something else had now reached the top of the pile.

Ash Wednesday launched us on our Lenten journey and I'll confess that this year's journey has started in a particularly dark place for me. I'm guessing that you might be feeling this way too. I'm especially anxious to get through these forty days as I'm more than ready to experience the joy of Easter morning. This cross is already too heavy, the burdens this world keeps piling on are adding weight that I'm struggling to bear. Suffocating in bad news, the good news is getting harder and harder to hear. But Lent is about listening and if we open our ears, this journey we're on may just reveal something to ease our way.

Speaking to his disciples and those who had begun to follow him, Jesus offers these words to them (and us) who struggle under the weight:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

– Matthew 11:28-30

That God might know these burdens are great and offers to share the load with us suggest to us something really important. God is aware of our troubles and God has a limitless capacity to carry more weight on our behalf. To go on struggling alone is foolish. Alone, our crosses will always be too great. But in sharing this weight with God gives us a chance at life once more. Of course, this doesn't mean God alone will take care of gun violence, aggressive foreign powers, sexual harassment or any of the other big awful problems facing us, like a fairy godmother waving a magic wand.

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No, it means that God is with us, prepared to shoulder some real weight so that we have something left to see these challenges through. With God's help and with God's wisdom, we will start to solve some of these big awful problems that keep rising to the top of the pile.

This year, during Lent, I invite you to join me in answering Jesus' call. Bring the burdens of this world to God. Be reminded that you're not alone and that the one who loves has an unlimited capacity to make that love shine into the darkest of places, calling forth life. No burden is too great that, with God's help, we can't carry it. Thanks be to God.

From March

From Pastor Lynn: Snowfall Brings Out the Best in Us

Dear Friends,

There's something about a significant snowfall that brings out the best in us. Neighbors with snow plows work their way up and down the sidewalk. Strangers cheerfully lend a hand to stranded residents and motorists, often without being asked or thanked.

Road conditions after this week's second heavy snowfall were so slick and unpredictable, even seasoned motorists found themselves hopelessly stuck, rear-ended, or headed the wrong way. Unfortunately, the most skilled, determined and embarrassed driver cannot always extract a vehicle from the trouble deep snow creates without assistance. (I know. I've tried.) Because there's something about snow that unifies us, people seem more eager to lend a hand – or a push – to those in need and are more willing to accept help rather than struggle alone.

In life, not all of us have the same skills or resources to negotiate the unexpected slick spots. Someone suddenly unemployed after thirty years with the same company might find himself spinning his wheels helplessly, unable to get a good grip on the ground beneath. A recent college graduate may have her wheels pointed one way, and suddenly she is moving in a direction she never intended to go. The loss of a loved one through death or conflict can leave us dented and broken-down, uncertain how to pick up the pieces and move forward. Terrible news, near and far, can lead us to believe that our troubles – and the world's – are so deep and heavy, we'll never dig out from under them.

Sometimes it takes a good snowstorm to point out what is always true – we need each other. The challenges and joys of life are intended to be shared. The ways God calls us to participate in this shared life make a difference for us and for our neighbors. In his letter encouraging the church in Corinth, the apostle Paul uses the body as an example of how we are to function in our life together – each with unique gifts to share. When one suffers, all suffer. When one rejoices, the joy is shared. (I Corinthians 12). Sometimes when someone around us is stuck, no one can move forward until we all pitch in to help. (I added that part and hope Paul would agree).

As the season of Lent continues and we trudge through what remains of winter, we give thanks for the gift of relationship and for the ways we are called to care for one another, to problem solve, to encourage and challenge and love. I'm grateful for you and for the ministry we share.

Easter is coming!

Pastor Lynn

*Enjoy the Convenience of Donating to Prince of Peace
Through Electronic Giving*

From Tara in the office:

I want to remind you that I can help you set up your electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering to Prince of Peace Church. Electronic giving, which can include deductions from your bank account, offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

These are the options that you use to benefit from Electronic Giving:

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. You can choose the day this activity takes place in your account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. Choose any day of the month and your donation will be deducted that day from your account.

Online Giving lets you go to the Prince of Peace Church website (www.poproseville.org) at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, or make a one-time donation. You can even direct your donation to a fund such as Minnesota Foodshare or Central Park Food.

Please call me at 651-484-4144 if you would like me to help you set this giving up.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

And if you have any questions at all, I will be happy to help at any time.

Thank you,
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