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God is in the “Transformation” business. This is especially evident at this time of year when we are moving from winter into what finally looks like it may be spring, and is particularly meaningful as we enter into this May following a late Easter celebration! As recently as a week or two ago many of us may have been asking ourselves if the seasons were ever going to change when all we could see were the still lifeless twigs of winter, and empty flowerbeds waiting for the first new shoots to appear.

But God is in the “Transformation” business, and all of our fearful anxiety was for nothing. As faithful as the God who created them, the seasons change in their time. The new buds have appeared, the weather is beginning to warm, the daffodils and crocuses have sprouted into bloom, and the winter is transformed. And we are surprised? The Father who made us has been transforming history since there was history, and He has done it through the transforming of His people as they were faithful to follow His will.

God is in the “Transformation” business, and we just celebrated again the greatest transformation of all time, when Jesus took on all the power of darkness in one great sacrificial exchange. By the power of His passionate love for us, He endured the shame of the Cross, suffered Death, then rose again in Victory to transform every human soul who will believe in His promise of forgiveness from Lost and Condemned to Found and Free! In 2 Corinthians 5:17 Paul tells us, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.” And in Revelation 21:5 Jesus Himself says, “Behold, I make all things new.”

As we embrace this transformation, Jesus also reminds us that being new requires that we not continue with habits that made us old to begin with. In Matthew 9:17 Jesus tells us, “No one pours new wine into old wineskins”, and in Romans 12:2 Paul encourages us, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind…” God has done the hard part. We have been set free by His grace to live a new life of love, service, and sacrifice, following His example, giving ourselves for the sake of each other so that together, as His transformed people, we can live out the calling He has made on our lives.

God fully intends that we will make a difference in this world. He desires to work in and through us to continue His work of transforming hearts, and we are at the center of His plan. Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” So as new life takes hold all around us and in us, the challenge is to intentionally seek God’s will for you, and to discover how He desires to use you as an instrument of blessing to those around you. It may be a service opportunity that will allow your gifts and passions to help another. It may be a Bible Study that will give God a chance to speak deeply to your heart and strengthen you for the next step. It may be a renewed commitment to the community of saints at Prince of Peace in worship or service.

The key to discovering His will is to learn in all things to imitate Jesus. Consider Ephesians 5:1-2 from “The Message”, “Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.” Wow. When you begin to see the world through Jesus’ eyes it will change who you are and put you more in tune with His priorities. And the more fully His you are, the more fully He can use you to do His will. It may take you out of your comfort zone, but in God’s hands, that’s still a very safe place to be. So don’t be surprised when your new life begins to change things. You should expect it because, after all, God is in the “Transformation” business.

Happy New Life in Christ!
Jeff Kranich, Family Life Minister
**Council Highlights**

As required by the adopted Abuse Prevention Policy, the congregation staff and volunteers will need to participate in an Abuse Prevention and Awareness Training session. Council discussed some administrative questions about record keeping and reviewed some current school staff procedures to help ensure that we are consistent as POP Church & School Discussion in our adherence to the plan. Required training will be held after Easter on dates to be determined. Darlene Thauland will be in contact with the trainer that conducts training for the school staff to see if she will conduct training for church volunteers.

As approved in the March council session, Rains Marketing has been hired to update both Church and School websites at a shared cost. Darlene Thauland will be in contact with Rains Marketing to set a start date for implementation of changes. Council discussed and brainstormed some access and monitoring issues. Candidates for congregational support were offered and discussion will continue after Rains Marketing has finished phases of the project and is ready to train our staff and volunteers on the mechanics of the programs.

In an effort to increase our community presence, council discussed the opportunity and potential benefit of spending $20 for an insert in the Oak Hills Oracle that is delivered to 680 homes. POP can utilize this communication method to invite Cedar Mill/Oak Hills families to special events.

The POP Health Ministry Team recently delivered a check to the NW Parish Support Network. POP is supporting the greater NW Parish Support ministry.

The POP Health Ministry Team will be supporting POP with a variety of NW Parish classes including “Tools for Caregivers” or “Living with Chronic Illness”. Some of the classes may be offered at POP, others may be at alternate locations. The Health Ministry Team will communicate the classes via newsletters, announcements, e-mail, etc.

The Ministry Team, with Sally Bailey, is engaged in looking for opportunities to provide Caring Service to others. The vision incorporates one service event per quarter and will encourage all to intentionally invite friends and fellow members to join each other in additional service events (i.e. Beach Clean-up, serving meals at a homeless shelter, etc.). The next quarterly service event is a Bike Day in which families can bring their bikes to POP for a quick tune up and some safety tip lessons.

The evening discussion concluded with Caring Conversations and a celebration of the POPs Diner success.

**Summer Single Service Sundays**

July 3 through September 11

9:00 AM in the CLC
From our Family Life Educator
JEFF Kranich

Journey with Jesus Brings Easter Alive!

During Holy Week last month the CLC re-created Jesus’ journey from the upper room, through the cross, to the resurrection. At eight interactive stations, hundreds of children and family members from our church, school and community came to taste Matzo (the bread of the Passover), wash each other’s feet, kneel and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane (on REAL grass!), feel the sharp barbs of the crown of thorns and the nails of the crucifixion, taste the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross, visit the tomb, and know the hope of the resurrection. School children who came through the stations during the class day brought family members back mid-day, in the evening, and even the next morning to share the experience. Some went home and re-created the stations there to share. Children led their parents in prayer, and Parents knelt to bless and pray for their families in the garden. God brought great blessing and hope to all who were able to come. We plan to make this an annual event, and hope to share the experience with even more friends next year!

Family Bike Events!

As the weather warms up we are planning to go outside to enjoy it! On Saturday, May 14, Prince of Peace will host a Community Bike Rodeo! We encourage families and kids of all ages to come with their bikes for a fun and informative event. Get a bike safety check, learn about proper helmet fitting and care, sharpen your riding and balancing skills, and get a refresher on the rules of the road to keep you safe on two wheels. 10am-1pm join us for this free family event!

Critter Park Bike Hike and Picnic! After you get your bikes tuned up and refresh your safety notes, put that knowledge and equipment to good use the following Saturday, May 21. Meet at PoP at 9:00am ready to roll. After an opening Devotion we’ll load bikes into rigs and drive to the trailhead for the 7 mile level Bike Hike, then gather for a Picnic Lunch and family activities at the park. We’ll head back after lunch, and wrap up back at PoP by 3:00pm that afternoon. All ages welcome! Don’t miss it!

Youth Sunday School
May 1, 8 & 15, CLC Gym

In April, we started a discussion of different religions. Beginning on Sunday, May 1, we’ll get back to that conversation with a look at Judaism and Islam. May 8 we’ll focus on Eastern religions like Buddhism and Hinduism, and May 15 we’ll check out current Cults that claim to be The Way. We start right after the Sunday School opening each week in the CLC. Bring your Q’s and get some A’s! Open to anyone from Grade 6-12.
Weren’t you there? Did you hear the shouts of Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! In the highest? Did you see the Sea of Galilee? How about the temple on the hill? On Palm Sunday we entered the sanctuary, as so many times before, waving palm branches and singing. This year was a little different, we had scenes of Jerusalem. On the screen were real and recent photos of the landscape of Israel, thanks to Andy and Valerie Westland. All of this to help you feel like you were there, celebrating the arrival of Jesus. And celebrating the arrival of us, virtually, with our Walk to Jerusalem.

Congratulations to everyone; those who participated, those who completed the program and those who supported us as congregation members.
We accumulated a total of 33,548 points over 12 weeks, and made it to Jerusalem with our 6077 miles needed and spare change. WOW!
We started out with 92 people signing up and 65 of you completed. Way to go!

There are a few people we wanted to recognize:
Youngest: Caleb Cook and Milan McWilliams < 4
Oldest: Jake Schmitt and Herb VanDorn (I am not telling their exact ages, but let’s just say we could learn a lot from these two fellas.) Herb says Jake is older by a few months, but who is counting?!

Most points accumulated by age category
Under 10 Griffen Warren 651
Over 10 Hunter Prins 728
20-39 Mathew Warren 755
(Do you think Vanessa should get a special prize for 3 of these winners coming under her roof?)
40-50 David Hoover 908
51-65 Suzanne Kaster 682
65+ Marlene Knechtel 753

I want to also thank an amazing Health Ministry TEAM who truly worked together to make this project happen; Mary Raetz, Chris Camplair, Malissa Warren and Ray Legault. What blessings you all are to this church.

Finally, Pam and I hope and pray that you will be able to take some of the experiences and habits that you have learned over the past 12 weeks with your walk with Jesus and continue to nurture your body, mind and spirit. We welcome your feedback on how you felt the program was done, both positive and what you might improve upon, and if you would participate again in such a program. Please feel free to offer that to any of the above Team members as well. We wish you Blessings on your day, week and month.

God’s Peace.
Pam Krautscheid & Karina Wehrspann

Human Care

Our food boxes for March and April have served 65 people! April is not over yet, so you can see we have had larger families than usual. We thank all of our congregation for their giving hearts and just ask that you continue. It is so easy to run out of basics such as Mac and Cheese, or toilet paper! Please watch the Sunday announcements for food items we need.

The Pre-School people have been wonderful throughout the year in their remembering our food pantry. We thank Darlene Thauland for being the person who spearheads the food giving as a way for the children to remember those less fortunate. The awareness has been raised. Thank you for letting your lights shine!

Food Pantry needs this month: Dry Cereals, Dry beans, Canned Beans (all kinds), Chili, Canned Pears, Jams and Jellies, Crackers, Laundry Detergent.

Bev Cathcart
Announcements

Adult Sunday School
May 1 - June 5, CLC Gym

Starting on May 1st: “The Forgiveness of Jesus”. We all carry guilt and shame - it drags us down and keeps us from enjoying life to the fullest potential. This six-session video study from the “Deeper Connections” series offers a fuller understanding of the reason Christ gave his life on the cross. Jesus came to forgive us - allowing us to move from guilt and shame to freedom and forgiveness. As we examine the people he met and set free, you will be transformed by your encounter with the God who loves you so much that he runs to you. Jeff Oltmann will be our leader in CLC 125.

Please join us!

Food Pantry Needs
Laundry Detergent
Dry Cereals
Dry and Canned Beans
Chili
Canned Pears
Jams & Jellies
Crackers

FAMILY BIKE EVENTS!
Saturday, May 14, 10:00 am
Community Bike Rodeo!
Saturday, May 21, 9:00am
Stubbs Park Bike Hike and Picnic!
Details on page 3

QUILTING FOR KIDS & KNOT TIERS SEW-A-THON!
Friday, May 6th & Saturday, May 7th, 10:00 am
This event is open to anyone who:
can make quilts
wants to learn how to make quilts
wants to do only part of a quilt
Or just likes to hang out with quilters!

Please let Mary Raetz know that you are coming so there will be plenty of space for everyone.
503-629-2025 or mary@raetzfamily.com
(last minute? No problem, just give Mary a call!)

Quilting News
Quilting for Kids
May 6 & 7 10:00
June 9, 10:00

Knot Tiers
May 9, 1:00
June 13, 1:00

Contact Mary Raetz
503-629-2025

Contact Anne Seim
503-646-7700
May 1       2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

May 8       3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
John 20:19-31

May 15      4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 22      5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 29      6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 2         Sarah Goudy
3            Roy Stern
            Pauline Buchanan
            Shirley Zschoche
            Jean Jesse-Murphy
5           Steve Bjorklund
6            Don Kaster
            Nathan Morris
            Jeff Kranich
            Vicki Bjorklund
9           Rob Kaster
13          Jennifer Romadka
15          Dot Godfrey
16          Bryan Dorn
17          Chris Camplair
21          Jeremy Legault
23          William Prins
24          Lucille Dement
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15, 1976   Eunice & John Rech
18, 2002   Doug & Jean Murphy
25, 1980   Don & Suzanne Kaster

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"My child, keep your father’s commandment, and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Bind them upon your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.” Proverbs 6:20-22

Those caring conversations...they are as natural as walking, eating and sleeping. They are happening all the time. I am privileged to have many conversations daily with teachers, parents and children. The children especially celebrate life every minute of the day. The first and second grade students have acquired so much Bible knowledge and with words and actions exhibit faith in Jesus. The kindergartners and four year olds have tucked a lot of Scripture into their hearts this year. And a three’s class will often spontaneously burst into a chorus of “Jesus loves me this I know…”

A parent recently asked a teacher to sit with her and her child and explain how Jesus is the Son of God. The teachers consistently affirm each other in the awesome task of caring for and nurturing children.

Bit by bit we converse about faith in Jesus which gives us a joy-filled life. And we are blessed by the experience.

Serving the One Who Cares,
Darlene Thauland

It is always bittersweet as we come to the end of a school year. Of course we look forward to a summer with family and vacation and a time with unhurried schedules. But, on the other hand, it is hard to let the little ones that we have grown so fond of grow up and go on to the next level.

The teachers have done a marvelous job preparing these children to be successful as they proceed through their school years. More importantly, there have been many conversations about Jesus, about His love and forgiveness. We send these little ones on, praying that there will be opportunity to continue the conversation, passing on faith.

Teachers: Jenny Bernick, Vicki Bjorklund, Kathy Crider, Kim Goudy, Ali Grosskopf, Betsy Harmon, Tish Hull, Tracy Kimball, Judy Lesowski, Jennifer Lewis, Nancy Lydon, Patty Manning, Brittany Mansfield, Judy McCormack, Diana Renn, Donna Romadka, and Laurie Weide

Teacher Aides: Anitha Chandran and Emily Critchlow

Office Staff: Audra Correia, Chris Lengele and Jackie Fishkin

*Thanks be to God for their faithful service!*

**School News**

The Prince of Peace School Board meets each month to ensure the smooth operation of Prince of Peace School so that children may continue to be “trained in the Way they should go.”

Heartfelt thanks to:
Anne Morris, chair
Jackie Fishkin  Roy Kravitz
Jody Thurston  Vanessa Warren

**Chapel Offerings**

Love for others was demonstrated through our chapel offerings this school year. The children learned about loving others because Jesus first loved us. We learned about giving with a joyful heart, and we pray that our dollars will help others through the various organizations.

Fall Quarter
Lutheran Community Services, Welcome the Stranger, refugee relocation program

Winter Quarter
Missionaries Ivan and Jennifer Rasch serving in Jos, Nigeria

Spring Quarter
Preschools in Finetown, South Africa

Other offerings this year were
*Gloves and scarves for the Downtown Chapel*
*Health kits for Lutheran World Relief*
*Diapers for Love, INC*
*Food for the PoP food pantry*
School Announcements

May Toddlin’ Time
May 11, 9:00-10:00am
CLC Room 125
Fun for toddlers
Play on the cottage playground (weather permitting)

3rd Annual Art Gala
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
6:00 - 7:30 PM
CLC Gym
K - 2 Art on display

May Chapel
Tuesday, May 3:
9:15am - K and AM 3’s
1:00pm - 1st and 2nd and PM 3’s
Wed., May 4:
9:15am - AM 4’s and Pre-K
1:15pm - Pre-K and PM 4’s
Tue., May 17
9:15am - K and 1st/2nd grade

Summer Camps
Life in the desert - June 27-30
Hooray for the USA - July 5-8
Hawaiian Hullabaloo - July 11-14
Music-makers - July 18-21
Dinosaurs - July 25-28
Brochures available in the office.
**Magazine Bead Bracelet**

**Materials**
- Cardboard
- Ruler
- Old catalogs and magazines
- Wooden skewers
- Glue stick
- Mod Podge Sparkle
- Paintbrush
- 6 feet of clear elastic cord

**Instructions**
1. Cut out a cardboard triangle with a 1-inch base that is 6 inches high. Use it as a template to cut 30 to 35 triangles from colorful magazine and catalog pages.
2. To make a bead, tightly roll one triangle (base to point) around a skewer, then glue down its tip. Leave the bead on the skewer and roll the next one beside it. When the skewer is full and the beads are dry, slide them off of the stick. Brush on a thin layer of Mod Podge Sparkle and let the beads dry.
3. To assemble the bracelet, thread one bead onto the center of the cord. Add the next bead, as shown, threading one end of the elastic through each end of the bead. Pull the elastic tight. Continue adding beads in this way, tightening and straightening them as you go, until the bracelet is long enough to stretch around your child's wrist. Feed the remaining lengths of elastic back through the first bead, then knot them multiple times and trim.

**Tag-Team Drawings**

**What You Need**
- Paper
- Color markers

**Instructions**
1. Each player sits at the table with her own color marker and a piece of paper. At “Go,” players have 30 seconds to begin a drawing (designate one player as the official timer).
2. When the time is up, everyone moves clockwise to the next paper, gives it a quarter turn, and has 30 seconds to continue the drawing. (Our testers found that having players move to the paper, rather than passing it, ensures that each paper gets the proper quarter turn.)
3. Play continues in this manner, with the paper being given a quarter turn by each new artist, until everyone has added to each drawing.

**Happy Mother’s Day Card**

You can use the following page to make a Mother’s Day card.

Just remove the page, color the picture, put your name in the “made by” box, fold in half and put anything on the inside you want!