

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School

# PARISH PRINTS

April 2009

## “I Never Promised You a Rose Garden”

*I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden.  
Along with the sunshine, There's gotta be a little rain sometimes.  
When you take, you gotta give, so live and let live, Or let go.  
I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden.*

I'm sure a lot of you have heard the song. For years I've been pondering the thought of how our life resembles a rose garden. Lately, I've been thinking in a broader sense as a perfect simile for my life as a Christian in this world. "How?" you may ask. Here are my thoughts:

Think of a rose garden; your own, a neighbor's, friend's or relative's or maybe the gardens at Washington Park. A typical rose garden has flowers of many colors and many shades of each color. Some are bold and bright, some are pastel. Some of the roses stand straight and tall on strong stems, some need to be held up by a trellis and some spread out on the ground. Some roses have a beautiful scent and some have none at all.



*Isn't this just like our world? People of different colors and many shades of the same color...some strong, some weak? The point is, they are all different and all beautiful.*

An important thing about a rose garden is that it needs to be tended. Some roses that look beautiful and strong are very susceptible to disease. Some that look weak and need to be held up are very disease resistant, though you can't tell by looking at them. The only way you will know how to keep your garden strong and beautiful is to learn about each variety of rose and what it needs. If you don't learn about each rose and tend it as needed, your garden will soon begin to wither and die.



*How true is this of our lives and of our world? We need to learn about all people in our world and tend them properly.*

Say you've done your studying, tended your garden and all is well; one day you will be working in the garden or picking flowers and you get pricked by a thorn. There are rain storms, hot sun...and even deer...that will damage your garden.



*This is a reminder that no matter how hard we try and how beautiful our garden is, there will be those thorns! But...we also know that a few thorns aren't going to stop us from loving our rose garden! Should we let the crosses WE bear stop us from loving the life we live?*

A rose garden is one of my favorite gardens. Ours have been a bit sickly the last couple of years because Gary just doesn't have the time to do all the yard work. I'm not much of a gardener but maybe this year I'll learn how to tend those rose gardens...and while I'm doing that, I'm sure I'll still ponder the simile of the garden for my life and try to tend my relationships with family, friends, neighbors...ALL people of the world... and God just a bit better as well.

Mary Raetz, Editor

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What do we mean when we say triple A? What does it mean to be an AAA person?

If getting an A grade means that you did well, AAA would be about as good as humanly possible. But there are many things more important than good grades.

Buy an insurance policy from the Automobile Association of America and they'll come and help you out when your car has a flat tire or a dead battery. This is handy, but having an AAA card is clearly not something to live your life for.

Portland used to have an AAA (minor league) baseball team. For a reasonable priced ticket you bought nine innings of professional ball. The games were right here in town. The quality of play was only one step below the major leagues. The Beavers were AFFORDABLE and ADEQUATE, but mostly, they were AVAILABLE right here in town. To me, the most important of these three qualities was their being available.

When we speak of being AAA adults we are referring to personal qualities that help us to pass our faith along to others. The first of these qualities is to be AVAILABLE. This means being involved in people's lives. Getting to know their names. By speaking with those around us and seeking them out, especially the young, we let them know that we care. We establish that we care and it is through these trusting and caring relationships that we share our faith.

Have a great season and get ready to share the faith.

In Christ Jesus, the risen Lord who made himself available to us.

**Don**

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## **Council Conversations**



To continue our spiritual study, Pastor had an article handout regarding the rise of the "None Zone", those who claim to have no religion. According to the American Religious Identification Survey, the percentage of said respondents has risen to 15 percent from 8 percent in 1990, one more reason it is so important for us to continue to reach out - To Know Him and Make Him Known. Should you care to read the article it can be found at

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090309/ap\\_on\\_re/rel\\_religious\\_america](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090309/ap_on_re/rel_religious_america)

The Parish Nurse Program is getting close! Karina and Pam have some ideas about what they would like to see, but nothing formal yet. Karina plans to have a formal proposal ready for presentation to the Council next month.

In light of quite a few of the council positions expiring this June, a nominating committee is being formed. We plan to have it completed by next month so potential replacement candidates can be recruited.

**Jackie Fishkin, Recording Secretary**



## Easter Service Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 PM April 9

**Good Friday**  
7:00 PM April 10

**Easter, April 12**  
7:00 am Sunrise  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:15 am Family  
10:30am Festival

## Food Pantry

People served this past month were 34. This is an increase of 11 over last month. It reminds us to continue bringing food weekly. Our basket by the back door is for your drop-offs. The office staff can access the refrigerator if you have perishables.

Please note the pantry needs in our weekly Sunday bulletin. We list needed foods and toiletries before we are out. Thank you to those who are giving those needed foods! If you can't carry groceries to us, a cash donation for the weekly milk, eggs, meat and potatoes is another alternative. We accept bulk items such as rice or oatmeal to bag in smaller ziplock bags. We also do this with boxes of laundry detergent to make it stretch to more families. The Sun brand at Winco is \$2.40 a box and has 35 loads of detergent. We halve this to go further. Just a sample of what goes on to help as many as possible.

Again, THANK YOU to Pre-School families who are helping as well as our members!

Bev Cathcart



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**What is a “faith story”?** When I first heard this phrase I didn't think I had one. I wasn't even sure I understood the term! Then I began to listen to those around me; the speaker, those who shared from the audience, and I thought, “Son of a gun, maybe, perhaps, some of those small seemingly insignificant encounters of my past, could these be what they're talking about? Are these parts of my faith story?”

I didn't grow up Lutheran. My history, and even my faith life of today, did not seem to parallel those I had met and observed here at Prince of Peace. In the past seven years I've felt so different from those around me; everyone else seemed to be so holy - much better Christians than I! Would I ever measure up? Could I be like them? My upbringing included church attendance, saying prayers, catechetical instruction, but it wasn't consistent, nor a theme by which my entire life had been lived. And though I was aware of the Bible, it was not an integral part of my religious life. It's primary role in my house was to sit in the bookcase supporting the Encyclopedia of Saints on one side and the Britannica Junior on the other! So how could I possibly have a faith story?

And yet, here I was, having been given the opportunity to witness, nay participate, in this coming together of what I came to realize was more than just Lutherans. These fabulous folks came from many different denominations, and yet all shared the same belief and love of Jesus. So maybe I'm not such the outcast; maybe I do have something in common with these folks. And listen to their stories! Why they all seem to have had some pretty “normal” mischievous and sometimes misguided ways in their pasts. And still, here they are sharing those stories and showing how it all led them closer to God, their church, their communities, their faith.

So maybe all those small, seemingly insignificant encounters I had had with friends and family, teachers, and even some strangers; those times when they spent just a few minutes (but sometimes hours) talking and listening to me about choices made, opinions held, regrets, and beliefs, maybe these are my faith stories. These are the stories that strengthened my belief in my higher power. These are the stories that led me back to a life closer to God.

My past may not look the same, my current life may not look the same, my approach may be different, my commitment may be different, but still I am here. I do share with those of my “church”, a faith story.

The fact that the lovely woman who invited me to join her on that reconnaissance mission was willing to exchange with me choices made, opinions held, regrets and beliefs (not that she had a lot of choice, we were after all sharing a room) was testimony itself of another “faith story”. This has been mine.

Submitted by Jackie Fishkin



## Give Thanks

### Focuses on Spiritual Formation of Youth and Young Adults

#### *Did you know that:*

- The Northwest District includes one university—Concordia University, Portland, four Lutheran High Schools, 36 Lutheran Day Schools, and over 100 Lutheran Preschools?

- The Campus Spiritual Life program at Concordia University includes two student coordinators, 10 student hall chaplains, and 10 student ministry chaplains, all mentored by the Campus Pastor and Associate in Ministry and serving over 1,700 students on our main campus?

- The Northwest District’s Youth Ministry Task Force partners with congregational ministry leaders to provide resources and events that will impact youth and adults with a vision of hope, celebration and service in the name of Jesus Christ?

- Some 60% of our high school youth have left the Lutheran church by the time they graduate?

- Only 8% of our confirmed youth are still in a Lutheran church at the age of 25?

- Our Lutheran churches are losing our youth and young adults at an alarming rate. The reasons behind this loss are challenging and complex. How do we effectively invite youth and young adults to be the church today? They cannot be the church of tomorrow. We must make room for them and empower them to be the church today. They are not the future; they are the present! Therefore, the Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership will focus efforts to understand current trends among our Lutheran Youth and Young Adults, as well as to provide resources and models of ministry for more effective spiritual formation and retention. So stay tuned! And pray! As our mission focus for the 2006-2009 triennium, the Northwest District has set \$600,000 as the goal for the 2009 District Convention Mission Thankoffering to help get the Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership fully launched and operational. ***Working together, this goal is indeed within our reach!*** If every confirmed member in the Northwest District gave \$12 for this offering, we would achieve our goal of \$600,000. Indeed, if every family in our Northwest District congregations gave \$30 for this offering, we would achieve our goal. God is on the move among us! And without a doubt, we want to be a part of what he is doing!!

**For more information, visit the CALL website:**  
<http://www.cu-portland.edu/call>

During Lent we have been concentrating on how we communicate and expand our faith and the faith of our congregation. We have learned that faith is caught and that we are the best and most effective way to pass the faith. Not in our words, but in living our lives. Our faith is all we are and not just a Sunday morning suit that we show to the world by attending church. Church and God are with us all the time. We are the congregation and living, breathing church.

Our goal is to express our faith through all our actions and that it will be natural. However, we are human and as a result all our actions are not perfect. We slip. Some slips are bigger than others, but we all slip. Sometimes just doing things that seem good at the time are slips. Sometimes being distracted is a slip. We forget to do what we know we should or we are afraid to do. "Will this be taken wrong?" or "Is it really necessary?"

We all have these questions and doubts. Don't get bogged down by the unimportant, God and our faith are the truly important thing. Day to day we all have obstacles and burdens to overcome. God is there and will be there for us. Ask him for help first then go tackle the problem or get the help as he is directing you.

There are lots of opportunities and things that happen that we forget about and then we can start to feel as if we are not worthy.

With GRACE we are worthy

Remember to give thanks for all the blessings you receive, no matter how small and just ask for forgiveness for the slips. God loves you and cares for you.

Anne Seim, Director of Ministry



March 28 Crystal Stroud was taken home and is now enjoying the ultimate gift of eternal life.

Please watch announcements for the date/time of her memorial service.

# Bulletin Board

**RETREAT! REVIVE! RENEW!**  
I Second that Emotion: Untangling our  
Zany Feelings

Facilitated by Phyllis Bockelmann



April 24-26 at the Cannon Beach  
Conference Center

To sign up, contact: Anne Morris  
(503)970-9323

**Food Pantry Needs**  
Flour, Cereals (especially Cheerios)  
Jams/Jellies, Top Ramen  
Creamy Peanut Butter  
Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent  
Shampoo



**We're Looking for  
VBS Volunteers**

June 15-19  
Call Kim Goudy  
503-291-9142



**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!

**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

**Quilting News**



<b>Quilting for Kids</b>	<b>Knot Tiers</b>
May 3rd, 12:30	Apr 13th, 1:00
May 4th, 10:00	May 11th, 1:00
Contact Mary Raetz 503-629-2025	Contact Anne Seim 503-646-7700
No experience required!	

**FHLS Auction**

Saturday, April 25  
4:00

There are still a few tickets  
Call the school at 503-359-4853

**Save the Date!**

Sunday, May 17

A fellowship event is currently being organized by  
Anne Seim and Debbie Hurley

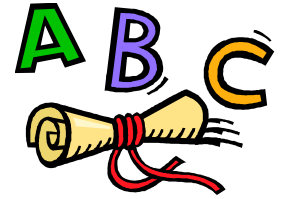
This will be a dinner and for the congregation  
and the school.

Please let Anne or Debbie know  
If you would like to help!

**Amazing Greys** - Trip to th Beach.  
Lunch with Phil and Phyllis Mannon  
April 9th, Maundy Thursday.  
Come prepared for good company and a  
wonderful Lunch prepared by the Mannons at  
their Beach House.  
We will be meeting at the church at 9:30 to  
carpool. A little gas money for the drivers  
would be appreciated.  
Lunch at 11:30.  
Please sign up at the church so we will know  
how many to plan for.



# School News



In school, assessment and evaluation generally comes in the form of grades. Who hasn't wanted to get "straight A's?" As we

look at the school program here at Prince of Peace I think we would be very satisfied to see several A's.

**AVAILABLE:** Our teachers and staff are available each school day. The day begins at 8:15 a.m. where you will find the teachers gathered for devotion and prayer. They then take up their posts, available to students, available to parents, available to each other. How wonderful to see these little ones doubling back to see their "old teachers" from "when they were little." Always available.

**AUTHENTIC:** The teachers and staff love to come to work each day. It is not so much a job as a ministry. They live out their faith each day pointing the way to our awesome God. They genuinely care to nurture the faith in each of these little "seedlings", reminding them about Jesus and His love. Truly authentic.

**AFFIRMING:** Prince of Peace teachers are the best encouragers. They are quick to smile, ready with a hug. They have words of care and wisdom for parents. They applaud each child's effort and celebrate each student's individuality. Continually affirming.

Available, Authentic, Affirming. Prince of Peace teachers and staff get straight A's By the power of the resurrected Christ we are enabled to be Grade A servants for Him!

John Eichenberger, kindergartner Isaac's Dad, is on active duty in Afghanistan. Recently he shared that the children he has had the opportunity to connect with were thrilled when he gave them some paper and pencils as gifts. Seemed like simple things.

So, the staff was thinking...

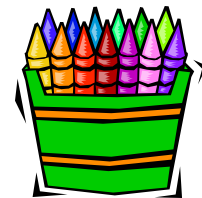
This could be an opportunity for Prince of Peace families to share a simple gift with the children in Afghanistan.

From April 1-20 we will be collecting small pads of paper (the kind you can get at the dollar store) and crayons (no more than 24 crayons per box).

The paper and crayons would need to fit into a sandwich size ziplock bag.

If you would like to participate, collection baskets will be in the CLC, downstairs and in cottage classrooms.

May the Lord bless your generosity!



## Movie Night

Friday April 24, 6:30 p.m.  
CLC gym  
Come join the Family Fun!



## Worship with Enthusiasm

Join us for Chapel  
April 7 - 9:15 a.m. and 12:50 p.m.  
April 8 - 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.  
April 21 - 9:15 a.m.  
April 22 - 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.





### Emily Critchlow

Our friendly and smiling greeter in the CLC was born in Utah, but moved to Portland when 2. She is the middle child with older and younger brothers. 2 ½ years ago she and Mike were married and now have a dog and a cat, and states “no kids.....yet” In her spare time she loves to make wood carvings, paint, draw and run. “Watching the kids grow and learn at the same time” makes it a special joy to be at POP.



### Chris Lengele

Oklahoma was her home the first seven years but has lived in Oregon since, (all years in Los Angeles. Being raised with 4 brothers and 2 sisters given her the gift of organization which she position as Administrative Assistant for the Preschool/Kindergarten. Her husband Michael, a firefighter with the city of Hillsboro, Kate appoose, Doug (22) is engaged to Jordon and has set Sept 13<sup>th</sup> as the wedding date and Dan (17) is a senior at Sunset. When not in the office, she enjoys playing golf and riding on the back of Mike’s motorcycle. “The past 24 years have been spent raising my children and going to THEIR activities and events so I look forward to finding out what I enjoy”. Before moving to the ‘office in 2004’, Chris taught 3 year olds for 8 years.

### Darlene Thauland

Even though Oregon has been Darlene’s home for the major part of her life (Coos Bay for 29 and Portland for almost 2), her early years were spent in the Chicago area. They moved around a lot because her father was a pastor. Concordia, River Forest (now Chicago), Illinois, is her alma mater and has taught in Lutheran and public schools for 20 years. Before coming to POP she was teacher and then principal in Coos Bay, Oregon. Husband Brian is with the BLM, children are Tim, Angela and Ben and grandson, Joe (the apple of everyone’s eye). Hobbies and interests include POP Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Bible Class, reading and quilting. Being at POP and director of the PS/KDG bring special joys of “Bringing the message of forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ to children and families”.

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### FROM THE BOARD

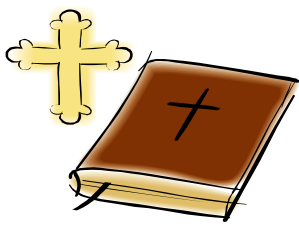
This concludes the profiles of our PK/KDG teachers and staff for the year. They would love to meet and hear from you. Do stop in and introduce yourself.

The school board is presently reviewing the Governing Policies and making appropriate revisions. With the addition of 1st grade next year, more review and additions may be necessary.



**The board needs members of POP, who are appointed, to serve on the School Board.** One appointment is to finish the vacancy for the 2009-2010 school year and 2 appointments are for the 2009-2011 school years. An at-large and non-member of POP is also appointed yearly. Please consider this opportunity to share your vision as 1st grade is added next year and planning continues for the additional grades in the coming years. What an exciting time to be part of the building of an outreach to children and the community in sharing the Gospel. For some children this may be the first time they learn about Jesus .

Please contact **Carolyn Sellke**, board chair, at 503-671-9926 if you are interested and willing to serve in this vital outreach ministry of POP.



## Devotional Guide for April

### Scripture helps to prepare yourself for Sunday Worship

April 5	Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion	Zech. 9:9-12 Psalm 118: 19-29 Phil. 2:5-11 Mark 14:1 - 15:47
April 9	Maundy Thursday	Ex. 24:3-11 Psalm 116:12-19 1 Cor. 10:16-17 Mark 14:12-26
April 10	Good Friday	Is. 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 or Psalm 31 Heb. 4:14-16 and 5:7-9 John 18:119:42
April 12	The Ressurrection of Our Lord	Is. 25:6-9 Psalm 16 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8
April 19	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 148 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
April 26	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:11-21 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-49
May 3	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18



### April Birthdays

4	Eunice Franzen	17	Donna Romadka
5	Ann Morris		Bob Collin
6	Peter Sisson		Melissa Lydon
7	Rebecca Zeutzius	24	Kris Nicoll
8	Anne seim		Marina Jarvis
	Swede Franzen	27	Angie Fish
13	Griffin Warren	29	Dee Lieske
15	Inger Haugan	30	Jan Davis

### April Anniversaries



6, 1974	Dave & Pam Krautscheid
10, 1973	Michael & Pat Timmerman
12, 2003	Leslie & Rich Swinford
20, 1991	Ron & Donna Romadka
24, 1948	Pastor & Edith Gross
25, 1992	Todd & Kristina Cook
30, 1949	Merle & Lucille Dement

*God's Blessings on your special day!*