



## Faith Passion

How is your faith passion? And how are you expressing it? How are you allowing that passion to drive you to boldly proclaim the Gospel in word and deed?

*No Debt! Know Mission!* is the name of our Capital Campaign here at Prince of Peace. While lots of words probably come to mind when you think of a capital campaign, I'm guessing that for most of you passion isn't one of them. Guilt, pressure, loyalty, obedience, even faithfulness...these are words we often associate with a capital campaign. But not passion. I'd like to suggest that change among us, and let me give you two reasons.

First, passion for God and for God's mission and ministry among us should be at the heart of our generosity. It was God's passionate love for lost sinners like you and me that motivated God to give his only Son. That's what John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." God loved, and so God gave.

I want passion to drive my generosity in this campaign. I want my love and gratitude for all that God has done for me in the cross of Christ to move me to greater giving. I want my passion for what I see God is up to at Prince of Peace to drive my generosity.

Here's the second reason. While passion motivates our giving, our giving also deepens our passion. While I'm very excited by the idea of eliminating our indebtedness so that resources can be freed up for mission and ministry, I'm even more excited by the potential that this campaign has to deepen your passion and faith and mine.

Nancy and I have been involved in many stewardship drives and several capital campaigns over the years and I have been both amazed and grateful for the ways in which God has shaped our hearts, deepened our faith and stirred our passion through each one.

We believe that all that we have is from God and belongs to God. We believe in God's promise to provide for our needs... not all of our wants, but our needs. And yet we struggle to really put those beliefs into practice. We struggle with the lifestyle changes we may be called to make in order to be generous. And yet, every time God has proved to be faithful.

God has always provided, sometimes in surprising and wonderful ways. And these experiences have shaped our hearts, deepened our faith and stirred our passion.

*No Debt! Know Mission!* can be that kind of opportunity for us if we'll allow it to be so. And so my challenge to you is to pray. Really pray. That's where this journey has to begin.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jeff Marian  
Lead Pastor

### Key Dates

*Sunday, March 21 - 4:30 p.m.*  
Advance Gathering  
Brackett's Crossing Country Club

*Week of April 18* - Invitation to Prayer Week

*Week of May 2* - Commitment Week  
Watch for details about a special event!

*Week of May 23* - Celebration Week

## Campaign Leadership Team

**Core Group Leaders:** *Toni Anderson, Paul & Judy Gilje, Susan Jambor, Jeff Loftsgaarden, Pastor Jeff Marian, Karen Odegard, Kyle & Katie Pederson, Mike Raub, and Jane Victory.*

**Advance Commitment Leaders:** *Ron & Polly Bergerson, Doug & Anita Cole, Bob & Charlotte Culbertson, Bernie & Kari Dusich, Mike & Lori Lehner, Paul & Judy Gilje, Pastor Jeff Marian, and Phil & Sally Preuninger.*

**Creative Arts Leaders:** *Handt & Kathy Hanson, Tim & Wendy Horton, Kyle & Katie Pederson, and Liz Ridpath.*

**Special Event Leaders:** *Pat Andersen, Dave & Marlys Herstad, and John & Jan Palmquist.*

**Telephone Host Leaders:** *Dan & Nancy Fouberg, Mike Raub, Rich Kochmann, and Steve & Teresa Manhart.*

**Spiritual Emphasis Leaders:** *Pastor Claire Cassell, Katie Pederson, Ron & Connie Everist, Ed & Dorothy Hansen, and Ken & Marilyn Nordaune.*

**Children & Youth Leaders:** *Dietrich & Emilie Drenkow, Jeff Loftsgaarden, and Jessica Olson.*

**Board of Directors:** *Joe Baer, Garret Beck, Terry Gallagher, Wendy Horton, Jerry Knutson, Jon Mendel, Bill Newton, Dave Peterson, and Marilyn Tubbs will be playing a significant role in this campaign as well.*



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# Our goals are to grow in faith, to live purposely, and to give generously, all to God's glory.

As a community of faith, Prince of Peace is hindered by \$4.45 million in debt. This year, we will use \$260,000 from our general fund to pay for the interest on our debt. In short, this is money that could and should be used for mission and ministry. With No Debt, we will be able to Know Mission! in a deeper way at Prince of Peace.

## **No Debt! Know Mission! Appeal: The Details**

- Pay off the debt of \$4.45 million, by receiving cash gifts and 3-year commitments (May 2010 – May 2013) *over and above* regular giving thus decreasing the interest payments (\$260,000 for 2010) from the general budget as the principal is reduced.
- The interest payments will remain in the budget, but decrease over time as more principal is paid on the loan. During the appeal, the savings from reduced interest payments will be used to replenish restricted funds and build cash reserves, thus helping us to be in the strongest financial position possible at the conclusion of the *No Debt! Know Mission!* Appeal in three years.
- The Capital Replacement Fund for critical capital repairs or replacements is a newly established fund. We have over \$500,000 in equipment that is beyond its life expectancy, but we have no emergency funds to draw from for repair or replacement. This campaign is an opportunity to support the fund. Financial support of The Capital Replacement Fund is an additional gift decision beyond the 3-year debt reduction commitment.

*Wouldn't it be great to "burn the mortgage" during the year of our 50th Anniversary in 2013! We can do it!*



## **.. ask yourself some questions**

The questions we ask change the way we think. When it comes to stewardship, the questions we ask shape the way we think about our time, money and possessions.

Asking questions can move us from a member of a congregation to a disciple of Jesus; asking questions can deepen our faith and commitment to Christ. Use the questions below to think about your life as a disciple of Christ.

- How do I show that God is first in my life?
- Why has God chosen to bless me? How is God calling me to use those blessings?
- In what ways am I rich? In what ways am I poor?
- What has giving meant to me when I was the one who received the gift?
- What has giving meant to me when I was the one who offered the gift?
- Do I take delight in giving cheerfully beyond what might be expected of me, or do I view giving as a duty or obligation?



*"Our entire family has grown much in our spiritual life because of God's ministry through Prince of Peace. We've always appreciated the relaxed, informal worship atmosphere, along with the outstanding youth and music programs that were so prized by our children. We have benefited so much from the educational offerings and the close relationships with our friends.*

*We're solidly behind the capital campaign. The need is clear and compelling. Our leadership is strong and forward-looking. The campaign is being conducted honorably and respectfully of everyone's situation. This is God's campaign, not ours.*

*We like the practical approach - three year pledges, above and beyond regular giving, with complete freedom for us to modify our pledges should circumstances change.*

*At the conclusion of the campaign, we'll celebrate the unity in the congregation, we'll celebrate the results (whatever is raised), and we'll give praise for the growth in the faith of the people of Prince of Peace - as we see the miracles that happen when the people of God earnestly seek God's guidance."*

*Paul and Judy Gilje  
No Debt! Know Mission! Leadership Team members*

