

Prince of Peace Tidings

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Dear Fellow Disciples,

A new minister was asked to teach a boys class in the absence of their regular Sunday School teacher. He decided to see what they knew, so he asked who knocked down the walls of Jericho. All the boys denied having done it, and the preacher was appalled at their ignorance.

At the next elder's meeting he told about the experience. "Not one of them knows who knocked down the walls of Jericho," he lamented. The group was silent until one seasoned veteran of church disputes spoke up. "Preacher, this appears to be bothering you alot. But I've known all those boys since they were born and they're good boys. If they said they didn't know, I believe them. Let's just take some money out of the repair and maintenance fund, fix the walls and let it go at that."

This is a humorous story that illustrates the ignorance that many have about the Bible. Pollster George Gallup Jr finds that only 4 in 10 Americans know that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. A majority of Americans cannot name the 4 gospels in the N.T. Only 3 in 10 teenagers know why Easter is celebrated. 2/3 of Americans believe that there are few, if any, absolute principles to direct human behavior. Earlier surveys by a man named George Barna revealed that barely half of Lutherans, Methodists and Presbyterians believe in the devil, but 56 percent of Lutherans and 49% of Methodists believe in UFO's.

Do we understand what it says in **Deuteronomy 8:3** "man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." How have we sought to be people of the Word so that

the people we contact in our daily routine would be influenced by that word. Thinking that you don't have the knowledge of the Word to be a person that can speak it? **"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."** James 1:5. And so we **"press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."** **Philippians 3:14**

At Prince of Peace we say that we exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. I really do love this description. As we continue in that effort, I cannot over-emphasize the importance of being in the Word of God. Yes, I do mean at home, reading devotionally. More to the point I mean at church, engaging in Bible Study, being a learner, which is what it means to be a disciple. My prayer for the church this year is this: **That 2011 would be a year marked by a renewed thirst for the Word of God and hunger for the Righteousness of Christ that we only find in Word and Sacrament. That by the guidance of that Word, we at Prince of Peace would be unified and strengthened in our efforts as a congregation of disciples called by the revelation of the Gospel.**

To that end, as summer comes upon us and Sunday School comes to an end for the kids...I will continue to teach during the Bible Study hour.

There are a number of soon-to-be new members that are in the midst of Lutheran Basics-God's Word to You. As that class wraps up, another opportunity will begin. There continues to be a Bible Study Wednesday morning at 10:00 am as we gather to walk through the Word. We are currently in the book of Hebrews. Debbie continues to offer a Tuesday evening ladies

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study (talk to her for specifics). There is a Mom's Bible study meeting at Panera (see the newsletter calendar for days and times). Saturday Morning the Men's Group is finishing 2 and 3 John, discussing the text after we've eaten breakfast. This summer for the kids (and parents) VBS is Aug 8th – 11th. Please make it a habit to join your fellow disciples in Christ as we explore the Scriptures together.

In His Grip,

Pastor Jason

June 2011 Worship Schedule

Worship services are offered every Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, June 5
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10;
1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sunday, June 12
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15;
Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Sunday, June 19
TRINITY SUNDAY
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;
Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 26
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160;
Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42



Ministry @ POP: That 2011 would be a year marked by a renewed thirst for the Word of God and hunger for the Righteousness of Christ that we only find in Word and Sacrament. That by the guidance of that Word, we at Prince of Peace would be unified and strengthened in our efforts as a congregation of disciples called by the revelation of the Gospel.

Ministry in Community: That our efforts to build relationships and engage the community with the Word of God would be fruitful. That doors would be opened in the regular interactions that we have with Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors allowing the Word of Christ that dwells richly among us to go forth, for God has promised that it will not return void.

Ministry in the World: That those effected by the recent storms would be comforted by the sure and certain hope of resurrection in Christ. That they would be sustained with all they need to support their body and life by the generous giving of the Father through His people. That in the face of tragedy and loss the Gospel light of Christ would shine brightly in the work of Lutheran Disaster Response teams, Churches, Pastors and Congregations supporting the relief efforts. redeeming love of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

E-Mail Prayer Ministry

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You are invited to submit your prayer requests to our e-mail prayer chain at

popprays@gmail.com.

Delores Taylor

SCHEDULES

Elder Schedule

June 5-Russ Brunk
June 12-Gary Fletcher
June 19-Dan Moen
June 26-Ed Schmidt

Usher Schedule

June 5- Mel & Barb Alsobrooks
June 12-Ed & Elaine Schmidt
June 19- Russ & Sharie Brunk
June 26-Bob & Sharon Petry

Greeter Schedule

June 5-Wilhelm & Fisher
June 12-Ron Nelson Family
June 19-Freismuth Family
June 26-Stolpa Family

Song Leaders

June 5-Lori Peters
June 12-Ben Fletcher
June 19-Diane Ethridge
June 26-Holly Ford

Money Counters Schedule

June 5-Greene & Alsobrooks
June 12-***
June 19-Taylor & Dunnum
June 26-Schmidt & Wilhelm

Altar Guild
Joan Abbott

We Need More of You!

We could really use your help on Sunday morning! Would you be willing to serve as an usher or a greeter or a song leader or a money counter? How about giving it a try? Contact Debbie at the church office, mornings, 786-3938.


Special
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During a special voters' meeting held after the worship service May 22, the congregation has voted to call Mrs. Ruthie Kowalski as Lord's Little Lambs Preschool's teacher/director. A heartfelt word of thanks goes to Barb Alsobrooks, for volunteering her time and talent to this year's preschool program. Help spread the word about our preschool! Registrations are available in the church office for 3 and 4 year olds. There will be a 'Play Date' on July 9 to invite the community to see the preschool, children's playtime, and visiting with the parents. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives!

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Have you seen a miracle lately? Have you looked in a mirror today? In his *Popular Commentary of the Bible*, Paul Kretzmann wrote, “. . . every Christian is a miracle in his own eyes: the creation of the new man is finished, and he is gaining every day in strength and power.”

Kretzmann’s statement amplifies what the Apostle Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians, “. . . if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus vanquished the old sinful Adam through His death and resurrection. The old Adam has been drowned in the water of Baptism. We are God’s new creation! We are God’s miracle, “. . . God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:10).

Through God’s gracious work, our hearts and minds are set on Jesus Christ. Our attitudes toward the “things” of this world have radically changed. We “. . . seek first His kingdom and His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). In Christ, we are no longer of the darkness of the world, but “. . . are the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14). That’s why Jesus said, “. . . let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds

and praise your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

We let our light shine through the good works we do in Christ. We show mercy and give, in contrast to those who borrow and do not repay (Psa. 37:21). We hold possessions with an open hand and “refresh” others with our bounty (Prov. 11:24-25). We are honest and demonstrate our faith by our work and integrity (1 Thes. 4:12-12). We give to those in need (1 John 3:17). We are generous in all things (2 Cor. 9:11) and demonstrate to a watching world the love of God.

We are truly a miracle, saved from darkness and brought into the Marvelous Light. Through the Lord Jesus, who is the Light of the World, we are a light to the world.

Attendance and Giving

Through the first four weeks of May, our average weekly worship attendance was 121. Our regular offering for those weeks was \$8591.97, with an additional \$750.00 given toward our mortgage fund. That makes a total of \$9341.97 for the month.



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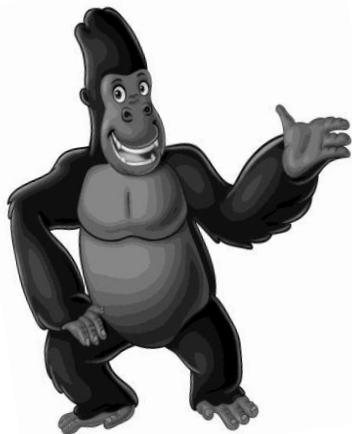
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It's Blue Jean Sunday!

Wear your work jeans to church on June 12. Plan to stay after the service and help on some work projects. One of the big projects will be the playground area for the preschool. There will be other jobs to do as well.

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Are you ready for the



The journey starts **August 8, 2011**
at **PRINCE OF PEACE**

Lutheran Church
1901 W City Hwy 16, West Salem
We'll sound off at **5:00 p.m.**

****To sign up: Grab a vine and swing on**

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Church Yard Sale

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