

May
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Pastor Micheel



When to Call the Pastor



Sometimes people wonder when it's good to call or contact Pastor Bater or me. Here are some suggestions.

Call the pastor when...

- **You're going into the hospital.** Please tell us if you are going into the hospital, or if a family member is. We like to visit people who are in the hospital for a few days or more. We'll bring you or your family member God's words of comfort.
- **You would like a prayer said for you.** We are happy to do this. (*Please note:* If you would like yourself or a loved one to be included *by name* in our prayers during a Sunday morning service, tell us that specifically. Sometimes people want things kept confidential, so we typically will not mention anyone by name in church unless we are asked or given the okay to do so.) Our powerful and loving God answers prayer!
- **You are not able to come to church for more than a month.** If you are sick for a prolonged time or recovering from illness or surgery and can't get to church, we will come to you. We'll see how you're doing, pray with you, have a short devotion and bring you the Lord's Supper. (Speaking of missing church, we encourage you to call or e-mail us if you will miss even one Sunday. Let us know you'll be gone, and we can send you the sermon or remind you to watch it on the church website. We simply want you to stay connected to God's Word and his Sacrament. We all constantly need what God gives us when we gather in his house.)
- **You have a question or concern about something at church.** Many church-related questions that people have can be cleared up easily. Likewise, if you have a concern about something at church, let us know and we'll see what we can do to resolve it. Or if you have a suggestion for something we can do that's new or different, tell us. We won't be able to implement every suggestion, but your input does matter.
- **You have an issue in your marriage that is unresolved after one month.** If an issue in your marriage does not go away after one month, then it's probably not going to go away without some help. Don't wait to seek help until your relationship deteriorates. A Christian marriage needs to be firmly rooted in God's Word and built on Christ's love. Therefore, our counseling will focus on spiritual issues. We're not professional marriage counselors, but we will apply God's powerful Word to your relationship.
- **Your conscience is troubling you and you want assurance of God's grace.** God does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation and guilt. He invites us to confess our sin and receive his forgiveness. In strict confidence you can confess to us and receive God's gift of forgiveness and absolution, delivered personally to you. You're also welcome to come even if no particular sin is attacking you; it's faith-building to receive God's forgiveness at any time.
- **You're wrestling with a spiritual issue or have a question about something the Bible says.** Questions often come up when we're talking religion with coworkers and friends. Call us if you have a question about a Bible teaching; let's talk about it. Or if you encounter something in a sermon, Bible class or in your own reading that makes you scratch your head, let us know. We love discussing God's Word and seeing people grow in their understanding of it.
- **You have a friend or relative who wants to know more about Jesus.** Pass their name to us. Pastor Bater would love to invite them to Basic Christianity class. And we are happy to meet with them to share the hope we have in Christ. Granted, meeting a pastor can be intimidating for some people. Tell your friends that we're really not scary, and be willing to come with them to meet us. Assure them that our goal is not to brainwash anyone but simply to listen to them and to share the truth and beauty of God's Word.

Keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive list. **You can certainly call us at other times, too.** View this list as "this is when the pastors want me to call one of them."

Remind us if we seem to be forgetting something. Sometimes people tell us things as we shake hands after church. But after 150 other handshakes we sometimes forget things! If you think we might have forgotten something, you may be right. Please remind us.

A good rule of thumb: **If you want us to know something, please tell us!** Sometimes people assume that we'll hear things through the grapevine. But we don't like to act on secondhand information, and we don't want to be private investigators. So if you want us to know something, give us a call.

When we're available

We invite you to call us or stop by church to talk. Please note, though, that it's good to call first to make sure we're available. We regularly leave the office during the day to visit people, and at other times people stop by to talk with us. Generally speaking, I (Pastor Micheel) am in the church office Tuesday-Saturday. During the school year I'm often teaching the kids or in chapel till about 9:30AM, but I'm usually available after that till late in the afternoon. Pastor Bater is usually in the office Monday-Friday, mid-morning through the afternoon. We're often both back in the evenings for meetings and classes Tuesday-Thursday. Again, it's good to call before making the drive to see us. Be assured that we'll do our best to make time to talk.

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In other news...

We received some awesome news from the WELS Board for Home Missions. They had already granted us partial funding to support two pastors through June of 2011. In March, we submitted a request, humbly asking if they could give us more. They said yes! They agreed to give us the funding we requested through June of 2012. We praise God, because he moved the hearts of people just like us to give generous offerings to our church body. It's these offerings from the hearts of our fellow Christians in the WELS that help support our work here.

However, we need to keep in mind that the funding we receive does not cover all our expenses. We will still need to get God's Word to more of our church members, so that we can all grow in our skill of handling God's money. But what an encouragement from our fellow Christians! May our Lord Jesus, who gives us a reason to give and a message to share, continue to touch our hearts—and the hearts of many more people—with his grace.

Pastor Michael

Elder's Corner for May

To Disown.....

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same. (Matthew 26:31-35)

How do we disown Jesus? Maybe it's something that we do or say in disobedience against God's commands. Maybe it's something we think that is not in accordance with God's will. We realize that sometimes we are far short of Peter's bold claim "Even if everyone else falls away, I won't." Sometimes we get closer to: "Even if no one else falls away, I will."

We betray Jesus in different ways. Some betray him like Sarah and Abraham who made poor marital decisions (Genesis 16:3-4), or like Isaac who lied to the government (Genesis 26:9), or like Laban who deceived his employee (Genesis 29:25-26). And some betray Jesus like Reuben who slept with someone he shouldn't have (Genesis 35:22), or like Pharaoh who hardened his heart and wouldn't listen to God's message (Exodus 8:15,19,32). But whoever we are and whatever we have done to turn from God, he reaches out to us through his Son Jesus.

Jesus made himself nothing for our sake. He became repulsive to the whole world—and even to his Father in heaven. What could be uglier than our sins? But "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us" (2 Corinthians 5:21). We fall short. We fall away. We mess up. We turn away from the ugly horror of Jesus crucified for us, and we run to the familiar, the easy... the sinful. But God forgives us. He brings us back into his family through Jesus. In Jesus, we are purified of our sins

Kelley Vail, Elder

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Message from the President

Fellow Growing Members and Friends,

I have to continue with the positive. If you have read my monthly submissions in the past, you must think that this guy never has anything negative to say. Basically, you are right. First and foremost, when you know your Savior has covered all your sins and no matter what happens in this life you are going to heaven, how can you not be positive? Secondly, every month there are so many new things at PoP to be excited about.

Finally Pastor Bater is a permanent, fully called minister to our congregation. What a journey for the Bater family and PoP and praise the Lord that the situation presented itself and worked out perfectly to get the Baters to PoP. And our Brothers and Sisters through the Board of Home Missions (BHM) have seen that our work in Salt Lake City is important enough to add additional funding. We received word that we will be granted \$40,000 from BHM for 2010/11 and another \$36,000 for 2011/12. As a congregation, our challenge is to make BHM's investment fruitful. The Lord gives us confidence in Isaiah 55:11, "...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

We just came off a successful mission, vision and goal workshop a couple weeks ago called PoP Cubed: Prince of Peace, Planning our Purpose, Pursuing our Passion. We came away with an almost complete mission statement, foundation for a vision statement and several goals to be pursued. Committees are putting the final touches on the mission and vision statements and will be disseminating those within the month. The goals will be presented to the congregation and we will vote on our top three to frame our 2010/11 fiscal year at the annual voters' meeting in June.

Of course most encouraging to me are all the people I see in church and Bible Study each Sunday as well as other activities. God blesses our evangelism efforts by making it easy to tell others about so many positive things happening at Prince of Peace. Keep it up!

Yours in Christ and still enjoying the ride,

Eric Myers, Chairman

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Coffee Supplies Needed

Our Coffee Cart is running low on:

- **Sugar (packets)**
- **Splenda (packets)**
- **Sweet 'n Low (packets)**

We have plenty of "Equal" sweetener. If you would like to donate, please bring contributions to the church kitchen.

Thank you!

Board of Christian Education

We had a great Men's Retreat this year in Moab. It was our largest retreat ever with 16 attendees. Lots of fun was had by all, not to mention the great opportunities to get to know everyone a little better. If you have suggestions for next year's retreat, feel free to email them to the Board of Christian Education at boe@popslc.org.



It is that time of year again when we will be taking applications for the WELS Scholarship. This scholarship is meant to help with tuition at any WELS high school or college for Prince of Peace members. Applications and more details will be available toward the end of the month.

As usual there are all sorts of opportunities to take part in some great Bible studies this month, both on Sunday and during the week in the evenings. So keep an eye on the calendar and the weekly announcements for times and updates on what we are studying.

Matt Rohrer, Chairman

Trustees

Lawn mowing teams have been formed for this summer. We can always use additional members to help with the lawn care. Using volunteers not only allows us to use the contributions we receive for other ministry work, but helps give us a sense of ownership in our church. Please speak with any of the Trustees if you would be willing to help with the lawn care on a regular, or even on a substitute basis. Also, if you would like to help take care of the flower beds this summer, please speak with Kent Carbon.

Kent Carbon, Chairman



Check us out on the web!

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SERMONS ONLINE: If you ever miss a Sunday, you can catch the sermon on our website. Head to www.popslc.org and click on "Audio/Video Downloads" on the left menu. You can stream the video or save the file to your computer or iPod so you can watch it later. If you have watched one of our sermons in the past, you may be happy to know that the audio has improved a great deal compared to the earlier recordings.

DONATIONS ONLINE: Do you have a hankering to donate to PoP electronically? If so, you can also go to our website and click on the blue "Donate Now" button on the right side of the homepage. Once redirected, you can set up a recurring donation or a one-time gift. For questions, contact Eric Meyers.

Church Yard Sale Sat. June 5th



Items for the sale can be brought to church beginning Sunday, May 23rd until Friday, June 4th. Please place them behind the dividers in the gym. If you can help out before the sale with pricing and sorting, or on the day of the sale, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report

Good news: Offerings are up a bit. The 13 week average is \$8,714. We received \$12,000 from the Board for Home Missions and most of our bills are current. There is a little left in the bank (\$7,300) for payroll (about \$10,000) and health insurance (\$3,500) is due May 5th with the help of this coming Sunday's offering. The bad news is we still owe the following:

- Pension Fund ~ about \$12,000
- Our savings account ~ about \$11,000
- Solid Education Fund ~ about \$1,800
- Congregational Mission Offering ~ about \$20,000

The financial situation is a lot better now than it was 6 months ago. Things are looking up and we are on the mend so we can, hopefully, begin to pay down these other obligations.

Mel Steiger, Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Report for April 2010

Average weekly giving for the month of April was \$9,408.85 (reporting period includes: 4 Sundays). Target goal for the month of April was \$42,496.68. Target difference for month was —\$4,861.28. Our ministry was underfunded for the month of April by —\$1,215.32 per week (offerings were up from last month)

Reporting for Fiscal Year: July 2009—June 2010

Based on an annual budget of \$509,960.10

Targeted Goal YTD \$424,966.76

A complete Financial Secretary's report for the month of April and offerings for Fiscal Year to Date can be found posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex shortly.

Archie Holmes, Financial Secretary

Principal's Update



Family Fun and Games Night- Saturday, May 8th from 6-8PM, is your opportunity to bring your family, friends and relatives to PoP and share in Christian fellowship. We will be playing games and eating snacks while enjoying time away from the TV and video games that so often drive a wedge between family communications. If you enjoy Jeopardy, you won't want to miss the event! If you have always wanted to start a family devotion and never knew quite how to begin, you will see an example demonstrated for you. There will also be a display of devotional items for you to look at and decide what you would like to try as a family.



Track- Some of the children from the grade school will be attending the Colorado Lutheran Activities League track meet in Longmont, CO, on May 1st. We pray for safe travels and great weather!

VBS + Discovery Camp- We will be trying something different for this year's VBS. The preschool through kindergarten levels will have a "normal" VBS while the upper levels will have a Bible lesson as well as a myriad of secular workshops from which to choose. The workshops, taught and led by congregation members, can be anything from gardening to rockets to sports etc. Please see Mr. or Mrs. Sell for further information on how you can be a part of this unique opportunity to reach into our community with the sweet message of the Gospel. The dates are June 28, 29 and 30 from 6:00-8:30PM.

Last Day of School- May 28th is the last day of school. Thank you for all your prayers and support for this vital ministry. May God grant that our school be positioned for outreach to countless others still waiting for the truth.

Graduation and Awards Night- Mark your calendars for your school's graduation and awards night which will be held May 26 @ 6:30PM. Although there is only one eighth grader this year, it certainly is a milestone that you can help celebrate. In addition, we will be handing out awards to the children as well as appreciating all our awesome volunteers that have helped make this school year what it is. The preschool will be providing the entertainment and refreshments will be served.



Alligators- In an attempt to see if anyone is reading this newsletter, I am conducting a very simple experiment. My hypothesis: There will be 5 or fewer people who respond to my request. Now, what is my request? It is this: If you are reading this, which you obviously have been doing, please say the word "Alligator" to me the next time you see me. You may also give me a call (801-590-3181) or email me (jeff.sell@popslc.org) with the subject of "Alligator." I will keep you posted in next month's newsletter as to the results of my experiment. BTW, I hope my hypothesis is incorrect.

Prospects and Tuition- Some of you may know parents who are considering sending their children to PoP for this upcoming year. Please let me know of anyone who may be interested so I can make contact with them. As you speak with others that show interest, you may want to mention that the tuition for next year is the same as this year. ☺

Scrip Update- I will let the table, which tracks sales from Nov. 14, 2009 through March, 2010, speak for itself.

MONTH	Face Value Sold	Calculated Profits	TOTAL EARNINGS	Misc. Expense	Shipping Exp.	Gifts Given	TOTAL EXP.	Profit after expenses	Avg. % profit
September	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	
October	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	
November	\$2,580.00	\$126.20	\$126.20	\$0.00	\$24.50	\$0.00	\$24.50	\$101.70	3.94%
December	\$11,465.95	\$595.80	\$595.80	\$0.00	\$47.50	\$0.00	\$47.50	\$548.30	4.78%
January	\$4,397.58	\$173.93	\$173.93	\$0.00	\$23.00	\$0.00	\$23.00	\$150.93	3.43%
February	\$3,815.00	\$167.85	\$167.85	\$0.00	\$23.00	\$0.00	\$23.00	\$144.85	3.80%
March	\$4,740.00	\$206.05	\$206.05	\$0.00	\$35.50	\$0.00	\$35.50	\$170.55	3.60%
April			\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00	
May			\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00	
June-August			\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00	
GRAND TOTALS	\$26,998.53	\$1,269.83	\$1,269.83	\$0.00	\$153.50	\$0.00	\$153.50	\$1,116.33	4.13%

Fine Arts Fair- Friday, April 23, was the Fine Arts Fair at PoP. The school children displayed their talents in the following areas: Art, Science Fair, Spelling and Music. In all, they did a great job. It was awe-inspiring to see all the talent the Lord has bestowed on the future leaders of His church.

Bulletin Art in Need of More Art ☺- If you would like to sign up for any of the remaining services, please feel free to do so. It has been so awesome to see the art that comes from the hearts of His people out of love for Him! If you are interested, please see Mr. Sell or pick up a pink half-sheet of paper in the church narthex that gives more information. If you are wondering what I am even talking about, I am happy to explain the simple procedure for turning in art work for the Sunday bulletins. **Thank you to those who have used their God-given gifts to beautify our bulletins.**

Jeff Sell, Principal