From the Pastor...

Service. The “Third Key” in nurturing faith in God’s people.

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians he affirmed the essential nature of the gospel (that we are forgiven daily!), but also pointed out the importance of living in the gospel - building up the community by serving and supporting others.

Comparing this with our Lenten theme: “Frogs Without Legs Can’t Hear”; one who claims the gospel of forgiveness without doing works of service is like a frog trying to live without a pond. The faith is dead and soon so will be the frog (pgs 150-51).

Understand, we don’t do works of service to earn God’s forgiveness. Indeed not, God graciously forgives; we genuinely respond. It makes for a nice flow.

Service can be from individuals to individuals - for example, helping a family who is undergoing a medical crisis with food, transportation, and the like.

Service can reach out from individuals to the greater group - for example, helping set up the CLC chairs and tables for special events, and then taking them down when the event is over.

Service can be from the greater group to the community - for example, some Sunday morning the congregation could walk out the door after worship, pick up rags and polishing cloths and give a spring cleaning to the CLC and Cottages - as a way of showing we love what our School is doing.

Service is using our abilities to help others, whether individually or corporately.

As part of our walk with God, Karina and I have set aside the first Tuesday of every month as a “volunteer service time”. We go downtown to the Transition House to serve meals to 100 homeless individuals in need of food and shelter. Though our efforts are minimal - St. Vincent’s Hospital prepares the meal - the time and conversation and laughter and encouragement proves to be so therapeutic for all involved - the four or five helpers as well as the clients.

March is upon us, and due to calendar conflicts we will miss our Transition House time. So we have a challenge to you. We have decided to respond in service with the March 28th (Saturday) SOLV Oregon Beach Cleanup. We will be heading over that morning to work. Though we aren’t planning to organize a group to go, if several wish to get involved, we could certainly register as a group and participate as such - just let us know (perhaps by the 15th).

We plan to go to Cannon Beach (Zone 2, if you’ve been involved before). The clean-up begins at 10 am and finishes at 1:00 pm. Perhaps we could all enjoy a sack lunch together. Come join Karina and me and enjoy this service time together.

Peace.
Pastor Dan
Council Conversations

February’s board meeting saw the conclusion of our spiritual study (for now) of “Frogs Without Legs Can’t Hear”. The final chapter was on being AAA Road Servants - Authentic, Available, Affirming throughout our lives. Discussion revolved around what those words meant to us and examples of folks we knew who fit the description. There was much discussion on filling the large shoes left by our dear Ms. Bocklemann’s departure. Don has been conversing with District in an effort to assess the congregation’s specific needs. Primarily that night we set about compiling a list of her tasks, as some of them are fast approaching (Confirmation) and her absence will be sorely felt. Don was open for name suggestions to help with these particularly immediate needs.

Details of the upcoming (Sunday, March 8) musical event with Dave and Barb Andersen were discussed and ironed out. We look forward to hosting them for this family friendly event!

Submitted by
Jackie Fishkin, Recording Secretary

Have you started using GoodSearch yet? This past month we have earned $1.55...it could be so much more! Calling all web surfers out there...It’s easy, it’s free, it works just like Yahoo! And we get a portion of what GoodSearch gets from advertisers. If you need more info...refer to last month’s newsletter, go to their web site www.goodsearch.com or get in touch with me!

At this time the church plans to use the revenue for an AV fund for the church and school. This could be used in a variety of ways: from website enhancement to new equipment to more or replacement DVDs. (much would depend on how much is raised)

Mary Raetz

Human Care

We want to express how we appreciate the efforts of our RSVP volunteers teaming up with the preschool to bring so much food to our pantry! It was just the right time to re-stock our shelves! Thank you Colleen and crew for collecting the food and bringing it right into the pantry. We will happily disburse it as needed every Friday. It is always our mission to serve others on and beyond Mission Sunday.

BEV CATHCART
LENTEN PREACHING THEMES
“Frogs Without Legs Can’t Hear”

March 1 - The Relational Church Frog
“faith is formed through personal trusted relationships”

March 8 - The Total Church Frog
“the church is a living partnership between home and congregation”

March 15 - The Legs of the Church Frog
“home is church, too”

March 22 – The Sticky Frog Tongue
“faith is caught more than taught”

March 29 – From Church Frogs Come Tadpoles
“it takes Christian parents and other adults to raise Christian youth”

Wednesday Themes:
March 4 – Living the Faith
March 11 – Caring Conversations
March 18 – Devotions
March 25 – Service
April 1 – Rituals and Traditions

Lent and Easter Schedule

Lent Worship
Wednesdays 7:00pm
(3/4, 11, 18, 25, 4/1)

Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM April 9

Good Friday
7:00 PM April 10

Easter, April 12
7:00 am Sunrise
8:00 am Breakfast
9:15 am Family
10:30am Festival
God Knows My Situation
written by one upon learning that he had lost his job - married, five children

God knows my situation...
He has my cell phone number...
He knows what's in checking and savings and how long it will last...
I am more important to Him than hairs, ravens or lilies...
I'm His child and He is my "Abba," Daddy...
I'm His heir and His riches are my riches...
He is my Jehovah Jireh, my Provider...
He makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me to quiet waters and restores my soul...
Hallelujah, I have a heavenly Daddy who will never leave me or forsake me...
I will fear no evil nor the future for He is with me...
What valley of the shadow of death? I can't see it past this oil dripping into my face from an overflowing cup!
I am His and He is mine...
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!
My situation has not taken God by surprise. Jesus knew the cry of my heart before I knew to cry...
He is working ALL things - even bad things - together for my good!
All praise and thanks to You, dear Jesus, my Savior, my Friend. I hope in You! Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Dan
Source: www.churchpress.com

Adult Ed

Upcoming Adult Bible Class: “Themes In Pauline Theology”

St Paul is not only the foremost missionary in Christian history, but also the preeminent developer of early Christian theology through the impact of his letters. In a series of 4 Sunday morning classes, from March 15 through April 5, Rev. Dr. Norm Metzler from Concordia will lead us through an examination of some significant themes related to Paul’s theology. Week 1: The Kingdom Priority for Jesus and Paul; Week 2: Paul’s Letters—“Shooting From The Hip;” Week 3: Women in Pauline Theology; and Week 4: Paul and Homosexuality.

Second Annual Women’s Retreat!
I Second that Emotion: Untangling our Zany Feelings

Facilitated by Phyllis Bockelmann

April 24-26 at the Cannon Beach Conference Center
The cost per person is $145 (assuming shared rooms)
Saturday breakfast and dinner and Sunday breakfast are included in the price
(Private rooms will be available at additional cost)
To sign up, contact: Anne Morris (503)970-9323
“Come Meet the Miracle Man”
In January/February we continued with Jesus' Miracles by learning about the healing miracles of Jesus.
I want to thank:
• Marjanna Hosler and Roy Kravitz for making healthy muffins with the children
• Jody Thurston for telling the stories of the healing miracles
• Karina Wehrspann for teaching the children about their heart and health
• Carla Fenning for showing & teaching the children about the food closet and preparing a heart craft for food baskets and shut-ins
• All of my Shepherds: Kim Goudy, Rebecca Kravitz, Heather Kravitz, Ray and Jennifer Legault, Patty Camplair, Gregg and Rebecca Zeutzius. All of them are enjoying their classes and busy building relationships with their classes.

We now have 40 children registered for Sunday School. Most of the growth has been in the preschool/Kindergarten class and in 1st grade.

Our 5 kindergarteners have formed their own class and joined our rotational schedule. Rebecca Kravitz agreed to shepherd this wonderful group of children. I think they are enjoying the new challenges and the variety of teachers.

Students from Concordia University will be here next Sunday March 8 to teach the Sunday School.

Sharon Kravitz
Life Is Not a "To Do" List

Lately, I had been looking at each day of the week as a series of tasks to complete. In my mind, once I took care of my required tasks (work, meetings, chores, etc.), then my day could really begin.

There was one problem, though, and eventually I realized it was a pretty big one. If I was viewing each day as a series of things to get through so that I could enjoy my remaining hours, that really left me with very little time to enjoy my day.

Finally, it hit me—life is not a "to do" list!

A couple of things really helped to bring me to this important conclusion. First, Pastor Dan helped me to think about how we serve God when we use our gifts and talents to serve others.

I also received some inspiration in an unexpected place. I had been spending quite a bit of time at St. Vincent hospital with my boyfriend’s grandmother during her final days of life. During these visits, I would often walk past a wall display which read "The love of Christ compels us."

That phrase really spoke to me. Seeing the nurses and staff at St. Vincent care for Grandma LaVerne in such a compassionate way helped me to see opportunities to serve in my own life.

Certainly, I wasn’t born to be a nurse. (My sister can confirm that I have fainted on multiple occasions at the sight of a needle.) But, I knew there must be ways that I could serve others and, in turn, serve God. How could I use my talents to help those around me? How could I see each day as an opportunity to help others instead of an opportunity to check things off the list?

I have noticed that I am starting to think about things quite differently. Instead of thinking about all the tasks that I need to complete each day as a middle school teacher, I ask myself what I can do to make the school day better for some of my struggling learners.

Outside of school, I have also noticed a shift in perspective. As one of the Prince of Peace “Cookie Angels”, I used to find myself choosing recipes that I could get done as quickly as possible so that I could move onto other things. A few weeks ago, I tried out my new way of thinking (and a new sugar cookie recipe) and found that the congregation really loved the cookies. In addition, I had a great time baking them.

When I compare my acts of service to those others around me, they really don’t seem like much. However, I am excited to know that I have made some important changes within myself.

Well, I suppose it’s time to go find my daily planner and cross off my reminder to “Submit a monthly article to Prince of Peace Newsletter.” I guess nobody’s perfect!

Debbie Hurley

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PoP is Under Construction

Spring Cleanup
Saturday, April 4

Coming Soon!
We plan to have the playground re-fenced and reader board sign in place by Palm Sunday
Fellowship Ministries

An Evening of Praise & Worship
Dave & Barb Anderson
Sunday, March 8
6:00 PM CLC Gym
This is an evening that will be fun for the whole family with gospel songs & the rescue story of Dave and Barb Anderson.

Amazing Grays
Oregon Historical Society
Thursday, March 12
For details check the bulletin board or call:
Anne 503-646-7700
Carleton Watkins’s Stereoviews of the Columbia River Gorge

Food Closet Pantry Needs
Flour, Sugar, Mayonnaise, Laundry detergent.

We’re Looking for VBS Volunteers
June 15-19
Call Kim Goudy
503-291-9142

Quilting News

Quilting for Kids
Apr. 5th, 12:30
Apr. 6th, 10:00
Contact Mary Raetz
503-629-2025
No experience required!

Knot Tiers
Mar. 9th, 1:00
Apr. 13th, 1:00
Contact Anne Seim
503-646-7700

We need drivers!
If you could be part of a pool of drivers who provide transportation from Avamere to church for the 10:30 service...please call Anne Seim!
Just make a commitment for one Sunday a month or even to be a sub.
Anne: 503-646-7700

Women’s Study Group
Studying the Book of Mark
Meets on Tuesdays
11:45 am – 1:00 PM
CLC Room 111
Come as you are and bring your lunch!

Forest Hills Lutheran School Auction
Saturday, April 25th, 4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.
Tickets are now on sale at the school box office or church office.
Tickets are $30 each or table for 8 for $240.
Corporate table for 8 for $275 includes advertising and “star” treatment.
Consider donating items or services.
Contact the school at 503-359-4853 or www.fhls.org.

Michael Allen Harrison
FHLS Benefit Concert
March 21st
7:00 PM
Pacific University, Forest Grove
Tickets are available at the school 503-359-4853 or in the church office.
**Prince of Peace School Where Service Abounds!**

Service: “help, use, benefit; contribution to the welfare of others; disposal for use…”
(definitions from Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 2003)

[Jesus said], “…but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your **servant.**”
(from the New King James Bible)

- Picking up someone’s coat for him...service
- Putting a band-aid on a boo-boo...service
- Sharing a toy even when you don’t want to...service
- Picking up the trash in the parking lot on the way to chapel...service
- Singing & playing during chapel...service
- Parents helping with prep work...service
- Picking up the towels off the bathroom floor...service
- Pulling a few weeds on your way...service
- Wiping runny noses...service
- Reading the class’ favorite story again and again...service
- A Pastor who is readily available...service
- Office staff that can multi-task and smile...service
- Teachers showing up every day ready with something new...service
- Liberal doses of laughs, hugs, and “Jesus loves you”...The best service of all!

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17

**National Lutheran Schools’ Week**

“Securing Each Child’s Future for Eternity” is the theme for this year’s National Lutheran Schools’ Week: March 1-7, 2009.

Schools in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Include:
- 2 Seminaries
- 10 Colleges and Universities
- 103 High Schools
- 976 Elementary Schools
- 1406 Early childhood Centers

Prince of Peace is proud to be linked to this strong heritage of bringing high quality Christ-centered education to children. With adding first grade in 2009-10 we will have even more opportunity to promote the saving Gospel of Jesus to children and their families.
**Teachers are Learners, too**

March 3 is our spring staff development day. We will finish our series of studies, "Growing Healthy Brains in a Media Age." We will also be making plans for Easter and how to present the story of Salvation to little ones and their families.

**McDonald’s McTeacher Night** was on Tuesday, March 24th. We earned about $800! The teachers all had fun selling cookies and greeting the kids. Pastor sold 525 cookies!

Thanks to all who helped make this night a success!

**Chapel Offerings**

Six boxes of personal care and cleaning supplies were sent to the Lutheran Community Services, Refugee Relocation Program along with our monetary offering from Dec-Feb.

Our spring Chapel offerings will go to African SMILE. Teacher Diana Renn, has been to Tanzania twice for some hands-on work in the Singhida Region and the Nkungu Village. Diana has had the opportunity to bring relief supplies to lepers there and to teach in their secondary school. We pray that the Lord would use our chapel offerings from Mar-May to help the African SMILE mission.

**From the School Board**

**Continuing Focus on our Teachers**

**Jody Thurston**

In retirement Jody teaches art classes, part time at POP.

**Brittany Walch**

This ‘southern belle’ was born in Tampa, Florida, moved to North Carolina on her parents’ farm with an older brother and sister and moved to Oregon with her family during her teenage years. Most of her family still lives in the South, except her immediate family. Spending time with her family, volunteering, attending church, running, eating, watching movies and shopping for shoes fill her time out of the classroom. A lot of her free time is spent in central Oregon, hiking, kayaking fishing or anything outdoors. “I love kids! I love their smiling faces, their constant enthusiasm for school and learning. I enjoy watching them grow spiritually and academically into successful people. And the best part is knowing I had a little hand in it”.

**Kim Goudy**

Membership at POP for 25 years, teaching Sunday School for 21 years and Preschool for 15 years, reflects Kim’s servant heart. Born in Sioux City, Iowa, she lived in Eagle Grove, Iowa until she was 13 when she moved to Oregon. Teaching runs in the family - both parents were teachers. Her father taught art until he retired and her mother a 2nd grade teacher until their 3 daughters were born (Kim the eldest) when she again entered the classroom as a substitute. Paul (a small business owner) and Kim will celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary in Aug with their 2 children, Paul (24) who has left the nest and works at a Portland Auto Dealership and Sarah (21) who attends OSU and is majoring in merchandising management. Charlie and Cody (the chocolate labs - AKA the boys) complete their household. In addition to teaching Kim, also plays in the hand bell choir and has been chairman and member of the Fellowship Star Point for the church council.

Early morning will find her walking the ‘the boys’. Traveling, reading, working in the yard, cooking and piano are special family activities she enjoys. “A lifelong Lutheran, I have a passion for teaching young children about the world we live in and the love of God through music, crafts and stories. Seeing the children run to class with excitement and energy each day, knowing that I am a tool of God sharing His love with each child, listening to the funny things the children say and do, finding or creating songs that fit and support the day’s theme and working with a staff that cares and supports each other” sums up Kim’s personality and joys of teaching.
Devotional Guide for March
Scripture helps to prepare yourself for Sunday Worship

March 8  Second Sunday in Lent
March 15  Third Sunday in Lent
March 22  Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 29  Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 5   Palm Sunday
          Sunday of the Passion

God’s Blessings on your special day!

March Birthdays

1  Bert Cathcart
   Ron Romadka
   Lisa Mannan
4  Deanne Hoard
6  Jake Schmitt
7  Rod Peloquin
8  Suzanne Kaster
   Katie Lydon
10 Ray Granning
   Gregg Zeutzius
13 Bernadine Kangas
15 Edith Gross
16 Bev Cathcart
   Connor Warren
20 Edith Dorn
22 Kimberly Arnold
23 Paul Goudy
   Jill Koning
24 Brian Westlund
   Carolyn Sellke
25 Lorraine Behner
   Emily Arnold
28 Brooke (Hazel) Reid
30 Larry Wade

March Anniversaries

13, 1999  Jill and John Koning
14, 1970  Bill and Margo Mayer