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Pastor Bater



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

June 2010 Congregational Update



There IS a Cure for the Summertime Blues!

School's out. The weather is getting warmer. The grass is greener. Everyone loves the summer. Everyone, that is, except most pastors. Historically the summer months are some of the worst when it comes to church and Bible class attendance. So is there a cure for my summertime blues? I found a rather comical "Top Ten" list on how to boost your church's summer attendance and I thought I'd share a couple with you:

- #10) **Have your pastor preach from a dunk tank.**
- #5) **Convert your sanctuary aisles into putting greens.**
- #7) **Offer a free tank of gas for every five sermons heard.**

Obviously these are written for amusement and we would never try any of these no matter how well they might work. But number one on the list of ways to boost your church's summer attendance is actually worth giving a try.

#1) **Be there yourself!**

Sort of anti-climactic, I realize, but it might just work. Why does summer attendance drop? Why are we so easily swayed to miss a Sunday or two ... because the weather's nicer? Or because the kids are out of school? Does the devil work harder to keep us away from Christ during the summer months? Or do we just listen to him more? Does Jesus work less? Or are we simply more eager to neglect what He's done and continues to do for us? Does Jesus stop providing for our daily needs according to the weather? Do we need less contact with our Savior when the kids are out of school? Does He stay here in SLC when we go on vacation?

Thankfully, Jesus does not take the summer off. Thankfully, He continues to invite us to sit and learn at His feet. Thankfully, He's just as much our Savior regardless of what the weather is like outside. Thankfully, through His Word and because of His promises, Christ is with us wherever we go. Be there yourself. It's a good reminder for each of us. And it might just cure my summertime blues. May Christ never move from being number one on your priority list.

If you're heading out of town, hit up our Thursday night service before you leave (this does take some planning ahead); watch the sermons online; take your Bible and lead a devotion with your family; ask me or Pastor Micheel if there is a church in the area where you are heading. Stay connected to your Lord throughout the summer months and your entire life! Take a look at all the events and opportunities there are this summer to grow closer to your Savior and to one another and plan on attending.

Worship and FBH continue ...

Thursdays 6:30pm; Sundays 8:00 & 10:45am; Family Bible Hour 9:30am

Wednesday, June 23rd — NEW round of Basic Christianity classes begin. All are invited to be refreshed in their knowledge of and faith in God's Word and plan on introducing a friend to Jesus.

Saturday, June 5th — Church Yard Sale (6am-3pm) Come help out with this annual fundraiser and meet some of our neighbors as well!

Mon-Tues-Wed, June 28-30th The Discovery Camp for Kids. We still need volunteers to help out the days of the camp. Speak to Robyn Smith or me if you want to help. You can register your kids and their friends online at www.thediscoverycamp.com

July 10-17th Rocky Mountain Christian Camp. If you have kids are going into 6-9th grade this is a great way for them to meet Christian friends and be surrounded by the Word.

God bless your summer!

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Elder's Corner



A Brick

A young highly successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting in and out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, an object suddenly smashed into the Jag's side door. He slammed on the brakes and backed the car to the spot where the object had been thrown. The angry man jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost me a ton to repair the damage. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister, please! I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the young boy pointed to a spot just behind a parked car. "It's my brother." He said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved by the words of the little boy, the driver tried to swallow the swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly followed the little boy, lifted the handicapped brother back into his wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay. "Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful boy told the stranger. So shook up for words, the driver simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but he never bothered to repair the dented side door. Rather, he kept it as a reminder of this message, "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention." God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't take time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It is our choice to listen or not.

Gary Cain, Elder

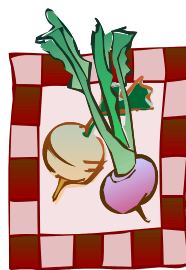
Message from the President

Fellow Turnips,

Transition time. School is getting out, vacations are starting, our fiscal year is coming to an end and people who have volunteered as leaders will be relinquishing or changing roles. First, I want to thank all of you who have participated in this awesome organization that the Lord has allowed us to steward over the past year. We don't always look back, but as the year comes to a close, I am absolutely amazed by what the Lord has done at PoP.

Please spend a few moments over the coming weeks and reflect on how your relationship with the church has changed over the past year. It is a good time to look back while we have a few moments, set ourselves and then plow ahead to improve on what has been done.

I will be expecting a lot out of us this coming fiscal year. God has given us all the tools to expand his kingdom. Our challenge will be to use those to the fullest potential. For the people doing that have traditionally do a lot, I encourage you to keep it up—work while it is day. For those doing some, ask yourself if you could do more. For those dipping your toes in, what do you like, and I encourage you to ask what else is available. For all of us, as our pastors say, stay in the Word. That is the key. Let's grow as individuals, as groups (Bible Studies, Ministry Teams, etc.), as a congregation and as believers across the valley.



My metaphor for the coming year is turnips. I know I am not original, but it has been said several times around PoP, "we need more turnips." I fully expect that at this time next year there will be more and bigger turnips. How can you help?

Yours Growing in Christ,

Eric Myers, Chairman

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Board of Christian Education

It is that time of year again when WELS Scholarship applications for the upcoming school year will be available on the bulletin board in the narthex. The scholarship is open to baptized members of Prince of Peace who are enrolled (or enrolling) at any **WELS** high school, college or seminary for the 2010-11 education year.

Please have applications filled out and turned into the Board of Education mailbox at church by July 11th. Please also email us at boe@popslc.org so we know how many applications to expect and are able to make sure they have all been received.

Matt Rohrer, Chairman

Trustees

Trustees have been very busy keeping our PoP home maintained. One challenge of having "previously owned" equipment is the extra upkeep and TLC that it takes. Thank you to all who have spent extra time and effort trying to get all our mowers back in service.

Also, a special thanks to the Vollmer family who have been planting and taking care of our courtyard. The flowers make a great entrance for visitors to PoP. We appreciate your talents and your gift of flowers.



We will be getting the watering and cooling systems up and running at church and the parsonage shortly. There are many small projects that continue to need attention all the time. We have a monthly workday to address these repair requests (usually the 2nd Saturday of each month). I would like to really encourage any of you to come to these. We work from 9Am-12PM and try to keep everything working in smooth order. We have good time working together too. Please consider coming if you have a spare Saturday. We'd warmly welcome you!

Kent Carbon, Chairman

Church Yard Sale Sat. June 5th



You may bring any items for the sale until Friday, June 4th. Please place them neatly in the gym. If you can help with sorting (6-3 & 6-4) or pricing (6-5) or on the day of the sale, please sign up on the bulletin board at church!

Financial Secretary

Report to Council May 11, 2010

Average weekly giving for the April and 1/2 of May was \$7,980.92 (reporting period = 7 Sundays). The target goal for this period was \$74,369.19. The target difference was —\$18,502.72 for the seven week period, meaning our ministry was underfunded during this time by —\$2,643.25 per week (offerings were down from last month by \$1,155.71)

Reporting for Fiscal Year: July 2009—June 2010

Based on an annual budget of \$509,960.10

Targeted Goal YTD \$446,215.09

YTD Offerings to General fund \$373,815.16

Offerings to date are 84% of our Targeted Spiritual Giving goal. The YTD weekly average is \$8,307.00. Over the past year we have underfunded our ministry by —\$72,399.93 or \$-1,608.89 per week.

Archie Holmes, Financial Secretary

Principal's Update

By the way, 32 alligators responded. Thanks!

Jeff Sell, Principal



Register NOW for 2010-11 K-8 grade & Preschool!

Applications are currently being taken for all the elementary grades and our preschool. All forms are available on our website: www.popslc.org. A \$50 deposit is required to hold a place for your child. If you have questions, please speak with Jeff Sell (school) or Karla Green (preschool).

*“Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6

