

**“ . . . in mission to extend God’s kingdom”**  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
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**POP’s E-Newsletter**

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**Lent begins this evening, Feb. 22.** This year the Lenten services will follow a series titled: **The Trials of Jesus**. Like a courtroom drama, a series of witnesses comes forward to give testimony about their experiences with the accused – Jesus Christ. Through their accounts we come to know the truth, - that Jesus came to take our place in the defendant’s chair. All services begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday – Feb. 22 “The Voice of Satan” – Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus faces the tempter in the wilderness  
 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

- **Week 1 – Feb. 29 “The Voice of Judas: – Mark 14:16, 32-41**  
 Jesus’ betrayer defends his actions
- **Week 2 – Mar. 7 “The Voice of Annas” John 18:12-24**  
 A chief priest discusses Jesus’ arrest
- **Week 3 – Mar. 14 “The Voice of Caiaphas” Matthew 26:57-68**  
 The high priest faces off with the Son of God
- **Week 4 – Mar. 21 “The Voice of Peter” Luke 22:54-62**  
 Jesus’ bold disciple speaks of his weak faith
- **Week 5 – Mar. 28 “The Voice of Herod” Luke 23:1-12**  
 One king of the Jews testifies against another

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPERS:** Cans of soup are needed for our five Lenten Wednesday evening suppers that start on Feb. 29th. Will you contribute several cans for our suppers? The women’s group of our church (LWML) will be preparing the first meal. Who will sponsor any of the remaining four evenings? Let Margaret or Sharon know. We can all help-out by bringing several cans of soup to church NOW and place in the Soup Box located in the Narthex. Questions/ Call the church office (584-2565) or Sharon Westman, Fellowship Chair (964-3282).

**IMPORTANT MEETING COMING SOON** – On March 12 there will be a special Congregational Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Dick Peterson, Circuit Counselor, will be here to discuss how the call process works and what decisions we as a congregation must make in order to begin the process. Please plan to attend. The input of all members is needed.

**NEW MEMBERS** welcomed last Sunday included Jeanine Korn by affirmation of faith; Kevin Hoffman of Lakewood by affirmation of faith; Brian McGinty by adult confirmation; and Reagan Voges by transfer. God grant that we be blessings to one another.

**THANKS** to all who came to support youth ministry at POP on Shrove Tuesday — members who contributed their cash donations; to the adults who provided leadership in the kitchen (Judi Berthiaume, Connie Brining, and Jan Averkamp); and to the Concordia Marimbas under the direction of Connie Schmidt who provided the lively entertainment.

**LEAVENWORTH** is the sight of next week's conference for Directors of Christian Education in the Northwest District. Because Pastor John shares several mutual responsibilities with them for youth ministry in the district, he plans to attend as well. Pastor Robin Dugall, pastor from Monroe WA, will be the guest presenter.

**THE UGANDAN ORPHANS CHOIR** will be back in the South Puget Sound this coming Sunday evening, Feb. 26. All are welcome to hear these gifted children in a concert to be presented at Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Federal Way (2400 SW 344th St.) The start time is 6 p.m. A free-will offering will be received. Interested in a car pool? Need transportation? Please call Pastor John (253-906-6813)

**A SINCERE THANKS** to those who were able to help rearrange the sanctuary after late service this last Sunday. With many hands the work goes smoothly and quickly. The seating arrangement now encourages us to look on the cross of Christ (formerly our Christmas tree) as we begin this season of meditation and repentance.

**THANKS ALSO** to the Sunday School Children who sang at the beginning of the 11 a.m. service last Sunday. Their voices rose in song and prayer, as did the congregations.

**SGI TIME HAS ARRIVED:** One more chance to fill out a "Spiritual Gifts Inventory" will be available this Sunday, Feb 26. Why should I do that, you ask? Bing aware of your own spiritual gifts (gifts given to you by a God who cares about you and others) opens yourself up to service. It would be hoped that the more people in the congregation who are aware of their Spiritual Gifts, the more service we would be able to give to each other. We will not be "programming" your use of your gifts. We will score your inventory for you and return it to you with some notations regarding your particular gifts. You will then have the opportunity to use your gifts in ways that you might choose. By no means do they have to be used within the congregation. Your ministry may easily extend out into the community as well. Look for Dick Winterstein and/or Rod Riveness after the services both Sundays. They will have the forms available. It will take about 20 to 30 minutes to fill out the inventory. – *Bob Meyer, Stewardship Chair.*

**MUSICAL NOTES:** "Let your light shine!" Is that tune still running through your head? It is mine! **Thanks** to the choir for uplifting our 11:00 worship last Sunday. | This Sunday during the offering at the 11:00 service, Christopher Rose will share *Let Us Break Bread Together* on his **harmonica**. | Ask yourself this question: ***Am I lukewarm?*** Think about your answer, and then go read Revelation 3:14-22. I asked myself this question, and had to really ponder what my ministry is to POP. I'm being reflective as I approach three years with you. My hope is that you are able to think about your ministry and consider the future as we serve God's people at POP. *Richard Wildhirt Minister of Music*

**ADULT FORUM** is seeking a facilitator for our next Bible Study which is five lessons long and will go from March 4 to April 1. This study is entitled How We Got the Bible and is in a DVD/Bible Study/Discussion format featuring Dr. Paul L. Maier. Please contact the church office if you are willing to facilitate. Materials are available for preview.

**HARD COPY NEWSLETTER AND MARCH CALENDAR** will be printed next week. Please have any events you wish included in the calendar entered on the master calendar in the workroom by Tuesday, Feb. 28.

**THE NEW MISSION PROJECT** for our Sunday School classes is called "Fueling the Mission" which will help bring the Word of God to remote areas in northern Canada. This is through LAMP, the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots. Keep track of our progress on the display by the Sunday School office.

**PEW POUCH VOLUNTEER.** The Board of Education is seeking a volunteer to help maintain the pew pouches. This would involve a few minutes each Sunday after second service to straighten the pouches and replenish paper, crayons, etc. Books and activities are updated once a month and this usually takes 15-20

minutes. Training is available. Please contact the church office if you are willing to help in this simple yet important ministry. Children really use and enjoy the pouches!

**FELLOWSHIP** – A sincere THANK YOU to all who signed-up to do coffee in the past and in the future. Jess Gilbert & Tim Jaech have signed up for the 26<sup>th</sup> and Susan Sears for Mar 4. The sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex counter for the future months of March and April. Thank you for your service. - *Sharon Westman, chair*

**LWML NEWS:** Ladies, put the LWML Spring Rally on your calendar for April 21st, 9-12 (theme: Mirroring Christ). Also the LWML District Convention in Olympia on June 22-24 (theme: Follow Jesus, Walk the Path). Forms available on bulletin board in Narthex.

**THE THURSDAY MORNING** women's study is doing a Scriptural study of the Book of Revelation. Come; join the fellowship, study, and prayer – 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** This Sunday (Feb. 19) , Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday School students will study the story of "The Transfiguration." In the Transfiguration, we see Jesus as the pure and holy Son of God, whose perfect righteousness is given to us through God's Word and Sacraments. *Parents could ask, "What did Jesus reveal to His disciples about Himself in the Transfiguration? What does God's Word reveal to us about Jesus?"*

**CHRISTIANITY AND THE COMPETITION** with Dr. Paul Maier concludes this Sunday, Feb. 26. 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship Hall. Thanks to John Pirie for facilitating. The next series, also a video series with Paul Maier, is titled "How We Got the Bible". Interested in leading? Call the church office (584-2565).

**THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**, one of our church's statements of faith, continues to be studied each Sunday morning in the Fireside Room. Thanks to one of POP's elders, Craig Fisher, for providing leadership. Come; join in the presentation and discussion at 9:30 a.m.

**HOSPITALIZED and in the PRAYERS** of God's people: **Shirley Harvey** has returned home. . . **Warren Biggs** had surgery at Madigan and is recovering at home. . **Pastor Chris Davis** (St. Luke's) is also recovering at home from a stroke following surgery to remove a cancerous mass on his brain. . . Both **Bev Gilbert** and **Arthur Justice** continue to request prayers along with Mary Pirie for her brother, **Tim Sine** (and his family), in Alaska. He has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. **Pat Bowlin** is undergoing treatment for leukemia in the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. Prayers are asked both for Pat and for her husband, Richard, as Pat now waits for a bone marrow transplant.

**"THINK SUMMER!"** — maybe that will help! (This week won't last you know!) Here are some dates to keep in mind as individuals and families dream about more sunshine. The Northwest District Convention will be June 21-23 in Portland. . . the WA-AK LWML Convention will be June 22-24 in Olympia. . . POP's Vacation Bible School is set for the last week in June starting on Sunday evening, June 24. . . at this point Sun., July 1, will be Pastor John's last Sunday to serve at POP. . . the Trinity Lutheran Bible Camp will be July 16-20. . . a synodical youth servant event will be held at Zion/Tacoma July 23-29. . . "Kaleidoscope '12 on Delano Bay" will be July 29-Aug. 3. Whew! (more details coming!).

**BAPTIZED?** Many will say, "Of course!" But, do you know and celebrate that date? Although the specific date pales in significance to the spiritual significance for the Christian, the day can be a unique opportunity to identify and celebrate some of the specific blessings of this eternal gift. Pastor John is helping to provide leadership to have this date noted publicly and in prayers, If one's personal baptism date is known, please inform Pastor John and/or call the church office. Noting the location and the identity of Christian sponsors will

help complete church records as well. Celebrating a baptism anniversary this week is: Erin Brockman, Pam Edgington (2/21), Pat Bowlin, Doris Hall (2/22), Samantha McGinty (2/24), Connie Schmidt (2/28).

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Home-bound members, those hospitalized, members of the armed forces, and others are frequently remembered in both personal and public prayers. We weep with those who weep; we rejoice with those who rejoice. Are there specific prayer request to note in this Newsletter, Sunday bulletin, or for Sunday's public prayers during the Liturgy? For this Newsletter and the Sunday Bulletin the effort is made to update these weekly. Please contact Pastor John (253-906-6813) or call the church office (253-584-2565).

**BOOK FAIR** – Concordia Elementary invites all to a Book Fair Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26 from 9am to 2pm. Proceeds benefit the students and the school library. There is a free book mark on Table Talk with more specifics. Please help yourselves.

**FREE TAX PREPARATION SITES** are set up in Pierce County by the Pierce County Asset Building Coalition. Sites in Lakewood include the Lakewood Library on Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 10am to 3 pm beginning Feb. 1 and going until April 15. There are also three other sites in Lakewood and several in Tacoma. There is a flyer available on table talk. This service is primarily for low income and seniors.

**Concordia Now Enrolling for 2012-2013** Concordia Lutheran Schools are now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year. The ministry of Concordia's Tacoma campus includes Pre-K - 8th grade. We also have an all-day, 5 day a week kindergarten as well as a half-day kindergarten. Tacoma campus also offers a variety of fine arts and sports programs, also a before-and-after school child-care program is available. Our Concordia Bonney Lake campus offers 3 year old to half day kindergarten programs. The school office for both campuses is located at 202 E. 56th Street, in Tacoma. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call: 253-475-9513.

**“OPERATION BARNABAS”** POP continues to collect items to be mailed to soldiers stationed far from the amenities of a “store.” Please place your donations in the blue box on “Table Talk” in the church entry narthex or speak to Rosezetti Lassic who manages this effort for Prince of Peace. A list of what is desired is on table talk. Please continue to support this mission. Our soldiers are in harms way every single day.

**POP's FACEBOOK PAGE** continues to attract viewers. Now, with room for more friends and fans, current Newsletter readers are invited to stay up-to-date with almost daily posts and photos via Facebook. Check out this link and “like” this page: [www.facebook.com/POPLakewoodWA](http://www.facebook.com/POPLakewoodWA). At this point Pastor John is working to post the information regularly and securely.

**PHOTOS** from recent POP events may be viewed at this site where Pastor John posts his pictures — [www.JubilatePhotos.com](http://www.JubilatePhotos.com). Check out the recent gallery “Christmas 100” which high lights various Christmas celebrations. If any wish, these photos are not copyright protected and may be simply dragged to the desktop for printing.

**GOODSEARCH** – have you ever noticed this “word” at the end of an e-mail from POP. This is a search engine that donates a penny a search to an organization that you designate. So – if you use GoodSearch and designate Prince of Peace, Lakewood WA – a penny is added to our account. This is a painless way to generate funds for POP. GoodSearch works just as well as other search engines. It is powered by Yahoo. Consider putting it on your toolbar and going to it every time you are surfing the web or one thing or another. During this cyber shopping time please consider using GoodShop. This too will generate funds for POP. Thanks for your support. Here is a link to GoodSearch. [www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=855986](http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=855986)

**THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT** now publishes an all-electronic edition of the Northwest Passage. Follow this link for the latest. <http://www.nowlcms.org/Resources/Publications/NW%20PASSAGE-SPRING-2011-final-lo-res.pdf> **CHECK OUT** the newly launched web page for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at [www.LCMS.org](http://www.LCMS.org).

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** is a member congregation of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Established in 1959, the congregation serves individuals and families who live in the South Puget Sound area. A special ministry includes outreach to members of the armed forces and their dependents at the McChord Air Force Base and at the Fort Lewis Army Post. For over 50 years now, God's people have gathered here around the Word and Sacraments to proclaim the Gospel — God's love for all demonstrated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. All are welcome to share in this mission.

**“SHARING VALUES — SHAPING LIVES”** -- Committed to Christian Education, Prince of Peace is a member congregation of the Concordia Lutheran School Association. Concordia educates students from pre-school through the eighth grade. It is located at 202 East 56th Street (just east of Pacific Avenue) in Tacoma. Visit the website [www.concordiatacoma.com](http://www.concordiatacoma.com) or call 253-475-9513 for more information. This congregation is also a founding member of the Mount Rainier Lutheran High School Association. This fully accredited high school is centrally located near the intersection of 72nd St. and Waller Road. For information visit [www.MRLH.org](http://www.MRLH.org) or call 253-284-4433.