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Reflections

I write this article the day after the day on which we commemorate our Lord's Ascension. The text for the day is Luke 24:44-53. It closes with Jesus being carried up into heaven and the disciples returning to Jerusalem with "great joy".

Ascension Day is not a day Lutherans tend to celebrate with special services. We may celebrate Ascension on the Sunday following Ascension, but other than that, this is a day that can pass by without much notice.

I had an experience several years ago which taught me how the Holy Spirit works its mysterious and wonderful work. It involves Ascension Day.

I was called by a local mortuary to do a funeral for a teenage boy who had been killed in a car accident. As was my practice, I called the mother to meet with her, learn about her and her son, tell her about the service, and offer her the consolation of the good news of the resurrection. As we were visiting it became obvious that this was a young man who was out at an hour of the night when he should have been home in bed, with older people that he hardly knew, and, most likely, engaged in activities that he shouldn't have been doing. As a passenger in a car traveling at a high rate of speed, he had been thrown from the car as it careened out of control.

We talked about the service, scripture lessons, prayers, what she could expect from the service. I tried to prepare her so that there would be no surprises for her already fragile nerves. The discussion turned to the committal service at the grave site. When I told her that the committal would end with the Lord's Prayer she said, "Is that when we should release the balloons?" "What balloons?" I asked. "Well," she said, "Fred is being buried on Ascension Day, and I thought that it would be appropriate to release some balloons symbolizing Jesus' Ascension and Fred's going to Heaven to be with Him."

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“What church do you belong to?” I asked. “None”, she said. “Then how did you know it was Ascension Day?” I asked. She went to her table and picked up a calendar. “From this,” she said as she handed me the calendar. It was a religious calendar that she had received from a Roman Catholic hospital. “I didn’t know what Ascension Day was,” she said, “so I had to look it up in the dictionary! It’s the day that Jesus ascended to Heaven,” she said looking me in the eye,

“and I want to release some balloons to celebrate that event and symbolize Fred’s going to be with Jesus”.

“Wow”, I thought, “Who was the teacher here?” Thank you God, for teaching me that you work in people’s lives through such things as calendars!

Happy Ascension Day!

In Christ, David

Healing Service ~ Wednesday, June 17, 2009 ~ 7 pm

Please join us for a Service of the Word for Healing. I encourage anyone who has a health concern, or feels that they need healing of any kind to join us for prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil. This ancient service of the church is one of the tools we can use in helping us understand the presence and power of God in our lives. See you there! *David*

From the President:

As spring comes to an end we all look forward to a long enjoyable summer. To those individuals who have just completed their High School or College educations I wish you the best of luck on your continuing education or careers in the months ahead. As a congregation we can help by keeping you in our prayers.

There is another group of individuals that I want us all to remember in the months ahead. Those are the individuals that we have elected to be our *call committee*. As I write this, they are just now finishing compiling the congregational surveys that you were asked to complete. This is a tremendous amount of work and there is still a long way to go. The process will not be

as fast as most of us would like it to be but the answer will come in God’s time.

Most of us have probably prayed for our call committee members and asked God to guide them. If not, I am going to ask that all of us start on a daily basis to pray for our call committee. Ask God to guide them, as they look for the best candidate possible for Prince of Peace. God already knows who that person is. We need to trust in God and let him work within our committee to find that person.

In His Service,
Curt

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Beginning June 7, 2009
Services – 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 am
Fellowship – 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER VIGIL COMMITTEE FORMING

Vigil [< Latin (= watchful, alert), <hypoth. IE *wegeli-* (lively, alert); akin to Eng. *watch*]

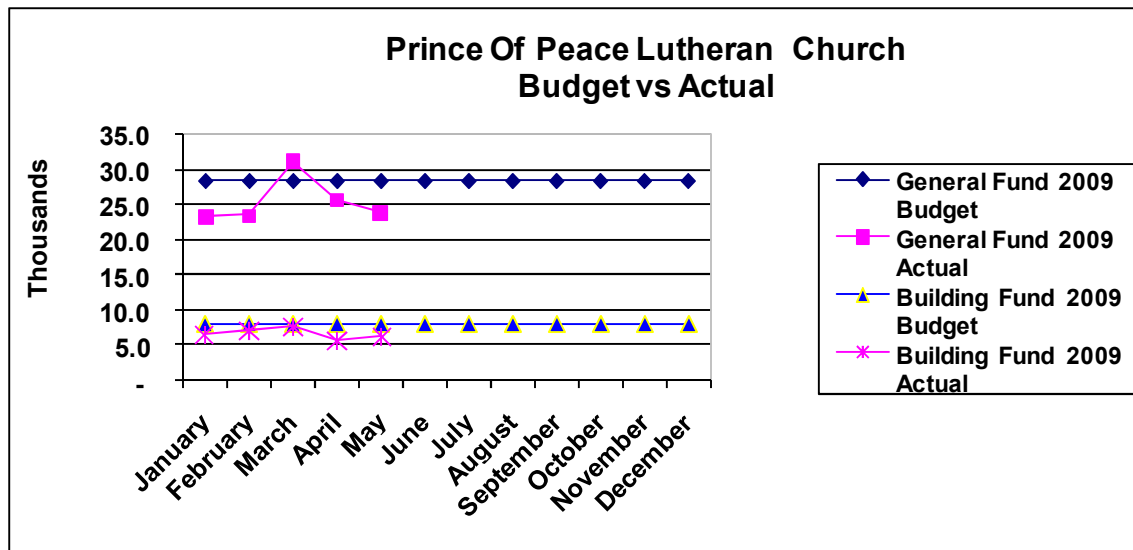
To be on a vigil is to be wakeful for a purpose. A **Prayer Vigil** is done to hold a specific matter in prayer before God—to prepare for a holy occasion, prepare for a specific action, make a major decision or support our Christian ministry and mission.

To start a vigil, we need at least 8 or more people to commit at the start. This group will decide what the vigil’s focus will be, and work together to prepare for the **Prayer Vigil**. Talk to Sue Parrish or Kathy Fleiger for more information or come to a short sign up meeting between services on Sundays, **June 7 & 14.**

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Year-To-Date Giving thru May 24th

	April	May	Year-to-Date	Monthly Giving Goal	Year-to-Date Deficits
<u>General Fund</u>	\$ 25,626.77	\$23,743.10	\$ 127,068.91	\$28,334.00	\$ -8,934.29
<u>Mortgage Payment</u>	\$ 5,718.05	\$ 6,205.00	\$ 33,329.55	\$ 7,993.00	\$ -5,036.85



May Council Highlights

Summer Concerts are coming to POP in July: The tentative lineup is: July 8 – Hot Rod Deluxe w/classic car show; July 15 – Don and Nancy Emerson w/free Community BBQ; July 22 – The Fat Tones and July – 29 Bluegrass.



Anyone who owns a classic car - show it off at the July 8 concert. Call the church office to reserve a parking space in a designated parking area.

Facebook: Prince of Peace is going to set up a Facebook page! Wow! More information will be coming so keep on the lookout.

The **Interfaith** program at Prince of Peace needs a new coordinator as of June 1. Please call Cliff Hendrickson or Rebecca Hendrickson to volunteer.

Summer Cottage Meetings – Once again the Council will host the Summer Cottage Meetings – June 18 (Thursday) at noon and June 28 after the second service. We will also have two in August – dates are pending.

Time, Talents and Tithing even in the Summertime

Debra Trujillo-Gilbert

One of my favorite authors, who seldom fails to evoke thoughtful reflection, is Parker Palmer, Educator and Quaker. I am pleased to share with you a smidgen of Palmer's works from his book, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation* as we set about the anticipation and planning of another summer season.

Palmer writes, "In contrast to the sensationalism of spring, summer is a steady state of plenty, a green and amber muchness that feeds us on more levels than we know." Our beautiful city and its surrounding communities offer us an abundance of fun and relaxing times throughout our short summer season. We hustle and bustle to squeeze in every picnic, lake swim, boating excursion, travel adventure, concert in the park, and the plentitude of yard work before summer once more succumbs to autumn. Are there, however, additional ways to enjoy summer and all its offerings?

"In the human world, abundance does not happen automatically. It is created when we have the sense to choose community, to come together to celebrate and share our common store. Whether the scarce resource is money or love or power or words, the true law of life is that we generate more of whatever seems scarce by trusting its supply and passing it around," share Parker. "Authentic abundance...belongs to a community where we can give those goods to others who need them-and receive them from others when we are in need."

As we delight in summer's offerings, let's keep close the needs of our church and all of God's work waiting to be done through the abundant giving of our time, talents and tithing. *Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. Proverbs 22:9* Let us also give thanks for the blessings received by each of us through our communion with our church and fellow congregants.

God's peace and blessings for a wonderful summer!

MULTI-MEDIA MINISTRY

We are recruiting for . . .

System Operators - This is an excellent chance to be trained in operating both sound and audiovisual equipment. You must be entering 9th grade next fall or older, responsible and willing to go through training and be scheduled for worship services on a regular basis.

Multi-media system administrator - This could be a non-technically minded individual that could take care of the scheduling of system operators for services and other needs. (You do not need to be an operator to do this job.) It must be done on a consistent basis to ensure multi-media support to the pastor, musicians and congregation. Coordinates with the office to provide operators when POP or external groups need multi-media support.

Multi-media presentation author/coordinator - This is a person that is willing to coordinate with the office staff on a weekly basis to ensure that the presentations are built for services.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to Don Comi about this ministry.



POP/Lutherhaven Summer Day Camp

..... 20 youth to help facilitate our Summer Day Camp (July 13-17)

6 adults to oversee our youth leaders for the week
(may job share with someone)

A volunteer with a pickup to transport lunches to the park over the lunch hour on
Monday through Thursday

Kitchen volunteers for the week to assemble the snacks daily

CRAFT SUPPLIES DONATED:

- Magazines (especially flower or outdoor ones)
- Glass jars with lids (similar to mayonnaise jars)
- 2 tin cans per camper (soup cans will work great)



Contact Karen Heimbigner @jkbigner54@msn.com



WOMEN'S CORNER

Women's Bible Study will meet for their June Bible Study at 11:00 am

with a salad **POTLUCK** to follow.

DON'T FORGET — FALL BAZAAR - October 31

This has been an activity for the entire congregation. In addition to the lefse, bean soup mix and home made craft items, is there anyone out there that makes wooden toys or games? If you have any suggestions, please let Iris know at 483-1042 or mail box 142 at church.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN - THE TIME TO HEAT UP THE OVEN AND BAKE SOME COOKIES FOR LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES 8 LAKES-LEG ACHES 11TH ANNUAL BIKE

RIDE. This year we are in need of **30** people to bring **3 dozen each of home made cookies** for the food stops during the race. Last year over 600 riders participated and over \$60,000 was raised for the program for women and children sponsored by LCS. The cookies may be baked early - while it is still cool - and frozen until race day August 1st. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to supply cookies, please call Gail Freese. Thanks!!!!



2009 SYNOD ASSEMBLY RECAP

This year's Assembly was one of the best gatherings we've ever attended. Everyone showed respect for one another and listened, without interrupting, to their point of view. In spite of their differing opinions everyone remained united in Christ, it was very hopeful.

The Synod Finance Committee did a remarkable job last year ending with a budget surplus. Ask us about GM + AIG = BAILOUT.

We passed a resolution 131/112 urging the ELCA to encourage and support negotiations and to investigate financial support in the West Bank and Gaza. We amended 234/9 the "Plan of Operation" for the EWAID Synod Share Fund. We voted against 95/152 a resolution to ask the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to utilize a 2/3 majority when voting on current policy and rostering practices. We voted in favor 230/14 to encourage attendees to advocate for justice and peace by writing one of their elected government officials. We passed 148/89 a memorial encouraging the Churchwide Assembly to adopt the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and the four parts of the Recommendation on Ministry Policies. Resolution 13, which encourages continued support of fund raising to build a new Dining Hall at Tumaini Lutheran Seminary (equivalent of high school) in Tanzania, also passed.

Worship was great, the food was wonderful (the best we've ever had at a function of this type), and the presenters were too long winded.

Please feel free (after all we are Lutherans) to contact Gwen Akers, Mike Sanborn or Pastor Ophus with any questions regarding the Assembly. We should be receiving an audio tape of the proceedings if you care to hear them.

Mike Sanborn

WORD ALONE CONVENTION

I recently had the privilege of representing Prince of Peace at the annual WordAlone Convention in Golden Valley, Minnesota. The convention was held at Calvary Lutheran Church, a very large church.

The theme of the convention was evangelism: Good News – The Main Thing – Proclaim Jesus. There were approximately 217 people present, 180 WordAlone members.

WordAlone business was presented and this included the budget, revenue statement and expenses. Proposed amendments to the bylaws were presented and members voted to reduce the size of the Board of Directors and discussed whether to meet by electronic or telephone means. The August Assembly was discussed at length.

There were several presentations about evangelism and various workshops to attend. I chose "An Urban Approach to Evangelism" given by Rev. Paul Andell from St. James Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I heard about the church's outreach to formerly unchurched people. The second workshop I attended gave an overview of the reform movements in the ELCA.

I have already shared two new ideas with the church council. I have suggested that our council follow the church council at St. James and have a bible study and prayer prior to each meeting. The other idea that was presented deals with evangelism. I will have more information about that to share with the congregation at a later date.

Yours in Christ,

Kerri Petersen

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, June 7 Holy Trinity

1st Lesson — Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 29
 2nd Lesson — Romans 8:12-17
 Gospel — John 3:1-17

Sunday, June 14

1st Lesson — Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2nd Lesson — 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
 Gospel — Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 21

1st Lesson — Job 38:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2nd Lesson — 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Gospel — Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, June 28

1st Lesson — Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm 30
 2nd Lesson — 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Gospel — Mark 5:21-43



Thank you to Pastor Ophus and all of you for your cards, phone calls to Gene, and especially your prayers. God's Blessings, *Rosy Hebert*

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and support during my recent knee replacement surgery. Thanks also to Pastor David for the visits and prayers. *Nancy Griffin*

Thank you so much to all who prayed for Emma and her doctors during her heart catheterization and replacement of the closure device for her atrial septal defect. Her follow-up shows that her "patch" is sitting well and should stop leaking through in the next 3-6 months as the tissue grows over. We follow up in 6 months to assure all is healed. She is running around at normal 3 year old speed. Thank you again for all the support, cards, and prayers. *The Ingalls Family*

"Thank you" for the cards and calls! *JoAnne Moran*

WATOTO Children's Choir Concerts RECAP

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to **Home Hosts:** Marty & Lori Fritz, Jan Gilliam, Jon & Karen Heimbigner, Matt & JoEne Liezen, Dick & Marsha Malsom and Kathy & Joe Rock. **Dinner Host:** Amber Sherman, **Friday A.M. Concert Coordinator:** Susan Comi

We had over 200 people at each concert and more than \$1,500 was raised. An additional \$500. will be donated from POP out of the Uganda Mission Fund, which brings the total donations to over \$2,000. These funds will all be going directly to Uganda to support the Watoto Children's Ministry there.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Sincerely, Bonita Roach

Uganda Mission/Watoto Children's Choir Concert Coordinator

Assists for June

June 7

Rebecca

Hendrickson

June 14

Margie Indahl

June 21

Curt Froscheiser

June 28

Parm Farkas

Deacons for June

June 7

Iris Pehan

June 14

Margaret Clark

June 21

Randy Fleiger

June 28

Doug & Gail Freese



June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 All Committee Night 7:00 pm VBS Planning Mtg. 7:00 pm	3 Women's Bible Study & Salad Luncheon 11:00 am	4	5	6
7 <u>Summer</u> <u>Worship hours</u> 8:30 am & 10:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am	8 Evening Quilters 6:30 pm	9 Quilters 9:00 am <i>Indian Trail N. C.</i> 7 pm	10	11 Executive Committee 6:30 pm	12	13
14 <u>Worship:</u> 8:30 am & 10:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am	15	16 Church Council 7:00 pm	17 Healing Service 7:00 pm	18 Cottage Meeting Noon	19	20
21 <u>Worship:</u> 8:30 am & 10:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Happy Father's Day!	22	23 Baby Quilters 9:00 am	24	25	26	27
28 <u>Worship:</u> 8:30 am & 10:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Cottage Meeting 11:00 am	29	30				



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