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## From the Pastor

Psalm 126:2a "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy."

It was near the end of confirmation class. We were ending class in our usual pattern, by praying for things and people on our hearts. This is normally a time that we take seriously. However, as one student prayed, he had trouble ending his prayer and added some words that caused us all to laugh, even the student. As we continued in our prayers, I felt compelled to thank God for the gift of laughter.

It is a wonderful gift. It can come at the unexpected times. In fact, it is usually something different than what is expected that causes us to laugh. I don't laugh when my daughter does something I expect her to do, like pick up the paper and put it in her mouth. I laugh when she takes the paper and plays peek-a-boo with it.

The psalmist in Psalm 126 speaks of their mouths being filled with laughter and their tongues with shouts of joy. Why? Because the LORD had restored the fortunes of Zion. The LORD had done great things for the people of Israel. Things that were unexpected. He had restored their fortunes, even though they had turned their backs on the LORD and worshipped other gods. And so it is for us, even though we have sinned, God has redeemed us in his Son, Jesus Christ.

As we laughed, as we prayed that night, I was reminded of when I was a young boy. In the evening we would pray the Lord's Prayer together as a family. It was a rare time when my younger brother and I could get through it without laughing and giggling.

As we live as the redeemed people of God, let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. For God has done great things for us in Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Justin

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### PrimeTimers

PrimeTimers will meet on  
Thursday, February 16,  
Marlene Alford, executive  
Director of Women & Chil-  
dren's Free Restaurant  
will speak to us about the  
impact the restaurant has on  
the community.  
Potluck lunch at noon,  
speaker at 12:30 pm.  
You will want to learn about  
this fantastic program that  
helps so many. Door prizes!



# From the President

## Giving Back or Paying it Forward?

Before I talk about the title of this article, I would like to introduce myself. I'm Sue Parrish, your newly elected Congregational President. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and for giving me your blessings as we proceed into a new year at Prince of Peace. I would also like to take a moment to thank Kathy Fleiger, who did a great job as President for the past two years. Not only did she serve with joy, she constantly reminded us that with trusting in God, anything is possible.

That brings me to my thoughts for today. I'm crediting the *Thrivent magazine (Fall 2011)* for this question: As Christians, how do we interpret the following: "Giving back or paying it forward"? I would explain it this way. **Giving back** is our way of saying "thank you" by using our gifts to help those who support us and strengthen us - friends, family, or our church perhaps? By **paying it forward** we look for ways of reaching out and sharing His grace with others in a long term commitment or relationship that makes a lasting difference. How would you answer this question?

I'm hoping that in 2012 we will look for opportunities to give back to our church, our community and fellow Christians through prayer, acts, and benevolences as well as look into the future and reach out to others because we know that this is a responsibility that we, as faithful Christians, have been directed to do.-(read *Ephesians 4:11-15*).

Yours in Christ,  
Sue Parrish

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. thru Thurs. 8:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Services – 8:15 & 10:45 am  
Fellowship – 9:15 & 10:30 am  
Christian Ed. for all ages 9:30 am



## Youth News . . .

Lutherhaven will meet  
with their monthly  
youth program  
Sunday, February 12, 2012

*K-6 Kids Club: 4-5:30 pm*  
*Jr/Sr High Dinner: 5:30 pm*  
*Jr/Sr High: 6-7:30 pm*

These meetings are always on the  
2nd Sunday of each month.

# January Council Meeting Highlights

*We say “**Thanks!**” to Kathy Fleiger, Larry Meyers and Ami Elliott for the years they have served on council. We appreciate all their hard work!*

This next year will see a lot of different projects to help with the maintenance of the church property. Look for more information to come in regard to exciting upcoming events!

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## Committee News

**CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**— There will be a potluck before our annual meeting on Jan. 29. Twenty seven people attended the tree and church decorating on Dec. 11. Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner is Feb. 21. Thank you, Sharon for serving on this committee.

**STEWARDSHIP** — Please return your Pledge cards if you have not already done so. Thank you Bruce Anthony and Debra Trujillo-Gilbert for serving on this committee.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**— We are in need of a few more blue hymnals so Pastor Johnson will contact Synod offices to see if any are available. Lenten services will be based on the seven last words spoken by Christ on the cross. It's time to begin planning the summer concerts.

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## Caritas

Dear Supporting Churches,

### **Thank you! Thank you!**

On behalf of those we serve, Caritas Outreach Ministries extends a huge THANK YOU to you for your generosity this Christmas season. Your donations of toys, books, games, food, quilts, and funding for the Holiday Heat project are a blessing to many. With your help, dozens of families have had a warm and joyous Christmas and others will stay warm and well fed through the upcoming months. God bless you for your kindness!

At this time we welcome the following donations:

**Spaghetti sauce  
Jam/Jelly  
Hair Conditioner  
32 oz Laundry Detergent  
Donations for the Holiday Heat program**

As always, thanks so much for your continued support and concern for God's people. May the blessings of Christmas and the New Year remain with you,

Sue and Kaye

# Bible Readings for the Month

## **Sunday, February 5**

1st Lesson — Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

2nd Lesson — 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel — Mark 1:29-39

## **Sunday, February 12**

1st Lesson — 2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

2nd Lesson — 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Gospel — Mark 1:40-45

## **Sunday, February 19**

1st Lesson — 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2nd Lesson — 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel — Mark 9:2-9

## **Sunday, February 26**

1st Lesson — Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

2nd Lesson — 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel — Mark 1:9-15

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### Real Need, Real Hunger, Real Malaria, Genuine Hope and Help

These are some of the real issues we face today in our world if we are willing to look and listen and then to act.

Right here in our community we have a fantastic organization called the "Women's and Children's Free Restaurant", located at 1620 N. Monroe St., in the beautiful Methodist Church building. They provide hundreds of free meals to women and children every week in Spokane and have been doing this for about twenty years! Our women's group at Prince of Peace has supported this important organization with funds from its Bazaar, along with other organizations in Spokane that support and protect women and children at risk.

Our Prime Timers group will have **Marlene Alford**, the executive director, speak to us about the **Free Restaurant** on Thursday, February 16, noon, at our church.

**Mark Nelson**, assistant to the Bishop, will speak to the Prime Timers in April, on the need for **netting for mosquitoes to stop malaria in Africa**.

When one considers a large basement filled with people needing and getting a free dinner several times a week right here in our city, it makes our problems seem rather small. Maybe we should be doing more to help some of these other programs and start looking beyond ourselves.

Take notice of the organizations that received funds from the 2011 Bazaar. They are all serving *women and children* . . . in many cases *in crisis*. Any of these could use and would welcome assistance and/or a donation.

Food for thought,  
Bruce Anthony

### **Assists for February**

**February 5  
Joy Liezen**

**February 12  
Rebecca Hendrickson**

**February 19  
Curt Froscheiser**

**February 26  
Cliff Hendrickson**

### **Deacons for February**

**February 5  
Doug & Gail Freese**

**February 12  
Iris Pehan**

**February 19  
Randy Fleiger**

**February 26  
Margaret Clark**

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## News from WELCA

The October Bazaar brought together men and women to set up, cashier, serve food, make lefsa and get to know each other. Proceeds from the Bazaar and the women's treasury were distributed to:

\$600	Women and Children's Free Restaurant
\$600	Caritas
\$500	Spear — Children's after school & summer program
\$400	All Saints Free Dinner Project
\$250	Lutherhaven
\$250	Transitions — housing and day programs for women
\$150	Second Harvest Food Bank
\$150	Bibles for 3rd Graders
\$500	POP Good Samaritan Fund

The silent auction raised \$495 to benefit the parking lot resurfacing project.  
Monthly bible studies continue on the 1st Wednesday of each month and 1st/3rd Tuesdays.

We are beginning to make plans for the Spring Luncheon.

The quilter's cupboards are bare! Volunteers are needed to assemble and tie the quilts. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Mark February 14 for adult quilts and February 28 for baby quilts. Both groups meet at 9 am.

Bible study meets at 9:30 am on Feb. 1.

The 2012 Bazaar is scheduled for Oct. 27. The dark days of winter are a good time to work on a project to sell at the Bazaar. Any craft you enjoy making would be appreciated. Look what good a few craft projects can produce.

Remember to save 8 oz. jars with lids for the 13 bean soup!

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### Winter Doldrums?

#### Prince of Peace Quilt and Craft Retreat

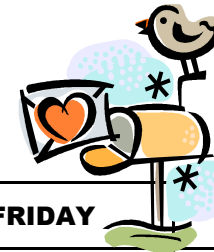
Saturday, February 25th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

We had so much fun in the Fall that we want to do it again! Come work on any projects that you would like to get finished. Drop in for the whole day or for just a few hours. Meet in the sanctuary. Tables will be set up. Bring all your other supplies. Remember extension cords. Pack yourself some snacks.

Any questions, contact Ami Elliott.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7 pm	<b>2</b>  <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <u>Worship:</u> 8:15 & 10:45 am <u>Fellowship:</u> 9:15 & 10:30 am <u>Christian Ed:</u> 9:30 am  Souper Bowl of Caring for Caritas	<b>6</b> Praise Group 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> Women's Morning Together 7 am  All Committee Night 7 pm	<b>8</b> Confirmation Class 6:30 pm  Adult Choir 7 pm	<b>9</b>  <i>AA. Mtg. 7 pm</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Music Recital</i>
<b>12</b> <u>Worship:</u> 8:15 & 10:45 am <u>Fellowship:</u> 9:15 & 10:30 am <u>Christian Ed:</u> 9:30 am Lutherhaven: K-6: 4:00-5:30 pm Jr/Sr: 5:30-7:30 pm	<b>13</b> Praise Group 6:30 pm  Evening Quilters 6:30 pm	<b>14</b> Quilters 9 am  <i>Girl Scouts 5:45 pm</i> <i>NITNC 7 pm</i>	<b>15</b> Confirmation Fellowship Event 6:30 pm  Adult Choir 7 pm	<b>16</b> Prime Timers noon  <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <u>Worship:</u> 8:15 & 10:45 am <u>Fellowship:</u> 9:15 & 10:30 am <u>Christian Ed:</u> 9:30 am  New Orleans Mtg. @ All Saints 2 pm	<b>20</b> Praise Group 6:30 pm  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>21</b> Women's Morning Together 7 am  SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake dinner 6 pm  Council 7 pm	<b>22</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7 pm  Adult Choir 7:45 pm	<b>23</b>  <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Quilt & Craft Day 9 am—4 pm
<b>26</b> <u>Worship:</u> 8:15 & 10:45 am <u>Fellowship:</u> 9:15 & 10:30 am <u>Christian Ed:</u> 9:30 am	<b>27</b> Praise Group 6:30 pm	<b>28</b> Baby Quilters 9 am  <i>Girl Scouts 5:45 pm</i> <i>Boy Scouts Blue &amp; Gold</i> <i>Banquet 6 pm</i> <i>Foster Parents 6 pm</i>	<b>29</b> Soup Supper 6 pm  Lenten Worship 7 pm  Adult Choir 7:45 pm			



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