

# The Vine



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**Annual Meeting**  
 Sunday, January 24  
 Pick up annual reports  
 in the office after January 8



**Annual Meeting**

***Thank you reception on January 17***

Thank you to our congregation leaders who served as Council Members or Committee Chairs in 2009. Stop by and thank our leaders for their leadership, enthusiasm and commitment to Prince of Peace!

We appreciate all the hard work and service that they have provided in 2009.

Thank those rotating off the church council and meet those who are up for election at the Annual Meeting Jan 24.

***Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Prince of Peace and the special gifts given in 2009!***

***Special Gifts given to the following organizations in 2009***

- Central Asian Institute
- Bomalang'ombe Agriculture Project
- Tanzania Student Scholarships
- Habitat for Humanity
- ELCA World Hunger
- Minnesota Food Share
- North Suburban Golden K Foundation (local food shelf)
- Second Harvest
- Congregations Caring for Creation
- China Service Ventures
- World Mission Prayer League
- Crossing Bridges (Saint Paul Area Synod)
- Southside Family Nurturing Center
- Iringa Famine Relief Program
- Project Home
- VIBE

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**Annual Meeting  
 January 24, 2010  
 Noon**

## Council Corner by *Damien Riehl*

### Social Networking = Personal Connections

As members of the church and its Council, we must constantly improve the ways we help each other become better Christians. With that goal, Prince of Peace is exploring the use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and CaringBridge. As with any new technology, social media can bring both trepidation and opportunity. Some bemoan social media, arguing that it encourages staring at a screen — time better spent interacting face-to-face. That concern has some validity, but a wholesale dismissal of social media ignores the opportunity provided to the church and its members.

**Lifeline for the sick and housebound.** Like the telephone in the last century, social media further permits the sick and housebound to transcend physical limitations — allowing them to reach out to their friends, family, and church. As those of us who subscribe to Pastor Andrew's Caring Bridge site can attest, that medium has been a thoughtful and prayerful way to be present with Andrew during his journey. Caring Bridge (and other social media) permits updates, ruminations, and contemplations to be distributed more efficiently than through telephone calls, physical letters, or even an e-mail. Social media like Caring Bridge permit the writer to reach out to the intended audience indirectly, almost passively, without thrusting messages in the reader's lap. Interested friends and family can periodically stop in to soak up the writer's thoughts and musings. And those interactions — like dropping in on an old friend — are often rich, meaningful, and powerful.

**Historical religious precedent.** What's new is old: today's social media is similar to the 95 Theses nailed to a Wittenburg church door nearly 500 years ago. That document did not originate as a well-distributed letter, and it was not published in a periodical. It was posted to a door. Much like people post to blogs. Or to Facebook pages. Or to Twitter. Luther did not thrust the document in people's faces. Instead, he made his post available to those who wished to read it, its contents spread through social circles, and Luther altered the course of history. On a smaller scale, making our social network postings available to our friends and family enables us to connect in ways that — while they may not alter history — certainly permit closer, bonding ties.

**Expanding real-world interactions.** Social media can also help church members enhance and expand

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The deadline for articles for the **February Vine is Jan. 8,**  
**March Vine is February 12.** The deadline for bulletin  
announcements is Wednesday at noon of each week. Please  
e-mail your information to Carol at office@princeofpeace.tc  
or drop off the info in the church office.

### Financial Information

*Fiscal Year July 2009-June 2010*  
YTD Income through Nov. = \$178,132  
YTD Expenses through Nov. = \$170,953  
General Fund Bal = \$7,179  
Building Fund Bal = \$43,078  
Other Funds Balance = \$83,135  
Benevolences paid in November  
ELCA Benevolence: \$4,079  
Food for Friends: \$44

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Adult Ed</u>	<u>6-12th Graders/Adult</u>	<u>Nursery 5th Graders/Adult</u>
A	11/15	99	-	10/1	29/7
T	11/22	204	41	12/3	35/10
E	11/25	98	Thanksgiving		
N	11/29	191	No Adult Ed	No Sunday	School
D	12/6	247	24	9/2	28/9
A	12/13	286	26	12/3	30/7



## Prayer Chain Requests

If you have a prayer request, please call

the church office or e-mail office@princeofpeace.tc. On the weekend call or e-mail

Linda Olson 651-482-8543  
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**Reserve a room** for your meetings. PoP is used by many of our members and committees as well as a few outside groups. Contact the church office to reserve a room as soon as possible. See the calendar in this newsletter or go to the website to view the up-to-date calendar.

## Equal Exchange coffee sales

Coffee is sold at our cost. Please support the Lutheran World Relief Coffee project. Please remember to pay for the coffee you take.

## Meals on Wheels

January 4 and 25

## Prayer Shawl Knitting

First Tuesday of the Month  
Contact Donna Gramstad  
651-407-2976.

## Interested in Quilting?

Call Joyce Mallory  
651-484-2523

## Library Cleaning day

3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

## Befrienders Meeting

Tuesday, January 26  
7:00pm

## Message from Pastor Andrew Rogness

### A NEW YEAR'S AND DAILY RESOLUTION

My memory of when I first heard the term, "Pax Romana" was my first Christmas as a parish pastor. "Pax Romana" translates as "Roman Peace," a span of roughly 200 years in the history of the Roman Empire. Caesar Augustus, the same Caesar that called for a census which sent Joseph and Mary on their trek to Bethlehem, put the brakes on the endless expansion, wars, and conflicts that created the Empire, believing that it would be better for the Empire to shift into more economic prosperity, foregoing the pattern of endless conquest. This was not an easy shift in the psyche of his realm. Conquest had been their highest goal. Conflicts would continue to erupt during the Pax Romana – including in Palestine – and we have strong indicators in the New Testament of the kind of tension that existed as a result of living under the thumb of an occupying force.

The juxtaposition of Jesus' birth, ministry and teaching within the setting of the Roman Empire's presence is a lesson in some large dynamics that characterize human history. When one considers the many volumes of history books that have been written – certainly ones that are a part of K-12 and college courses – one realizes that they are often dominated by the stories of nation building, wars and conflicts that consume human energy and life. Nations and empires rise and fall. Yet there are greater, enduring movements that have happened throughout history and at different places in the world. Jesus is our prime example.

In the midst of a militarily occupied country, with agitation for rebellion and ongoing tension bubbling up, Jesus became the founder of a world religion that now exceeds all others in numbers and scope. Christianity has outlived empires and conflicts, and will continue to do so. Though at times Christianity has been co-opted by political interests, and at times finds its adherents straying from the core of Jesus' teachings and forgetting to follow his example of compassion and peace, nonetheless, there is a truth within Jesus that resonates with our deepest God-created nature. It is more powerful than our darker selves that can be swept up by feelings of revenge and conquest. The truth that is stronger is that God is fundamentally a God of great love and compassion, who calls us into lives of forgiveness, healing, reconciliation and peace.

As we live within the current empire, the most powerful nation of the world, we experience the same tension that Jesus experienced. We want to be faithful to both our nation and our faith. But Christians make our faith in Jesus the center and foundation of life, more important than anything else. It is our faith that shapes our pursuits of national policy – not the other way around. God has created the whole world and all people. God loves the whole world and all people. "For God so loved the world," that God gave Jesus. We renew regularly our resolve to follow Jesus, knowing that it is our highest calling and it is a fulfillment of our deepest nature. It is a path we Christians follow in daily, personal life. I also believe that the American Empire will long endure if, as a nation, we follow the higher ideals that Jesus taught.



## January Birthdays

### Thank you

*Thanks! We count our blessings this Thanksgiving... we count our partnership with your congregation. Thanks for all you do to enhance ministry to and with the older adults in your congregation.*

*On behalf of everyone at Lyngblomsten,*

*Rev. Katie Nelson  
Patricia Montgomery*

*Dear Friends,*

*On behalf of the children, families, and staff of Southside Family Nurturing Center (SSFNC), we'd like to offer you our deep appreciation for your donation of hats, gloves and quilts, received on 12/9/2009, to our 2009 Holiday Store. Because of your good heart and generosity, our families will have a brighter holiday season.... Thanks to the quilters and Mad Hatters!*

*Yours in the spirit of caring,*

*Barb Olson                      Julia Davidson  
Executive Director      Development Director*

*Thank you to the Sunday School children who made 50+ packets of soup ingredients for Second Harvest Heartland.*

*Dear Pastor Beste and Prince of Peace, Thank you so much for the \$1000 gift made on Nov. 17 through "Give MN.org" matching challenge! In total, we received over \$14,000 through the generosity of people like your congregation. Your support is deeply appreciated and will go directly toward outreach among Chinese students and scholars. Just his past month 4 new Chinese became Christians and plan to be baptized! The Lord is mightily at work and it is a tremendous joy to witness the Holy Spirit changing hearts....*

*Yours in Christ,  
Jennifer Gerth  
Hospitality Center for Chinese*

*Thank you to the Women of the Well Circle for a \$75 donation to the local food shelf.*

*Dear Members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church: Thank so much for your generous food shelf contribution. It will get put to use right away. There is a real need.*

*Sincerely,  
Howard Rieke  
Treasurer of the North Suburban Golden K  
Foundation*

## Greetings from the Music Ministry Coordinator—Milt Warkentien

### January Sunday Worship Schedule

- Jan. 3 – Traditional with communion  
Special Music is Bob Olsen  
playing the Theremin
- Jan. 10 – Band Led  
Chancel Choir at both services
- Jan. 17 – Traditional with communion  
Bells at both services, Chancel Choir at 8:30
- Jan. 24 – Traditional  
The choir **From Age to Age** will be at both  
services
- Jan. 31 – Traditional  
8:30 Lightshine; 10:45 Joyful Noise

### Lightshine practices Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7:15

As I am working on this Vine article, I've just come from the Concordia College Christmas Concert at Orchestra Hall. It was an incredible concert and it was also a time for me to reflect on Advent and Christmas. Tonight, I was able to just sit back and enjoy the wonders this season brings. There were glorious arrangements of many seasonal carols and even though I had heard many of the pieces before, I was still moved by the music and words, to a "quiet" place to worship and enjoy the season. What made tonight different from just hearing these carols on the radio or CD's? I know one reason is that Erika Warkentien and Geneva Lyman, both members at Prince of Peace, were both in the concert along with some other youth I know. This always makes a concert fun, but I also know that this wasn't the main reason. I think the

main reason was that I took time to appreciate the season. How often do we get too busy to enjoy Advent and Christmas? (I have to go to the office party, I have to bake cookies, I have to get the services planned, I have to get the house decorated, I need to get to a sporting event or whatever else it might be that interferes with taking the time to enjoy our Savior's birth.) A couple Sundays ago I went and heard my friend Per Nilsen preach, and he talked about taking time for silence to worship and pray. Tonight wasn't exactly silence, being I was at a concert, but I was able to sit back and take in the wonders of the season. For me, I think this was like the silence Per talked about. Are you taking the time for "silence" to worship and pray?



In Advent we focused on the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that Christ brings. Where do we go from there during Epiphany? Epiphany is about the Light of Christ and how that Light shines forth from us. I like to think of Epiphany using the refrain of Rise Up, Shepherd – ***“Follow, follow, rise up Shepherd and follow, follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.”*** In our lives, how do we follow the star? How will we be God's Shepherds? How does the Light of Epiphany shine in us? My prayer for all of us is that we're able to take time for "silence" and then to live out Christ's message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in all we do.

May God bless us all, Milt



### PCYC LEGENDS JAZZ CONCERT JANUARY 10

Plymouth Christian Youth Center's next LEGENDS Jazz concert is Sunday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m. at the Capri Theater. The title is "My First Loves" featuring Sanford Moore, Greta Oglesby (Caroline, in Caroline or Change at the Guthrie), Tonia Hughes-Kendrick and Yolanda Bruce. The four people who attended the October concert thoroughly enjoyed the performers and the intimate theater. After the concert there were hot apple cider and cookies in the lobby. We will again get a group together from Prince of Peace. Watch for more information and sign up. A fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

## Tammy Wilkinson - Children's Ministry Coordinator

Happy New Year! I hope that your holiday season was filled with abundant blessings. I will say that I had a wonderful time celebrating Advent with the many children that participated in the weekly services; thank you kids for your hard work and dedication to Prince of Peace!

We have much to learn from children and youth. I have always believed that the greatest lessons come from the little important ideas that people share. For instance, one of the 7<sup>th</sup> graders suggested that we bag food for the people in need, so we did. The 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School classroom made 50 bags of Black Bean and Rice Soup for those in need. Gary Peterson welcomed the opportunity to deliver 40 of the bags to various

food bank locations and the remaining 10 bags we kept at Prince of Peace for those visitors who may need our help. It is the generosity of time, energy, and ideas that make ministry come alive!

One of the topics that comes up routinely is, how do we involve people in Children's Ministry? I think the answer involves short amounts of time where people can fit the little things in to make a large impact on how we do ministry. What that means is if you have a just a little bit of time to make copies, volunteer in a Sunday School classroom, or be a Parent Helper it makes a huge difference! The other thing that is really



important is that anyone can volunteer to help with Children's Ministry. All you have to do is call, e-mail, or let me know you would like to do something. Also, I will be posting Children's Ministry volunteer opportunities up on the bulletin board by Christian Education. Please take a look at the list and see where you can plug yourself in. Little jobs make big results!

With Joy,  
Tammy



### Calling all 6-12th Grade Students!!!

Join us Friday, January 29 from 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. for a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event. We will meet at church for some fun, head over to FMSC to help bag some food, and return to church by 10:30 p.m. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

### Friday Family Fun Night

Join us **Friday, January 8 from 6-8 p.m.** for movie night! We'll provide the snacks, you provide your family! Feel free to bring some pillows, blankets, and slippers - as we will relax and watch the show in the Gym. The movie is yet to be determined as of this publishing, but it will be child friendly and fun! Remember to sign up on the bulletin board. See you there!



Sunday School  
**Resumes**

*Sunday, January 3*

# Friday Family Fun Night

## Thoughts from Audrey

As I write this, Christmas is still in the future. It is my prayer that each of you had a blessed Christmas. May you also have a Happy New Year. What does the coming of the New Year mean for us? It means that each of us will need to think as we write the date so we put 2010 and not 2009 out of habit.

I remember as a child, I so looked forward to New Year's Eve. It was a special day at our house. On New Year's Eve, we were allowed to stay up till midnight. For many years I would fall asleep watching the late show, and then wake up New Year's Day in my bed. As I got older, I managed to stay up with my older brothers and sisters. We would spend the evening playing games, watching the countdown on T.V., and making New Year's resolutions.

Each year, one could predict some of those resolutions. The list included: to get better grades, to

save more money, and to eat better and lose weight. Even today, those resolutions could be my New Year's Resolutions. However, as I have aged, my view for New Year's Resolutions has changed. I guess that I have tired of 'making resolutions' that by the end of January I have left in the dust. Therefore, I have given thought to my life in general, and how I might improve the life of those around me. In recent years I promised myself that I will spend more time with those folks I care about. But again, year after year, I have fallen short. So why make resolutions? Is this a futile exercise?

I will continue to go through the process of evaluating my life and where I am headed. New Year's Eve can continue to serve me well in that regard. But several years ago, I came across the story of how Martin Luther began each day of his life. Upon rising each morning

he would pour water into the washbasin and splash water on his face. As he splashed that water, he would remind himself that in the waters of baptism his old self was drowned. Therefore, each day was a new beginning.

As I stand in the shower with the water washing over my body, I too am reminded of my baptism. Each day is a new day and God has given us all that we need to have lives that are filled with hope, peace, joy, and love. Each day God has given us a clean slate and what is written on that slate is up to us. Each day is a new beginning for not just the new year, but for the rest of our lives.

As we soon begin a new year, I will continue to use New Year's Eve as a prod to reflect on my life and the direction I have chosen. May God bless our new year and guide us on our way.

## Senior High Youth Events

### Ice Fishing Weekend At the Cabin

Friday, Jan. 15—Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010

We will go to the Fairchild-Ehm Cabin.

Those who want to fish bring your fishing stuff.

Those who want to sit by the fire bring a game or movie to share. Cost: \$20.00

Questions? Contact Audrey

### Winter Fun Night (Friday Family Fun)

Full details will follow. Save the date, Friday, Feb. 12.

We will play outside with our families and then come together to continue our youth gathering.

Questions? Contact Audrey

### Breakfast Club

Sundays at 9:30 in the youth room.

### FEAST

Wednesdays 6:15 in youth room

## Junior and Senior High Youth Events

### Feed My Starving Children

Friday, January 29, 7:00—10:30 PM.

We'll play Hunger Jeopardy.

Go to Feed my Starving Children.

We'll be back at church by 10:30 PM.

Sign-up! We only have 20 spots!!

Mark your calendars: Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Dinner and Auction.



## ***Adult Education: 9:30 Sunday Morning***

**Sunday Adult Forums**  
**9:30am In Fellowship Room**

**Our Book of Faith** initiative continues using *Making Sense of Scripture* by Luther Seminary professor David Lose as our guide. We'll engage in conversation about major questions of the Bible – See Jan 3 & 31, Feb 14. There's a copy of the book in the library, but you don't have to read the chapter to come to the sessions. Pastors lead these sessions.

**Jan. 3 – Making Sense of Scripture Question #5: How Can I Read the Bible with Greater Understanding?**

**Jan. 10 – To Be Announced**

**Jan. 17 – Thank you to congregational leaders who serve as Council Members or Committee Chairs.** Thank those rotating off and meet those up for election at the Annual Meeting January 24.

**Jan. 24 – Diversity in Roseville**  
**Presented by Peg Kennedy,** Community Ed Manager, Cultural Services for Roseville Schools

**Jan. 31 – Making Sense of Scripture Question #6: Is There a “Center” to Scripture?**

## ***Women's Bible Study***

### **Martha Circle**

Second Monday, Jan 11, 12:00 pm  
Hostess: Cathy Yoon 483-1311  
Leader: Ellie Osterhoudt

### **Rebecca Circle**

Second Monday, Jan 11, 7:30pm  
Hostess: Kate VandenBosch 631-1253  
Leader: Liz Ericksen

### **Lydia Circle**

Second Tuesday: Jan 12, 9:30 am  
Hostess: Esther Tatley 490-5850  
Leader: Maria Larsen

### **Ruth Circle**

Second Tuesday: Jan 12, 7:30 pm  
Hostess: Anne Haugan 484-3856  
Leader: To be announced

### **Women of the Well Circle**

Second Tuesday: Jan 12, 9:30 am  
Hostess: Kay Johnson 483-3042  
Leader: (Group reading)

Contact Deanna Rowe (651-483-2228) if you are interesting in joining a bible study

## ***Pastor Gary Olson***

Dear New Friends,

While we are living in the afterglow of Christmas celebrations or napping to recover from all the emotion and busyness of the season, our Eastern Orthodox Christian sisters and brothers are preparing to celebrate Christmas on January 6th. That's the date for Epiphany, meaning manifestation. It has to do with the incarnation, the birth of Jesus, the manifestation of God on earth.

We associate Epiphany with the visit of the Magi who traveled to Bethlehem following a star, a unique conjunction of planets, because it indicated a king had been born. Matthew writes about it in 2:1-12. These astrologers from

foreign lands came and bowed down to the newborn king, an indication that the Christ child had been sent for all peoples, the manifestation of God's light giving hope to the world. His light is much needed.

I am reminded of Robert Louis Stevenson. "One evening he stood against the window of his room and watched the darkness slowly cover the city. His mother said, 'Come and sit down Robert. You can't see anything out there.' Stevenson, pressing against the window said, 'But I can see something wonderful. There's a man coming up the street making holes in the darkness.' It was the lamplighter lighting the street lamps, punching

holes in the night with his light" (*Adventuring in the Church, p. 9*).

The incarnation, the birth of Christ Jesus, is God's light in the world. There is darkness of various kinds. But God still works in an incarnational way. God works through people. You and I, as we make ourselves available to God through worship and prayer and active ministry to our neighbors, are like God's lamplighters, making holes in the darkness so they and we might catch a glimpse of God's love in Jesus.

It's important you are here.

Blessings, *Pastor Gary*

## ***Women's Ministry - Women's Candlelight Dinner***

The Women's Candlelight Dinner was held on December 8, 2009 with an attendance of over 100 even for a blustery evening. A one-woman program on Mary was presented by Rose Diestler, another example of the superior talent in Prince of Peace. Carolers, dinner and good conversation highlighted the evening. Coordinated by the Ruth Circle, they thank all of the other circles for their contributions.

There were a number of requests for the casserole recipe. While it was in the Prince of Peace II Cookbook, the manufacturers have decreased container sizes so the new recipe is as follows:

### **Overnight Turkey or Chicken Casserole**

1 7 oz. pkg. raw macaroni, uncooked  
2 cans cream of mushroom soup  
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk  
¼ c. milk  
1 small jar pimentos, chopped  
3 c. cooked, diced turkey or chicken  
8 oz. grated sharp cheddar cheese  
1/2 c. green pepper, chopped  
1/2 c. onion, chopped  
1/2 c. celery, chopped  
Buttered bread or cereal crumbs  
Combine all ingredients except crumbs and place in a greased 9 x 13 inch pan. Refrigerate overnight. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees

for 1 and 1/4 hour. If you are using Teflon or Silverstone lined pan or a glass rectangular 9 x 13" baking dish, bake at 325 degrees. Do not over bake. This should stand 10 -15 minutes so that it sets before serving. Note: This uses raw macaroni so needs to stand overnight. Cut in 12 squares to serve.

### **Lynda Peterson's Salad Dressing Recipe** (used at the Christmas Candlelight Dinner)

Make a few hours before time of serving. Combine the following ingredients in a small jar and mix well.

½ cup salad oil  
¼ cup white wine tarragon vinegar  
1/3 cup sugar  
2 Tbsp. orange juice, plus 1 tsp. orange zest  
¼ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. dry mustard

Shake jar well before mixing the dressing into the greens. Keeps well in the refrigerator.

The charity donations at the Women's Christmas Candlelight Dinner were:

155 pounds of food to the Salvation Army Food Shelf  
\$68.00 to the same food shelf  
\$175.00 to Central Asia Institute  
A huge thank you to all you contributors.

## **Older Kids**

OK's

Start the New Year 2010 off right and join the Older Kids Senior Group on Thursday, January 14.

Social time and punch at 11:30, lunch at 12, and program at 12:45.

Program will be A NEW LOOK AT THE OLD WEST:  
An Adventure of Song and Story.

Learn about those Ghost Riders in the Sky!  
Caroline Berger will cater the lunch.

Cost of program and luncheon is \$8.00. Make your reservation in the narthex on January 3 or 10 or call Margaret Sorensen at 631-0247.

On December 9 twenty-four Older Kids braved the first snowfall of this winter season and rode the trolley for a delightful tour and lunch at the American/Swedish Institute which was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Season.

## **POP HELPS OUR MILITARY FAMILIES**

The Social Concerns Committee discussed sending a Christmas box to Jeff Robinson or his unit. Jodi spoke to Jeff and he suggested help for the families at home would be a better idea, since members would start coming home in Dec.

Esther Tatley contacted Deanna Thompson with FRG Reintegration Academy. They were having a Christmas Party for the families and were in need of gift cards or money to buy gift cards to distribute to the families. The Social Concerns Committee had \$400.00 in the budget for discretionary use. What better use than to help our military families have a Merry Christmas! With more advance planning we hope to do more next year.



If there is an event missing or a change required, please contact Carol. 651-484-4144

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church—View current and updated calendar on the website [www.princeofpeace.tc](http://www.princeofpeace.tc)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> No Sunday School/No Adult Forum <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:45 PM</b> Everson Family Christmas <b>4:00 PM</b> Lithuanian Worship	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Basketball	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> No Chancel Choir	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Scout Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship with Communion <b>9:30 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship with Communion	<b>4</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship Committee Mtg <b>7:00 PM</b> Basketball <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 150	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Knitting <b>5:00 PM</b> Circle Bible Study Leaders Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Joyful Noise! <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> FEAST-Sr. High <b>7:15 PM</b> Jr/Sr High Music <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Food for Friends <b>5:30 PM</b> Basketball (outside group)	<b>8</b> Vine articles Due	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Lithuanian Worship	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Martha Circle <b>7:00 PM</b> Basketball <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 150 <b>7:30 PM</b> Rebecca Circle	<b>12</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Lydia Circle <b>9:30 AM</b> Women of the Well <b>7:00 PM</b> Personnel Committee Mtg <b>7:30 PM</b> Ruth Circle	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Joyful Noise! <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> FEAST-Sr. High <b>7:00 PM</b> Social Concerns Meeting <b>7:15 PM</b> Jr/Sr High Music <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Youth committee meeting	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Older Kids Program <b>5:30 PM</b> Basketball (outside group)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship with Communion <b>9:30 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship with Communion	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Basketball	<b>19</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Executive Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> Council	<b>20</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Joyful Noise! <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> FEAST-Sr. High <b>7:15 PM</b> Jr/Sr High Music <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Food for Friends <b>5:30 PM</b> Basketball (outside group)	<b>22</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> From Age to Age Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> From Age to Age Rehearsal <b>10:30 AM</b> Process in Faith (Pastor's group)
<b>24</b> Special Music - From Age to Age <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Lithuanian Worship	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Basketball	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Befrienders	<b>27</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Joyful Noise! <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> FEAST-Sr. High <b>7:15 PM</b> Jr/Sr High Music <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Basketball (outside group)	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Family Alternatives - Teen Lock-in	<b>30</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Family Alternatives - Teen Lock-in
<b>31</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship	<b>1</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship Committee Mtg <b>7:00 PM</b> Basketball <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 150	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Knitting <b>10:00 AM</b> The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity <b>5:00 PM</b> Circle Bible Study Leaders Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity <b>5:30 PM</b> Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Joyful Noise! <b>6:15 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:15 PM</b> FEAST-Sr. High <b>7:15 PM</b> Jr/Sr High Music <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Basketball (outside group)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Pinewood Derby for Troop 634





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physical-world interactions. Often, postings by other members of Prince of Peace give us topics to discuss at church the next Sunday. This social media fodder is much more meaningful than chatting about the weather. In this way, social media does not *substitute* for physical interactions, but can enhance and *strengthen* those real-world connections. Events that don't generally prompt a call or e-mail (e.g., child losing their first tooth, new jobs, or visits to a sick relative) are perfect for posting on social networking sites — and for later discussing at a church function. This online/offline interaction expands our sense of "church."

**Remaining relevant.** If we are to remain relevant to our members, social media is (or soon will be) an essential component of church life. Imagine if 20th-century churches had said "We will not use the telephone." Or in this century: "We will not have a website." If we want to meaningfully participate in our members' daily lives, we must integrate our ministries in the media our members most often use and inhabit. If we do not reach out to the socially networked members of our congregation, we are not doing everything we can to minister to them.

Jesus said that "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them." Social networks have gathered many more than two or three. Let's join in their conversation.

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**Thank you** to the 141 families who have returned their membership renewal forms (as of 12/16/09). If you have yet to return your information, **please return your membership renewal/estimate of giving form for 2010.**



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