### Mission Statement
To Know Him and to Make Him Known

### Vision Statement
Prince of Peace is a vibrant cross-generational Christian family. Lifelong Christian education defines and drives our ministry - we learn, love and teach about life with Jesus. The more we learn, the better we love each other, making our community of faith grow stronger. This bond empowers us to boldly serve our neighbors in ways that show them Jesus, and bring them to faith in Him.

### Upcoming Events for your Calendar:

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See event details on our website, then plan to JOIN US!!

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### “God of the Fall” Jeff Kranich

Soon the leaves will begin to turn, and the world will begin to make its way again toward winter. As the sun moves further south and the days become shorter we feel the change in the weather and prepare to watch the world drift slowly toward its seasonal sleep.

I wonder sometimes what it was like for God to see us fall, to watch the brilliant, warm summer of His perfect Paradise become overshadowed by the cold winter of sin; to see the cool beauty of His lush garden wither and die in the presence of selfish human pride and willful disobedience.

Of all the reactions He could have had, WHAT came was perhaps the one least expected, and remains so even today. When His creation became faithLESS toward Him, God remained, and STILL remains, faithFULL toward us - continuing to call us, guide us, teach us, love us, lead us, and grow us away from the darkness and back into the light.

This promise is certain and true: Winters come, and Winters go, but our God remains steadfast and faithful, in Season and out. No matter where we may wander or how far our sin may lead us away, we can know and trust that our ever-faithful God of the Fall (and Winter, and Spring, and Summer) will pursue us, find us, embrace us, forgive us, bring us back, and welcome us home.

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### “Faith for the Journey” Pastor Dan

With the beginning of the school year at Prince of Peace, we are once again privileged to set our spiritual growth theme for the coming year. And this year, the theme is “the Word of God.”

Our Father is a creator who cares. God wanted something where there was nothing, and spoke, and it was. But God keeps on making things—in mothering and fathering, in small groups, in artists and careers. We praise this God who creates, because it was done “for us.”

We praise the Son, who suffered and died that we could be His own. Jesus shows us how God has acted toward us all. God couldn’t tolerate the way we have spoiled the world and our lives, so God did the better thing: he sent Jesus “for us.” Jesus remains present in the Word and Sacraments “for us.” We are given the opportunity to serve.

This Word is so important to us, because it works faith in us as we use it properly. We express this faith in God, the Three-in-One God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For the Journey

We praise the Holy Spirit, who enlightens us, makes us holy, and keeps us in faith. Faith is a gift - a gracious act of God. We can’t claim faith as our own achievement, it is not something we picked up along the way through our own understanding and effort.

We respond to God’s goodness when we participate with God’s other faithful people in hearing God’s Word, sharing the Lord’s Supper, and proclaiming to others what God does for us in Jesus.

We respond “in faith” - in the faith granted to us by a gracious, faithful God.


**Relationship**

When I think about the word “Faithfulness”, a few things come into my mind...Faithful Husband, Faithful co-workers, Faithful family, Faithful Church members. But the one thing I associate with Faithfulness is Friendship. It’s great to have a Faithful Friend that you can share with, talk with, and count on. I’m blessed to have had the same Best Friend for 38 Years.

**Youth**

This was it, I had finally returned to my quaint dormitory in search of my elusive freshman orientation roommate. Our paths hadn’t crossed all day. I would return to my room every few hours just to find an empty, unkempt bed. Surely he would be here at 10pm, anxiously awaiting my arrival.

As I turned the door knob a rush of thoughts burst through my head: What if he smells bad? What if he is so big he can’t fit in our room? What if he is so busy he can’t stay long? Just to find an empty, unkempt bed. Surely he would be here at 10pm, anxiously awaiting my arrival.

**The Blessing of Faithful Friends** Vicki Bjorklund

“Faithful” is the word I found. The room was empty. Initially this nudged the door open in a push to find an empty, unkempt bed. Surely he would be here at 10pm, anxiously awaiting my arrival. At times it’s easy to forget how faithful he really is. When things become a challenge, don’t seem to go right, or I get too busy, I need to remember he has not forgotten me. If friends fail me or I see lives falling apart, I know he is the one person I can talk to and trust.

In a busy world where Humans and Nature can become shaken, I know there is “ONE” Faithful, Unchangeable Friend that will never go back on his word. I know he is the most Faithful Friend who will never let me down.

**“Blessing of Faithful Friends” Vicki Bjorklund**

I turn to my room orientation room—t singled out a quiet corner. The room was small, but it was mine! The desk was clean and tidy. The bed was made. I settled in and closed my eyes. The darkness was deep, but I knew I wasn’t alone. I knew that One Person in my life is able to teach at a Christian School. Everyday I get to share the word of God or just to keep our church and community you will reap many rewards.

**Teaching the Faith** Nancy Lydon

Sixteen years ago this summer, I was asked by Jody Thurston if I would like to become a teacher for one of the 4's preschool classes starting in the fall here at Prince of Peace School. I informed her I didn’t have any education or degree in teaching preschool and she replied, “You are a Christian and you love children. That’s all I’m looking for.” So I gave it a try. And here I am getting ready to start my 17th year of teaching.

I can honestly say that I LOVE my job. I feel blessed to be able to teach at a Christian School. Everyday I get to share my faith with these children and even with their families. I get to teach them about all the miracles Jesus had done and still does today. How he loved us so much that he died on the cross to save us from our sins.

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I look forward to many more years of teaching, sharing the love of Jesus and sharing my faith with the children that walk through these doors at Prince of Peace School.