



Pastor's Message—*Pastor Jonathan Micheel*

Special Voters' Meeting – Sunday, May 22nd

We will meet after church for a special voters' meeting on Sunday, May 22nd. The topic will be our elementary school ministry. In February the voters decided to set the dollar amount of support that our school will receive from the general Prince of Peace budget in the coming fiscal year. The goal for our school was to cover their budget using these funds from the Prince of Peace general fund and the income from student tuition. A target date of April 30th was set to see how much income from tuition was projected for the coming year, and if a shortfall of income was expected, then the voters would be presented with ways of making up the difference. As of April 30th, projected income was short of the goal, so we will meet to discuss plans to address the situation. In the meantime, please pray for our leadership team and school board as they work to propose ways of going forward. Pray also for our school faculty, staff, students and families as they continue to work in this valuable part of our ministry. All are welcome to the meeting on the 22nd, and voting members are especially encouraged to attend.

Service Team Bulletin Board

You might have noticed the new bulletin board in the gym, near the coffee pot. The new bulletin board, labeled "Service Teams," is there simply to help PoP members serve in different ways in our church.



It's important to remember that all of us serve God in many ways, not just at our church. In fact, most of our service takes place in our homes and at our workplaces and schools. That's where we spend most of our time. Yet our church, too, is a place where we can serve.

Some people have recently told me, though, "I would like to help out at church, but I don't know what's needed." Others have said, "I'd like to do something helpful, but I don't really want to sign on to a standing committee, go to meetings, etc." Those viewpoints are understandable. I get the sense that many people want to serve in meaningful ways, but they just need to know how they can do so.

That's what the "Service Team" bulletin board is for. On the bulletin board are many cards, each of which represents a way that you can serve. On each card you will find:

- The name of the team or the form of serving
- A short description of what is involved. This aims to help you know what this form of serving entails.
- A suggested time commitment. This is only a suggestion. Two reasons why this suggested time commitment is here. First, to suggest serving for long enough that you get comfortable with what you're doing. But also to let you know that you're not signing up for a lifetime commitment!
- A person to contact for more information. This is a person who knows what is involved with a particular way of serving. Contact them if you'd like to know more details about this particular form of service. This person may (but not necessarily) function as "team leader," helping organize those who want to serve in this way.
- A place to sign up if you're interested in this form of service. Our goal will be to monitor the bulletin board monthly to see if anyone new has signed up, then contact them to get them started. Note that some things you may sign up for are events that may be a few months off. If that's the case, the organizers of that event can look in a few months at who expressed willingness to help and then contact them to serve in a particular way.

The idea here is to help more people serve in meaningful ways in our church, without adding lots of meetings and church "bureaucracy."

Check out the bulletin board, let me (Pastor Micheel) know if you have any questions, and let's work together to use our gifts!



Board of Christian Ed—*Matt Rohrer*



Annual Men's Retreat

Our annual POP Men's Retreat will be May 13th–15th at Kodachrome State Park near Bryce Canyon. There is still time to sign up—and plenty of room left. We will be camping again this year, and as always, anyone is welcome to attend anytime throughout the weekend. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and get to know you fellow brothers in Christ a little better. For more information see the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Matt Rohrer @ 605-430-1500.

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High School/College WELS Scholarship

We are currently taking applications for the PoP WELS Scholarship. This scholarship is open to help 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.



Trustees—*Kent Carbon, Chairman*



The Trustees want to thank the many people who came to church to lend a hand at our annual Spring Cleaning Day. We know it's a busy time of year, so thank you! It was wonderful to give our church home special attention before Easter.

Thank you also to those who are helping with our lawn care this summer. This helps keep our maintenance expenses low.

Finally, once the weather cooperates, we will begin to re-roof the Fellowship Hall and begin staining the Parsonage. Please speak with Kent Carbon if you would be willing to assist with either of these projects.

From the President—*Eric Myers*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Metrics. I love metrics. In my job, I see all kinds of measurements of activity; whether they are global, national, regional, by industry, by product, by division or by individual.

Every month when we get the statistical report, I am astounded by our growth both from an in-reach and outreach perspective. With almost 300 people attending Easter services, it was one of the largest attended Easter weekends at PoP on record. I am absolutely amazed that we have an average of 19 people weekly attending Basic Christianity and being exposed to peace and grace through Christ. With 40 plus people attending Bible Study regularly and weekly church attendance approaching an average of 200, I know that the Lord is repeatedly feeding his people through our efforts.

In Leadership meetings, we discuss things like cash flow, attendance trends, how different pieces fit into PoP's overall ministry and how we can best use the gifts God has entrusted to PoP to grow God's kingdom. We have to remind ourselves that God does not care about statistics and does not need us to expand His kingdom. God uses all of us for our benefit.

In our current season as we approach Pentecost, we get an opportunity to study how the early Christian church dealt with growth and the positive and negative effects growth had on those congregations. Anyone who says that the Bible is outdated only needs to look at the people of the Bible to see that we as a human race are struggling with the same issues no matter the century.

As we prepare to make some decisions that will affect the direction of PoP in the coming years, I pray that we look to the direction God has given so many of our predecessors. The stats are certainly a good tool in helping us shape the decision that the Lord will bless. It is a comfort to know that God will work through our decision to benefit His kingdom. Again, feel free to contact me with any input regarding the upcoming decisions about the school, the budget and the goals of PoP.

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Spiritual Welfare Board—Gary Cain

THE ONE WHO STAYED

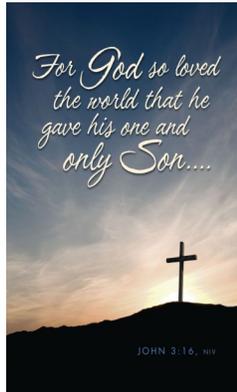
One can perceive John as a follower who viewed life simply. Right is right and wrong is wrong, and things aren't nearly as complicated as we make them out to be.

For example, defining Jesus might be a real challenge for us; but John handles the task with ease. The Messiah, in a word, *was* the Word. And Life? Life can be divided into two sections, light and darkness. If you are in one you are not in the other and vice versa.

Satan is the father of lies and the Christ is the father of truth. God is love and you are in his corner if you love, too. In fact, most problems can be solved by loving one another.

And sometimes, when his writings get a bit heavy, John pauses just long enough to offer a word of explanation. Because of this, we have the classic scripture verse:

"God so love the world that he gave his one and only Son."



I like John most of all for the way he loved Jesus. His relationship was, again, rather simple. To John, Jesus was a good friend with a good heart and a good idea. One gets the impression that to John, Jesus was above all a loyal companion.

Now what do you do with a friend? You stick by him or her. Perhaps that is why John was the only one of the twelve, who was at the cross. He came to say goodbye. By his own admission he hadn't quite put the pieces together yet. But that really didn't matter.

As far as he was concerned, his closest friend was in trouble, and he came to help.

John teaches us that the strongest relationship with Christ was not necessarily a complicated one. He also teaches us that the greatest of loyalties comes with friendships—stubborn, selfless, joyful friendships.

After witnessing John's stubborn love, we are left with a strong desire to have one like it. We are left feeling that if we could have walked in anyone's shoes that day, it would have been in John's.



**Church Yard
Sale
Saturday,
June 4th
8AM—2PM**

**Donations for the
yard sale can be
brought to church**

**Sunday, May 22nd until Friday, June
3rd. Please place all items behind
the dividers in the gym. If you have
larger items and need help transport-
ing them, please contact David
Brandt.**

We Need:

- _____
- _____
- _____

**Please look for the
sign-up sheet at
church!**

**Help Sort & Price—Thursday/Friday
June 2-3 (any hours).**

**Come and help sort through our dona-
tions to get them organized and priced
for the sale.**

Sale Set-Up—Sat. June 4—6:30am

**Looking for early risers to help us get
all items out to the parking lot. We
also need people throughout the day
to help with the sale or help at the PoP
table where people can find out more
about our ministry.**

Sale Clean-Up—3pm

**We need energy and trucks, vans, cars
to take all remaining items to the
goodwill and help with final clean-up.**

Principal's Update—Jeff Sell

Now that May 1st has come and gone, what do we know about the school's K-8 enrollment and income for next year? These three graphs* are intended to show you the historical numbers of children as well as where next year's enrollment sits as of today.

Per the congregational voters' request, if the numbers did not show that we had \$100,000 coming in from tuition by May 1st, the subject was to be readdressed with the voters. Using the 2011-2012 enrollment numbers (graphs #2 + #3) from the 40 fully enrolled (\$60,850) and the 7 not fully enrolled (\$7,850), there is a total of \$68,700 in tuition slated to come in with 4 months remaining until school starts in the fall. Using the 40 actual enrolled \$ amount, along with the voters' approval of \$70,000 of church support, leaves us with a short-fall of ~\$32,000 for next school year.

The School Board and Church Leadership are currently attending to our situation prior to the voters' meeting.

What can you do????

1. Pray the Lord would bless our ministry and the decisions of the leadership and voters.
2. Use the rest of the summer to tell as many people as you can about our ministry to children and adults.
3. Rejoice over the abundant blessing the Lord has already poured out on our ministry!
4. Take the time to share your thoughts with the leadership.
5. If you have school-aged children, consider joining the growing number of people making use of an awesome blessing right before your eyes—your school!

*Graph #1 is using all 47 students for 2011-2012.

Graphs #2 + #3 show 2011-2012 with the 40 fully enrolled (blue) and 7 (red) highly likely to enroll.

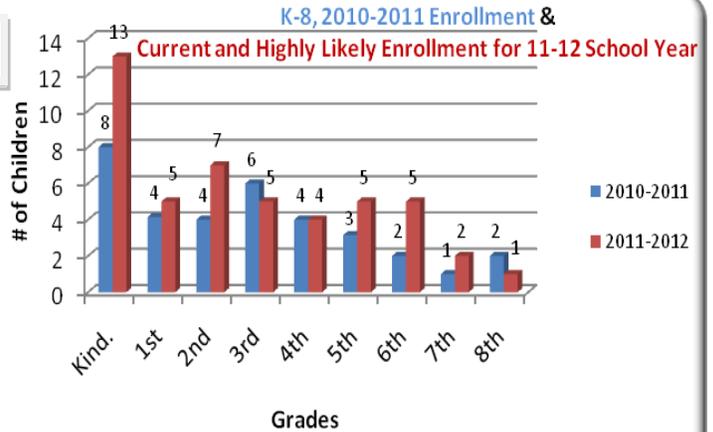
School Musical—The school musical, *Under God's Sea in 3-D*, will be performed by grades preschool through 8th grade on Friday, May 20, at 6:30PM. The children have been practicing many hours and are excited to share! It doesn't matter if you have children at our school or not. If you are looking for some great, FREE entertainment, you will not want to miss this! See you there!!!

School Graduation/Closing Ceremonies—May 25th will be our school's graduation and closing ceremonies starting at 6:30PM. All are invited.

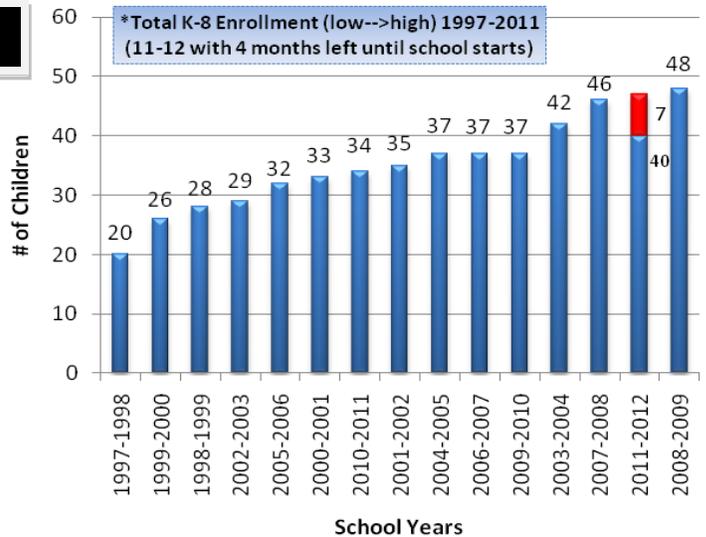
Handwriting Contest Winners—Zaner-Bloser, a national handwriting publisher, holds an annual handwriting contest in which children from grades 1-8 can compete to see who has the best handwriting form. There are state, national, and grand-national winners. Of the more than 230,000 students to enter, a total of only 250 state winners were selected nationwide. Of those 250, two of our students won! Mora Seme, a 3rd grader and John Sell, a 6th grader, each won a medallion, earned the school \$200 (for a total of \$400) and qualified for a chance to be one of sixteen national winners. We congratulate these students for their commitment to using their God-given talents!

Standardized Tests—The students in grades 1-8 finished taking the Iowa Test for Basic Skills in March. The results are back and we are proud to announce that the children of our school have done very well. If you are curious and would like to know more, please contact any of the teachers as we can show you the results.

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