



Pastor's Message—*Pastor Baten*

Are you waiting for a sign from God?

We've all thought it. We've all hoped for one. When the daily stress of our lives is compounded with having to make a difficult decision. Should we move? Should I apply for that new job or just stay put? Should I opt for radiation or surgery? Is he the right one for me? Will she say yes? Often times our conclusion becomes, whether in jest or all seriousness: "I'm waiting for God to give me a sign." Has it worked? Did He give you what you were waiting for? And can you undeniably say that it was from God? Or did something simply happen in your life that you perceived to be a "sign from God"? Had you already made up your mind and were looking for something, anything to confirm it?



So many people limit their relationship with God to the sign business. They wait for God to drop little clues and hints in their lives and can only hope they're obvious ones. Well, if you know someone who is waiting for God's will to show itself in his/her life here's an obvious sign: *"God our Savior wants all men [mankind] to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

Instead of limiting God to the sign business, let's remember God's number one priority is and will always be the saving business. That's what the seasons of Lent and Easter are all about: God's resolute business of saving sinners. And here at Prince of Peace business is booming! God is bringing more and more people to hear and rejoice in His saving message of Christ crucified and risen.

If you've taken time away from God and are looking for a sign He wants you to return look no further than his impending cross and subsequent empty tomb. That's how much He wants you to be in regular contact with Him and His Word, His Sacraments, and yes, His people. He willingly gave up His life to make you His own. If you know someone who is looking for God's sign in his/her life, *you* be the sign. Introduce them to God's most important business that He has already carried out on their behalf. Invite them to witness God's grace and forgiveness at one of our upcoming services. The picture above is an invite card that will be available for you to hand out to people in the upcoming weeks. I pray the Lord will bless you with opportunities to make use of these invitations as we seek to share the blessings of our Lord's death and resurrection with others.

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Midweek Lent Worship-Thursdays, April 7th & 14th @ 7PM. We continue to follow our Lord to his cross by focusing on the People of the Passion. (These services are different than Sunday services.)

Maundy Thursday - April 21st @ 7PM. Maundy Thursday is the day we remember our Lord Jesus celebrating one final Passover meal with his disciples and instituting the Lord's Supper. "Maundy" is from a Latin word *mandatum* which means "command." It's taken from the words Jesus spoke that night to his disciples in the upper room: "A new *command* I give you: Love one another" (John 13:34). The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at this service.

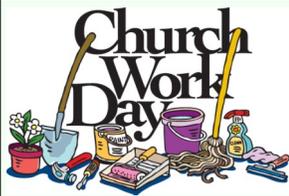
Good Friday Meditation - April 22nd @ 12PM. The chapel will be opened throughout the day for anyone wanting to spend some quiet moments to ponder and pray. There will be a brief meditation service at 12PM for those who would like to prepare for or are unable to attend the service later that evening.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 22nd @ 7PM. This is the service we most intimately focus on the crucifixion and sacrifice of our Savior Jesus. The word *tenebrae* means "darkness" or "shadows." We will remember the darkness that came over the world as our Lord suffered by worshipping in darkness. Seven candles are lit to represent the seven statements Jesus spoke from the cross. As each statement is read another candle is extinguished until the chapel is in total darkness. We leave the chapel in silence contemplating our Lord's death. I personally think it is one of the most powerfully moving services of the year.

Easter Sunrise Worship - April 24th @ 8AM. Though we last left our Lord's house in silence, our return is filled with shouts of joy! Rejoice! Rejoice! The Alleluias return! The tomb is empty! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Our early and late services on Easter will **not be the same service**, so I invite you to attend both if you are able. Our Sunrise service will include the Lord's Supper, hymns, and a devotion. There will also be an Easter breakfast offered between services from 9:30-10:30AM.

Easter Festival Worship - April 24th @10:45AM. This is the service I would encourage you to invite friends and relatives to enjoy. There is no greater day to gather in God's House and be surrounded by brothers and sisters in the faith than on Easter. He lives! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Come and rejoice in our Lord's Resurrection and receive confidence in your own!





Saturday, April 16
Starting at 9AM

*There's lots to do—
 please come!*

**Bring cleaning supplies
 & outside yard tools.**

**Come whenever you can
 lunch will be provided.**

Trustees—*Kent Carbon, Chairman*

Many projects will be happening in spring and early summer and we need lots of hands to help out!! First is our Annual Spring Cleanup Day, Saturday, April 16. We have signup sheets in the hall for different jobs. Please sign up and join in! You don't have to stay the entire day. If we all work a little we can get a lot done and have our Lord's home and "our home away from home" looking great for visitors during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. If you can't be there that Saturday, feel free to sign up for a project to do the week before the cleaning day when you have available time.

Second, it has been raining shingles from the south side of the preschool building, so we are going to re-shingle that side this spring. We will set a date and be looking for many hands to help with the project. If anyone has experience, that's always a plus...but willingness to help is really the key. We will find a way for all to participate.

Third, the parsonage is showing some age and it has been a while since we stained it, so we will gather teams with buckets and brushes and get busy. This definitely is a task anyone can help with, no matter the experience level (just plan on getting a little brown on you.☺)

Last but not least, because this will be starting immediately, we need to have people volunteer to be on our weekly lawn teams. Please sign up and I will be in touch with a schedule. With numerous teams it really only is a commitment of a few times per team per summer. I hope to see some new faces participating this year. If you are not experienced using riding lawn mowers, don't let that stop you. We have the walk behinds, and there are other tasks that need to be done weekly.

As you can see, there's a lot going on with our POP home. We are very blessed to have the facilities we have and I hope you all are as pleased to keep them in as tip top shape as possible. I hope to see you all at many of the projects listed above.

From the President—*Eric Myers*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent concert by the Luther Prep School Choir at our church got me thinking. For those that were able to attend, you were treated to a concert that showcased a piece of the talent that is part of the WELS, of which we are a member. For those that missed the concert, it was another activity our growing congregation offered as a contact point to the Word. Understandably not everyone can be at everything—an indication of our growth.

For me, it stirred up a couple thoughts. As a WELS prep school graduate, I went down memory lane a bit and re-connected to a lot of experiences from those days. Although I was never talented enough to be part of a traveling choir, I was part of a group of people, of whom many are now pastors and teachers in our synod. As I talked with PoP members and choir members, it struck me again how important our synodical schools and area schools are to our overall ministry.

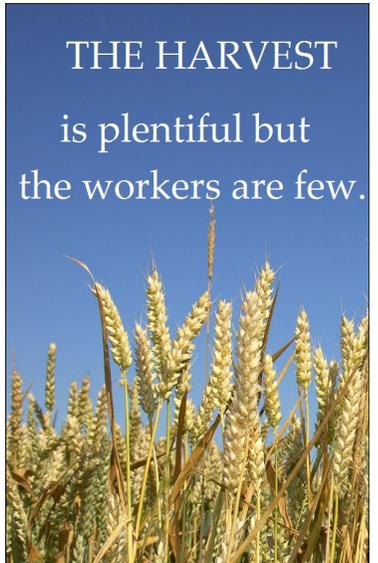
The workers are few.

As we at Prince of Peace have spent a tremendous amount of time working on how our school fits into our ministry in Utah, I simply want to encourage everyone to consider the importance of providing Christian education to our youth. Over the coming weeks, we will have decisions to make regarding what form that education takes. I know the Lord will bless whatever the outcome is. If you or someone you know is at all considering our school for a child, I urge you to make sure you or they are in contact with Principal Sell, a teacher or pastor. Our voters have put May 1 as a date to evaluate what needs to happen with the school make up in the coming year and years. Committed enrollment will weigh heavily on that decision.

Regardless of what form Prince of Peace's offering of Christian education takes, my prayer is that we are providing the Lord with as many future workers in His kingdom as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the next opportunity to join in receiving God's grace.

Yours in Christ,
 Eric Myers, Chairman
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Principal's Report—*Jeff Sell*

Fine Arts Fair

Our school's Fine Arts Fair will be held on Friday, April 8, 2011, from 6:30-8:00PM. This year, the children in our congregation who have an interest in singing or playing a musical instrument are also included. Science projects will be left up for the congregation to view on Sunday morning. The Scholastic book fair will also be available from Friday until Sunday morning. Make plans to come and be entertained and see our children use their God-given gifts.



School Blessings

The Lord continues to bless our ministry day after day. After three recent student additions, our grade school currently has 34 children in grades K-8. Some great news is that the number of registered (or soon-to-be registered) children for K-8 for next year is around 45! This is very high for this time of year and we rejoice that our

gracious God has given us the opportunity to minister to all these children next year. **If you are still considering sending your child(ren) to PoP next year and have some questions, please talk with Mr. Sell.**



Tuition Assistance

Our school is able to make use of The Solid Education Foundation for tuition assistance. The foundation, based in Colorado, provides financial assistance to many WELS schools throughout Colorado

as well as a school in New Mexico and the only WELS school in Utah, ours! If you are thinking about sending your child to our school next year and you are contemplating applying for tuition assistance, you will need to complete the forms and have them submitted and received at Solid Education Foundation) **BEFORE April 15, 2011.**

The application is available here:

http://thesolideducationfoundation.org/download/grant_application_2011_2012.pdf



LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Lent Worship

April 7th & 14th ~ 7:00PM

Palm Sunday

April 17th

8:00AM & 10:45AM

Maundy Thursday

April 21st ~ 7:00PM

Good Friday

April 22nd

Meditation ~ 12:00PM

Tenebrae Worship ~ 7:00PM

Easter Sunday

April 24th

Sunrise Worship

8:00AM

Easter Brunch

9:30-10:30AM

Easter Festival Worship

10:45AM

Board for Spiritual Welfare—*Larry Steinbach, Chairman*

It's all a Life Experience

Have you heard that expression lately? It's a "Life Experience" describes a lot of what we face every day. Yet, when we think about it we must conclude a couple obvious points. First, "Life..." is not death, but living, or better yet, living life. Second, "...Experience" is that which we see, touch, hear, smell, taste or feel. From this we conclude it is either pleasurable or unpleasant, heightens our senses or brings us pain, and it could be lawful or unlawful, moral or immoral. It could even be boring. In any case it is one experience followed by another and yet another. A never ending series of feelings and emotions that we react to in a variety of ways. We may be happy or sad, pleasant or mad, considerate or inconsiderate and we might just be contemplating our next experience moving through this life day by day.

Let's put this in some perspective. We have heard that "whatever is fun is either: illegal, immoral or fattening" and as for money or possessions it is said "you can't take it with you". Following this logic we should get the most of life by making our "Life Experiences" as thrilling and with as much pleasure as possible. So, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die" (Isaiah 22:13 and 1 Corinthians 15:32). However, that is not a good rule to live by if for no other reason than we would miss out on so much to experience in so many ways. Many God pleasing experiences rise far above those simple (and many times sinful) pleasures of the body and mind.

From the very beginning God defined what would be our ultimate "life Experience" in creation. "...the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7) What earthly human life experiences would we be able to recognize and partake in if it were not for a loving God who is responsible for our very being. Our God and our Savior warned us about the risks of sin and disobeying of his commandments. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing,

but the body is weak." (Matthew 26:41 and Mark 14:38) We can be drawn into a false hope from fleeting pleasure or totally fall away from faith should our "Life Experiences" conflict with God's Word. We are weak mentally and as a mental patient who needs guidance from his psychiatrist we need guidance from our Father and Creator who knows just what we are and what is best for us to cope with our weaknesses. His Word is the guidance we need to stay the course toward eternal life. In His Word we find every "Life Experience", every temptation, every joy, every pain and all that life has to offer, including our final "Life Experience" of dying.

Exploring the meaning of a Christian's "Life Experiences" leads us to take another look at what can bring us great pleasure and heighten our senses while opening a whole new experience of life and living, the experience of knowing we are saved. Think of what sinful thought or deed today may have brought you pleasure. It was fleeting, wasn't it? Yet many of the experiences the sinful heart seeks to avoid are the most rewarding, most joyful and can bring us closer to Christ. Birth is painful, but the precious God's gift of life gives us immeasurable pleasure. Marriage is trying, but God has reserved much pleasure and joy in the companionship of husband and Wife. Work is demanding, but the "making a living" is truly one of our most challenging and rewarding "Life Experiences". Even dying, as heavy as it is on our human hearts, brings great joy to know our loved one, or ourselves, are saved by the blood of Christ to eternal life.

So, we need to understand this "Life Experience" stuff. What we do, how we feel, what we see, and where we go will all affect us in life and can certainly affect us in death. We can experience all the pleasures God gives us and we can bear all the pain and sorrow of sin too, but only with the help of our loving God, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Think about your "Life Experiences" every day. Are they fleeting and leading to damnation or filled with the hope and knowledge that that prepares you for a life with Christ? May the love of Christ guide you today.

Board of Christian Education—*Matt Rohrer, Chairman*

Men's Retreat

It's that time of year again, time for the 2011 POP Men's Retreat May 13th – 15th. This year we have a group site reserved at Kodachrome State Park near Cannonville, UT and Bryce Canyon NP. The campsite is located in the park and can hold up to 35 people with 10 parking spots available. We will leave early Friday morning, however, men are welcome to come Friday night or Saturday as well.

Saturday and Sunday morning we will have a group breakfast cooked by teams. Teams will be determined a week before and the size will depend on how many people have signed up. There will be no charge this year for camping. We just ask you to help with breakfast one morning (item donation and help preparing) and to bring a couple bundles of firewood. Meals other than breakfast are on your own and we usually eat in town on Saturday night. Look for an itinerary the next few weeks.

A sign-up sheet is up on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions please speak with Matt Rohrer @ 605-430-1500.