



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

April 2006

The Vine



A Christian community which holds us and frees us for a life in a changing world.

Soup Suppers, Lent Worship, Palm Sunday and Easter Week

Lent Worship-Mar 29 and April 5 at 7:30pm with
Soup Suppers at 5:15pm—7:00pm
Palm Sunday, April 9 at 8:30am and 10:45am

Easter Week

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:30pm

Good Friday Worship

11:00am Family Worship followed by a light lunch

7:30pm Worship with the Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday

7:00am - Sunrise Service by the youth

8:00am-10:15am Breakfast: Egg bake, fruit,
muffins & beverages

8:30am and 10:45am - Festive Worship
in the Sanctuary

Flowers in celebration of Easter. Those interested in ordering flowering plants in celebration of Easter may do so by filling out the order form on the back page or a form that will be available as a bulletin insert or in the narthex. Orders need to be returned to the office by April 3. Plants may be picked up after the 10:45 service on Easter Sunday.

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Help Clean Our Church

Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer to clean our church building during the last week of April. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated by the Building Committee.

If you're reading on the web,
[Click here to return to
www.princeofpeace.tc](http://www.princeofpeace.tc)

From Pastor Anita Beste

This month the seasons of the church year move us from the fasting to the feasting, from the emptying to the fullness, from fear to glory, from longing to intimacy. Here is a poem, a prayer, that bridges the seasons of Lent and Easter.

My soul thirsts for you. Psalm 63:1b

I have been in a dry and weary land
where there is no water –
I give you the gift of my great thirst.

I have been filled with emptiness,
Seeking you, fainting –
I give you my crazy expectation of your feast.

I have lain awake on my bed,
Tossing with broken dreams –
I give you my watching for the shadow of your wings.

The deepest longing,
the naked prayer,
the pause when there is no proof of God,
the lonely wait,
the unblessed day –
I lift before you this magnificent offering,
And my soul clings to you. Amen.

From *An Improbable Gift of Blessing*
By Maren Tirabassi & Joan Jordan Grant

I thank God every time I remember you . . .

Philippians 1:3

I am so truly blessed to have my Prince of Peace friends and ***I thank God for you.***

Thank you to all for the memory book, cards, gifts and warm wishes on my retirement. Thank you to Audrey Henningson for her calligraphy. A special thank you goes to Anne Haugan, Linda Olson, Siri Johnson Peterson, and Sharon Stillings for their work putting together the memory book. Thank you to Anita Beste, Linda Olson, and Ruth Circle for their part in planning and serving the reception.

Lois Berg

WORKSHOP - APRIL 22

RELIGIOUS LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC: CALL, CURSE, CONUNDRUMS

The public discourse is replete with religious claims and language. Often one feels these appeals to religion by officials or public figures are inappropriate. At times, as people of faith, we feel called to bring faith to bear on public matters. Can one, with integrity, assert that one appeal to religion is valid while another is not? Is there a place for religion in the public and political arena? For information and discussion of these questions plan to attend this workshop.

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Dr. of Christian Ethics from Union

Theological Seminary, who recently served as theological consultant to the Bishop of the ELCA in America will be the presenter at 11 a.m., sandwich buffet lunch (\$5) and workshop 1-2:30. St. Anthony Park Church, 2323 W. Como Ave.

To register call 645-0371. Contact Judy Florine 484-4454 for more info or a ride.

Thank you Corner

Thanks for your prayers during the hospitalization for my pacemaker. Thanks also for the cards, calls, visits, flowers and food items as I adjust to a new life.

My right shoulder does require special care which I need to follow now.

Thanks again
Mary Lewis

Thank you to those who supported the food shelf benefit concert. Also thanks for all the prayers and the cards during my recovery from my Achilles surgery.

Thanks

Milt Warkentien

Thank you sincerely for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recovery and rehab. Your caring thoughts are greatly appreciated. I am grateful for the Prince of Peace family.

Ham Hagander

Youth Ministry—Thoughts from Audrey

In a few days, we will all know how much the Jr. & Sr. High Youth made with the "50's County Fair." The kids have been working very hard to get ready to host all of you. Susan LeMay has been helping them prepare the 'sets' for the night. I am confident that this will be an evening everyone enjoyed. **Thank you for your support of our young people.**

Earlier today I was reminded that some are not aware that the Sr. High Youth continue the **Prince of Peace Responders**. I want to take this opportunity to once again draw your attention to this program. Our Sr. High Youth are ready and waiting to give assistance to any of you who may need some help. We have youth who have signed up to: rake, mow lawn, shovel snow, clean house, wash windows, pick up groceries, run errands, baby

sit, or whatever it is you need assistance with. Our youth enjoy helping others. Their desire is that folks who need some assistance can receive it from their faith community. They are interested in making this world a better place for each individual. **Call us if the Prince of Peace Responders can be of assistance to you. Give the church office a call, call Audrey, or call Brent Glommen and we'll arrange assistance for you.**

Sr. High Movie Night

Sat, April 22, 7:30 to 10:00pm
In the Youth Room. Bring a snack to pass.

Moonlight Madness -Jr. High Youth (6th—8th). Friday, April 21 at 8:30pm to 7:00am Saturday morning.

This is a night filled with activities—

Movie, Grand Slam, Pizza, Community Center, Concert. Cost is \$30.00 per person. We are limited to 20 people. Sign-up and get Audrey your \$30.00 so there is room for you to go. Call Audrey with questions.



Easter

Our youth will be creating and leading the Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:00 AM, April 16th. **Breakfast served** by our youth 8:00 to 10:15am. All proceeds go to youth trips. **Menu: egg bake, fruit, muffins, beverages.**

Children and Family Ministry—Ginger Ryan

We have many symbols that help us to remember the story of Easter. A chalice, a kiss, a donkey, the cross, the tomb, nails, a crown of thorns...and many more. All of these symbols are an important part of telling the story and helping us to feel it today.

Because young children are concrete thinkers, one way to help them understand the Easter story at home is to create a family altar. You can use a table, a mantel, a dresser, or any space that all members of your family will see daily. Your altar can be as simple or as elaborate as your family would like. Some suggestions for items to place on your altar might be: a Bible, a candle (symbol for the Holy Spirit), water (symbol for baptism)...be creative! You can use this space all year long as a place to pray together, read stories from the Bible, and to give thanks to God and to one another.

If you have other ideas, please share!

Shalom, Ginger



Reminder: There is no Sunday School on Easter morning, April 16. The last day of Sunday School is May 21.

THINK SPRING! During the month of April the Children's Ministry Committee will be selling gift cards to Linder's Garden Center. You can use them to purchase your spring plants, Easter Lilies, or Mother's Day flowers, and give to the children at Prince of Peace all at the same time. 15% from the total sold will go toward children's summer programs. Please look for us in the narthex between services.

Once again the Children's Ministry program would like to **employ college-aged youth to assist with our summer programs (June 5-July 28)**. If you are interested or know someone who would provide positive energy and Christian role-modeling for our young folks, please see Ginger for details and an application. The deadline is April 5, 2006.

Become Part of the Prince of Peace community

New Member classes

New Members will be welcomed into the Prince of Peace community on May 7 at the 8:30 am worship service.

In preparation for joining and to help with this decision, there will be a series of three membership classes—Wednesdays, April 19, 26 and May 3, 7-8 pm in the library.

All are welcome.

Adult Forum - Sunday

9:30-10:30, though April 9

Meet in the Sanctuary

Martin Luther & Vocation Continues though April 9

One of the great aspects of Martin Luther's life and teaching was the articulation of the "priesthood of all believers." We are all called to ministry in Jesus' name, and that ministry is expressed in every person's life as we use our talents though our daily life. The notion that a field hand was as valued as a Bishop, in terms of God's call to faithful living, was and is a radical challenge to society's hierarchies of importance.

April 9—Catechism and Legacy

Adult Forum on April 2

at 9:30 **Greg Mortenson**. Greg is with us on his book tour—

Three Cups of Tea, sharing stories about his ministry of educating girls in Pakistan, a ministry Prince of Peace contributes to and supports in prayer.

Adult Forum - Sunday

9:30-10:30, April 23-May 21

Biology and Belief

Conversations in Faith and Science—Meet in the Sanctuary.

Video series from Luther Productions, this series features a 20 minute reflection from scholars, and opportunity for discussion on several current issues. As thoughtful people in the fields of faith and science dialogue, both perspectives are challenged. This series seeks to engage us in thought around the following:

April 23—Science vs. Belief?

The challenge of Naturalism

April 30—The Ethics of Stem Cell Research.

May 7—Christian Faith, Farming and Care of Animals

May 14—Brain, Consciousness, and the Soul

May 21—God After Darwin:

Evolution and Divine Providence

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meet in the Church Library

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

10:00 am-Noon, Contact Donna

Gramstad with questions

651-407-2976—or just come to

one of the meetings and learn

more about this new ministry.

Bible Study Opportunities—all Circles are open and new members welcome.

Bible Study Leaders' Mtg, Tues, April 4, at 6:00pm Church Library

Martha Circle—Monday, April 10 at 1:00pm

Hostess: Cathy Yoon

Study Leader: Elly Osterhoust

Rebecca Circle—Monday, April 10, at 7:30pm

Hostess: Suzan Hurlbut

Study Leader: Barbara Sackmann

Rachel Circle—Tuesday, April 11, 9:30 am

Hostess: Ardella Norenberg 651-631-2705

Study Leader: Maria Larson

Ruth Circle—Tuesday, April 10, 7:30pm

Hostess: Anne Haugan

Study Leader: Pastor Beste

Hannah Circle Thursday, 1st and 3rd Church Library

Contact Linda Hernes 10:00-11:15 am

651-483-3118



But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us
2 Corinthians 4:7

Discovering Treasure in Clay Jars

A Bible Study and Review of Our Congregational Life



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2 Corinthians 4:7

We are aiming for 100+ of us at Prince of Peace to participate in:

- Engaging the Bible as we reflect on our understanding and experience of our church;
- Contributing to forming a current “picture” of our missional faithfulness and fruitfulness as a congregation; becoming better acquainted with one another.

Four Session Format

Weekdays:	Thurs mornings	10:00-12:00	April 6,13,20,27	<u>Leader</u> Linda Hernes
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Two Session Format

Monday Afternoons	12:00- 3:30	May 8 & 15 (inc. lunch)	Kent Olson
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One Day Session

Saturday	9am-3:30pm	April 8 (includes lunch)	Chris Gillette
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Please sign up on the bulletin board at the end of the hall by the nursery!

The Bible study (based on 2 Corinthians 4) and discovery process is designed by a group called The Gospel and our Culture Network as part of their research project, but the goals will serve and inform our congregation as well.

Deep and Wide -Worship this Spring. Beginning on Easter Sunday, April 16, and continuing through May 21, we will be bringing together our worship services that have been in two separate spaces – gym and sanctuary. Our hope is that this worship will be both deep in our Lutheran tradition as well as wide in the breadth of styles, music and talent. Throughout this time we will be asking for your input. Feedback forms will be included in the bulletins on those Sundays.

What will change?

- Most of the content of the services will be the same at both 8:30 and 10:45.
- At 10:45 the gym and sanctuary services will be combined in the sanctuary.

Why are we doing this?

- Combining the 10:45 services allows more of our community to celebrate and worship together.
- Our pastors will have increased and more regular contact with those who worship at 10:45.
- This will allow stronger use of our musical talent so that all worship might benefit.

What happens after May 21?

Our summer schedule will be the same as past summers. The worship committee and the church council will review your feedback and make suggestions for the fall.

April 16, Easter 7am Sunrise

Worship led by our High School Youth.

April 16, Easter 8:30am and 10:45am

Communion Festive Worship.

April 23, First Sunday of Easter 8:30am & 10:45am Gospel Hymns in Improvisational Style

April 30, Second Sunday of Easter

8:30am Children’s Choir
Musical Production at 10:45am,
Creation Liturgy for Earth Sunday

May 7 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am – Affirmation of Baptism with New Members Joining

10:45am – Affirmation of Baptism for Confirmation Students

May 14 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am & 10:45am – Festive
Worship with LBW Liturgy

May 21 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am & 10:45am – Chancel Choir Favorites and Gospel Hymns

May 28 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00am – Outdoor Worship by Annex House. Summer Schedule Begins.

Pastor Rogness on Sabbatical

Pastor Rogness will be on sabbatical May 8 through July 31. He will be reading and writing during this time. A sabbatical policy was included with the call to Pastor Rogness and Pastor Beste, providing three months after every five years of service.

Pastor Rogness began in October of 2000, and Pastor Beste in August of 2001. Pastor Rogness has timed this to best fit with our worship schedule and its staffing, and also before the potential start of building.

Sabbaticals are a time for study, reflection, and renewal. Clergy and parishes benefit through the spiritual and intellectual renewal which results from this time. You may not detect any difference, but Andrew claims he’s been made smarter by four previous sabbaticals – a claim Martin Luther would say is impossible, given our inability to justify through works!

Growing Through Loss—Grief Support Series

Purpose: The series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

Place: Christ the King Lutheran Church

Time: Thursdays 6:45 to 9pm

Registration 6:45 to 7pm

Speaker 7 to 7:45pm

Small Groups 8 to 9pm

Registration takes place the night of the program at the host church.

- April 20 Overview of the Grief Process—Chuck Ceronsky, M.A.Th. Director, Spiritual Health Serv, Fairview Univ Med Center
- April 27 Creating Stories of Hope and Loss—Ted Bowman, Trainer, Consultant and Author, specializing in grief and loss
- May 4 Naming, Taming and Claiming the Feelings of Grief—Sarah Amos, Grief Educator and Trainer
- May 11 Grief, Healing and Self Care—Linda Cherek, M.S.W, Author, Consultant, Educator and Licensed Therapist
- May 18 Grief as a Family Affair—Janice Winchester Nadeau, Ph D, Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist
- May 25 Where is God in Our Suffering? Includes a healing service. Rev. Deborah Birkeland, Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church

OK's

All 55+ are invited

Luncheon

Thursday, April 13, 11:30am

Program: Full Bloom—Two ladies (Constance and Martha) will be putting on a style show.

Fashion gets a little silly—a bit wacky, all because of a day know as April Fool's Day.

Annual Spring Luncheon and Vintage Fashion Show—Sponsored by Luther Seminary FRIENDS

April 8 at Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary

9:00 Silent Auction Opens (benefits Scholar Fund)

10:30 Devotions and Celebration of 35th Anniversary of Ordination of Women, The Rev. Dr. Sarah Henrich, speaker

11:00 Luncheon

12:00 Vintage Fashion Show, Presented by Goodwill Industries

\$20/person Tables of 6 available—\$5 tax deductible gift to FRIENDS scholarship. Reservations with check by April 2 to Luther Seminary, 2481 Como, St. Paul 55118—attn Lynne or call Ruth Hagander, 484-7394

Life Line Screening—Protect your health. Protect your life. Call 1-800-324-1851 Prince of Peace Lutheran, Friday, April 21—Pre-registration is required

1. Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery—This screens the carotid arteries in the neck for plaque buildup. The #1 cause of stroke is linked to carotid artery blockage.

2. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening—This screens for the existence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta. The vast majority of people who have an aneurysm have no symptoms.

3. Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening—This screens for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities which is linked to coronary artery disease.

2006 PLANNING BUDGET*

*Planning Budget means best-estimate figures, including "2005 Activity." Treasurer's books are audited for exact accuracy. Commentary & Detail Follows this page – with letter or number of budgetary line commented upon.

#A <u>JAN.1 CASH BALANCE</u>	2005 - 1,188		2006 – 6,585
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2005 BUDGET</u>	<u>2005 ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2006BUDGET</u>
1) ENVELOPES	397,970	391,012	389,010
2) NON-MEMBER / CASH GIFTS	12,000	11,058	12,000
3) BUILDING USE	52,440	43,002	43,000
4) SPECIAL OFFERINGS	15,000	34,718	25,000
5) MATCHING FRATERNAL GIFTS	1,500		
6) SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS	700	709	700
7) BASH INCOME (Simply giving,Stock)		34,351	
8) CAPITAL RESERVE		2,640	
9) PRE-PAYMENT		12,500	
10) REIMBURSABLE RECEIVED		3,135	
11) MISC. INCOME	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,986</u>	<u>6,500</u>
12) RECEIPTS TOTAL	482,610	540,299	476,210
(Jan.1 Cash Balance available)			+ 6,585 = 482,795
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
<u>PROGRAM</u>			
13) EDUCATION	10,700	5,567	6,000
14) JR. & SR. HI YOUTH	9,000	6,419	8,000
15) FELLOWSHIP	600	818	800
16) STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes,etc)	700	733	750
17) WORSHIP	9,000	7,756	6,300
18) OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>1,000</u>
19) PROGRAM TOTAL	31,900	22,940	22,850
<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>			
20) ELCA	24,800	24,800	24,800
21) SOCIAL CONCERNS	5,900	3,598	6,000
22) GLOBAL MISSIONS	5,800	5,514	5,500
23) COUNCIL BENEVOLENCE	5,100	3,386	4,000
(20+21+22+23 is 10.1% of 1+2 in 2005. It is 10.1%in 2006)			
24) SPECIAL OFFERINGS	<u>15,000</u>	<u>34,420</u>	<u>25,000</u>
SUB-TOTAL	56,600	71,718	65,300
25) OTHER	700	465	700
26) MATCHING FRATERNAL GIFTS	<u>1,500</u>	_____	_____
27) BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	58,800	72,183	66,000
28) HUMAN RESOURCES	337,813	329,110	328,026
<u>OPERATIONS</u>			
29) INSURANCE	8,000	14,647	14,650
30) UTILITIES	18,400	21,363	19,000
31) GROUNDS	3,100	7,103	4,500
32) OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIP	13,400	14,383	13,400
33) FACILITY MAINTENANCE	8,200	9,516	7,500
34) ANNEX TAX		5,510	5,510
35) MISC./REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE		2,598	
36) CAPITAL RESERVE & IMPROVE'S	<u>3,000</u>	_____	_____
37) OPERATIONS TOTAL	54,100	75,120	64,560
38) EXPENDITURE TOTAL	482,613	525,538	481,436

Commentary on 2006 Planning Budget – Adjustments made since annual meeting

Line Number refers to the line on the 2006 Planning Budget on the previous page

Line #A Cash Balance from previous year is separated out and shown above the annual budget. This figure is \$8,176 less than appeared in the annual report, reflecting the transfer of funds for Building a Spiritual House (BASH) that did not occur until 2006.

Line #1 “Envelope” giving is based on roughly 90% estimates of giving submitted by members for 2006, and 10% on giving patterns where no estimate of giving was submitted. This figure does not include the \$12,500 prepayment that was included in the 2005 annual report. This figure is almost the same as the annual report because a) a number of households increased their estimate since the annual meeting, b) there have been 4 new pledges, and c) a very careful review of household giving discovered 10 households had not been factored into the annual report figure.

Line #3 Thanks to DNR Construction, Abbey Flooring, Halvor Nelson, (& for smoke detectors, Halvor, Dick Jacobson, Tom Frantz), the wall in NW part of building was completed and room created for Lakeridge to move from the house – a move that was made on March 17 and 18, 2006. Thus, this year’s estimate of income for “building use” is accurate and up to date.

Line #3 We are negotiating with People Inc., a not-for-profit ministry that works with people with disabilities, for them to use the annex at a lower-than-market-value rate for their ministry. This would allow us to keep the annex off the tax rolls, while supporting this non-profit ministry, and it would generate some income for the use of the house. However, we are not showing that as income for 2006 at this time. There is a possibility that this arrangement could begin by the end of the summer.

Line #19 \$6,100 has been reduced from Program Budgets – using last year’s actual expenditures as the basis for the 2006 Planning Budget.

Line #20-23. The Benevolence Giving is held at the 2005 level of 10.1%. We are committed to faithful budgeting that begins with a tithe.

Line #34 The Annex (house) Tax payable in this year’s budget is now at \$5,510 – the full amount for 2006. The tax is for the year 2005. We have vacated the annex prior to June, so there will be no taxes charged us for in 2006, payable in 2007.

* Regarding BASH funds’ transfers and cash flow – the Council has instituted a policy that allows the use of non-designated gifts for cash flow purposes. On March 9, funds designated for BASH, have been transferred into our Vanguard Money Market account so they can earn full interest until they are drawn on for their intended purpose. The “BASH transfer” (due to electronic giving) that appeared in the annual report has since been taken from end-of-year cash balance and does not show on this report.

* Lakeridge Daycare is moving forward with plans to expand their program into the downstairs area at the beginning of September. At that time, we will have increased our capacity for ministry to children, and increased our funding base above the level from when Tomorrow’s Kids was a tenant.



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PoP Habitat for Humanity

Our work days have been scheduled for 2006. We need to find 5 people for April 17 and 18, and 6 people every day for the week of May 15-19.

This is a rehab project rather than a new build, so it will give us a chance to do some new tasks. Site is located on Goodrich Ave in St. Paul (SE of Excel Center). The April days will be demolition (can be very emotionally satisfying) and the May week likely a mixture of tearing down and building up. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway by the library. If you have questions, call Paul Ista at (651) 484-4443 or Dan Symonik at (651) 481-0190.

Q & A

Who is going to the Synod Assembly representing Prince of Peace?

*Pastor Anita Beste,
 Audrey Fairchild-Ehm,
 Dan Symonik
 Don & Betchen Oberdorfer*

What trips are the Youth going on this year?

*Youth Gathering in San Antonio,
 TX—July 5-9
 Bay Lake Mission Trip
 July 10-13
 Senior High Cabin Weekend
 July 27-30
 Junior High Confirmation Camp
 July 17-19
 Junior High Cabin Weekend
 August 3-6*

Easter Flower Order Form. It's time to order Easter flowers.

The selection available is listed below. Please indicate the flower(s) you would like to purchase. Flowers will be available for pickup 15 minutes after the end of the final Easter service. Flowers must be ordered by Sunday, April 3.

I wish to order

_____ Easter Lily	\$ 9.00
_____ Easter Lily—double potted (2 plants) - 8"pot	\$13.50
_____ Azalea-6 1/2" pot	\$15.00
_____ Chrysanthemum—6 1/2" pot	\$ 9.00
_____ Cineraria—6 1/2" pot	\$ 9.00
_____ Gerbera Daisy - 4 1/2" pot	\$ 3.75
_____ Hydrangea—7 1/2" pot	\$20.00
_____ New Guinea Impatiens—6 1/2" pot	\$ 7.00
_____ Rieger Begonia—6 1/2" pot	\$ 9.00

Please cut out this form and include with your check (made out to Prince of Peace) and place in the offering plate or mail it to the office.