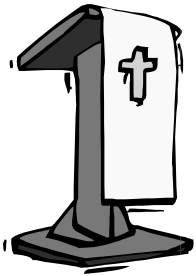


Prince of Peace in Print

January 31, 2010

Behold, I have put before you an open door . . . (Revelation 3:8b)

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings in the creative power of the Father, the redemptive purpose of the Son, and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

It seems like it has been forever since we had a newsletter. Since the last newsletter, we had a great time with Santa, a wonderful Advent season, two terrific Christmas Eve services, brought in a new year with our Watchnight Service and traditional trip to IHOP's, and survived a slow January with a weekend worth of services being wiped out by an ice storm. Although January started out rather slowly, everything was picking up by the end of the month if only the weather had cooperated. God continues to bring in first-time visitors and already some have indicated their desire to join our

congregation.

Looking ahead to February, we have a wonderful Valentine's Banquet planned and our Lenten series are right around the corner. I will be making two different trips in February. On the 12th and 13th of February, I will be going to Dallas for a preliminary meeting of the synodical delegates, as we are presented with the proposal for synodical change by the Blue Ribbon Task Force. From the 18th to the 26th, I will be combining a week of vacation and a PLI Collegial Group visit. My collegial group will be visiting Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix, Arizona. In my absence Deacon Wally Bostelmann will be filling in on the 20th and 21st. The Wednesday Evening Lenten Service on the 24th will be lead by our own Jeff Lord.

PRW

Pray — Read — Write

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Two years ago, I challenged you to develop a personal prayer time. Last year, I challenged you to read your Bible in one year. This year, I am challenging you to write one verse of scripture every day beginning with Paul's letter to the Romans. These are the three challenges I plan to consistently place before you. Prayer is the very breath of a Christian. In and through regular, consistent prayer, one's relationship with God is developed and strengthened. The Bible is your daily meal. What physical food does for the body, the Bible does for one's spirit. Writing develops your mind. The physical process of writing God's Word will help you to internalize the Word and gain a deeper understanding of the Word. So let us be a people who pray, read, and write (PRW).

2009 Motto

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

Before considering our motto for 2010, let us take a closing look at our motto for 2009. These words, "[r]emember



Santa Arrives! With a bag of toys and helpers in tow for his big day at Prince of Peace.

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Communion Schedule

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

therefore what you have received and heard” were given to a church that had become lazy. A church that pointed to its past accomplishments with no desire or direction for considering the future. God’s words of encouragement were intended to provide motivation by calling the people to remembrance. They were to remember what God had done for them. The forgiveness they had received. The life changing message they had heard. The actions of grace that had brought faith to life and filled them with the Holy Spirit. Remembering God’s actions on their behalf was designed to awaken them from sleep and move them to action. Knowing that we have received from God His gifts of love and life, we are no longer apathetic but empowered to share with others the wonderful gospel that changed us forever.

2010 Motto

Behold, I have put before you an open door . . . (Revelation 3:8b)

Our motto for 2010 comes from the letter to the church in Philadelphia. It is a church that has kept God’s word, but it is also a church that is “weak.” We might say that the church is struggling. Not many things are going right or well for it. It is a church that has stood the test of time. A church that has persevered in the face of obstacles and difficulties. It is a church that is tired from the fight and worn down with fatigue. But it is a church that is not down for the count. A church that is still striving to finish the race.

To this church God gives an incredible promise. God places before the church in Philadelphia “an open door.” And what is this “door?” It is a door of opportunity. A door indicating that God is going to do something new or something different in this church. That God is going to give a new strength, bring a new dynamic, and present a new chance for spiritual growth and community outreach.

I full-heartedly believe that over the last couple of years, God has been pouring out a blessing upon Prince of Peace. Members of the congregation are spending quality time in prayer, and we are seeing amazing answers to our requests. Members of the congregation are feasting on God’s Word, and we are seeing wonderful spiritual growth taking place. I believe that the promise God gave to the church at Philadelphia is a promise that God is placing before Prince of Peace. I think that God has put before us an “open door” of opportunities and possibilities for continued spiritual development and powerful community outreach in 2010. I hope that you will join me in taking advantage of this “door” and let the powerful light of God’s generous grace flow through you to your neighbors and community this year.

May you see God’s “open door” and be excited by the possibilities that God is presenting to Prince of Peace.

Love and Prayers,
Warren R. Pellom
Pastor

From the Chair

Really, really good meeting of the Council on December 20, right after the wonderful Christmas drama presented during the worship service.

The disposition of the double wide was discussed at length. Several options were presented and will be voted on at the January council, the decision to be final and carried out immediately. Anybody knows someone who would move it could certainly put in their request. Need to move quickly, though. The good items that need to be kept will be moved by Pastor and Tom, and



Can you figure out which two church members are in these pictures?
(Beware what you post on Facebook!)

stored in Tom's building. Thanks, Tom (and Pastor).

Need input immediately on what sort of replacement we need when the double wide is gone. Do we need another shelter-type building, or a full-storage facility, etc. Let us know ASAP. Thanks.

January will be the time to start collecting for the Sunshine Sale. Please, please get ready! This is a big, big event for the Women of Peace and the church, too. Storage area will be announced as soon as possible so

you may begin to bring your "stuff."

We are making a good change in the copier and internet connection. Both changes will be more efficient and economical. More info later.

Some up-keep projects for Rusty include changing the furnace filters, finding a solution for the squirrels in the attic (who seem to really like it there) and repairing any little "doors" they have made to gain entrance to the attic. If little varmints can get in, so can rain and harmful dampness! Plans to get the rebuilt shed painted are in order.

Be sure to read each Council Committee report in this issue! Each Committee is being asked to add a minimum of two committee members before the January meeting. This is mandated by the Constitution and will add new ideas and energy to the church activities! If you are asked to be on a committee, jump right in! (Always believe it's better to give lots of people one easy job than load a few people with too many jobs!)

A lot of discussion about church housekeeping and keeping the church tidy. Watch for a 2010 Housekeeping Letter! Some ideas we can all like!

This is a really good council the congregation has elected! Be reminded that any Prince of Peace member is always welcome to attend the Council meeting. It's your Council!

Blessings and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Serving for you,
Bettye Van Vulpen
Council Chair

Elders Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this Christmas season let us be ever mindful of who we are at this time of year. We are a proud representative of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ in this world. As true Christians we need to conduct ourselves as a God inspired people. Our pastor has brought us back to the basics of our faith by asking us to read the Bible daily. The Bible is God's inspired word that gives us our faith. When someone tells me Happy Holidays, I am quick to respond with Merry Christmas because of my faith. To quote a frequently used phrase, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." We need to never forget that as we go through the busyness of this time of year.

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Church Council Members 2010

Chair

Bettye Van Vulpen

Vice-Chair

Rusty Vollmer

Secretary

Deborah Bailey

Treasurer

Richelle Smith

Board of Elders

Al Peimann (Head)

Jim Bodenstab

Phil Payne

Tom Wack

Discipleship

Laura McCawley

Evangelism

P. J. Mexner

Fellowship

Debra Romine

Stewardship

Doug McGee

Worship

Mary Wanda Wack

Monthly Statistics

November

Average Attendance

Saturday Service

14

Sunday Early Service

20

Sunday Late Service

72

December

Average Attendance

Saturday Service

8

Sunday Early Service

14

Sunday Late Service

74

Christmas Eve Services

Early

82

Late

32

I would like to thank all of the participants for filling out the Elders Survey. We are in the process of interpreting the results. It will take a little longer than we anticipated. With the lesson of **Pray Until Something Happens** we will post the results in the fellowship hall soon.

Yours In Christ,
Al Peimann
Head Elder

From the Desk of the Treasurer:

Our 2009 offerings and expenses are listed below.

2009 Operating Funds Received:	132,847.24
2009 Operating Expenses:	(135,705.39)
Net Activity for 2009:	(2,858.15)

Final Fund Balances as of December 31, 2009:

General/Operating Fund:	(5,482.52)
Payroll Taxes owed to IRS at end of Quarter III:	1,107.78
Elders Benevolence Fund:	350.00
Confirmand's Remodeling Room Fund:	376.00
Bathroom Remodeling Fund:	167.00
Kids Club — Sunday School Fund:	810.40
Memorial Fund: Ed Childs:	50.00
Missions Fund:	174.64
Stewardship Fund:	19.84
Youth Group Fund:	730.89
Youth Building Fund:	125.79
Youth Group—National Gathering Fund:	5,368.86
Praise Team Fund:	739.00
J. Cooper Memorial Building Fund:	200.00
Curtis Parke Memorial Fund:	100.00
Pastor's Fund:	1,290.71
New Building Fund:	37,828.79
Total Funds as of December 31, 2009:	43,957.18

I am in the process of completing the Contribution Statements for 2009. I will put your Contribution Statement in your mailbox. If you need your statement before it is put in your box (in order to complete your taxes) please see me on Sunday and I will be happy to give it to you.

May God bless you always!
Richelle Smith
Treasurer

Discipleship Tidbits

Merry Christ-Mas to all of you! Let's Keep the Christ in Christmas where it belongs and for always.

God's Kids are having so much fun with the "play" that Mary Wanda has had for us. They work so hard and I know they love it. We are always making decorations for our little Sunday school room table top tree, and we sent a Christmas card to a sick St. Jude's child recently. We will be making little ornaments soon to remind us that the "best" gift of all is our very own, "Jesus."



Vicar David Hartung's installation at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Starkville, Mississippi.
 Left to right: Rev. Vic Maslowski (Pastor of Beautiful Savior, Olive Branch), President Kurtis Schultz of the Southern District, David Hartung, and Pastor Pellom. (What a fine looking group.)

Anyone who wishes to contribute “nonmessing and quiet” items for the younger children’s church worship bags is welcome and appreciated by many. I check these bags periodically and replenish them as needed. They enjoy them.

Much Love to all of you.
 God’s wonder-filled blessings are
 Yours,
 Laura L. McCawley
 Discipleship Chair

Evangelism Writes

A New Year, A New Beginning

As I look forward to a New Year, a time to start fresh, let us all reflect on the past year, after all, isn’t experience the best of teachers. I would like to say “Thank You” to all of you who from the very first moment I walked into the church

through today, I have felt very welcomed and loved, not for an instant have I felt like a stranger. It was extremely hard for me to open those doors that cold January day, but by the grace of God, I did and I am very grateful that I could—it changed my life. The burdens I carry seem lighter now as many hands are there helping me without lifting a finger. No longer do I feel all alone.

We never know who is going to walk through the doors of our little church, but one thing is for sure, no matter the reason, those who enter really need us—people of God. The fellowship found at our little church is larger than life. Let’s keep that fire glowing, let’s not allow anyone to feel like a stranger in our church, let’s remember to be humble and gracious, but most of all let’s remember to be thankful that we have a warm and inviting church to share. May we always make those who enter our doors feel like I felt that cold January day.

Love and blessings,
 PJ Mexner
 Evangelism Chair

Thank You’s!!!

An Extra Special Thank You to Mary Wanda and Katlynn for providing beautiful music at our Christmas Eve Services. Their playing truly inspired our worship.

A Big Thank You to Jo Lampley for making us a new and beautiful Christmas wreath. It brought joy to the sanctuary!

A Special Note of Thanks to Laura McCawley for her faithful and tireless effort to teach our children in both Sunday School and the nursery during Worship.

A Very Special Thank You to Allen Brewer for the fantastic job he is doing with the Youth Group. Allen is working hard to make the Prince of Peace Youth Group the best it can be. Thank You—Allen!

Thank You's!!!

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A Very Big Thank You to all the adult drivers who helped out with the Youth Christmas Party. Thanks for going the extra miles!

A Continual Thank You to Donna Koehler for her weekly efforts to keep our church clean and well organized!

Finally, a Special Thank You to Ingrid Cooper for the continual upkeep of our Communion Lines.

Fellowship Opportunities

I can hardly believe it's almost February and that means Valentine Banquet. Yes, we are having one, Saturday Night, February 13th. We are going to have a great time so make your plans to attend. As you probably already know seating is limited so be sure and get your tickets early. Hopefully they will go on sale this Sunday, January 24th couples will be \$20.00 and a single ticket \$10.00. This will not be the 50's as we had originally planned but there will be music, door prizes and romance will fill the air; and I promise we will have the 50's sometime in the fall.

I want to thank you all for being so supportive in the loss of both my parents. Your thoughtfulness, your presence, and your prayers brought us all great comfort. My faith gave me the courage to face each day knowing my loving parents are safe in God's Hands. Thank you for helping to make the sadness in my heart and the hearts of my sisters a little lighter. May this new year bring you all much joy and happiness.

God's Peace
Debra Romine
Fellowship Chair

A Word from Worship

It's not what the church can do for You, it's what You can do for the church!

We want to thank everyone that participated in both of the Christmas plays.

Let's continue the LOVE that we have felt in our church all through the coming New Year!

The choir is preparing for Easter. We will be singing "Come, Touch the Robe." It's not too late to join us in this presentation.

February 14 is "LOVE Your Church Sunday." Wear your red or white colors for that day. "LOVE DAY"

We will continue to grow if we show love to each other. I mean sincere caring for each other. How many of us show unconditional love for our church family?

Remember—it's not what the church can do for you—it's what you can do for the church!

"Sing"cerely,
Mary Wanda Wack
Worship Chair

Women of Peace

Welcome to the Women of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Our First meeting of the New Year will be Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m.

The speaker will be from the "House of Grace." We are asking for donations for the "Sock it to me Basket." Please place Women's and Children's socks in the Basket of Hope. They will go the House of Grace.

Also we will be planning our LWML Sunday which will be on January 17th. The banner is now hanging in the church for this event. Thank you again to Jo Lampley for making such a beautiful banner for us.

Come join the fellowship and see what special door prizes there will be.

Yours in Christ
Vicky McColpin
Head Woman

Breakfast with Santa December 2009



Santa checking to see if Karen (left), Mary Wanda (center), and Phil (right) have been good this year.



Santa's Little Helpers.
Left to Right: Lena, Lynette, Santa, and Taby.



Nick with some of the excited children.



Santa's Big Helpers.
Left to Right: Mary Wanda, Deborah, Santa, Vicki, and Donna.



Left to right: Jennifer, Cyndi, Joyce, and Allen just waiting their turn with Santa.

Christmas Program 2009



Rhianna reads her part as Delainey looks on.



When we say we have "stars," we mean we have "stars!"



The cast is ready for the big production!



The wise men. (Or women?)
Left to Right: Lena Powell, Tammy Heidrick, and Alexis Chancellor.

Women of Peace Meeting January 2010



The women enjoy a bite to eat and some friendly fellowship before the meeting starts.



The Women of Peace with special guest Lorine Cady, Executive Director of the House of Grace.



Lorine Cady with our "Sock-It-To-Me-Tree."

Ash Wednesday Service — February 17
Soup and Sandwich Potluck 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service (with Imposition of Ashes and Communion) 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Services — February 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
Soup and Sandwich Potluck 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.



Newsletter Deadline
The next church newsletter will be published on Friday, February 26. All materials (articles, pictures, etc.) should be turned in to Liz Fairbanks no later than noon on Tuesday, February 23.



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Saturday Night Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Early Worship Service 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.