



Pastor's Message—*Pastor Michael*

Some odds-n-ends this month, about different parts of our ministry:

Highest church attendance – 2010 saw our highest ever average weekly church attendance. We averaged 177 worshipers each weekend last year, up from our previous high of 160 a few years ago. Praise the Lord! But let's be clear: this is not a reason for celebration because we set a new record and can pat ourselves on the back. Rather, it's a reason to praise God for bringing people into contact with his life-giving Word and Sacraments. That's by far the chief reason we come to church: to be served by our God, who forgives our sins and gives us life through his gospel. And it's a time to encourage each other in faith, too, as we all shoulder our crosses and strive to gladly serve our Lord in all the ways he's called us to do that. That said, why not strive for a new record in 2011? Why not get even more people more often in touch with God's power?

New structure for our congregation – Much happens behind the scenes at Prince of Peace. So many people give of their time and energy to do necessary but often unrecognized jobs. We've been working in the last year or so to streamline some of their work—I'm talking about the work of our boards, committees and leadership. We also have a goal of making it easier and more natural for all PoP members to serve in our church. Let me quickly introduce you to three new parts of our congregation's new structure. Meet...

The Leadership Team – This group of elected officers of our church, along with the pastors and principal, meet monthly to deal with the "nuts and bolts" of our congregation's work, and also make sure that all the parts of our ministry are working together toward common goals. They deal with things like budgets and financial reports, but also with things like Prince of Peace's overall mission and vision. (This group is a streamlined version of what used to be the Church Council.)

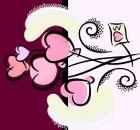
The Strategic Planning Team – This new group is made up of heads of committees and boards, along with representatives from other groups who plan activities (like the women's group, VBS team, and more). The Strategic Planning Team's goal is to coordinate planning of church and school events and to help the different parts of our ministry communicate with each other. The Strategic Planning Team meets every-other month, before the boards and committees do on mega-meeting night.

Ministry Teams – This is a new area that involves all of us. Ministry teams are small groups of people who get together to serve in some way. A couple examples: our choir, our lawn mowing volunteers, those who prepare the altar for Communion, and there could be many more! Many more options will be publicized soon. The idea is that there's flexibility as each of us finds a way to use our gifts to serve others. And you just might get to know some fellow church members better, too. Each ministry team will run mostly on its own, but each will have a contact person to represent it on the Strategic Planning Team, in case it wants to schedule something on the church calendar. Watch for more information, as we all work together to serve our Lord and carry out his mission of growing and telling.

This month and beyond...

Visit with the Pastor – Feb. 27 – March 5. Each year Pastor Bater and I like to set aside a week or so to have as many people stop by the church office to visit with us. Visit about what? Usually nothing in particular. We'd just like to check in with you to see if anything new is happening in your life, to listen to your questions and concerns if you have any, and to see if there's anything we can do to serve you better with God's Word. Look for the sign-up book in the narthex over the next several weeks. Pick a 45-minute time slot, and then stop by to chat.

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March 9 is Ash Wednesday, the first day in the season of Lent. We'll have a service on Wednesday that week, and then we'll have our midweek Lenten services on Thursdays during the weeks after that. Speaking of Ash Wednesday, last year many of us tried the custom of having a cross made of ashes traced on our foreheads. This "imposition of ashes" was well-received, and a few people asked if this year they could stop by in the morning before going to work to receive their cross. We plan to offer that this year for those who would like to do it and we'll also offer it in the evening service.

Luther Prep School Choir Concert – Our national church body operates several schools to prepare young men and women for the preaching and teaching ministry. One of those schools is Luther Prep School (LPS) in Watertown, Wisconsin. The Prep Singers from Luther Prep are on tour in our part of the country during spring break this year. They will perform a sacred concert on Wednesday, March 23 here at Prince of Peace. We will host a meal for the choir before the concert; watch for ways you can help. And we will need 15-18 families to host several students overnight and bring them to church the next morning. Watch for details.



Snowshoes & Supper
A winter activity for women!
Sunday, February 20

All women are welcome! The plan is to carpool to Park City to snowshoe (2:30pm) and have dinner at Crista Ryan's (5:30pm)
If you don't want to snowshoe, you can meet us for dinner at Ryans.
Bring something to drink and an appetizer or dessert.

*For questions or further details,
speak with Jean Beifuss or Barbara Antonetti.*

President's Report—*Eric Myers*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lately, I have been spending my time on one subject regarding Prince of Peace. The simple issue of setting tuition for next school year has brought almost every aspect of the PoP ministry into question. While I have plenty of other personal and public correspondence going out regarding this subject, I would like to use this opportunity to reflect on the process.

First, we do have a good amount of participation and I appreciate that. To me that is a sign that we are growing beyond Prince of Peace being seen as just a place to spend 60 minutes (or less) each week. It is a larger part of a greater number of our members' lives. The core is growing.

Second, there are a lot of options. On the positive side, we are not forced to do any one option; we have choices. On the negative side, it will be human nature to question whether the choice we do make is the right one. Our Lord says it will (even if it serves as a lesson for us).

Third, keep up the communication. Call, email, talk to pastors, elders, staff, leaders or me about anything on your mind. We want and need the input. Be patient as many of us do not have all the answers at our fingertips. For most, it is not our primary job. And for those answering the questions, understand that the person inquiring has not had all the information in front of them as most of staff and leadership has.

Fourth, we go forward as unified Christian soldiers no matter the voters' decision. Obviously not every idea or plan of every member will be followed. There will certainly be viable options that are not followed. I ask that you jump on board with the decision, pray for, and actively be a part of its success.

Finally, enjoy the process. I am getting to know many of you better and better through this process. God has blessed us with so many great people – get to know them better.

Yours in Christ,

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Board for Spiritual Welfare—*Jeff Beifuss*

How can I help? As one recently diagnosed with cancer, my wife and I have been blessed with a church family that has extended that a lot recently. I would like to change the reply just a little when I say, "Yes! You can!"

We have learned in Sunday Bible study the importance of both Heads and Helpers in God's Kingdom. Both Heads and Helpers are critical to the work of the church. Both are equally important. As our church organization structure moves to a more "task" oriented one, you will see more opportunities for "How I (you) can help". On the bulletin board by the coffee pot, opportunities to serve in several capacities will be offered. Look them up; see how you can serve. The service opportunity may involve no meetings at all; only a job that need to be done. They may involve leading and organizing a task that will allow others to be more focused on their core jobs.

So, thank you for your prayers and words of comfort. We can use them all. And yes, you can help!



NEW OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND BIBLE STUDY!

Due to the fact that we recently upgraded our internet speed (30-40X faster and less money), new opportunities are opening up for us. One of those is the possibility to have far away members take part in a Bible class

via Skype. Currently we are in the testing phase (Wednesday nights), but if all goes well and there is enough interest among members, it may be a viable alternative for some who can't carve time out of their schedules to make the drive to PoP and also meet the commitments of family life. If you would like to be in on the BETA testing, please email: jeff.sell@popslc.org and put the word "BETA" in the subject. We should be able to handle about 5 simultaneous remote connections with all participants able to see and hear everyone else.

Midwinter **MYSTERY** *Masquerade*

What: Mystery Dinner & Magic Show

(The Magic of Craig Campbell)

Date: Friday, February 18

Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Where: PoP Gym

Who: You, your family & friends!!

Cost: Adults: \$2.00

Children (2 -12): \$1.00

Children under 2: Free!

(Pay when you arrive.)

Attire: Black, White and Red (optional)

RSVP: Sign up on the front bulletin board or email sarah.sell@popslc.org.

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WANTED:

We are all out of scrap paper to use in the copier for the school & church. We are grateful for all donations, but prefer the following:

- White 8-1/2 x 11 regular letter size
- No printing/writing on one side
- No holes or staples or perforations
- Stacked all one way (clean side or print side).



Open House—Last year our school open house took place on a Sunday afternoon. This year, trying to make it possible for community members to join us and see the school in action during the day, we will be having our open house from 11:00AM to 7:00PM on Tuesday, February 22. This will be the day forms will be available to enroll your child for next year. If you know of anyone that may be interested in our school, please invite them to our open house and let me know to expect them.

Questions about our School?—Are you a parent who has questions about our school? Perhaps you have thought about sending your child to our congregation's school but have not because you weren't quite sure what is taught or what it is like. **Now is your time to ask!** If you would like to come in and have a look for yourself or even bring your child in to sit in on a class, please know that you are very welcome to do that. After all, it is your school and the staff is here to serve you!



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 do so **BEFORE** April 15, 2011. Wait until the open house to find out our finalized tuition figures before submitting your request. The form is

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

Wish Upon a Star Bulletin Board—There are a couple items that have been added to the school wish-list board that is in the gym next to the school hallway. If you are able to help out with any of these items, please let Mr. Sell know.

If you have a microwave that you no longer need, we could use a replacement for one of the microwaves we currently have in school.



If any of you have any old electronic items that no longer work or that you just want to get rid of, the 4-8th grade classroom would love to have them to disassemble and learn about circuits, motors, moving parts etc. If you have a small item, like the size of a VCR or smaller, just bring it in and give it to Mr. Sell. If it is a big item, like a TV, dishwasher or a room-sized computer from the 60's, please speak with Mr. Sell prior to bringing it. J

All working LCD computer screens are welcome. Have one that is just sitting around collecting dust? Bring it in and we'll put it to good use! Have a flat screen TV that you just upgraded? We would be happy to help you save the effort of storing it.

