



Quarterly Newsletter
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Worship Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 10:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class

Sunday - 9:00 AM
Fellowship - 9:45 AM
Main Service - 10:00 AM

POP Congregational Voters' Meeting - 11:15 am, June 5th

Order of Business will be:
Election of new officers
Bylaw changes
Extending a DFM call
(Director of Family Ministry)

Special Independence Day Service - July 3rd

Vacation Bible School - PandaMania - July 18th-22nd
Sunday, July 24th - PandaMania
Sunday

Installation of new POP Officers - August 7th

Special Leadership Healing Service for New Officers - 9:00 AM, August 7th

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



UPCOMING EVENTS

POP Youth Summer Calendar

Car Wash at POP during Sunday school and church - June 5th
Swimming and boating party for summer kickoff at Lake Sherwood hosted by Joe Anderson - June 5th following car wash
High School Bible Study at Baylee Cox's house - June 6th
Youth Board Meeting after Church - June 12th
Youth & Family trip to the Wichita Zoo - June 15th
High School Bible Study at Baylee Cox's house - June 20th
Worlds of Fun - June 22nd
Movie Night (Bring a friend and they get in free) - June 27th
Buck Night at the Royals - July 8th
High School Bible Study at Baylee Cox's house - July 11th
Youth Board Meeting after church - July 17th
Youth help at VBS - Week of July 18th
Lambs of God Servant Event one or two afternoons during VBS week.
Possible swim party after the servant event - week of July 18th
Bowling for VBS Helpers - July 22nd
7 youth going to LVR from Prince of Peace- Overall 100 youth and sponsors going from the district - July 24-29th
LVR Return video during church and short message from one of the attendees - July 31st
End of Summer Boating at Lake Sherwood - August 14th

POP Church Softball Game Schedule

Come on out and cheer on the POPFLIES!
Location: 37th and Burlingame - Major Palm Field

Sunday, June 5th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!
Sunday, June 12th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!
Sunday, June 19th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!
Sunday, June 26th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!

Sunday, July 3rd - No Softball this week
Sunday, July 10th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!
Sunday, July 17th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!
Sunday, July 24th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!
Sunday, July 31st - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!

Sunday, August 7th - Softball in the Evening Go POPFLIES!!



Service Themes for Seasons and Sundays of the Year June 5th through September 4th, 2011

The Sundays after Pentecost - This summer we will look at the readings around the broad theme of "Tackling the Tough Issues." Two Sundays will be appointed especially for children and youth - July 24th will be Vacation Bible School (VBS) Sunday. The readings and themes will be those of our VBS, *Pandamania*. August 21st we will include the blessing of the backpacks as part of our service. Installation of leaders is set for August 7th. God willing, we will also have a special service this summer to install a Director of Family Ministry.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Message Text</u>
June 5 th	Ascension	The Joy of Christ's Departure	Psalm 47 (Tough issue - were we abandoned by God?) *** Congregational meeting/Call service ***
June 12 th	Pentecost	The Blessing of Christ's Spirit	Psalm 25 (Tough issue - is salvation my choice or God's?)
June 19 th	Trinity	The Majesty of God's Name	Psalm 8 (Tough issue - do we worship one God or three?)
June 26 th	Pentecost 2	Peace or Conflict with Christ?	Matthew 10:34-42 (Tough issue - if God is on my side, why is everything so hard?)
July 3 rd	Pentecost 3	The Struggle with Self	Romans 7:14-25 (Tough issue - how can I be such a mess?) *** Special Independence Day Service ***
July 10 th	Pentecost 4	The Promise of God's Word	Isaiah 55:10-13 (Tough issue - is God really trustworthy?)
July 17 th	Pentecost 5	The Promise of Hope	Romans 8:18-27 (Tough issue - how do I hang on when it all seems overwhelming?)
July 24 th	Pentecost 6	Pandamania	*** VBS SUNDAY ***
July 31 st	Pentecost 7	God's Miraculous Feeding	Matthew 14:13-21 (Tough issue - with God's promise of abundance, why are there so many with so little?)
August 7 th	Pentecost 8	God in the Storm	Job 38:4-18 (Tough issue - if God is all powerful, why do I suffer so much?) *** Installation of Congregational Leaders *** *** Special Leadership Healing Service at 9 am ***
August 14 th	Pentecost 9	The Indifference of God	Matthew 15:21-28 (Tough issue - how can God look upon suffering and turn away?)
August 21 st	Pentecost 10	To Know God is to Confess His Son	Matthew 16:13-20 *** Blessing of the Backpacks ***
August 28 th	Pentecost 11	The Weeping Prophet	Jeremiah 15:15-21 (Tough issue - why does it seem harder for God's people than others?)
September 4 th	Pentecost 12	God and Government	Romans 13:1-10 (Tough issue - how do I respond to governmental injustice and indifference?)

Pastor's Message



Greetings in the name of the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

The festival season of the church year is drawing to a close and we now turn our eyes to the many Sundays after Pentecost and our life together in Christ. This summer we will look at the readings around the broad theme of "Tackling the Tough Issues." The messages will invite reflection around many of the difficult questions we all have as people of faith living in a broken and dying world.

Many of the tough questions do not have simple, doctrinal answers. They are questions that have been described as "lived questions." That is, we find our answers as we live the faith under the shadow of the cross, experiencing along the way the sustaining grace of God. That said, I thought it would be helpful to at least explore the contours of these issues so that the healing presence of God in Christ might be magnified in our daily lives.

Two Sundays are appointed especially for children, youth and families - July 24th will be Vacation Bible School (VBS) Sunday. The readings and themes will be those of our VBS, *Pandamania*. August 21st we will prepare for the resumption of school as we include the blessing of the backpacks as part of our service.

*** God willing, we will also have a special service this summer to install a Director of Family Ministry! Keep this in your daily prayers. **June 5th, at our congregational meeting, we will have opportunity to extend a call to fill that position.** Please plan to attend and be part of the process of giving shape to our life together as the healthy, caring, Christ-centered community of faith God has called us to be.

Installation of leaders is set for August 7th. A special healing service is planned for the hour ahead of the service for the leaders. I encourage all of you to come to that special service to pray for those who will assume, or continue, the mantle of leadership here at Prince of Peace.

I would like to take a moment to reiterate words I said in the last newsletter about our life together as a community of faith. I believe this is a year of rebuilding - a year of calling a Director of Family Ministry, a year of intensive stewardship education, a year of renewed outreach and witness, a year of revisiting the basics of worship and ChristCare. What lies ahead for us as we journey together with God in giving shape to our preferred future? There are many things that could be suggested. I am certain that our future is tied to our core values - of being a caring, welcoming, loving and growing people in Christ. There are many positive indicators to point to. *My hope is that we can find ways to commit more fully to the Christ Care Small Group process because it is through such a process that we can support and care for one another, grow in our faith in God, witness to God's love in Christ for all, and serve others in their need.* The italicized words represent my continuing emphasis. **The more we grow larger the more imperative it is that we grow smaller - that is, through small group connection.** And the way we will continue to grow larger is through the caring connection that is expressed in the Christ Care small group.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the Prince of Peace community. The Lord bless and be with you this summer.

Proclaim the Living Christ, Live the Peace of Christ!

Pastor Buono

Whole Life Stewardship Dinner

Provided by Gene Schmidt

“Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little: I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” Thus spoke the master in the Parable of the Talents Matt. 25 when he returned from a long journey and the two servants had doubled what he had entrusted to them while he was traveling. The master went on to say: “to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance.” In this passage we have the essence of Whole Life Stewardship and Whole Life Stewardship can be translated into a simple formula to give daily life spiritual meaning.

The formula is: **EARN ALL YOU CAN; SAVE ALL YOU CAN; SERVE ALL YOU CAN; GIVE ALL YOU CAN.** Set aside the notion that the formula is only referring to money, for it covers all aspects of the steward’s life. Properly understood it includes the meaning of time, the joy of service and the gift of giving.

EARN ALL YOU CAN is our vocation or calling. The role or position we have in life has been given to us by our Heavenly Father to be a blessing for those we serve. Genesis 2:15 describes this concept when “the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.” A steward is the best employee he/she can be because this is where God has placed him or her. “Our work is endowed with value because it is done in Christ. The world doesn’t give it value, God does” a wise insight from Pastor Buono. What follows from effective, efficient, willingness to go the second mile is an increase in earnings or how the Lord chooses to bless. “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men because you know the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does.” Eph. 6:8

SAVE ALL YOU CAN does include saving money for future needs and emergencies, the wider understanding includes the care (saving) of everything placed into our hands by God. The attitude that “I will work for the betterment of everything I receive from God” provides many rewards and financial savings. This includes being “Green” for we are stewards of the earth for God wants us to “keep it”. An example of this concept is how we care for our cars. Maintaining a car according to the manufacturers recommendation will retain its value and will provide reliable transportation at a lower cost. A steward strives to improve, protect, preserve, and develop what the Heavenly Father places into his/her care.

SERVE ALL YOU CAN flows from I Peter 4:10. “Each of us should use whatever gift he has received to serve faithfully, administering God’s grace in various forms.” Every believer has been given a spiritual gift for service in the congregation and community. Do yourself a favor and get involved in a ministry that serves the mission of God in outreach, nurture, fellowship and care of those in need. There is joy in service. This requires setting priorities and management of time and energy so that we maintain a balance in our life between work, worship, family and recreation.

GIVE ALL YOU CAN is the management of money and the use of time for service. The Bible has much to say about money management and there are promises and guidelines for the faithful steward. The steward begins with “proportionate giving” or percentage giving. We are encouraged to set aside regularly a portion of our income as our thank offering for all the blessing we receive in the Word and Sacrament, and what we have been given to support our body and life. We also give through our congregation to support the mission of God in the world. Our Heavenly Father makes many promises about giving. “Give and it will be given to you. A good amount will be poured into your lap.” Luke 6:38 “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35. Similar promises abound in the Bible.

May our Lord who gave all for us and has called us into a new life of peace and joy bless your life as His steward

Director of Family Ministry Update

Provided by Kevin Grieves

Greetings and God's Blessings.

The DFM Call Committee has been working diligently and prayerfully during the process for placing a Call for a DFM. We are making great progress in the process.

We started with a list of 15 candidates. Based upon resumes of the original 15, we chose 6 for a phone interview. We conducted 5 phone interviews and selected 3 for face to face interviews. From this list of three, the Call Committee will present the name of the candidate we believe should receive the Call during the Congregational Meeting on June 5. The Call Committee is really "jazzed" about this candidate.

To learn the name, more about the Call Committee's candidate, and most importantly vote to place a Call to the candidate please plan on attending the Sunday, June 5th Congregational Meeting.

I apologize that I will not be at the meeting myself as I'll be returning from vacation. A member of the Call Committee will make the presentation to the congregation.

A big thank you to those that served with me on the Call Committee; Laurie Fritz, Lauren Ewald, Patty Bullock, Sonya and Greg Hoglund, Torey Oberle, and Pastor Buono. To serve with these people has certainly been rewarding and a joy.

I would also like to give a big thank you to the congregation for your support and continued prayers asking for God's guidance in the Call process.

Remember that **POP is here to do God's Will in God's Time.**

Summer Sunday School and "Reading Buddy" Sunday School Program

Provided by Macie Smith

We will be offering an opportunity for our children and youth to participate in Summer Sunday School. Those in Jr. High and High School will participate in Boone's class and those 5 and under will be able to participate in special activities taking place in the nursery.

I will be overseeing a "Reading Buddy" Sunday School Program for those who were in Kindergarten through the 6th grade during the 2010-2011 school year.

In order for the Reading Buddy Sunday School Programs Success we NEED 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade reading mentors! You'll be partnered with a younger student and read to them and assist them with an activity during Sunday School hour! You'll be the teachers. We also need Kindergartners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders!

Finally, we need adult support to help Macie organize the hour and/or bring treats. Hence, we need everyone in the church to participate! Attached is a sign up form for the Reading Buddy program and adult volunteers. Please take time to fill it out and return it to me, so I may plan accordingly. You may mail it to the church (3625 SW Wanamaker RD, Topeka 66614, fill it out and email it back, scan it and email it, or hand it to me at church--whatever works!

• **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGNUP**

This summer we will offer a “Reading Buddy” Sunday School Program for those who were in Kindergarten through the 6th grade during the 2010-2011 school year. (The nursery will also be available during the summer for those who are younger. Those in Jr. High and High School will participate in Boone’s Class).

In order for the Reading Buddy Sunday School Programs Success we NEED 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade reading mentors! You’ll be partnered with a younger student and read to them and assist them with an activity during Sunday School hour! You’ll be the teachers.

We also need Kindergartners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders!

Finally, we need adult support to help Macie organize the hour.

Please signup below so we have a general idea of our participants and adult helpers for the summer! Please turn them in to the Church Office or Macie Smith.

Summer Sunday School will run June 5th - August 28th.

Parent(s)/Volunteer Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

I will help on these Sundays: _____

I will provide treats on these Sundays: _____

Child’s Name	Grade in <u>2010-2011</u> School Year	Allergies
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Thank you!

Recently we honored our Sunday School Teachers for their dedicated service. They are here each Sunday and assist our families in sharing the light of Jesus in the lives of our children and youth. *Please take time to thank them!"*

Our teachers are: Baylee Cox, Doreen Cox, Neva Rose, Michelle Kucera, Lynnette Berg, Margaret Shults, Jennifer Schaefer, Terri Good, Linda Nightingale, Laurie Fritz, Chuck Atherton, Melinda Skrdlant, Joe Anderson, Boone Smith



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Board of Church Property Management would like to thank everyone who showed up for the church workday on May 14. We got a lot done and couldn't have done it without your help!

Doorstep News

Provided by Diana Frownfelter

Pantry Needs

Pork and beans Canned fruit Canned vegetables except corn or green beans

Want to volunteer at Doorstep? Wednesdays during September? We'd like two workers for the morning (9 - 11:30) and the afternoon (11:30-2) shifts. If interested in working, contact Diana Frownfelter at 478.3480 or email her at jfrown@networksplus.net. If you are still working, "Are you allowed "volunteer hours" by your employer"? Since Doorstep and its retail shoppe "Dovetail" are POP sponsored organizations, these would certainly offer opportunity for you to give your volunteer hours to an organization that POP supports.

Newsletter News -

The POP Newsletter is now moving to a quarterly publishing. This issue is the 1st quarterly issue published. The next issue will be published September 1st. You can find it on our POP website. If you prefer a printed copy, contact Jayna in the church office and she will see that you get a printed copy. We will not be printing and mailing the newsletters to the entire congregation going forward. If you have questions, please direct them to Nikki Anderson, POP Newsletter Editor. If you have an email address that we should have, please email that to Nikki at nikki.anderson@oracle.com and jaynag@princeofpeacetopeka.org

Note from the Board of Christian Service

Provided by Sally Bosak, Chairperson

Thank you to all who helped out with the TP Tower project. The tower grew very large and it was a sight to see! We were able to donate toilet paper to the Topeka Rescue Mission, Doorstep, and the Florence Crittenton Service. It was definitely a blessing for each to receive such a necessity. Thank you again for making our TP Tower so successful!

Mark your calendars: September is Prince of Peace's month to help out at Doorstep. For more information contact our Doorstep Liaison Diana Frownfelter.



MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Taylor and Morgan Decker – children of Nicholas and Samantha Decker and grandchildren of Ralph and Susan Anderson, prayers of thanksgiving as these little ones are welcomed into the family of Christ by the rite of Holy Baptism

Ray Hattaway – Ruth Slyter's brother, prayers for God's guiding hand in diagnosis and effective treatment

Vic and Ruth Gradert – parents of Donna Eakins and Karen Doel, prayers of thanksgiving and praises for 65 years of marriage

Janel, Matt and Hayden – children of Jim and Diana Frownfelter, thanksgiving that their lives were spared in the Joplin tornado; prayers that a new special care facility becomes available for grandson Hayden's destroyed daycare and rebuilding of son-in-law Matt's demolished school

Emily Dore – Bob and Sallee Lee's granddaughter, prayers of thanksgiving for the work she is performing rescuing animals in the Joplin area after the tornado

Nary Bettis	Tammy Charles	Ruth McDaniel
Terry Bettis	Ernie Dougherty	Nina Meyer
Lynette Berg	Marian Freeman	Tom Munk
Elmer Blaske	Glenda Hammel	Cecile Penney
Linda Bosak	Darlene Lumpe	Jackie Ragan
Lorena Buono	Ray Lundin	Bill Schuette
Marcia Maurer		

THOSE WHO ARE PREGNANT

Dani Meier, Mary Napier, Dorie Valdez, Emily Hall, Shelly Lester, Nicole Wright

EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dave & Nikki Anderson - Bobbi Kennison, Nikki's stepmother; Kathy Roberts, friend; Mary Kasiska, friend

Christie Bauerle, Craig and Brandan - Dale Schuette, uncle

Paula Beal - Janet McElroy, mother

Cyndi Beck & the late Mark Beck -Mary Fehlhafer, sister; Allen Fehlhafer, nephew; Virginia Beck, mother

Lynnette Berg & Margaret Carreno - Henry Berg, Lynnette's father
Peggy Howe, friend; Susan Forster, friend; Kellan Weathers, friend; Nicole, niece; Marty, brother;

Ellen Berry - Don Adams, brother

Carolyn Buono - Jeff Holter, friend

Leonard & Irene Caldwell - Kurt, son; Theresa, mother

Julie & Steve Caspers - Lavera, Julie's mother

Tammy & Michael Charles -Gary & Nancy, father and mother

Dean & Ruth Cook -Marilyn Dudley, friend

Doreen & Baylee Cox - Jessica Siedel, friend

Donna Eakins - Barb McComas, friend; Ruth, mother

Stacy Florence & Mary Grace Bettis -Gladys Florence, mother

Brian & Laurie Fritz - Candace Scharff, Brian's sister

Jim & Diana Frownfelter -Hayden Harding, grandson

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Jim & Sheryl Gilchrist - Barbara Forrester, Jim's sister; Lucille Johnson, Sheryl's mother; Brice Leon, Trudy Hess, & Bob Hesler, friends

Terri Good - Tracey, friend

Brad & Glenda Hammel - Nancy Pembleton, sister

Jonathan Flores-Hammel -Arturo Flores, father

Brad & Marlene Hermann - Matt Werner, friend

Barbara Hodge -Roger VanEtten, son

Greg & Sonja Hoglund -Ben, grandson

Earl & Margaret Honigs - David & Brian, grqandsons

Joe & Mary Hume - Dorothy Bailey, mother

Bob Karle - Wayne Brooks & Harlan Edmonds, friends

Gery & Arlene Kauffman -Lonnie, Arlene's brother

Ian & Michele Kucera - Bill, father of Ian

Beth Lange - Mary Lange, mother

Pat & Eileen Lawless - Irene Filburn, mother

Ray & Cheri Lundin - Jim & Mary Ann, parents

Mary & Denise Meier - Tony, cousin; Jason Harwood, friend; Mary, sister-in-law

Mary & Meier & Melanie Marr - Janelle Becker, Mary's daughter; George Berver, father

Dale & Cassandra Minde - Robert, brother

Milroy Moses - Mary, mother

Donna Neu - Jaxson, great-great nephew

Cecile Penney - Lila Gooding, sister; Campbell Faulkner, great nephew

John & Karen Pickett - Maxine Cain, friend; Gary White, brother-in-law

Connie Sanches & Jon - Harry Miller, father/grandfather; Janet Dempski & Family, friends

Gene & Carol Schmidt & Michael & Nikki Blackburn - Jim Blackburn, friend/grandfather; Tony, friend\

Ruth Slyter - Amber Slyter, granddaughter

Eric & Vicki Smith - Clifton Odegard, grandfather

Shawn & Nicole Wright - Henry, Shawn's father

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

From Prince of Peace - Justin Meier, Karl Fruendt, Fran Oleen

Andrew Webster, nephew of Dave and Nikki Anderson, cousin of Joe Anderson

Jesse Reid, Nick Newsome, friends of Joe Anderson

Donna Buono - daughter of Pastor Neil and Carolyn Buono, sister of Lorena and aunt of Natalia

Derek Cox, brother of Baylee Cox

Joel Gaston, son & Tom Palenske, son-in-law of Jerry & Jayna Gaston

Lucas Hall, husband and Annie Smith, sister of Emily Hall

Jesse Owens, great nephew of Gery & Arlene Kauffman

Matt and Sean Myers, nephews of Doreen Cox, cousins of Baylee Cox

John Clark, son of Ernie and Doreen Dougherty

Zachary McDonnell, nephew of Debbie & Ira Freel

Kyle Grieves, son of Kevin and Jane Grieves

Adam, Katie Kocher's brother

John Stiles, step-brother of Michelle Kucera

Bill & Bob Rahe, cousins of Beth Lange

Darin Lindon and Terry Lindon, nephews of Rita Lawrence

Gary Becker, Jason Dagosta sons-in-law of Mary and the late Emil Meier

Preston Meier, son and *Amyrose Meier*, daughter-in-law of Mark and Denise Meier

Chris Jacobs, friend of Mark and Denise Meier

Zeb Minde, son of Dale and Cassandra Minde, father of Kaleb, Harmoni and Lorali

Taylor Wilson, friend of Connie Pitman

Steven Swim, grandson of Bill Schuette

Adam Skrdlant, nephew of Randy & Melinda Skrdlant; cousin of Spencer & Tanner

Jordan Beckerman, friend of Boone and Macie Smith

POP Leadership as of June 1' 2011

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Neil Buono	271-0808(W)	revneil@princeofpeacetopeka.org
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Deacon	Jerry Gaston	273-8658(H)	jgaston1@yahoo.com
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Lay Assistant	Torey Oberle	256-2429(H)	torey.oberle@securitybenefit.com
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Youth Ministry Leader	Boone Smith	271-0808(W)	boones@princeofpeacetopeka.org
Children's Ministry Leader	Macie Smith	271-0808(2)	macies@princeofpeacetopeka.org
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BOSL, Member	OPEN		
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BOSL, Member	OPEN		
BOSL, Member	Doug Christopher	372-8938(H)	doug.christopher@brbcontractors.com
LAY LEADERS			
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Volunteer and New Member Seminar Coordinator LWML	Darlene Lumpe Linda Bosak, President	273-1188(H) 273-3571(H)	ddlumpe@yahoo.com earlin@sbcglobal.net



POP Vacation Bible School - July 18-22

Provided by Christie Bauerle, VBS Director

It is that time of year again; time to be thinking about Vacation Bible School. Planning and preparation have already begun for PandaMania July 18-22nd. Fortunately, we have a lot of returning Station Leaders again this year. With Patty Bullock and Laurie Fritz being co-directors again, it shouldn't be Pandemonium. (Tee Hee). This year's theme is focused around a cute Panda named Boomer and his friends learning from Psalm 139:4, 5, 12, 14 and 24.

You can register your children now on the POP Website or by calling the church office at 271-0808. You can also reach Christie if you wish to volunteer or have questions at 256-2247.



Congratulations, Eagle Scouts, Troup 249



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

The following members of Troup 249 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Their names have been added to the plaque in the foyer of the church. These Scouts, their parents, and the rest of Troup 249 would like to thank Prince of Peace Church for their ongoing support of Troup 249, which made it possible for these scouts to achieve this high honor in scouting. Thank you.

Brett Munstermann
Cody R. Bruggemeyer
Sam Allman
Chad A. Davis

Louis Weishaar
Blake A. Hopper
Ben Allman

Brian Temple
Nolan L. Ingersoll
Jacob K. Buchanan

POP Cookbook Update

Thank you for all the recipes submitted for our cookbook. We have reached our goal of about 400 now. If you can provide any help in selling advertising for the cookbook, contact Lynnette Berg at 408-5627 or email maglynn@cox.net. More details about this can be found on the POP Information Station and in the church foyer.

POP Progressive Dinner

This has proven to be a very busy time of year for everyone at POP so we are going to postpone the Progressive Dinner until later in the year. Thank you to those who volunteered to help. We will engage with you again in the future.



The LWML Mission Project this year is collecting **wrapped bars of soap** to send with the Lutheran World Relief items overseas. If you can help us by donating bars of soap it would be greatly appreciated. We will take donations through August. Thank you in advance for your support. The LWML drop box is located in the north building entrance area.

POPP - Prince of Peace PreSchool Update

Provided by *Patty Bullock, Director, POPP*

REWIND!! The preschool has just completed another successful year. Here's our run-down of the fun and excitement....

MAY Celebrating the close of school, the teachers were honored at a staff appreciation luncheon hosted by the board at the home of Jenny Durbin. Secret pals were revealed and



stories were shared about the highlights of the year. The teachers spent the few days prior scrubbing walls, chairs, tables, disinfecting toys, cleaning the shed, playground storage, closets and kitchen. Their team evaluations were conducted and will be presented to the board in June. Our last days with the kids were spent with a visit from our neighborhood firemen, picnics, ice cream social, "Pastries with POP", "Pizza and Popsicles with Pop", and "Muffins with Mom."

APRIL Field trips to the Bullock cattle farm gave us the opportunity to see a cow close up, see lots of babies, a tractor (John Deere, of course) and lots of help feeding the cows. We played up in the loft of the barn on bales of hay constructed as a maze. The three-year-old class went to Iwig Dairy to

see the production of milk and to get up close to the dairy cattle. We ate cookies and got our own pint of milk to take home. They usually don't allow preschool field trips, but one of our daddies works as their marketing director. Lucky for us!

We also had great fun at the church Easter egg hunt and "rocked out" at the Stephen Fite concert with many other schools at TPAC. We conducted our final fundraiser selling Kansas Maid pastries.

MARCH March is always exciting for us with parent/teacher conferences and enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year. The line formed at 8:00 am for enrollment at 1:00 pm. Parents received passes for "church and chili" that day, without losing their spot in line. We enrolled 86 children in less than 30 minutes. At this point, we are completely full for next year. We were also very excited that during this month, Connie Pitman agreed to serve on our board for the next two years.



FEBRUARY We had snow days one after another. We had more parent teacher conferences for our youngest kids. We had a successful bake sale/sing with our children at Sunday service.

JANUARY More snow days! Tours of the preschool begin fast and furious as

parents from the community make decisions about programs that meet their needs.

DECEMBER Celebrations of Jesus' birth with our annual preschool sing-a-long was the highlight of the month. Michael White hosted a Christmas staff/board luncheon at Paisano's full of fun and laughter.

NOVEMBER Our school carnival was fun for all with kids everywhere and parents helping to make this our most successful event of the year. We raised over \$6500.00 for the operation of the school.

OCTOBER Our mixed bag sale began our first fundraiser of the year. We met with parents in conferences about their child's adjustment to school. Field trips to the pumpkin patch were great adventures.

SEPTEMBER School begins with laughter and tears. We also began our Mom's Bible Study with "Jesus, The One and Only", Beth Moore series. We set aside some money to provide child care for those attending. (Side note...we followed with the study of Revelation.) There are several of us traveling to Lincoln, Nebraska in June for a two day conference. This summer we begin our study in the book of Daniel. **Please let Patty know if you want to join us on Fridays 9-11 am.**

WHEW! Looking forward to starting it all over again next September!!! ☺



Meet Michele Kucera - our next POP President

Thank you for the honor to serve as the next President of our congregation. Our family (husband Ian, children Haley, Cole, and Meredith) joined Prince of Peace in the summer of 2004 shortly after relocating to Topeka. We had actually enrolled our oldest daughter, Haley, in the wonderful preschool program before we left Texas, so we have been involved with Prince of Peace from the start.



I was born in Wichita, KS and have lived throughout the Midwest and Texas. Many of you may know I am a PK (Pastor's Kid) or TO (Theologian's Offspring- as Dr. Gene Schmidt likes to say!). My father, Joseph Jones, recently retired from 30 years in the ministry, serving most recently at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan, KS.

I received my Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and have served as a clinical pharmacist for various VA clinics and as a faculty member at the Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy. Presently I am serving as a consultant for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy which is based in nearby Lenexa, KS.

I love being a part of Prince of Peace and serving in any way I can. I am looking forward to working with an excellent leadership team to continue to move our congregation forward in mission- as we seek always to be Christ-centered caring people of faith in our community.

Confirmation Sunday - 2011

On Palm Sunday, 8th graders, Ashley Ashwill and Joshua Schaefer were confirmed at Prince of Peace. They also read their responses to specific questions: Joshua Schaefer shared "What does my faith mean to me?" and Ashley Ashwill shared "What does Christ mean to me?"



Members of the 7th grade confirmation class - Molly Worley, Craig Bauerle and Jon Sanchez – also read their responses to "Why we should share Jesus with others?"



Boone Smith, Joshua Schaefer, Pastor Buono, Ashley Ashwill



Bearing Witness

Provided by Boone Smith

This is the third attempt that I've had at writing this newsletter article. It's 11pm on May 19, 2011, and I'm not sure why this is so difficult to put into the right words. You know, in the Baptist church, they invite people to come forward and share what God has done in their lives and they call it a "testimony". The closest thing I've seen in my 10 years of Lutheran youth ministry in Topeka was an event up on the mountain top at Camp LVR when our leaders and youth are invited to stand out in the darkness and share their stories, backlit by a campfire, in front of 70 kids and adults. In those times, I've heard people share about drug addiction, abortions, alcohol, sexual sins, and a lot more than that. People feel comfortable to share because there, up on the mountain in Colorado, they know that God is with them, and that the bad and terrible things in their lives are not outweighed by the good things they've done, but that they are of no comparison to the limitless and awe inspiring love that God has for them. All they do is tell what God has done for them in their life, and bear witness to God's unending mercy and grace, through hardships and through good times. By way of this newsletter article, I will attempt to do the same.

At the beginning of high school, our youth group was tiny. For a church that worshipped over 1,000 people, we had maybe two dozen kids in high school Sunday School, at least when I was a freshman. I went on my first mission trip near Lafayette, LA. It changed how I looked at the world, including and especially how I looked at poor people. God also showed me how my faith could be put into action, which I guess I knew about but never really digested the idea. From that point on, I was hooked and ready for youth ministry... or architecture. I wasn't really sure. I definitely felt God close to me, and I was really excited about it. Later in high school, I began attending a youth group at a non-denominational church. The leader, Jim Davis, taught high school kids how to share Jesus through conversational evangelism. Then we would go out in public, or to people's homes who had visited the church, and share Jesus through a memorized outline that included over 20 verses and several pointed questions (like famously, "If you were to die tonight, and God asked you why He should let you into Heaven, what would you tell him?"). Though it wasn't the Lutheran way, we approached strangers on the streets and shared Jesus with them, ultimately praying with 3 or 4 of them to be saved right on the spot. Powerful stuff for a 10th grader, let me tell ya. In that time, I knew that God was working in me, but I didn't really know why. I just knew that I was excited about it.

When I was a sophomore in college, around the time that I changed my major to a Director of Christian Education (DCE) with a double major in Elementary Education, our family and I ran out of money for me to keep going to school. I knew that I wanted to serve the Lord in a full-time profession, but I didn't know how I could keep going to school. Simultaneously back home, a lady in my parents' Bible Study group also ran out of money, but swears that she was confronted by God to help me in school. Without enough money to pay her own bills, she got on her knees and prayed, and committed to doing just that. Three days later her husband was called in to his boss's office where he was expecting to be let go, because a project he'd worked on for over a year had not yielded any profit for the company. Instead, he was given a check for a hundred-thousand dollars as a bonus at his job. I was able to stay in college, and to graduate as a DCE/Elem. Ed. Major. Most definitely, the Lord was with me.

In college, I dated a girl named Hope. She and I were together for about 2 years, but God had other plans for us. She wanted to live in South Dakota with her family, and I wanted to be a DCE and to be available to go anywhere. Heartbroken, we knew that there was no future for us and ended things. I didn't know what God's plans were, but I knew it really hurt me to follow where He would lead me, and it was very lonely. Seven years, and about a half-dozen less meaningful relationships later, I was finally able to say "Thank You God!" for keeping me single long enough to meet and marry Macie LaCrone. God showed me that it's okay to be lonely, because everything has its season.

At the church where I served as a DCE intern in 1999, I missed my first youth board meeting because I wrote the time down wrong. I had called the meeting, had all kinds of books and presentations that one would have (being straight out of college) and was prepared to completely WOW my new board, and I showed up 15 minutes after it ended, thinking that I was 45 minutes early. The Lord definitely had his hand on me, though I didn't really feel it. Instead, I felt like a clumsy dolt. That same internship year, after I had told the congregation leaders that I wasn't staying to be a DCE there because God was leading me somewhere else, my furnished apartment became... unfurnished. The bed that had been donated to me was quickly taken back, as well as several other items. I would

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have Monday Night Bible Study in my duplex and have up to 15 kids crammed into my 10x10 living room, but after they left I would have to pick Cheetos and Doritos out of the couch before I could sleep on it. The Lord was definitely blessing my ministry, and I was pretty excited to be a part of it, bed or no bed. When Calvary Lutheran called me as a DCE in 2000, I was much more blessed than I realized. Pastor John Hopkins and I became close friends, and I became great friends with a guy on our board of education named Don Schuh. Don and I would go out to eat every week, with few exceptions, for almost four years. My ministry seemed to be taking off, and we even had high school Bible Study at one youth's house (who is now in charge of the youth program at Calvary). I had no secret formula. I just stayed involved and had regular contact with youth, particularly by phone calling them on Thursday nights. Our program grew from an average of 8 kids in Sunday School to averaging more than 30 every week. I saw that God was with me because despite my flaws, He was blessing the youth program. We had several kids join the church, and even a couple of youth baptisms during that time at Calvary... and none of it due to anything particularly amazing that I was doing.

Late in 2002, a girl who had been very involved in my youth group named Macie LaCrone went off to college. When she came back on weekends, her family often had me over for Sunday lunch (knowing how lonely I was, and knowing that I almost never cooked). Sometime that Fall, we began to really talk. The first time I knew that we might have more than just a friendship was when we went to Garry's Berries together and walked around the Corn Maze for more than 2 hours. When we finally found our way out, I remember being disappointed that our conversation was going to have to end, and even saved some token pieces of corn for several years as a reminder of that first time out. Some months later, we started dating. After our very first date, I called home to Texas and told my mom that this was the kind of girl that I wanted to marry. Sometimes God's plan is confusing, and sometimes He's abundantly clear.

In 2004, after Macie and I were married and with a baby on the way, I went to work for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. I studied for 20 weeks to take my Series 7 and Series 66 tests, which were the equivalent of a 2-yr business degree, or so I've been told. I had been paying for my own insurance since ending the job at Calvary, and was thrilled when the Thrivent Paychecks started coming in. At Thrivent, they paid me in 2-week increments, starting after I passed my final test. Due to this, I'd been on the books for about 6 weeks when Brennan was born on Dec. 31st, and with the delivery (and an ice storm) they kept Macie in the hospital for 5 days afterwards. Because of that, I didn't even open an office for another week after that, and I had a sales deadline at 14 weeks... giving me 6 weeks to make up for 14 weeks worth of work. I was let go just before Valentine's Day weekend, I remember. The only memorable part of my time with Thrivent was that during one visit with an existing customer, Mary Hume invited me to come to Prince of Peace. The Sunday after I was let go, our family came for the first time. It was painful and tough to lose that job and not know how we were going to pay our bills (and with a newborn baby at home), but God was never far from us, and thanks to support from my family in Texas, we never missed a bill or a meal.

I got a job as a waiter with Harrah's Casino in Mayetta in March, 2005. I couldn't stand it! It wasn't what a college graduate with a double major and four years of experience in youth ministry should be doing with themselves. Macie and I were miserably broke, and so we set a deadline of June 1st for God to provide us with a better way to make a living, or we were going to make plans to go to Texas. On May 31, 2005 at 5:30pm (with just over 6 hours until our "deadline"), Pastor Martin Schmidt knocked on our door in Hoyt. It seemed that there were going to be two part-time positions opening up at Prince of Peace, and Pastor Buono had recommended that he speak to us about them. By the end of our conversation, I knew that God had worked it out for us to stay in Topeka. We knew that the job wouldn't be starting for months, and that it wasn't paying enough for us to live on, but we also knew that God's timing was more than just coincidence. We trusted that He had a plan for us, and stayed. By the end of the summer, I was working for the Seaman School District also. I had mere months left on my teaching license when I transferred it to Kansas (which I did on a whim—Thank God for that too!) and had mere months left on the transfer license when I was hired. God is not only with us, but His timing is perfect, even if I don't always understand it.

Since coming to Prince of Peace, I have seen the church shrink from 350 per/Sunday to about 200, and then begin to bounce back. I've watched as families that I knew to be good people get frustrated and leave, and I've seen other good people stay and rebuild. During our worst times as Pastor Schmidt's time with Prince of Peace came to an

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end, we lost so many young families that I stopped having high school Sunday School due to a lack of kids attending. I've seen God use Pastor Buono as a healer and counselor to a congregation. I've also witnessed many kids in our confirmation program grow tremendously in their faiths. I've watched as God has continued to touch kids' lives at LVR, and our Mission Trip and servant events. We had a Bible Study at Planet Sub that peaked at 10-12 kids coming per/week with us buying a sub for every kid who attended, but when our budget was cut to save money after the turmoil-filled winter of 2007, we were asked to no longer buy subs for kids who showed up. After that season, we lost a lot of families at POP and had to end the Bible Study, which had been the center of the youth ministry. I've tried to restart it with almost no success, and honestly—had given up on having it. But in the last few months, a new high school Bible Study has restarted, this time with a lot of youth excitement, and not food, but God's Word bringing them in (though food is still good). We are getting 3 - 6 kids coming steadily to it, and it's growing. I have learned time and again and again that God is Faithful. He does not leave us, and is never far away from us, even if we don't feel Him and can't tell why things are happening. I mentioned at the beginning of this article that the best that I could do was to bear witness to what God had done in my life... to give it a "testimony", so to speak.

My testimony is this: God is with us. In Isaiah 7, and again in the book of Matthew, Jesus is referred to as Immanuel. The translation for it is "God is with us." I cannot argue with that, and it is a very real part of my life, and part of who I am. Immanuel! And He's promised to never leave me or forsake me. I could go on and on and on about other stories of where God has protected me (from having a terrific son; to having a gun pointed at me in a car chase; to barely missing being in at least a dozen car accidents; to my mom getting viral encephalitis from a mosquito and having horrible hallucinations and nearly going into a coma, only to be miraculously healed by God; to a confirmation teacher who taught me to love memory work, advised me of where to go to college, and recommended I pick up a degree in education "just in-case"; to having a lacerated artery in my wrist during a cross country hazing that led me to quit the team and join speech and debate, where I did well enough to receive a scholarship to college; to so many mission trips and great God experiences at LVR that I can't count them all).

I have learned, sometimes through valleys and sometimes on mountaintops that God is most certainly with us. I've heard some of our church leaders shout "I love Prince of Peace!", but I have to redirect the syntax of that statement. Instead, I would say "I love *the* Prince of Peace!" He's always with me, and He never fails. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your youth leader (and on behalf of Macie, your Children's Ministry Leader) at Prince of Peace for the past 6 years. I can confidently say that it was in God's plan for both Macie and me to be here during this time in our lives, and this time in the life of the congregation. If you're keeping count, we've now worked without complaint as part-time leaders at Prince of Peace for just over 1/4th of the life of the congregation. Our schedule has allowed me to work full-time as a teacher, and it's allowed Macie to complete her degree and work full-time at the Capitol. Praise God that we can each have jobs with that kind of flexibility, and that we can serve the Lord with them as well! For as much as we may have been used by God to share His love and His blessings with the congregation, we both feel that we've borne witness to God's unending mercy and grace in our lives, as shared with us by Prince of Peace. Macie and I are both very excited to see what else God has in store for us and for the congregation, and we look forward to bearing witness to God's good work in both of those things.

Just,

Boone Smith, May 20, 2011, 1:41am

PS - Macie and I can both say that we have also been witness to the Lord keeping our ministry together through some extremely difficult times in the congregation, and that we've been a part of it growing enough that we are ready to hire a Director of Family Ministry. How terrific is it that God has entrusted us with His ministry, and that we've helped with sheltering and growing the ministry so that someone can step in full-time to take it?! Everything in its time, right? We look forward to handing the reigns over when God sends the next person to work here!

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Acts 22:14 "Then he said: 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard.'"

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."



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This slate of officers will be presented to the congregation for voting at the Congregational Meeting on June 5th following the 10:00 AM service.

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