Mission Statement
To Know Him and to Make Him Known

Vision Statement
Prince of Peace is a vibrant cross-generational Christian family. Lifelong Christian education defines and drives our ministry - we learn, love and teach about life with Jesus. The more we learn, the better we love each other, making our community of faith grow stronger. This bond empowers us to boldly serve our neighbors in ways that show them Jesus, and bring them to faith in Him.

Holiday Worship Schedule:

Christmas Eve - Mon, Dec 24 5 & 7:00pm
Christmas Day - Tue, Dec 25 10:00am
Last Sunday 2012 - Sun, Dec. 30 10:00am
New Year’s Eve - Mon, Dec 31 4:00pm
Epiphany - Sun, Jan 6 8 & 10:30am
Confirmation - Sun, Mar 17 8 & 10:30am
Palm Sunday - Sun, Mar 24 8 & 10:30am
Easter - Sun, Mar 31 8 & 10:30am

See details on our website, then JOIN US!!

Upcoming Events for your Calendar:
Progressive Dinner - Dec 31 5:00pm Homes
Vibrant Faith Class Begins - Jan 6 9:15am CLC 125
School Classes Resume - Jan 7 Various PoP
Family Movie Night - Jan 25 6:30pm CLC
Annual Voter’s Meeting - Jan 27 11:30am Sanctuary
Super Sunday - Feb 10 10:00am CLC
Journey With Jesus - Mar 19 6:00pm CLC
Easter Egg Hunt - Mar 30 10:00am CLC

“Advent Hope” Jeff Kranich

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.” - Isaiah 9:2

With these words the Prophet Isaiah brought new hope to a people struggling in exile, far from home, waiting for God to fulfill His promise, wondering if it would ever come to pass, or if their hope had been in vain. Darkness is nothing new to this world – saturated as it is with the chaos that sin creates within us. And yet…into this darkness we welcome again a newborn, a Savior, a King, promised from of old, who would save us all by His might, and by His grace.

We might consider that prophecy a word for a people long gone, except that we need to hear it too, even in our present age so many years distant from those who first heard the proclamation of God’s promise kept. The world is still a dark place, and we are still in need of saving. As you read the stories in this edition of the Journal, shared by our friends who journey with us toward the manger, then on to the cross and the empty tomb, be encouraged by the insights and challenges they offer. These have come from their time on the road, and encounters they have had with themselves and with others who have walked with them.

There are those who would surrender to the darkness, but as Pastor Dan is lately fond of quoting in a favorite Christmas song, “Then pealed the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead, nor doth He sleep”. Trust Jesus, spend time with Him and with His Word, take care of yourself, and find ways to take care of each other - as in particular, it is those moments of demonstrated love and compassion in which the Light of Christ shines most brightly, and provides us hope that the promises of God are still true. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year!

“Take Time for God” Swede Franzen

Life moves too fast. Computers have speeded up the world, and everything is instant. We communicate over the internet instead of talking to each other face to face. People leave their houses and two seconds later they are texting in their cars. The faster things go, the more pressure is on people to get things done. And if you have a family there is even more pressure - trying to raise kids, preparing meals, both parents having to work to make ends meet. With all the pressure to get everything done, it makes it really tough to think about God and find time to fit Him in. I kind of feel like that’s why a lot of people don’t want to get too active in Church.

But you’ve got to have room for Him. If you want to find hope in the midst of all the busyness and pressure you’ve got to take time for God, you’ve got to read the Bible. I read two different parts of the Bible each day, some from the Old Testament and some from the New Testament. Just read a chapter a day, and if a chapter’s too long then read half a chapter. Maybe the first time you may not get much out of it. Go on through, then come back and go through it again. It’s like anything you read, I’ve got to go through it again so that it sinks in.

Throughout my whole life God has been there for me - drug me out of the well a couple of times. Reading the Old Testament it’s unbelievable how many times God drug the Jewish people out of their well. It seems, for them, other things looked more inviting, and that drew you away from God. But He’s always there. The things we see, they’re not always going to be - they’re “here today, gone tomorrow”.

It’s easy to lose track of God in the midst of all the things you have to do every day. Take time to talk to God, or take time to read the Bible. You have no choice but to believe Jesus gave His life for your sins. Talking about things like that, knowing my background, it brings tears to me. Talk to God, spend time with Him, spend time in His Word. You can’t give up on God. God is always there. He won’t give up on you, so don’t give up on Him. That’s where you’ll find hope to live this life.
**“Life With a Surrendered Heart” Wes & Carla Fenning**

Pro's Diner is a product of a surrendered heart. It’s a venue for fellowship where we can demonstrate love for each other by giving our time and ourselves. It’s modeled after the word picture of Pro meaning “Daddy,” “Papa,” “Father.” "Imagine sitting on our Heavenly Father’s lap and the dependence and comfort it evokes. The conversations are encouraging and compassionate, like within an atmosphere of love. All are welcome upon his lap. This has been a tale of two hearts. One is self-serving, does nothing for the kingdom, and is a reflection of Satan at work. The other is surrendering, looking for opportunities to fellowship on the Lord’s lap with the body of Christ.

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The other hand, it’s truly inspiring what can be accomplished for His kingdom when we offer. Wes’ choices did not honor the gifts that a fellow member had to offer. Wes’ choices did not honor the Lord.

**“Looking Forward by Looking Back” David Hoover**

We should be aware that there are younger members of our family that are continually being shaped and molded by what we see in us and, more importantly, **who they see in us** - not just at Christmas but during the year.

When it comes to “Family Resemblence”, how much they look like Jesus depends in great part on how much we look like Jesus.

If you’re looking for a good resolution for the New Year, consider this - as you sense the eyes of the next generation watching between you and them for that “Family Resemblence”, be worth imitating, be like Jesus.

**“Serving Others is Serving Our Lord” Sue Marquette**

During this time of Advent and into the New Year, it’s a good time to reflect upon our time we do or do not spend in serving others who are less fortunate than ourselves. We know that service to others is also service to our Lord (The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40).

As we prepare as a congregation to become more actively involved in Community Service for the 1800 homeless students of Beaverton with activities such as the January 2013 clothing drive, assembling hygiene kits, and serving dinner to homeless students at the Beaverton "Home Plate"...