

The Vine



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Celebrate the Season at Prince of Peace

Sunday Dec. 11th -

9:30 Children's Christmas Program

8:30 and 10:45 - Worship

Sunday Dec. 18th - Choral Sunday

8:30 and 10:45 Musical Service of Lessons and Carols

9:30 - 10:30 Christmas Tea & Fellowship

Please come for a Christmas Tea & Fellowship between services. Enjoy refreshments and visit with your Prince of Peace friends (and maybe even meet some new friends).

Saturday Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Services (communion)

3:00 Family Friendly Worship (child care available)

4:30 Family Friendly Worship (child care available)

10:30 Candlelight Service

Sunday Dec. 25th - Christmas Day Service

10:00 One service

Sunday Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

10:00 One service

Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 18 at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Please come to the celebration of Advent! Lessons and Carols is a musical experience woven around scripture readings. It is sure to touch your heart and bring joy to your ears.

Mark your calendars for this memorable celebration. Invite those who have never experienced Lessons and Carols. Enjoy the Christmas



Lyngblomsten - Spirit of Giving

The 12th Annual gift collection for Residents and Tenants of Lyngblomsten.

Unwrapped gifts for the residents of Lyngblomsten will be collected in the Narthex on Dec 4th - 16th. The gifts should be new and valued at \$10-\$15.

How to Participate: Purchase a gift (see suggested gift ideas below). Then drop off the unwrapped gift in the box in the Narthex by Friday, December 16. Monetary gifts in the form of a check should be made out to "Lyngblomsten Foundation and brought to the church.

Suggested Gift Ideas: Zip-up or button-down sweaters or shirts, "over-the-head necklaces, lotions, cookies, sun catchers, purses, wallets, scarves, mittens and large print books, or something you would want your loved one to receive.

Contact Judy Cady at (651) 501-7807

Book Study

WRESTLING WITH SENSE AND SOUL

You lie on your back and look at the stars—2,000 on a clear night if you're lucky. Suddenly you remember your science teacher explaining that there are *billions* of stars that you can't see. And you wonder if there is life out there.

Through a microscope you look at *creepy-crawlies* and wonder if evolution IS the key to human existence or did Adam walk around complaining to Eve about how his ribs hurt.

Prince of Peace offers a book study series, *Wrestling With Sense and Soul*, for anyone interested in talking about how science and faith interact. Starting in January, 2012, on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month until May, this group will meet in the PoP library from 7:30- 9:00.

The first book we will examine will be **GOD and the New Physics** by Paul Davies, led by Don Oberdorfer.

Future books may include:

- When Science Meets Religion- Ian Barbour
- The Beginning of all things- Hans Kung
- The Marriage of Sense and Soul- Ken Wilber

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A T T E N D A N C E	<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>
	10/16	189
	10/23	167
	10/30	206
	11/06	189
	11/13	201

The deadline for articles for the **January Vine is Friday, December 9th.** The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at noon of each week. Please drop off or email your submissions to the office at office@princeofpeace.tc.

General Information

Prayer Chain Requests

If you have a prayer request, please call the church office or email

office@princeofpeace.tc.

On the weekend call Linda Olson at 651-482-8543 or email her at:

lmolson66@gmail.com.

Reserve a Room for your Meetings

PoP is used by many of our members and committees as well as outside groups. Contact the church office to arrange for space. See the calendar in this newsletter or go to the website to view the up-to-date calendar.

Equal Exchange Coffee

PoP offers delicious coffee, tea and chocolate at fair prices that enable small-scale farmers to support themselves and to build a better future for their families. A wonderful selection of products is available in the hallway. Make your selections and simply place your payment in the box. Enjoy!



Meals on Wheels

Monday, December 19

Prayer Shawl Knitting

First Tuesday of the Month

Contact Donna Gramstad

651-407-2976.

Child Care Available

The Nursery is staffed each Sunday during the worship services.

Message from Pastor Anita Beste



*Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord! Psalm 27:14*

Waiting is one of the themes for the church season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. With our children, we sometimes too glibly turn that into just waiting for the baby Jesus to be born – and opening presents. For adults, it can sometimes mean waiting for the too-busyness of the season to be over – and being able to go to the mall without hearing cheesy or over-played Christmas carols.

But the baby Jesus has already been born – 2000 years ago. Jesus grew up, and in his ministry of teaching and healing proclaimed the kingdom of God drawing near. After his death and resurrection, the Spirit of God's holy presence was set loose throughout the world. That Spirit enfleshed in Jesus 2000 years ago, was now breathed into whole communities of men, women and children – for all time.

So during Advent we are not waiting for the baby Jesus to be born. But we are waiting for a fresh, and spirit-infused experience of the holy – or for new hope, or transformation for the living of our lives and for the world.

In the Bible, waiting is a practice of devotion and trust. The Lutheran Study Bible offers this theological insight on the verse from Psalm 27 above: To wait on the Lord is to maintain hope that God's deliverance will arrive, and also refrain from going one's own way.

Jesus is already born – and present now in us and for us. But perhaps in this season of Advent, we can still be like Mary – full of quiet longing and expectant hope.

*We wait....
Not because we do not know the story of Jesus, and not
because he is not already and always here.*

*We wait
because to wait
is to expect something more.*

*To wait is to expect that the story
might enter our hearts
and our world
in new ways,
to bring the change for which we long.*

Capital Improvement Phase 2: Building On Replace, Reconstruct, & Repair

On October 16, the Capital Improvement Task Force presented the Phase 2 list of potential projects. These are the longer-range items after the Phase 1 *Replace, Reconstruct & Repair* list was presented in June. (Construction of the Phase 1 projects is nearing completion.)

After the presentation, an input-gathering exercise was held in the gym. This was organized in a fun way to survey our values to guide funding priorities. Each person received twelve \$100 "Bible Bucks" to vote in baskets representing projects that would accomplish similar goals or would cost less to do together. The votes of the 78 people who joined in the exercise have been tabulated:

Baskets	Number +Write-ins	%
Furnaces & AC	198	21%
Classroom Upgrade (with Windows)	130	14%
Program Space reconfiguration	126	13%
Office Space reconfiguration	96	10%
Exterior upgrades	82	9%
Handicap/Family bathroom	79	8%
Outdoor Worship	77	8%
Solar Energy	72	8%
Parking Lot	55	6%
Separate Write-ins	16	3%
Grand Total	936	100%

The upcoming work for the task force is to determine the cost of the items that make up each project. We will:

1. Set priorities with input from congregation, staff, council and building experts
2. Create a detailed plan with 1 year, 3 year and 5 year timeline
3. Create a Capital Campaign task force
4. Present a plan, including funding proposal to Council for approval
5. Present Council-approved plan to congregation for vote
6. Begin capital funding drive
7. Schedule work
8. Enjoy our well-maintained and improved campus!

Worship schedule

Sunday Dec. 4th - Traditional with communion - 8:30 Chancel Choir, 10:45 Lightshine, Prince of Peace Ensemble at both services

Sunday Dec. 11th - Traditional - 8:30 TBD , 10:45 Chancel Choir, Sunday School Program between services

Sunday Dec. 18th - Service of Lessons and Carols

Saturday Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Services - 3:00 Joyful Noise, 4:30 Dan Ericksen, 10:30 Chancel Choir

Sunday Dec. 25th - One service at 10:00

Sunday Jan. 1st - One service at 10:00

Greetings from the Music Coordinator—Milt Warkentien



Advent - A Time of Waiting

This advent season we will be using the hymn "Wait for the Lord" in our opening litany. What is it we're waiting for? Don't we already know what this season is about? It's hard not to look ahead to Christ's birth, but I think it's important to take the time to reflect on what God is giving us with the birth of his son. This Advent season we will be using different themes each week to help us "study" different aspects of advent. The worship committee will also be adding different aspects to the decorations in the sanctuary. It is our hope that by studying different themes and adding different decorative touches the "Waiting" for Christmas will be part of our Advent season.

The first Sunday in Advent is titled **Longing**. Our opening hymn will be "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus". How can we possibly feel the longing the people felt before the birth of Jesus? Don't we already know the ending of the Christmas story? While we DO know the ending, we all still have problems, questions, etc..... that can make Longing a very real concept. Please take the time to reflect on all that is going on in your life and what this season means and brings to you.

The second Sunday in Advent is titled **Words of Comfort**. The sermon hymn will be "Comfort, Comfort Now My People". The opening verse to this hymn is "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" so says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that the war is over; God will reign in peace forever." I think that it is important to feel God's comfort in Advent, but more importantly I think it is important for US to be messengers of comfort. How can we be the messengers of God's comfort?

The third Sunday in Advent is titled **Hope Restored**. The sermon hymn will be "All Earth is Hopeful". The fourth verse of this hymn is " We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free." I love this verse. Can there be more hopeful words than that Jesus is present and lives in the lives of our neighbors. We are NEVER alone during this season. For those that have lost loved ones, I hope that you can feel God's love love through all your friends and neighbors. I also hope that the community of Prince of Peace "LIVES" the hope of Christ, so that all may know that they aren't alone and that there IS hope.

The fourth Sunday of Advent is titled **God With Us**. What a great title for the Lessons and Carols service. In this service we will be using the different themes of the Advent season as our themes for the Lessons. When I think of **God with Us**, I think of the words the angel tells the Shepherds in Luke 2: 8-20 " Don't be afraid for I bring you news of great joy, of a savior who's been born today. He's Christ the Lord and he's born for you in the town of Bethlehem." **God IS with us!** We will be closing the Lessons and Carols service with the hymn "Angels we Have heard on High". What an incredible piece of music. I am really excited for the refrain that will close this service. "Gloria in excelsis; gloria in excelsis Deo."

We are now done "Waiting". Christmas is here! The theme for Christmas is **Sing With Joy**. I don't think that this should be too hard, for it's Christmas. Hopefully we aren't all tired of hearing Christmas tunes, since the stores will have been blaring them at us for months. It is my hope that this Advent season is a time to reflect on all that God has given you and what we can do to bring God's hope into the world. In the words of one of my favorite hymns, "Go Tell It On the Mountain".

May God bless us all. Milty

Women's Bible Study

Martha Circle

Second Monday: December 12 at 12:00 in the Reception Room. Potluck lunch - no Bible study.

Hostess: Kay Johnson

Rebecca Circle

Second Monday: December 12 at 6:00

Hostess: Linda Olson

3468 Nancy Place, Shoreview

Enjoy a Christmas meal, spouses welcome!

Lydia Circle

Second Tuesday: December 13 at 9:30

Hostess: Sandi Poppe

Christmas Organ Program by Ardella Norenberg at her home.

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30, at Rose Diestler's home. Rose will also be the Bible Study Leader.

Women of the Well Circle

Second Tuesday: December 13 at 10:30

Hostess: Betchen Oberdorfer

Leader: Don Oberdorfer

Contact Deanna Rowe (651-483-2238) if you are interested in joining a Bible study.

Quilt Ministry

Thanks to Joyce Mallory, Elly Osterhoudt, Mary Lewis, Shirley Stutzman, Linda Wagner and Cathy Yoon for their work on the quilts this year. Last month, they were given to Southside Family Nurturing Center in Minneapolis for distribution to needy families. We are also thankful to all those who have given fabric to the quilting group. We will start quilting again in January. Anyone who would like more information about the quilting group, please contact Cathy Yoon at 651-483-1311.

December Birthdays

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays in December!

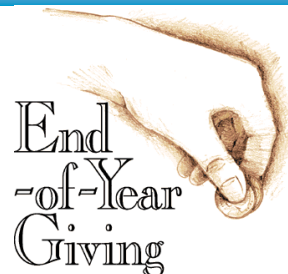
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Audrey Henningson	Erin Oberdorfer	Audrey Fairchild-Ehm
Andrew Kimmes	Sally Bigalke	Paul Bernards
Marie Hanson	Jim Luger	David Johnson
Susan Tungsvik	Carol Swanson	Holly Marsh
Kyle Cantwell	Morganna Oberdorfer	Savita Oberdorfer
Lauren Duncan	Kaelyn Wold	Brian Wolf
John Adams-Meade	Barton Nelson	Gregory Osborne
Alex Johnson	Gail Lust	John Hoops
Amanda Jackson	Curt Norenberg	Marge Carr
Jeana Hellenberg	Susan Lewis	Kelly Crawford
Diane Dodge	Leah VandenBosch	Ann Marie Johnson
Dave Syverson	Enna Wold	Haley Eagon
Bill Drinane	Dick Jacobson	Hope Schultz
Susan Thomas	Geoffrey Vanden-Bosch	Chris Belz
Molly Schuler		Shirley Anderson
Lois Swartz		
Deb Mosby		

Beginning in January we will once again put birthdates in the Vine. If you would prefer *not* to have your birthdate included, please let us know prior to the month of your birthday (for example if your birthday is in March we need to know by February 10). You can either call us at (651) 484-4144 or email us at office@princeofpeace.tc.

Year End Giving

Remember Prince of Peace in your Year End Giving

In this season of giving joy for Christ's birth we ask you to prayerfully consider giving thanks for the ways in which Prince of Peace shares in the gospel with a special end of year donation.



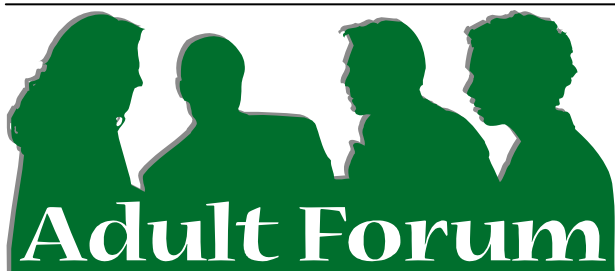
Please remember all contributions must be received in the office or be postmarked by December 31. Electronic stock donations must be in our account by December 31 so please be sure to allow your broker sufficient time to complete a stock transfer.

Adult Ed

Feasting on with the Word – Join Pastor Anita Beste every Tuesday at noon for a look at the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday. Bible readings are available at church on Sundays, or go to www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Lectionary.aspx.

Walk-ins welcomed! Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like.

No session December 20 & 27



Sunday Adult Forum

December 4 – Making Sense of the Christian Faith, David Lose.

Chapter 8 – The End of All Things/
Eschatology.

December 11 – Children's Christmas Play

December 18 – Christmas Tea and Fellowship

Lessons and Carols Sunday.

December 25 – No Adult Forum

OK's Sr. Group

Christmas Luncheon

The December OK's luncheon and program will be Thursday, Dec. 8, at 11:30 to 1:30. Program will be Trudy Harper, a harpist, and there will also be a special treat from the younger generation. Cost is \$8.00. Make your reservation after worship on Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, or call Margaret Sorensen, 651-631-0247, or Vera Ista at 484-4443 by Monday afternoon on Dec. 5.

Council Notes–

Chris Gillette, Council President



Council Notes

The Congregation Council met on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Treasure Christer Cederberg's report showed that for the 2011-12 fiscal year that income continues to be greater than the budget and expenses are below the budgeted amount. He also gave a report concerning recommendations by Financial Consultant, Kathy Arveson, that will assist the congregation in managing the financial process at Prince of Peace.

Senior Pastor Anita Beste reported that the Nominating Committee is assembling their list of candidates and making good progress. She also talked about the work of the Search Committee concerning its work to fill the Office Manager position.

President Chris Gillette reported that the Capital Improvement loan from Thrivent has been received and all work from Phase I (Replace, Reconstruct and Repair) has been completed and invoices from this work have been paid. She also reported that work continues concerning the formation of the Capital Campaign Committee which should begin its work in January 2012. Also brought forward was the idea of having a "Swap Board" at Prince of Peace where congregation members could offer their talent or services to other members seeking or requesting help with a project. The idea was favorably received. Look for details in December bulletins and in the January Vine.

Vice President Dave Weiler presented the Personnel Committee report. The committee has been working on updating staff Position Descriptions and recommended two documents. The Congregation Council approved the Position Descriptions for the Office Manager and Financial Consultant.

Erika Wold (Education) gave an update of the Call Committee's work. (See Call Committee Update on page 8.)

Caryn Josephson (Stewardship) reported the results of the "Bible Bucks" voting from the Capital Improvement Task Force Adult Education Forum in October. (See the Capital Improvements article on page 4.)

The Congregation Council approved the revised document of the Continuing Resolutions for Prince of Peace.

The Congregation Council is always interested in ideas, comments and concerns of congregation members. Please feel free to contact council members at council@princeofpeace.tc.

Council Corner- Caryn Josephson, Stewardship

Every year at Thanksgiving, my mother's Aunt Kirstin would give us Advent calendars to help us count down the days until Christmas. She would also invite my mother and I over to her house a few weeks before Christmas for tea and treats from her native Denmark. We would look at her growing collection of Julenisse and I would study her own Advent Calendar which had the Christmas Story from Luke instead of pictures. As I grew older, my Aunt Kirstin taught me to make a few of those treats and shared stories of living in occupied Denmark during World War II and the traditions surrounding the treats we were making. I was reminded of those memories last weekend as an intergenerational group of volunteers helped prepare samosas for our Tanzanian dinner, and as we make plans for making lefse and krumkake for the upcoming bake sale. While we work together for a common goal, it's natural to share our own stories and to learn more about each other. I've been blessed over the years at Prince of Peace to serve on a variety of committees and volunteer on different projects.

The common thread throughout each of those experiences has been the joy of learning the stories of the people I've served with, and understanding how their faith has shaped their life experiences. My work with long-time members has helped me appreciate the values and vision for mission that Prince of Peace was founded on. My interactions with the wonderful youth in our congregation have helped give me perspectives to strengthen my relationships with my own nieces and nephews. As we enter the season of Advent, Christmas and the New Year, we anticipate new beginnings. This is the perfect time to share our own stories and faith with our families and members of our community as we gather to celebrate Christ's birth. May you have a blessed Christmas Season! Thanks be to God!

Call Committee Update

November has been another busy month for the Call Committee. We have finished interviewing the candidates, have heard them preach in person and on video, and have narrowed the field. We have been evaluating how well each candidate fits Prince of Peace and what the next steps are.

More current updates of our progress will be in the Sunday bulletins.

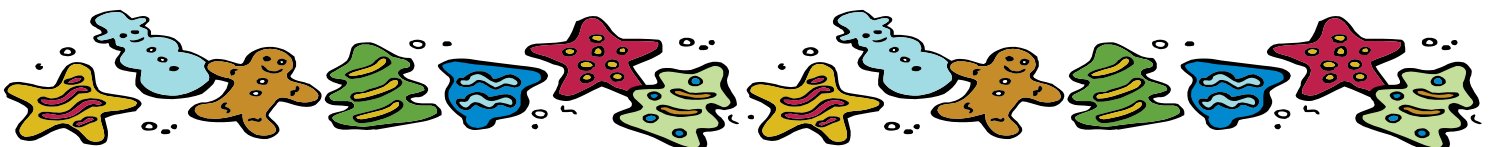
Please join us in praying for God to grant wisdom, patience and discernment to our call committee. The committee members are so thankful for you thoughts and prayers.

The members of the Call Committee are: Kent Olson (chair), Erika Wold (vice chair), Evan Cordes, Chris Gillette, Val Hansen, Erin Miller, Michelle Swiglo, Esther Tatley, and Dave Weiler with alternates Dan Dodge, Liz, Lauterbach, and Jim Lundorff.

Wapogasset Women's Retreat

You're invited to participate in this year's annual women's retreat at Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp in Amery, Wisconsin, January 13-15. The Study Leader will be Pastor Megan Torgerson presenting five sessions on "YOUR STORY, GOD'S STORY" - stories which will be explored are The Apostle Peter, Sarah and Hagar, Jonah, and Mary Magdalene. Cost is \$75 before Dec. 23; after \$80.00. Pastor Megan is a pastor in West St. Paul, is active as an author and preaches and teaches around the country. She finds herself helping people understand God's story in scripture and in their personal lives.

Reserve by phoning Camp Wapo at 1-715-268-8434 or email campwapo@campwapo.org More info? Brochure is on the bulletin board or call Anne Haugan at 651-484-3856.



PoP bakers can help you have a tasty holiday. Come and buy goodies – cookies, bars, cakes, and maybe even, lefse. Saturday, December 3, 1 - 4 and Sunday, December 4, 9:30 – 3. On Saturday, the coffee pot will be on....



**Parent's Night Out
Fri. Dec. 16 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Fundraiser for Youth Group Gathering**

Want to finish your Christmas shopping or have some time to relax? The Youth Group will be offering a Parent's Night Out this month! This event is open to kids ages 6 mos. -5th grade and provides parents and guardians an opportunity to have a night to themselves while the kids attend a fun, youth/adult supervised event just for them. Age appropriate activities will include gym games, board games, arts and crafts, and more. Fee will also include pizza, veggies, fruit. Registration is required. To register, stop by the church office or contact Tammy Wilkinson (tammy@princeofpeace.tc).

Cost: \$15 first child and \$10 for each additional child.

- Wed., Nov. 30** Christmas Play Practice (6:30-7:30)
- Sun., Dec. 4** Sunday School (9:30-10:30)
- Wed., Dec. 7** Christmas Play Practice (6:00-7:30)
- Sat., Dec. 10** Christmas Play Practice (9:00-11:00)
- Sun., Dec. 11** Christmas Play (9:30-10:30)
- Fri., Dec. 16** Parent's Night Out (5:30-8:30)
- Sun., Dec. 18** Sunday School (9:30-10:30)
- Wed., Dec. 21** Joyful Noise Practice (6:30-7:30)
- Sat., Dec. 24** Joyful Noise sings at 3:00 service
- Sun., Dec. 25** Christmas Day, No Sunday School
- Sun., Jan. 1** New Years Day, No Sunday School

Friday, Faith and Fun Night

Join us Friday, January 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a fun filled evening. Watch for more details to come in next month's Vine!








**You're Invited!
Children's Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 11
9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**All are Welcome!
Invite your Friends and Family!**



View the most **current and updated** calendar on our website: www.princeofpeace.tc

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Holiday Cookie Sale 8:30 Worship with Communion 9:30 Education Hour 10:45 Worship with Communion 3:30 Minnesota Rose Society 4:00 Lithuanian Worship</p> 	<p>5 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Worship Committee</p>	<p>6 12:00 Feasting with the Word 5:00 Circle Bible Study Leaders 6:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Global Mission Meeting 7:00 Personnel Committee</p>	<p>7 5:30 Supper for Everyone 6:15 Bell Choir 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Joyful Noise! 6:30 Little Explorers 6:30 Youth Group 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Lightshrine</p>	<p>8 11:30 Older Kids Program 4:00 Food for Friends 5:30 Basketball (Outside Group)</p>	<p>9 Vine Articles Due 6:00 Family Fun Night</p>	<p>10 9:00 Christmas Party Play Practice</p>
<p>11 8:30 Worship 9:30 Children's Christmas Program 10:45 Worship</p> 	<p>12 12:00 Martha Circle 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Rebecca Circle 7:00 Boy Scouts Troop 150</p>	<p>13 9:30 Lydia Circle 10:30 Women of the Well Circle 12:00 Feasting with the Word 7:00 Council 7:30 Ruth Circle</p>	<p>14 5:30 Supper for Everyone 6:15 Bell Choir 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Joyful Noise! 6:30 Little Explorers 6:30 Youth Group 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Lightshrine</p>	<p>15 5:30 Basketball (Outside Group) 5:30 Lake Ridge Christmas Party</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:30 Lessons & Carols 9:30 Christmas Fellowship & Tea 10:45 Lessons & Carols 4:00 Lithuanian Worship</p> 	<p>19 10:45 Meals on Wheels 1:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts Troop 150</p>	<p>20 5:00 Adult Education Committee</p>	<p>21 6:15 Confirmation 6:30 Joyful Noise! 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Lightshrine</p>	<p>22 First Day of Winter 5:30 Basketball (Outside Group)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 3:00 Family Friendly Worship 4:30 Family Friendly Worship 10:30 Candlelight Service</p> 
<p>25 <i>Prayer & Reflections</i> </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:00 Social Concerns Committee</p>	<p>29 5:30 Basketball (Outside Group)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>Christmas Day 10:00 Worship</p>						



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11th ANNUAL TANZANIAN DINNER

Stewardship 2011

Bwana Asifiwe! Praise the Lord!

We are so thankful for ways in which members of Prince of Peace are living and giving generously with our brothers and sisters in Bomalang'ombe, Tanzania.

On Sunday November 13th, a team of over 30 volunteers helped put on our annual Tanzanian dinner to raise funds for secondary school scholarships, gifting for the pastors and evangelists in Bomalang'ombe, and an agricultural test plot. We served many people from Prince of Peace and the community and have raised a total of \$6,332 so far! We heard a great presentation by Kent Olson titled "Overcoming constraints to better food security in southern Tanzania", based on his August 2011 trip. He was able to share information about the agricultural test plot program that we are part of.

An effort like this cannot happen without willing volunteers, so a special word of thanks goes to everyone who helped set up, decorate, prepared food, were part of the hand washing crew, the servers, or those that stayed and helped clean up. And especially thank you to all who have made donations to support the ministries in Tanzania.

We hope to sponsor at least 20 secondary school students in 2012 at \$360 per student, so if you were unable to attend and would like to contribute towards school sponsorships you may do so by placing your contribution in the offering and marking it for Tanzania.

It's a joy and a privilege to be able to share in God's ministry with our brothers and sisters in Bomalang'ombe. Their love of God and joy in the spirit is inspiring and has changed lives in Tanzania as well as here at Prince of Peace. We give thanks to God for the gift of shared ministry with Bomalang'ombe, and we give thanks to God for the ways in which Prince of Peace members continue to support this wonderful mission!

Asante Sana Yesu!

Capital Improvement Fund

We will be starting a capital improvement fund drive in 2012 to finish paying off the recent work on the roof and furnaces, and to fund additional needed maintenance and improvement items. However, if you would like to make a donation to the capital improvement fund to take advantage of the 2011 tax year, you can mark 'capital improvement' in the memo of your check. Or, you can visit the Simply Giving link on www.princeofpeace.tc and make a one-time or recurring donation to the Building fund.

Generous Living! Generous Giving!

Glory to God – who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:21