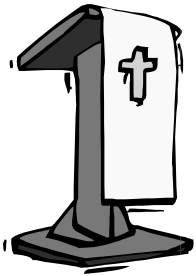


Prince of Peace in Print

June 26, 2009

*Remember therefore what you have received
and heard . . . (Revelation 3:3a)*

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings in the creating power of the Father, the redeeming purpose of the Son, and the encouraging presence of the Spirit.

Who left the oven on? Summer is here and I am wondering where June went. At the end of May, Circuit 7 met in Convocation and I was elected the Circuit's Synodical Delegate to the

2010 Synodical Convention in Houston, Texas. I am truly honored to be representing our Circuit at this important meeting. Ellen and I had a wonderful time relaxing on vacation for a week and then a working time at the Southern District Convention in Baton Rouge. The Convention went well with no surprises.

Now, I am focusing attention on July and all its activities. July has been designated "Pray for the Nation" month. Everyone in the congregation is being asked to give special attention in prayer to the needs of our country during this month. Sunday, July 5 is "Red, White, and Blue" Sunday. Show your patriotic spirit by displaying our country's colors. July 12 we will be welcoming six new members. Five women are completing the Adult Confirmation Class and one will be joining by profession of faith. July 19 is Friendship Sunday and special invitations will be available to help you invite your friends.



The Church's new BBQ.
Donated by Peter & Renee Krizmanitz.



The Praise Team leads the worship at Faith in Greenville, Mississippi.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, July 27-31, 6-8 p.m. This is an important opportunity for Prince of Peace to plant seeds for God's kingdom in our community. We may not see the results but our actions impact the lives of children for years to come. Let us make Vacation Bible School extra special this year. Volunteers are needed to help with the program. Planning meetings will be held on Wednesday nights, July 8, 15, & 22, following our BBQ's. Again this year we are planning to give all attendees a backpack for school and a new pair of shoes. Donations are needed.

It was with sadness that the Church Council, at its meeting this past Wednesday night, accepted Rick Kresge's resignation as Vice-Chair of the church. Rick feels that his injured back and hurt knee would prevent him from adequately fulfilling his responsibilities. We thank you Rick for the wonderful service you rendered to the church and its property. Your

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1
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Communion Schedule
Saturday - 1st & 3rd
Early (8:00 a.m.) - 1st
& 3rd
Late (10:30 a.m.) -
2nd, 4th, & 5th

gifts and talents will be missed.

In this year's motto: "Remember therefore what you have received and heard . . ." (Revelation 3:3a), the Apostle John is writing to the church in Sardis. According to John, the church in Sardis is on the verge of death. They have "fallen asleep" in their faith and forgotten their reason for existence. In his admonition to the church to wake-up, he calls them to remember what they "have received." Do you know what you have received? The British devotional writer, Oswald Chambers, implies that a person is not a Christian unless he has received. So have you received? What did John want the church in Sardis to remember that they had received? And what should you be aware of that you have received? To be a Christian means one has received. We have received salvation through the cross of Christ. By His blood our sins have been washed away and we have received the gift of righteousness. By His death we have a new, personal, and intimate relationship with God the Father having received the gift of adoption as He makes us His children. By His resurrection we have received the gift of life eternal. Christianity is all about what we receive from God, not what we can give or do for God. Remember now and always what you have "received."

May the reception of God's gracious and loving gifts keep you awake in your faith and empower your life and actions as you live out these wonderful gifts. God Bless!

Love and Prayers,
Warren R. Pellom
Pastor

Elders Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

The board of Elders is encouraged by what seems to be an increase in the spirit of our members here at Prince of Peace. We feel there is a little more enthusiasm in all of our members about being involved in our church's various functions. Perhaps a little reminder is needed here that our Vacation Bible School is coming soon and we need all of the volunteers we can get for this community outreach program. The shoe give away was met very warmly in our community last year and we are expecting even more children to join us this year. All help will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the council or Tammy Heidrick for more information.

Our Pastor has set a goal of one first-time visitor every Sunday and the elders strongly support his ambition. So far this goal has been met every Sunday except one. He is going to need all of our support to maintain this goal. It is up to all of us as members here to encourage friends and family to attend and share in God's blessings and the joy to be found in his word.

One of the ways pastor is trying to achieve this goal is through prayer; and as he encouraged us to do last year ,we all need to **Pray Until Something Happens**. This works. If we think about it, I'm sure we can all testify to the fact that it works.

Thank You and Gods Blessings.
Al Peimann
Head Elder

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From the Desk of the Treasurer

Year-To-Date Funds Received and Expenses as of May 31, 2009:

| <u>2009 Year-to-Date:</u> | <u>YTD Received</u> | <u>YTD Expenses</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| General/Operating Fund: | 57,237.41 | (60,863.40) | (3,625.99) |
| Kids Club Fund: | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Building Fund: | 1,500.00 | 6.43 | 1,506.43 |
| Elders Benevolence Fund: | 477.69 | (690.00) | (212.31) |
| Pastor's Fund: | 0 | (425.00) | (425.00) |
| Confirmand's Remodeling Room Fund | | | |
| : | 376.00 | 0.00 | 376.00 |
| Bathroom Remodeling Fund: | 167.00 | 0.00 | 167.00 |
| Valentine's Day/Fellowship Fund: | 196.00 | (196.00) | 0.00 |
| Youth Fund: | 0.00 | (85.22) | (85.22) |
| Memorial Fund—Ed Childs Received: | | | |
| : | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| | 60,304.10 | (62,253.19) | (1,949.09) |

A dear friend of mine sent the story below to me through email.
I felt it was worth sharing.

A man found a butterfly cocoon. One day a small opening appeared in the cocoon. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could go.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

Thank You!

A great big Thank You to Peter and Renee Krizmanity for donating their BBQ to the church.

An extra special Thank You to Mary Kiepert for serving the past two years as President of Women of Peace. You did a great job Mary.

A very special word of Thanks to all who gave a word of testimony about their fathers on Father's Day. Thank You to Jo Lampley, Katlynn Andrews, Vicki McColpin, and Mary Wanda Wack. Your words spoke volumes and touched our hearts.

A big Thank You to everyone who participated in "Crazy Tie" Sunday. Thank you for showing your church spirit.

A special word of Thanks to all who contributed flowers to brighten the lives of those in nursing homes.

Thank You to Vicki McColpin for all her work on our Tree of Hope. (Every month Vicki decorates the tree with a different theme.)

The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the small opening in the cocoon and the struggle

Church Council Members 2009

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Rusty Vollmer

Vice-Chair
(vacant)

Secretary
Deborah Bailey

Treasurer
Richelle Smith

Board of Elders
Al Peimann (Head)
Jim Bodenstab
Tom Wack

Discipleship
Tammy Heidrick

Evangelism
(vacant)

Fellowship
Debra Romine

Stewardship
Doug McGee

Worship
Mary Wanda Wack
(—Non-Voting)

Monthly
Statistics

May

Average Attendance

Saturday Service
11

Sunday Early Service
18

Sunday Late Service
74

required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!!!

Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows.

But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

(John 16:33 NLT)

Many Blessings,
Richelle Smith
Treasurer

From the Kids Club

Hello again from the clubhouse! All has been going well this year and attendance has been up.

As you all know V.B.S. is coming up next month: July 27—July 31. We still need volunteers to help make this year as successful as last year. Not to mention, we need donations for the shoe give away. I don't think anyone has not felt the pinch of the economic decline. I know the church has and a lot of families with children. The school year is arriving soon, and many kids will be starting the school year in hand-me-downs and clothes that have holes in

them. But, if we all dig deep in our pockets and give what we can our V.B.S. students can walk tall in school that first day, because they have a new pair of shoes.

Help me, help our Kids be the best they can be — donate today! The Lord blesses those who give willingly from the heart three times over.

May the Lord bless you all and all the children too.

God's Blessings to you all,
Tammy Heidrick
Discipleship Chair

Worship Writes

To My Fellow Christians,

God Bless America!

The whole month of July is a special month for us to pray for our country.

July 5th — Wear Red, White or Blue

Love Our Country Sunday — "Proud to be an American"

July 19th — Friendship Sunday — Bring a Friend!

Thanks for your participation on Crazy Tie Sunday.

"Sing"cerely,

Mary Wanda

Acting Worship Chair

Congratulations!

Vicki McColpin was elected President at the last Women of Peace meeting. Thank you Vicki for accepting this position. We know you will do a fantastic job.

NEWS FOR THE WOMEN OF PEACE

We have a great new leader! Vicki McColpin has been nominated, consented to serve and has been unanimously elected as the new president of Women of Peace for the coming year!!! Yeah Vicki!!!!!!

There will be a planning meeting for Women of Peace on Saturday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. at the church. Everybody is invited to come and help make decisions and give ideas for the coming year.

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The Praise Team visits Faith Lutheran Church in Greenville, Mississippi.



After a day of travel the Praise Team prepares to lead worship at Faith Lutheran Church.



A bite to eat after a busy morning.



The Praise Team visits a nursing home in Greenville, sharing with its residents God's love.



A happy Praise Team after a busy day already to head home.

Newsletter Deadline

The next church newsletter will be published on Friday, July 24. All materials (articles, pictures, etc.) should be turned in to Liz Fairbanks no later than noon on Tuesday, July 21.



June's Tree of Hope
"The Anniversary Tree"

Love,
Bettye VanVulpen

Women of Peace have voted to adopt the House of Grace as a major project for the coming year. PLEASE, PLEASE, bring your donations for the food tubs that will be set up each month . . . with a new item of the month.

This has been a great year for the Women of Peace, and a great year to come!

Many, many thanks to Mary Kiepert for chairing the group for the last two seasons. A great job, Mary . . . plus she always had a continental breakfast for us without fail!!! Thanks again!

(Watch for a special presentation from the Women of Peace! Coming soon!!!)

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*Saturday Night Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*