



Pastor's Message—*Pastor Noah Bater*



Summer Plans?

School's out. The weather is FINALLY warming up. Sprinkler's are running. Who doesn't love the summertime? most pastors.

Historically the summer months are some of the worst when it comes to church and Bible class attendance and it leaves many pastors deflated and a little frustrated. 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.

#4: Replace your church sign with one that reads: "Tourist Information"!

#5: Convert your sanctuary aisles into putting greens.

Obviously these are written for amusement and we would never try any of these no matter how well they might work ☺ Well, I would never try any of them except maybe #1.....

#1 Be there yourself!

Sort of anti-climactic, I know, but it might just be worth a try. Why does summer attendance drop? Are we more easily swayed to miss a Sunday or two because the weather is 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 are we just more eager to listen to him?

What if God took the summer off? No forgiveness, peace, comfort, or spiritual strength for anyone June-August. Does that make sense or even sound fair? What if God took a vacation from us? What if he stopped providing our daily needs because Sunday morning was the only available tee time he could find? What if he stopped talking or coming to us because he was busy working on his tan?

Thankfully, dispensing his grace and forgiveness is God's year-round joy. Jesus does not take the summer off. He continues to invite us into his presence through his Word and Sacraments for peace and comfort. He's just as much our Savior regardless of what the weather is like outside—and we need him just the same. Thankfully, through His Word and because of His promises, we know he continues to bless each of us as he sees fit. He remains committed to us 24/7/365.

"Be there yourself." It's a novel idea that only requires you to step out of the warm weather for an hour or two a week. 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 or request a copy to read before you leave; take your Bible and lead a devotion with your family; ask your pastors if there is a church in the area where you are vacationing. Stay connected to your Lord throughout the summer months and keep up the habit of weekly worship and Bible study! It took you all winter to perfect it, now hold on to it!

God bless your summer!

Pastor Bater



Board of Christian Ed—*Matt Rohrer*

Family Bible Hour Mission Project:

This past school year our Bible Hour children selected "New Beginnings," a home in Colorado which supports single mothers both physically and spiritually, as their Mission Project. They collected change in baby bottles from September to May (along with PoP members who were also invited to be part of this offering). A check for \$776.56 was sent this week to support the work being done at New Beginnings.



NOTE: We need to return all the baby bottles used to collect change for this mission project. We are currently missing 20 bottles! If your child has one (with or without change in it), please bring it to the church office so we can return them. Thank you!

Summer Family Bible Hour

This program at PoP gives parents just one more opportunity to keep children grounded in their faith. On Sunday mornings from 9:20 to 10:30AM, Family Bible Hour has classes for children 3 years of age through 6th grade held during Adult/Teen Bible Study. This allows the entire family to grow spiritually together. Beginning in July, children will start a fun series called, "**Let's Build An Ark!**" Over the course of the summer, they will put together an ark and make animals and scenery for a diorama that will be displayed at church. There will also be a musical the children will share with the congregation the end of the summer. If you have questions, please speak with Matt Rohrer or any of the Family Bible Hour teachers.



Bring the Kids to
Family Bible Hour!

High School/College WELS Scholarship

The deadline for applications for the PoP WELS Scholarship is Sunday, July 3rd. This scholarship is open to assist Prince of Peace members with tuition at any WELS high school or college.



Applications and more details are available on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. For any questions, please contact Matt Rohrer.

Special Day School Offering Opportunity

At our recent Voters' Meeting, a special offering was approved to supplement the shortfall between tuition revenue and school expenses. Offerings can be made until Sunday, June 19th . All monies in this offering will go toward cancelling voter-approved cuts to the school budget, including salary and position cuts as well as operating expense.

Please note on your check/envelope if designating a gift to the School Special Offering. This gift should be given over and above regular offerings. If you have any questions, contact Josiah Schultz.

From the President—*Eric Myers*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This should be the last congregational update that I write as Chairman for Prince of Peace—has it really been two years? I have certainly enjoyed the ride that the Lord has allowed me to take with all of you. So I will take this opportunity to review the last couple years and note what we have accomplished, what we have not, and what we can still do.

My memory is not that great, so I spent some time looking back at where we were in June, 2009. We were just welcoming the Baters back into the PoP family under one of the most unique call situations for our synod. The Sell family was on their way to Salt Lake to provide stability to our school staff. I believe these calls have been, and will be, considered watershed moments for Prince of Peace. We were (and are) a congregation committed to spreading God's Word in Salt Lake City. Back then, we were averaging 137 worshippers each week, 34 in Sunday Bible Class, and 15 in Family Bible Hour. I looked at a report from March, 2011 that showed average attendance at 176, Adult Bible Class at 61, and Family Bible Hour at 26. I looked at a couple Voters' Meetings from 2009 where we had 18 and 19 voters in attendance. I don't have the numbers from the last Voters' Meeting, but in February we had 28 voters in attendance; more people are involved.

We certainly have had help along the way. The Lord has blessed us with such a diligent staff reaching out
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and educating so many about Christ; members willing to evangelize to friends and family and support with time, talent and monies; and a Synod willing to invest precious resources into Prince of Peace through the monetary commitment of Board of Home Missions.

We implemented a modified organizational structure in an attempt to streamline administration and involve members in more action. While there are still bugs to work out, I think there has been a positive effect on the congregation. We implemented a mission, vision and goals process that yielded a better focus on activities around Prince of Peace. We have reached out to the community through multiple events that not only have exposed Prince of Peace, but also served as fellowship events for our members.

Certainly we are not without our struggles that the Lord has given us to strengthen our faith in His almighty power. We are constantly juggling finances to meet cash flow needs. We are constantly struggling with the short and long term ways in which to use our assets to return the greatest impact on the souls in our scope of influence. We want to reach out to so many who do not have Christ in their lives, while keeping all of us "sheep" in the Good Shepherd's fold.

To the next Chairman, I would say, we still have a lot to do, but you have a lot of help. I see the following priorities for Prince of Peace in the next two years:

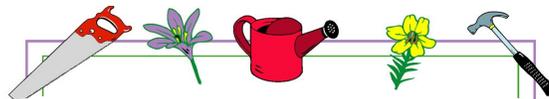
- **Growth**
Our school and pastoral staff have the capacity to minister to a greater number of people. Our school should have 50-70 kids enrolled, our pre-school can expand, and our congregation should be at 400+ with our current staff.
- **Financial Independence**
We need to be self sufficient and support our expenses without help from BHM or dependency on fund raisers.
- **Involvement**
More of our members can do more.

Those priorities are easy to write and much more difficult to attain. However, as so many of us have witnessed, all things are possible through the Lord.

I thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Chairman these past couple of years and I look forward to assisting in other roles as needed. Let's keep at it.

Eric Myers
Prince of Peace Chairman

Trustees—*Kent Carbon, Chairman*



Courtyard Facelift

Work will begin Saturday, June 11th on a project to beautify and improve the entrance to church. **We need volunteer labor to assist with some of the landscaping work. We will meet at 9:00AM that day.** If you can help, come with gloves and hand tools. We are excited to see how this will be a welcoming area for visitors and members for years to come.

Using Church Equipment

With the many upcoming summer parties and events, Trustees want to remind our members about a policy that went into effect last year concerning "borrowing" church chairs and tables.

Because we are becoming a bigger church, requests are getting frequent and numerous. If chairs/tables are used for a church-sponsored function, there will be no charge. If they are used for a private party, yard sale, event, a fee of \$1.50/chair and \$6.00/table will be requested from members to compensate for wear-and-tear (please note: only brown tables are allowed to go off-premises). All requests to use chairs and tables needs to go through the chairman of the Trustees. There is a equipment log in the church office to sign these items in and out to help us keep track of them. Payment can be made in the office upon return of the items.

Our tables and chairs are getting old and we are losing many of them each year due to breakage. It will be costly to replace them and transporting to and from church accelerates the wear-and-tear process.

These charges were researched and discussed and found to be well-below rental costs. The Trustees hope our members understand and appreciate that the fees charged will go toward replacing and keeping enough chairs and tables available for use for our church ministry needs.

If you have questions about this policy or any other Trustee items, please speak with me.

Kent Carbon
Chairman, Trustees