

February 2018

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POG Post

From Pastor Bob

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of the one who cannot fail, Jesus the Christ! AMEN

As we, together, embrace a new year filled with opportunity, I was moved to create a theme for the year. The theme will help to form the backbone of what I hope ministry together will look like for us this year. I am excited about the possibility of what living this theme may mean for POG. Over the next few months, I will be further unpacking what each component of this theme will manifest itself in the life and ministry of our church.

Please join me in living the theme as we, together, move forward in faith into what God has in store for us in the coming year. It remains a pleasure to serve the people and ministry of POG, and I am grateful for your partnership on this journey to be the church God is calling us to be here in this place.

Theme for 2018:

“In 2018, we are POG: Present, Open, Growing.”

In 2018, I am encouraging our church to remind ourselves who we are and whose we are – that we are POG, and we will focus our energies in these three areas:

PRESENT: We will focus on being **present** together with each other, supporting and encouraging each other through weekly worship gatherings and missional and social events and inviting others and serving side by side in the ministries of the church.

OPEN: We will focus on being **open** to the ways that God is calling us to deepen our spirituality, engage in the life of our church, embrace the strangers and serve our church.

GROWING: We will focus on **growing** and deepening our faith, increasing the number of those who are worshipping and participating in the life of our church, as well as financially providing for the mission of the church.

In God's Grip,
PB

From the Desk of the Minister of Administration

In 2018, we are **POG: PRESENT, OPEN, GROWING.**

Happy February! I hope you are surviving the ever-changing Michigan temperatures. We have certainly had some warmer sunny days, but then we have had the extreme opposite as well. Think spring; think spring.

I saw this quote from Henry Ford this week, and it struck a note with me so I thought I'd share it with you: *"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." A good thing to remember when so many people I know are struggling in life right now.*

It's about time for me to be thinking about distributing an updated directory. If you have any changes to phone, email or address, please send me a quick email or drop a note on my desk with your current information. Also, if you have noticed that your birthday has been omitted from "Birthdays and Anniversaries," it means I do not have that information in the database. I would ask that you also include that information in your update.

My sincerest condolences are extended to Donald Dickison on the recent loss of his sister-in-law Susan. Please keep Donald in prayer during this difficult time of losing yet another family member.

We also send condolences to the family of Kay Grilli. Kay and family were loved members of Prince of Glory and recently moved to Texas, where Kay passed away. A memorial service for Kay was held at POG on January 5. Please keep Kay's children in prayer, as they move forward without their mother, and for Gene in the loss of his wife.

We also extend our condolences to Debbie Hanson and her family on the passing of Debbie's mother, Connie McDougall. We send prayers of comfort.

We were blessed in January with the birth of Mateo Ralph Clemens. Mateo is the son of Ralph and Belle Clemens and will be baptized at Prince of Glory in February. He sure is a cutie and is loved beyond measure by his parents and by his church family as well.

Lastly, I hope you noticed the heading of this article. This is our church theme for 2018. We are confident we can live into this, but we know we cannot do it without your help. Our current emphasis is on **growing**. The best way for our church to grow is through inviting others to attend church services or events. In a recent Announce, I included ways to invite people. If you did not see it, I would be happy to give that information to you again.

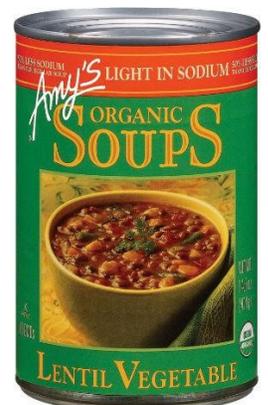
Until next month...

Debbie

Supporting the Good Shepherd Food Pantry

Throughout the year, POG collects items to help stock the food pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran church in Royal Oak. You can place any donated item on the metal shelving unit or in the plastic laundry basket in the narthex.

During the month of February, we're collecting canned soup, chili and toothpaste.



Upcoming Servants and Schedules

Acolytes

Date	Servants
February 4	9:00 – Tori Kramer 11:15 – Hank Hegdal
February 11	9:00 – Abby Genette 11:15 – Jordan Lee
February 18	9:00 – Trevor Smigelski 11:15 – Dylan Redd
February 25	9:00 – Toby Buckheim 11:15 – Lily Wienclaw & Amelia Wienclaw

Assisting Ministers

Date	Servants
February 4	9:00 – Coleen Genette 11:15 – Rick Lee
February 11	9:00 – Ron Carmona 11:15 – cont. band
February 18	9:00 – Arlene Pollock 11:15 – Samantha Pollock
February 25	9:00 – Jack Erickson 11:15 – TBD

Communion Assistants

Date	Servants
February 4	9:00 – Jo Logan 11:15 – Larry Tikkanen
February 11	9:00 – Heather Rockensuess 11:15 – Jo Logan
February 18	9:00 – Rebecca Greenway 11:15 – Arlene Pollock
February 25	9:00 – Jo Logan 11:15 – Heather Rockensuess

Want to join the cool kids and serve during Sunday service? Specifically, we're looking for lay readers and assisting ministers. It's easy to join, and training is free! Reach out to Debbie Porter: Coordinator@princeofglory.org

Thank-You Notes

On behalf of Beaumont Children's and the Pediatric Family Advisory Council, we would like to thank you for your support of Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams. Throughout December, more than 10,000 community members shared a sweet goodnight with more than 700 children.

Parents of hospitalized children were brought to tears upon seeing the number of people who stood in the cold to express their genuine care and concern: "To all my friends that are heading to Beaumont, do not think for one second that bundling up in the freezing cold isn't making a difference. Bringing this joy to my son and his Mama while in the hospital is a gift that means more than you will ever know. God Bless. So much love and thanks to this amazing village."

May you continue to shine your light through the new year and carry the Moonbeams spirit throughout 2018. We look forward to seeing you again in December!

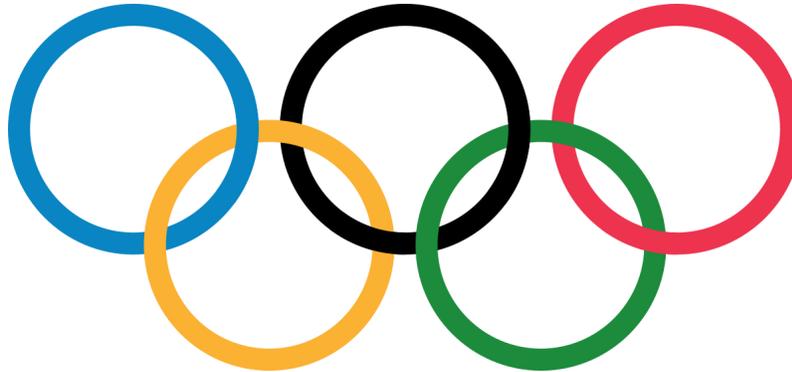
Sincerely, Beaumont Children's & the Pediatric Family Advisory Council



Thank-You Notes (cont'd.)

Dear POG family, Thank you for giving me the POG scholarship for another semester. I really appreciate having a church community at home that lets me know that they care. Love, David Bluhm

*We send our sincerest gratitude to **Ronda Lee** for continuing the Artist in Residence displays each month in the narthex. Thank you for being such a wonderful art curator!*



The Winter Olympics Are Coming to POG!

Fuzzy slipper figure skating, hot chocolate making and snowman building are just some of the activities you can expect from POG’s inaugural Winter Olympics.

On February 18, we’ll have opening ceremonies and events. During the week, February 19 – 24, teams will participate in games on their own time. Then, we’ll gather together again on February 25 for closing ceremonies, events and awards.

Register by February 7, and you’ll be placed on a team. Either fill out this [online registration](#) or the below paper form and hand it in to Sage Hegdal. Any questions? Call 248-588-4652.

2018 POG Winter Olympics Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Age Category (please circle one): Under 18 18-54 55+

Are you Interested in being a team coach? Yes No Do you have a Facebook Account? Yes No

I don’t want to be an Olympian, but I would like to volunteer: Lunch Crew Judge

Please complete one registration form for each person who is participating. Return this form to Sage Hegdal by Wednesday, February 7. For more information call (248) 588-4652

Financial Summary

By: John Thompson

December income of \$15,324 was a \$2,451 decrease in giving from the \$17,775 received in November.

The expenses of \$20,246 for December were higher than the November expenses. The increase in expenses was due to “other benevolence”: \$600 to Grace in Action, \$600 to Good Shepherd for the food pantry and \$1,700 for Stephen Minister training.

On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, the actual income of \$205,741 is \$34,259 less than the budgeted income of \$240,000.

POG Financial Summary		
	December 2017	
	Actual	Budgeted
Total income	\$15,324	\$22,584
Total expenses	\$20,246	\$22,979
Income over (under) expenses	\$(4,922)	\$(395)
YTD thru December		
	Actual	Budgeted
Total income	\$205,741	\$240,000
Total expenses	\$207,754	\$244,954
Income over (under) expenses	\$(2,013)	\$(4,954)

Wednesday Activities Group Schedule

Date	Event	Details
2/7	Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History & lunch	Driver: Ron Carmona
2/14	Bible study	11:30 a.m.
Sunday, 2/18	“Tenderly, The Rosemary Clooney Musical” at Meadow Brook Theatre; dinner afterward	\$27.20; be @ POG @ 1 pm, show @ 2 pm
2/21	Restaurant	
2/28	Bible study	11:30 a.m.

Women’s Group Events

Date	Event	Contact
February 17	Cleaning kitchen (bring supplies)	
March 17	Fellowship breakfast at POG	Jo Logan, Debbie Hanson

Activities to Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, POG is participating in one activity each month for 12 months. Let's celebrate all year long!

February's activity is Purposeful Prayer. Here's how that works:

1. Think about and pray for God to help you to identify someone in your life for whom to pray.
2. Make the decision to intentionally pray for them throughout February. You'll have the highest chance of successful follow-through by picking a specific time each day to pray.
3. At the end of the month, tell the person you've been praying for what you've been doing. You just might be in for a nice surprise.

Keep your eyes peeled: In next month's POG Post, we'll list our March Reformation activity.

Upcoming Primetimers Events

Date	Event	Event Owners
February 17	Wine Tasting Party	Fran Spry
March (tba)	"Love of Marge" Banquet	Ron & Judy Carmona
April 21	Frankenmuth, Ragtime Festival	Gina Thompson
May (tba)	"Sherlock" at Purple Rose Theatre	Clyde & Connie Hietikko
June/July (tba)	Trips to Grosse Ile, Jimmy John's Field	
August (tba)	"Willow Run" at Purple Rose Theatre	Sharon Davis
September 15	Planning Meeting/Potluck	Ron & Judy Carmona

Meet Our Council: Emmy Payne

I joined Prince of Glory Church many years ago after getting to know several of the members and the pastor through the preschool. We live in the area – just across 14 Mile Rd in Troy.

My daughter, Tracy, had attended another preschool as a 3-year-old, and I had heard many good things from others about the Preschool at POG. We visited their program and enrolled her for the following year, 1981. They needed a volunteer mom to help during the preschool class during open play and snack time. Since Tracy was my only child at the time, I volunteered to help out. Dr. John Siefken was the pastor during this time and was often in the building during preschool and we would chat some while I was setting up snack or cleaning up in the kitchen afterward.

After we had gotten to know each other a bit, he asked me if I was active at another church. Prior to this time, I had not been active on a regular basis with a church. My family had relocated to Michigan while I was a young teenager. My father was raised Catholic and my mother's father and stepmother were Baptist.

In those days, the two religions certainly did not blend well. Therefore, my young religious training was limited. (My dad, who was a wonderful person, explained to us kids that to not offend one family or the other, they chose not to be active in either church. Of course as a typical young teen, my comment was instead of risking offending one family or the other, they probably offended both.)

I decided it was time to start being active, as I wanted my children to have the background and could choose their path down the road when they were ready to make a

decision. Both of my children were active with the youth groups and confirmed at POG.

Later, my daughter moved to Florida, after college and teaching middle school math in Canton. She lived there until about five years ago, when she and her family returned to Michigan. Her husband relocated to this area for employment reasons (and a little arm twisting from Tracy). She is an active member with her family at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and is their MOPS (Mothers Of PreschoolerS) coordinator.

Our son, Brandon, also grew up at Prince of Glory (even playing Jesus in the Passion play one Easter). After high school, he joined the U.S. Marines, where he was active for 10 years. He was stationed in Africa, involved in regaining the ship and saving people when the pirates captured the ship in that area just off the coast, as well as in a few other areas before returning to the Detroit area a few years ago. He is now in supervision at Johnson Controls.

I have many people at Prince of Glory that I feel are my true friends, even though I may not even see them often. I care for all of them very deeply. I certainly cannot list them all, as reprinting the majority of the church directory would be quite a job! I am blessed to be part of this group currently and especially blessed to be friends with Chris Purtell and Debbie and Gary Porter and their families. They all have a special place in my heart, as do John and Mary Lou Siefken.

If I can repay POG a little bit for what I have received from the people here and from our Lord, then anything I do is worth it.