

Tidings

Worship, Grow, & Serve



Lent 2010 Faith Walk *Holy Week Schedule*

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

8:30, 9:45 Worship & Sunday School
11:15am Crossroads Worship

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Potluck dinner—Bring a dish to share.
7:00pm Pre-service concert—**The Gustavus Adolphus College Symphony Orchestra**
7:30pm **Maundy Thursday** service

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

10:00am Good Friday Children's Program for children under 10 years old and their parents: devotions, crafts and snacks.
7:30pm **Good Friday** service

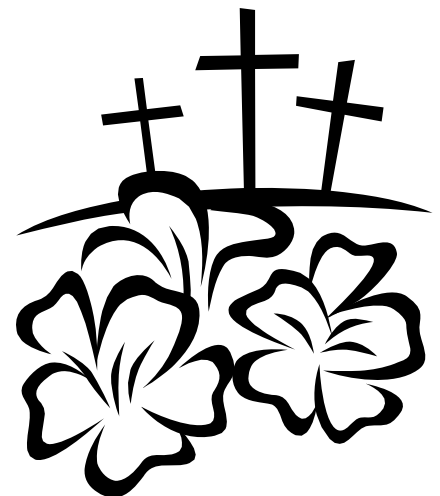
Saturday, April 3

7:30pm **Easter Vigil** service

Sunday, April 4

Easter

8:30, 9:45 & 11:15am Holy Communion
Easter breakfast, No Sunday School



The Pastor's Page

by Pastor Peter Hellstedt



Hanging on the wall opposite our Worship Center is a framed document, a “Statement of Welcome and Affirmation.” The statement was approved by the congregation in 1997. Many of you were there at that time, but if you were not, you may not be aware of what the statement says.

“Because certain persons are often scorned by society” it says, “and may, at times, even be alienated by the church itself, we wish to make known our caring and concern. We publicly profess our commitment to invite and openly welcome all to hear and experience the Word of God.”

Who are the “all” who are welcomed? Specifically, “...persons of all races, ages, physical, mental and emotional status or capacity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic condition, national and ethnic origins, share with all others the worth which comes from being unique individuals created by God,” just as “...all stand before God in need of forgiveness....” There is much more to the statement, but these words are key.

Having come to Prince of Peace only a short time ago, I am proud to be part of a congregation that makes such a statement. Living out that statement, however, means more than displaying it on a wall. If people of all kinds are welcome at Prince of Peace, it’s up to us to make sure that people—people of all kinds—are aware of this welcome. Each of us is an ambassador, sent to carry the invitation to everyone, no exceptions. There are probably those who would assume that at least some people are not welcome here. It’s up to us to gently set them straight and tell them all about the inclusive reach of God’s embrace.

I doubt you have this “Statement of Welcome and Affirmation” memorized. But I hope each member of Prince of Peace knows how to explain the gist of it to anyone they meet. During Holy Week, we turn once again to the cross of Jesus Christ. That cross declares the boundless love of God. We want to be sure to share news of that love with folks who may not believe it’s for real. Then, gathering as the wonderfully diverse family of God, we will discover again and again that the “outsider,” the person we welcomed, is precisely the person God sent to welcome and love us.

An Update from the Executive Director

I wanted to update the congregation on a few actions we have recently taken. First, we have completed the fire alarm update for the Preschool. The state has inspected and passed us. The cost of this update was \$9,895 with the money being taken from our restricted account.

Tom Banker has agreed to fill the empty position on the Investment Committee. David Wainwright has agreed to take Jeff Schrader's spot as head of the Nominating Committee. David will also chair the Mutual Ministry Committee which will begin meeting soon. Monica Gibbs has agreed to be Director of Christian Life. I thank everyone for volunteering in these important positions at the church.

Blessings,
Kathy Tweeten

LSSI Sunday

On Sunday, April 18, we will celebrate the ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). The preacher at all 3 services that morning will be **Pr. Dan Schwick**, who is assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Church and Government Relations at LSSI. Additionally, another representative from LSSI will offer a short presentation after the 9:45 service to spotlight one of LSSI's special ministries. Prince of Peace has been closely involved with the work of LSSI for many years. In 2005, LSSI awarded its "Ministry of Hope" award to Prince of Peace for excellence in serving ministries.

In response to Bishop Miller's request, we will join all synod congregations in receiving a "Good Shepherd" offering designated for LSSI on this day. A special envelope will be provided in the bulletin for April 18.

Pastor Daniel Schwick is Director of Lutheran Advocacy-Illinois and Assistant to the President of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois for Church and Government Relations.

Pastor Schwick has been director of the ELCA Advocacy office in Illinois since 1998. An ordained ELCA pastor who served congregations in Chicago for 15 years, he was heavily involved in social and community issues in his parish ministry.

Daniel is married to Pastor Kathie Bender Schwick. They have three sons and live in Park Ridge.



Brunch Helps Kids 'Bond with Books'

Join The Women's Network of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) for its 26th Annual Forget-Me-Not Brunch and Fashion Show on Saturday, May 1, in Rolling Meadows.

Doors open at 10 a.m., giving you time to shop for unique handbags, jewelry, gift items and much more in boutique shops. Then, you will enjoy brunch and a professionally staged fashion show, featuring the latest styles and colors of the season.

Once again this year, this fun, relaxing event will benefit the *Bonding with Books* program, which incorporates books into all aspects of the preschool experience at LSSI's five Head Start sites in Chicago. Each month, between October and May, each student receives a free book. During the month, classroom activities – and field trips – are linked to the book. At home, parents read the book to their children throughout the month. This excellent program promotes literacy and helps to build a home library for children and their families.

Mark your calendars now!

When: Saturday, May 1, 2010; doors open at 10:00 a.m.

Where: The Meadows Club, 2950 W. Golf Road, Rolling Meadows, IL

Cost: \$75 per person; \$40 for children ages 6-12

Contact: Ed Newton at 847/635-4656 or Edward.Newton@LSSI.org.

To register online, visit www.LSSI.org and click on the Women's Network Fashion Show banner.



Music Notes...

by Scott Uddenberg

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.”
Mark 16.6

This is it. The time of year that is center piece of our faith as Christians. Because of that, this month is the centerpiece of our church spiritual life. As a result, there is a lot going on at Prince of Peace.

First, **Holy Week:**

March 28th is **Palm/Passion Sunday**. We celebrate Jesus’ triumphant march into Jerusalem and recount the passion story in worship. We’ll begin in Fellowship Hall and do our own recreation of that march, led by our Sunday School children, Children’s Choir, and Handbell Choir.

April 1st is **Maundy Thursday**. This year we celebrate the Last Supper and The New Covenant with a meal of our own. We have very special guests sharing this meal with us, The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Greg Aune. Join us in welcoming these musicians from Gustavus Adolphus College at a potluck meal, bring a dish to share, at 5:30 in the fellowship hall, followed by a pre-service concert at 7:00pm. The orchestra will share their gifts in worship as well at 7:30pm. It promises to be a very special evening of fellowship, music and worship.

April 2nd is **Good Friday**. We mark this seminal event in the life of Christ with a vespers worship service at 7:30pm. Music from our Adult Choir and a string ensemble will help lead us through this Holy Week worship experience. Come and hear the story of Christ’s final hours on earth.

April 3rd is **Easter Vigil**. Come and experience the oldest liturgy in the Christian church. This is the final hour in darkness as we move from the despair of Good Friday to the joy, celebration, and freedom of Easter morning! Every Christian should experience this very special worship service Saturday at 7:30pm.

April 4th is **Easter!** Come and celebrate Christ’s resurrection at our 8:30, 9:45 & 11:15 festival worship services. Enjoy the word, music and fellowship of God’s triumph over death! Stay for Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall. Bring your family and share in the joy of Jesus’ victory over death!

All that is enough to celebrate the wonderful community we have at Prince of Peace, but as they say on infomercials, “but wait, THERE’S MORE!”

The Hoffman Estates High School annual Choral Classics concert is once again here at Prince of Peace on Thursday, April 15th at 7:30. Once again, the Prince of Peace Adult Choir will join the Hoffman choir in song. This year, movements from Vivaldi’s Gloria will take musical center stage. Admission is free and all are welcome to come and experience the music.

A visit from Lutheran Social Services of Illinois will be at the heart of our worship services on April 18th. Come and hear how these fellow Lutherans are doing God’s work and how you may be able to help.

April 25th is Youth Ministry Sunday at Prince of Peace and our young folks will be participating in worship in many, many ways. They will be performing the music, reading the word, serving communion and more. Come and see the wonderful youth in our congregation, and make them feel the part of our faith community that THEY ARE!

The flowers will be in bloom, the air warmer, the sun shining brighter, and our spirits lifted a little higher from coming through another long winter. God’s promise of new life begins anew, come and celebrate at Prince of Peace!

Evangelism Board

By Wayne Mc Laughlin

What is evangelizing and evangelism? Don't worry - I'm not going to quote some dictionary definition to you like I knew it all the time. That question underlies the thing we grapple with on the Evangelism Board all the time - what is the most effective way to reach the most people.

I had some email exchanges recently with a Muslim friend of mine about examples of some Christian misperceptions of Islam. In the course of these exchanges, I offered up some criticisms to an individual who runs a "Christian" web site that dwells on these misperceptions (criticisms which were not well received).

If evangelizing in the broadest sense, is being God's instrument to deliver his message of love, grace and mercy, who was I evangelizing to, my Muslim friend or my Christian counterpart? In a larger sense is this not a way to fill in some of the gaps in our understanding of this life which I find very confusing at times.

So evangelism is not always proselytizing for new church members, but if we do it right, others may follow us. (Discipleship?). I am concerned about so many people I know and millions of others who have no awareness of God's love, grace and mercy and think to myself, what a lonely journey and so we will continue grapple.

We would be happy to hear other thoughts and inspirations at our next board meeting, April 19 at 6:00 pm. Check the bulletin board for any changes.

The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1888, Gustavus Adolphus College Orchestra has grown to be a full symphonic orchestra performing a broad selection of music.

The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra regularly performs with faculty and guest soloists, as well as other campus ensembles, at events such as Christmas in Christ Chapel and the internationally recognized Nobel Conference. In October of 2001, the orchestra premiered the *Nobel Symphony*, commissioned by Gustavus Adolphus College in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the awarding of the first Nobel Prizes. The premiere performance of this work, written by the award-winning American composer and alumnus Steve Heitzeg, was featured on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*.

The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra tours annually—either as a string orchestra or with its full complement—and once every four years travels abroad for a unique musical and cultural experience. In the spring of 2000, the orchestra made its European debut, performing in England, Scotland, and Wales. In January and February of 2004, the group embarked on a ground-breaking concert tour in China and made a return visit in January of 2008.

Lutheran Day is Coming April 21, 2010

Each year hundreds of Lutherans and other supporters of Lutheran social ministry organizations in Illinois gather in our state capital to:

- learn about how our agencies impact the public good across the state
- hear about challenges facing providers of human care services
- advocate for state policies aimed at strengthening the public-private safety net

Lutheran Day 2010 will take place on Wednesday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm at various locations in Springfield. Registration materials are available at www.LutheranDay.org.

Every year around Lutheran Day in Springfield a call goes up to organize group transportation from various points in the state to Springfield and back. If you are interested in transportation or if you would like to help organize a carpool, caravan or bus transport to Lutheran Day on April 21, please contact Steve Taylor at Stephen.taylor@lssi.org.



Youth News

By Karen Wagner



Youth Ministry Appreciation Sunday Planned for April 25

On Sunday, April 25th at 8:30 & 9:45 a.m., we will celebrate Youth and Family Ministries Appreciation Sunday. There will be special treats available in the fellowship hall afterwards. Mark your calendar for this extra special day.

Mission Trip Update - July 31 - August 8, 2010

To Camp Victor, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

This year's Mission Trip will return to Camp Victor in Ocean Springs, Mississippi to work on homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. We went to Ocean Springs in 2007 and there are still many homes that are still to be repaired five years after the disaster. The cost for the trip is a \$100 non-refundable down payment due with registration. Adults beyond college age are asked for an additional \$150 payment on July 1st. Registration is due on April 4th, and it is extremely important to register early since we must make payments to Camp Victor periodically between now and July 1st. Extra forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Mark Gamb or Karen Wagner at 847-885-7010.

Easter Breakfast Fundraiser Will Help Support the Mission Trip

Join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 4th. All proceeds will help to fund the mission trip.

Vacation Bible School 2010

June 21 - 25 - 9 a.m. - Noon

It's time again to register for Vacation Bible School. Registration begins on April 1 for this year's **High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God**. Vacation Bible School at Prince of Peace is for children aged 3 years old (by September 1, 2009) through those completing 4th grade. (Children must have been born before September 1, 2006.) School age kids should sign up for the grade they are currently completing. Registration is limited to the first 130 participants, so invite your friends now. Registration will close on June 1st or when all spaces are filled, whichever is earlier. The fee of \$35 per student or \$85 for families of three or more will include a **Sing and Play Music CD** for each family. There is a registration form included in the middle of this Tidings. Share it with friends and neighbors. Registration forms are also available from the church office and the bulletin board in the front hallway of the church.



Many volunteers are needed to make Vacation Bible School a success. So if you like to teach, help with crafts or snacks, or just help with children, we need you, teenagers as well as adults of all ages. Babysitting will be provided for volunteers' children who are not yet old enough to be enrolled in the regular classes. **Please fill out the volunteer form from the bulletin board and indicate your willingness to help.** For more information, contact Karen Wagner at the church, 847-885-7010. Registration confirmation will be mailed in early June.



Early Childhood Programs at Prince of Peace

By Anne Yauch

In the preschool and kindergarten, we are hoping for sunny, warm days in April and lots of time for learning inside and out. We have so many great things planned for this month and we are sharing ways to pray and experience the miracle of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Registration for 2010-2011

Registration for the next school year is ongoing and we offer many different options for preschool and kindergarten classes at Prince of Peace. We also have a Parents' Day Out program every day from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please don't hesitate to visit our ELEA Accredited program or call us at: (847) 885-7036 for more information.

Our First Annual "Crop til' You Drop" - Scrapbook Event

Join us on Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Great Room. We will be scrap-booking all day, with lunch and snacks provided. The cost is \$30 and includes food, drinks and a goody bag. Check out the forms at the Welcome Center.

Hop-a-Thon 2010



Every year, our preschool and kindergarten children "HOP" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and have fun doing it! On April 15 and 16, the children will be learning more about disability awareness and the need to keep their own bodies in good shape. We will count their "hops" for one minute and make donations to MDA based upon the number of "hops". This is a great activity for our students and a way to fund research for muscular dystrophy at the same time.

Summer PDO

Every summer, we offer a day of fun each week for children from 3 - 5 years old. We will meet for 10 Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Nursery. Every day has a fun theme and we provide lunch and a snack for the children. Check out the forms at the Welcome Center and the Information Desk in the Narthex. Children need to be three by 9/1/09 to participate. Please call: (847) 885 - 7036 for more information.

"Educational Toys and Learning Tools Collection for LSSI"

We have an exciting new opportunity to assist LSSI in a variation of their Head Start Program. There are 10 families who are living in a shelter in Chicago. LSSI is working with the parents to help develop cognitive skills in their children. The LSSI staff will meet with the parents once a week, and the parents will use the materials they have been given to work with their children. These families, with children ages 3-5 yrs old, need:

arts and crafts supplies--scissors, crayons, glue, paper (white, and construction)

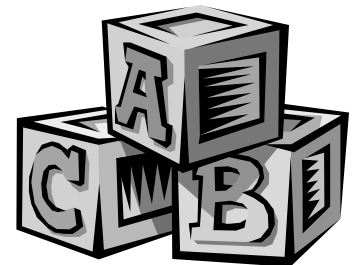
books for preschoolers

wood blocks with letters and numbers on them

building blocks, such as Duplos, Megabloks

magnetic alphabet sets

Gently used books will be accepted. All other items should be new and unused. There will be a box set up in the Fellowship Hall marked "LSSI Preschool Program". We will collect these items on April 11 and 18. Questions? contact Chris Chason 847-882-0982.



How Are You Using the Time and Gifts That God Has Given You?

by Beth Gibbs

God created each of us with a variety of talents and has gifted us with a range of abilities. You may be able to run a marathon, or shop for a shut in, arrange a meeting, teach or write. Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument, are a fabulous cook, take beautiful pictures, can organize the kitchen, or plan a mission trip. We each have a unique function to perform in life and in the body of Christ.

Many things occupy the hours we have each day. Our work and families take up a majority of our time. How do we as Christians manage our time to fulfill our obligations as well as volunteer to help those in need? Can we be good stewards of the time and gifts that God has given us?

The Bible in Corinthians and Ephesians talks about the Body of Christ with Christ as the head. Just as our bodies have many parts, each with its own function, everyone has gifts that can be shared with others in our church and community. At Prince of Peace we have many opportunities for you to use your gifts. Let me encourage each of you during this time of Lent to search your soul and look at your life and see where you can use your talents and gifts to help others.

Every person has both natural talents and spiritual gifts. Our abilities come to us at birth and develop throughout our lives. The Holy Spirit gives our spiritual gifts to us so that we can minister to others on Christ's behalf. Realize that you have at least one spiritual gift in addition to your natural talents. Pray that God will make you aware of your gifts and talents. If you need help discovering your special talents, contact any one on the board of Stewardship or Pastor Hellstedt. We have some tools for you to use. Then decide which of those gifts, talents and abilities you can share with the world around you. What does the Holy Spirit want to do in your life at this time?

Holy Cow! You can put it on the board, yes!

Or at least put it on your calendar: Sunday, July 18th, 2010

The Schaumburg Flyers Professional Baseball Team is inviting all communities of faith to attend "K-LOVE Family Faith Day", Sunday, July 18th, 2010, at Alexian Field, where they will be hosting the Gary Southshore Railcats at 1:20PM.

The largest faith group in attendance will have the opportunity to perform the National Anthem on the field prior to the start of the contest.

All faith groups will have their name displayed on the matrix board and will have their name announced over the stadium public address system.

We can participate in fan-friendly promotions between innings.

All groups will have the opportunity to win a drawing to perform "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" sing-a-long during the 7th Inning Stretch.

After the game, weather permitting, children will be able to run the bases.

If you would be interested in becoming part of a (large!) group from Prince of Peace, please look for a sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex lobby of the Main Sanctuary, probably around the first part of May. Please print your (family) name, *e-mail* address contact, telephone number contact, and the number of tickets that you would be interested in purchasing.

Prince of Peace would like to know how many members of the congregation would be interested in attending this event so that details for collecting funds and distributing tickets can be accomplished by the end of May through the end of June. The number of attendees in the group determines final individual ticket cost. Last year, we had a group of a hundred and almost 140 in 2008. The ticket price was eight dollars (\$8.00) per ticket and we should be able to do the same this year.

Please look for the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk and join your fellow members of faith in an enjoyable and fun-filled family Sunday afternoon event!





Stephen Ministry
Splash Away
by Janet Ichida

Let my teaching fall like rain and my word descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.
Deuteronomy 32:2

I love April. I picture small children with bright yellow slickers happily pouncing in puddles while golden ducks keep tempo. What a wonderful image even though this Hallmark moment strays from reality. You see April holds the birth date of two special women whose love is embedded in my heart and soul. Both my mother-in-law and mom were born amidst the slickers and ducks.

Although my mother-in-law was both born and died a Buddhist, the faith she held taught me much of my own Christian beliefs. Bob and I pondered the need to believe in Christ in order to pass through those pearly gates. She loved to come to POP to watch her granddaughter perform and even bought a Bible to learn more of the faith in which any grandchildren would be raised. My mother-in-law taught me of Japanese internment camps that festered hatred in countless souls. Yet she quietly spoke of the need to insure ethnic hatred would perish. She scolded my husband for not helping me while she warned me of the need to daily include seaweed in my diet. (Yum!) We spoke of miscarriages still fueled with haunted hospital memories. We would quietly talk of the past and future, much of which was unknown to any of her sons.

My own mother is high upon a pedestal in my heart and soul. She taught me to pray. I don't mean just before meals. I could never hang up the phone without hearing "I will pray about it." Now it could be anything from a sick daughter, missing keys or loads of laundry. Yet I know that little gray head was bowed before I could hang up the phone. Mom taught me how to live with chronic pain. (My sister got Mom's patience; I got her pain.) Mom taught me to be active in a church. She served on her church council as she consistently reminded her brother, a Missouri Synod pastor who had different views of women's role in a church setting. She loved watching her Cubs while she and a son-in-law would sip on a frothy brew. This was a lady who was the poster child for unconditional love. I knew she would always love me, no matter what.

These are two great ladies to emulate; yet I could never fill their shoes (or rather rubber boots to go with the whole April rain theme). But that is ok with me. I can fill my own boots, (now that I am off crutches), which fit me just fine. April brings times of showers in which to walk your dog, dreary days wonderful for your hair, and cloudy forecasts to imitate your mood. Divorce, illness, unemployment, stress all bring downpours. I have a support system to help me survive such days.

People have commented how comforting it is to rely on their weekly Stephen Ministry meeting, especially when they can depend on little else. Consider if a confidential and FREE Stephen Minister could help you through some rainy times. Please call a number listed below or talk to Pastor Hellstedt. Then make time to go splash in some puddles.

Linda Heisel	847-885-28272	Pam Johnson	847-382-7521
Janet Ichida	630-307-8336	Mary Simonis	847-895-4017

I need two Bible verses this month because this verse made me giggle. Bob – don't look!

A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day.

Proverbs 27:15

Second Saturday Date Nights 2010!



Join other Prince of Peace couples each month as we enjoy area restaurants and fellowship. We meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Please contact Jim and Jill Wilkins if you are interested in participating or would like emails regarding future events. Jim and Jill can be reached by phone 847-519-9023 or email wilkinsfamily@wideopenwest.com.

April 10th— **The Assembly** on Barrington Rd.
May 8th—TBD

Old Testament Banners

The Old Testament banners hanging in the office hallway of the church were made by the 5th and 6th grade Faith Fest students on Wednesday nights. The students learned many different stories in the Old Testament, and the two groups drew them on the nine panels of the banners. The contest to guess which stories were depicted was won by Mark and Grete Gamb who together correctly guessed all 18 panels. Great job to Faith Fest and the Gambs!

Kenneth Young Center



For the Mental Health of It!

Where: Busse Woods, Level IV area, South side of Higgins Road, just west of Arlington Heights Rd.
When: Saturday, May 8, 2010 8:00am Check-in; 9:00am start
Rain or shine
What: Walk/ Fun Run (Family and pet friendly event.)
How far: 3 miles
Why: Raise money and awareness about mental health and mental illness.—Support the work of Kenneth Young Center.—Help families in crisis, people who are anxious or depressed, seniors trying to manage on their own, and those with ongoing mental illness.—And...if that's not enough...a great T-shirt, giveaways, music and refreshments, and a chance to win a private airplane ride for you and your guest! (donated by Jetway Aviation, www.jetwayaviation.com)
How: Collect sponsor donations. Sponsors may donate on line at www.kennethyoung.org. Form a team: family, corporation, business, school, sports team, club, church...organize a team and generate excitement. Bring sponsor form (available on website), registration form and donation on the day of the walk.
Questions: Call 847-524-8800 X156 or bettyj@kennethyoung.org or go to the web site:
www.kennethyoung.org

Interfaith Parish Support Services

Alexian Brothers Hospital Network - 25 E. Schaumburg Road, Suite 106
Mike Ideran, Director - 847/230-3760

Dear Friends and Colleagues in Life,

We tend to count the days, weeks or months to important events. It is forty days from Ash Wednesday to the cross and resurrection of Jesus. It is forty days to the ascension and then we have the Pentecost. All of these important events are numbered so that we can keep track of them. I wonder if the counting is all that important. On the other hand, metaphors are also an important part of our lives and we use them often. How does it go, "April showers bring May flowers." Most of us wait in anticipation of the spring flowers and the beauty that they bring. I wish that I could remember all of the names of the flowers, such as tulips, daffodils, crocus, hyacinth, etc.. Each of us might see that spectacular garden and realize that this is a new season of a new year. We understand the metaphor of the colors and smells of the springtime and we look forward to it all. God's refreshing grace is the same as the changing of seasons and as consistent as movement of time. No matter what is going on in our lives at this time, God's presence remains consistent for all of us. Regardless of our struggles and our lives the meaning of God's presence is so that we do not feel alone or isolated. Life and people can be cruel and so we need a God of kindness and compassion. The message of the Gospel and especially of Easter is hope and strength in light of the reality of death. God's presence is for us so that we might continue to live with purpose and strength. So while walking in the rain and enjoying the warmth of the spring sun, remember that God is with you and for you. Have a great April and enjoy the beauty and the smells.

PADS Update April 2010

It's hard to believe that the PADS season will end in a few short weeks as we close our doors to this ministry for the homeless until next October. On Friday, April 30th volunteers will prepare a barbeque dinner for our guests and provide them with any additional toiletries, auto supplies or clothing they may need.

A special note of thanks goes out to Quest Academy, a private school for gifted and talented children in Palatine. They chose Prince of Peace PADS site for their service project twice this season. According to Mark Jurewicz with the school, 6th 7th and 8th graders made homemade cookies and packed sandwiches for over 30 lunches for guests to take with them. The kids even added handwritten notes of encouragement!

The PADS program provides many opportunities for our youth to serve. Area church youth groups have volunteered for set up, cooking and serving, and clean up throughout the season.

Journeys is also sponsoring a fund raising event for high school youth after the season closes on April 30th and May 1st. Participants will be able to go through the system as a PADS guest, sleeping on a floor pad at several specific sites and eating meals prepared by volunteers. A 5K walk is also planned to raise money for the Journeys food pantry. This will be a great opportunity for youth to raise awareness for the homeless community we serve. If you know of a youth group that may be interested in this event, please call Lindsay Rosales at 847-963-9163, ext. 16 for further details.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Friday Morning Women's Bible Study group will begin a 13 week study on April 9th, 9:30 AM - 11:00AM. The study is based on "Revelation: Unlocking the Mysteries of the End Times" by Bickel and Jantz. These are the popular authors of several studies done by this class. Why study Revelation? Several good reasons: Revelation describes the Second Coming of Christ and the events leading up to it; Revelation describes how Satan, the great enemy of God and humankind will finally and forever be defeated; Revelation's message is prophetic but is relevant today; the theme of Revelation is Jesus Christ; and God promises to bless anyone who reads Revelation and obeys what it says (no other book in the Bible comes with this kind of promise). Those aren't enough reasons to join us in this study? Well, how about this? We are really nice....really friendly...and we laugh a lot! For more information, contact Bettye at bettyepetersen@comcast.net or phone 224-569-3744. E-mail is better until April 1.

Adult Learning Opportunities

- Sunday Morning Bible Study 8:30am
- Monday Night Men's Bible Study 7:30pm
- Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study 9:30am
- Journeys Spiritual Growth-1st & 3rd Tuesdays ... 7:30pm
- Friday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:30am



Women's Circles

- Hannah/Sarah 12:30pm, 2nd Thursday
- Naomi 12:30pm, 3rd Tuesday
- Rebekah 1:00pm, 3rd Wednesday

Please contact the church office at 847/885-7010 for more information or pick up a schedule at one of the Welcome Desks.

Prince of Peace Mission Statement

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church welcomes people to worship and nurtures spiritual growth and fellowship so that, in Christ's name, we may serve those in need, wherever they are.



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Upcoming Events

- March 28 - Palm Sunday
- April 1 - Maundy Thursday - Gustavus Adolphus
- April 2 - Good Friday
- April 3 - Easter Vigil
- April 4 - Easter
- April 15 - Community Concert
- April 25 - Youth Ministry Appreciation
- May 9 - Mother's Day Flower Sale
- May 22 - Car Wash @ H.E. Police Station
- June 21 - 25 - Vacation Bible School
- June 26 - Car Wash @ Prince of Peace
- July 17 - Car Wash @ H.E. Police Station
- July 18 - Flyer's Family Faith Day



Worship Schedule:

Communion Weekly (All Services)
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
 Nursery Care Available

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