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WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR ANDREW LUNDBORG!

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Andrew Lundborg as our new associate pastor! The congregation met on Sunday, December 18, and voted to call Andrew here at Prince of Peace. He will join the staff on January 23. Because this is Andrew's first call, he will be ordained Saturday, January 21 at 1:00 at his home church of Hosanna Lutheran in Forest Lake. All are invited to attend. See page 4 for more information on Andrew and his wife, Molly.

NEW OFFICE STAFF

Welcome to Mark Hanson, who has returned to Prince of Peace as our new Office Manager. Mark was the organist here from the fall of 2007 until January of 2010. Mark started in the office on Monday, December 5, and hit the ground running, tackling the Sunday bulletins and this issue of *The Vine*, along with all the other responsibilities of the office. See page 4 for more information on Mark.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Attention members! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29 for the annual meeting, following the 10:45 worship service. New officers will be elected, and the year to date financials will be reviewed.

Churchwide Assembly

The next churchwide assembly is August 12-18, 2013, in Pittsburgh, PA.

Our conference, the North Central Conference, will elect one clergy and one layperson to the churchwide assembly. The Saint Paul Area Synod Nominating Committee is beginning to gather names for the elections that will take place at the St. Paul area conference assembly, which will be held Saturday, February 11 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi.

If you would like to nominate someone in our congregation for the lay position, please email Pastor Anita.

There will probably be quite a bit of business surrounding the LIFT (Living Into the Future Together) as well as elections for presiding Bishop and ELCA secretary.

Book Study

WRESTLING WITH SENSE AND SOUL

Begins January 9 and 23, 7:30-9:00

You lie on your back and look at the stars—2000 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, on the second and fourth Monday of each month until May, this group will meet in the PoP library from 7:30 to 9:00PM.

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 Meet Religion—Ian Barbour

The Beginning of All Things—Hans King

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> |
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| | 11/20 | 202 |
| | 11/27 | 186 |
| | 12/4 | 167 |
| | 12/11 | 214 |
| | 12/18 | 306 |

The deadline for articles for the **February Vine is January 10th**. 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. If you would like to also be someone who prays on our prayer chain, call the church office with your email address, or email us at the email above.

On the weekend call Linda Olson with prayer requests 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

Every third Monday of the month.
Contact Marie Hanson at 651-631-3565.

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



Stability! This is going to be the word for 2012. The word *change* or *transition* appeared many times in this newsletter or my sermons throughout 2010 and 2011, but now the theme is stability—stability in staffing and stability as the foundation for mission and ministry together.

I have a pretty high tolerance for change, and change can be great for mixing things up and letting the fresh air of the Holy Spirit blow through. But stability can be wonderful too, and God willing, that is what I'm praying for in 2012.

However, I am not thinking of stability as something boring or stagnant. I'm thinking of stability as a strong foundation upon which to build. I'm reminded of Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount:

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" Matthew 7:24-27

My Lutheran Study Bible gives this passage the heading *Hearers and Doers*. As a community of faith, we hear the words of Jesus as the strong foundation of our faith life together. And from that strong foundation we are compelled to act. We become doers—participating as workers in God's reign of peace and justice through acts of compassion and mercy and love. As people of faith, we are both hearers and doers of the Word of God. As our baptismal liturgy reminds us, this is the mission that we share: to give thanks and praise to God, and to bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The same creative power and word of God that in the beginning said, "Let there be light," and there was light", is as busy creating today as it was in the beginning. God did not just create in the beginning and then stop. God continues to create today. One of my favorite Bible texts proclaims this power:

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread
to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11*

For 2012, I pray God builds us up on the strong foundation of God's word—and then sends us out into the world as faithful hearers and doers of that word.

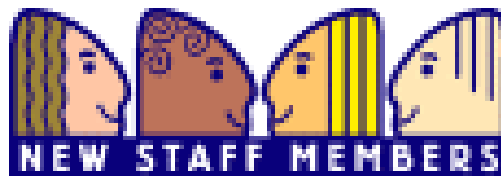
More on Pastor Andrew Lundborg...in his own words

I was baptized and my faith was nurtured at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Forest Lake, MN. I'm married to my wonderful wife, Molly. We met at St. Olaf College. Molly works as a full time RN in Labor and Delivery at Hudson Hospital. We live in Woodbury, and hope to start a family soon. We enjoy outdoor activities, travel, movies, humor, and spending time with family and friends.

I'm passionate about building relationships and nurturing community. I'm also passionate about healthy and effective youth and family, young adult, and intergenerational ministries. I seek to preach and lead worship with humility, authenticity and integrity. I believe effective preaching and worship are very important in the life of the congregation.

I'm passionate about service and outreach to those in need, near and far. I believe congregations do good work caring for the immediate needs of people.

My theology is deeply Lutheran. Faith and God's grace are gifts; we cannot earn them. I personally understand the importance of having faith in a God, known through Christ, who is loving, forgiving, and healing—a God who is with us in our suffering and our joy—a God who is at work through our daily lives. I'm passionate about sharing this Good News.



Office Manager Mark Hanson

It is so great to be back at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church! Thank you for giving me another opportunity to serve here in the office as your Office Manager. I know many people here at church, so coming back to work here was like coming home...sensing familiarity and camaraderie with people at the onset. I believe that very aspect reinforces the fact that true friendships are eternal, and friends can just “pick up” where they left off, and continue on down life's road.

I will be working every weekday in the church office, so please stop by or call and say hello. This job will keep me busy, as there are an array of tasks and duties to accomplish each week in an office that covers several hundred church members! I welcome the chance to serve every one of you!

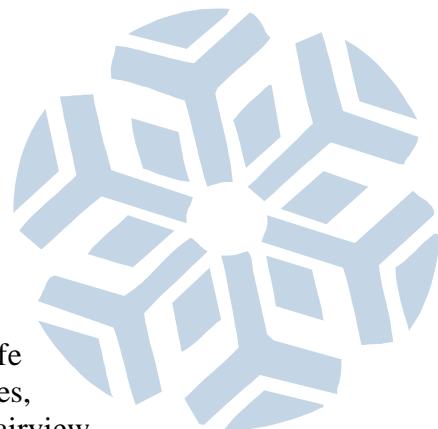
Forum On Health Care: The Cost of Dying

Sunday, January 15, 6:30-8:00, Gloria Dei Lutheran in St. Paul

This forum will focus on “The Cost of Dying in America: Are We Making Informed Decisions?” The cost is more than dollars. It is about the quality of life for individuals, and the emotional toll on families. Panelists include Steven Miles, bioethicist at the University of Minnesota, and David Moen, medical director, Fairview, Inc. Moderated by Mark A. Hallberg. All are welcome to join the conversation.

In putting together this issue of *The Vine*, I've begun wondering about providing options for getting the newsletter. We currently mail a paper copy to all. We also post *The Vine* on our church website, where you can print it out yourself, or just read it online. We may also consider emailing it to those of you who wish to receive it electronically. Those members who don't have computers or email could still get *The Vine* mailed to you at your mailing address.

Again, thank you, and God bless you all in your lives, serving God each day.



Greetings from the Music Coordinator—Milt Warkentien



As I'm looking ahead to Epiphany I find myself reflecting on where we've been. We have recently said good-bye to Marie (our interim youth leader), said hello to Mark (our past organist) and have voted on a new associate pastor. Can it be that our transition is nearly complete or is it really just beginning? It's exciting to see light at the end of the tunnel as far as staffing goes, but with new staffing a new transition begins as we learn to work with one another.

During Epiphany I usually think of the Light of Christ or the baptism of Christ, but this Epiphany season I'm drawn to the word *energize*. At Marie's ordination, her uncle gave a wonderful sermon on being energized thru Christ (at least that's what I heard). What an interesting word for Epiphany: *energize*. Are we beacons of Christ's Light, or are we energizers of Christ's Light? I think it is one thing to live a Christian life, but it is another thing to be energized by Christ in your life. Do you worship regularly and then go home, or do you worship regularly, volunteer on a committee or two and then LIVE your faith in your everyday life? To me this is the big difference between being a beacon and being an energizer.

As a faith community we are beginning the last part of our transition period. Will we be a beacon community or an energizer community? What energies will our new staff bring to Prince of Peace? How will these blend with the energies and programs that are already here? This is an exciting time at Prince of Peace. We have the opportunity to enhance what we are already doing and explore new possibilities. **We have the chance to be an ENERGIZING faith community.** I love the words to ELW 720 "We Are Called." The words in the refrain are "We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God."

If we could all live our life with the CALLINGS this song asks us to do, I think we'd all be ENERGIZERS. When entering the church via the entry by the narthex, take time to read the words in the skylight. Do they look familiar? They are calling us to be ENERGIZERS!

May God energize us all. Milty

Worship schedule

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| January 1: | Milt Warkentien and Jean Olson |
| January 8: | Traditional; Bells of Peace |
| January 15: | Traditional; Chancel Choir |
| January 22: | Band Led; Lightshine at 8:30, Chancel Choir at 10:45 |
| January 29: | Traditional; Chancel Choir at 8:30, Joyful Noise at 10:45 |

Women's Bible Study

Martha Circle

Second Monday: January 9 at 1:00 in the Library. Hostess: Melba Sanderson

Rebecca Circle

Second Monday: January 9 at 6:00
Hostess: Diane Dodge 651-604-9925
Leader: Carol Swanson

Lydia Circle

Second Tuesday: January 10 at 9:30
Hostess: Esther Tatley 651-490-5851
Leader: Emy Jacobsen

Ruth Circle

Second Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30, at Anne Haugan's home and Anne will be the Bible study leader.

Women of the Well Circle

Second Tuesday: January 10 at 9:30

Hostess: Helen Danielson
Leader: Kay Johnson

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. Thank you 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.

January Birthdays

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays in January!

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.

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| 1/1 Aaron Nielsen | 1/16 Paul Sponheim |
| 1/1 Kirsten Nielsen | 1/17 Hannah Anderson |
| 1/2 Anne Olson | 1/18 Catherine Benysek |
| 1/2 Lynn Erickson | 1/19 Emily Joyce |
| 1/2 Therese Everson | 1/19 Dylan Hielkema |
| 1/4 Marge Beauvais | 1/22 Bruce Lonnes |
| 1/5 Cindy Joyce | 1/22 Mark Teragawa |
| 1/5 Bjorn Anderson | 1/23 Diane Syverson |
| 1/6 Tasiana Dyauli | 1/26 Cathy Yoon |
| 1/6 Mike Drinane | 1/26 Suzanne Teragawa |
| 1/7 Teagan Olson | 1/26 Chris Thornton |
| 1/8 Sonja Weiler | 1/27 Barry Brahier |
| 1/9 Erika Coe | 1/27 Kristin LaBorg |
| 1/11 Michelle Swiglo | 1/29 Wally Keifenheim |
| 1/12 Erin Anderson | 1/29 Gabriel Cederberg |
| 1/13 Audrey Gunderson | 1/30 Marvin Olson |
| 1/13 Patricia Drahn | 1/30 Janet Schreiner |
| 1/13 Natasha Sandanayake | 1/30 David Jackson |
| 1/13 Amanda Neujahr | 1/30 Marcus Holmberg |
| 1/15 Muriel Keil | 1/30 Daniel Adams-Meade |
| 1/15 Serene Thornton | 1/31 Helen Danielson |
| 1/16 Bill Knaak | |

OK's Sr. Group

January Luncheon

Attention Older Kids! Plan to join us for our January luncheon on Thursday, January 12 at 11:30. Constance Gade from Full Bloom will talk about Minnesota folklore and facts. Sign up in the narthex on Sundays, January 1 or 8, or call Margaret Sorensen at 651-631-0247, or Vera Ista at 651-484-4443.

Adult Ed

Feasting 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. We meet in the church library.

Ring in the New Year with Adult Education

Wrestling with Sense and Soul

Begins January 9 and 23 - Don Oberdorfer will lead book conversations on intersection of faith and science the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. See the article on page 2 of this issue.

Feasting with the Word

Pastor Anita continues her lunch time discussion of the weekly lectionary texts each Tuesday at noon.

Men's Group

A group is still being formed to determine the direction this will take. Watch for future announcements.

January Sunday Morning Adult Forums— 9:30AM

- 1 No forum
- 8 To be announced
- 15 Patricia Lull, Director of St. Paul Council of Churches, will report on work in areas such as housing and homelessness, interfaith relations, and the role Lutheran congregations can play in serving the needs of the community.
- 22 Speaker Terry Forliti of the Breaking Free Organization will describe the work done to help those caught in web of prostitution and sexual slavery.
- 29 POP member Katie Frehner, freshman at Gustavus Adolphus College, will be analyzing modern-day slavery and how we can make a difference by being informed consumers and not supporting companies who use slave labor in their product chain.

Council Corner

Dan Neujahr, Property

Greetings to everyone still in town, and enjoying our winter wonderland. And we say an envious “hello” to all our snowbirds basking in the warmer climates around different parts of the country. Once again we have turned the page on another calendar year, and look back at the many changes that have happened at Prince of Peace in the past year. We are once again welcoming a new church council this month, and need to thank the new and returning members for accepting nominations. Also at this time, we need to say a big thank you to the outgoing members for their dedicated leadership over the past years.

Thanks to the continued support of our membership, we have completed many important building updates this year. This will ensure our building's strength into the future, and at the same time, make the building more user friendly, eliminate some of the unremitting maintenance, and make it more energy efficient (green friendly). These were all important issues that we have been struggling with in the past. We continue to strive to eliminate as much of the reoccurring maintenance as we can with every project update. We are making use of new, more efficient (greener) products, and applying smarter technology in all of our changes when possible. We have just scratched the surface of the comprehensive needs of our building at this time. But with the continued support of our congregation, we will get there one project at a time.

Thanks for your continued support!



There will be a Kitchen Committee meeting on Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 AM for anyone who uses the church kitchen. The kitchen chairperson is still looking for members. If there are six of us, each person would serve only two times a year. NOTE: There used to be a dozen or more large dish towels in the drawer, but lately there has only been one or two. Please check to see if some may have gotten mixed in with your own. We appreciate everyone's help in the laundering of the towels.

Also, anyone who has left a container, etc, in the kitchen, please claim them before January 7th. Any questions or comments, please call Dee Nelson at 651-484-2106.

Council Corner

Erika Wold, Education

Happy New Year Prince of Peace!

At our home, as in many homes, late fall and early winter are extremely busy times and I get caught up in the cliché of the season's hustle and bustle. November and all of December are a whirlwind of travel, shopping trips, family gatherings, Christmas plays and pageants, and let's not forget about the sugar induced hyperactive birthday parties for our two oldest daughters (I can't even describe what a large cake, a group of kids and a Christmas tree thrown into the mix can do to the house and more importantly, to my sanity). I'm so exhausted by it all that it becomes very difficult for me to find time, to find peace. I have to work hard to make sure the beauty of the season isn't swept away by all the chaos. I LOVE the Holidays and Christmas is my favorite time of the year, but I feel myself breathing a sigh of relief and my heart lightens when December winds down and January rolls in.

I appreciate January—the start of the New Year! New Years Day brings a proverbial clean slate, a chance to start fresh, a chance to change, grow and recommit to goals and promises that have been neglected (A time to finally follow through on all those New Years Resolutions that some of us have aspired to accomplish throughout the year). I also find that January is a quiet and peaceful month. The days are shorter, darkness falls early and time seems to slow. We hunker down in the house in an attempt to avoid the cold and spend more time together as a family and devote more time to ourselves. We allow more time for reflection, reflecting on the past year, and looking forward to all the wonderful things the New Year will bring.

Looking back on 2011 here at Prince of Peace, I am amazed what an exciting and blessed year 2011 was. After all, it was the year the roof was finally fixed! Our Capital Improvement Task Force, Grounds and Building committees have continued with several construction projects, repairs, and upgrades and further building renewal plans are in progress. We kick off the year with a new Office Manager and I write this, we are welcoming a new associate pastor. Wow! We have a lot to be excited and thankful for.

As a congregation we can be optimistic about 2012 and look forward to continuing on our journey of growth – growth in faith, growth in mission and growth in ministry. I encourage you to take a breath for a moment. Reflect on where we have been as a congregation and more importantly, where we can go. A new chapter is upon us here and I'm excited to envision how 2012, and the subsequent years to come, will unfold.

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 \$80. 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 your spot by phoning Camp Wapogasset at 1-715-268-8434, or email: campwapo@campwapo.org. More info? A brochure is on the bulletin board in the church hallway, or call Anne Haugan at 651-484-3856.



Unexpected Blessings

In the midst of change, there's always room for blessings. Last year proved to be a time of transition and change. Change isn't always easy, but sometimes necessary. I am a firm believer that whether the change is what you prayed for or what you dread, God's grace is always there to lift you up or dance alongside of you.

I want to share a blessing that I experienced out of change. I have had the opportunity to get to know the Youth Group much better over the past few months. We worked together in October and December doing the Parent's Night Out Fundraiser. I also had the opportunity to lead Feast a few Wednesdays in November and December, during which we made Christmas cards and tie blankets for a variety of folks. Most recently, we had a Christmas party together and spent some time in fellowship. What an amazing group of young individuals they are! Having spent just a short time with them, I have felt abundant blessings! Thank you Prince of Peace Youth Group for allowing me to share time with you! My prayer for you is that you will make a solid connection with your new leader in 2012. God moves and shapes in amazing ways!

Thanks be to God!

Tammy

Friday, Faith and Fun Night

Come test your skills at Wii bowling, tennis, and golf and *Minute to Win It*.

Join us Friday, January 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for supper and games! Come enjoy a Spaghetti supper and bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.




All ages are invited, bring a friend!

Mark Your Calendars!!!

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| Sun., Jan. 1 | New Years Day, No Sunday School |
| Wed., Jan. 4 | Wed. Evening Activities Resumes |
| * | Dinner Served 5:30-6:15 p.m. |
| * | Joyful Noise 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| * | Little Explorers 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Sun., Jan. 8 | Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Fri., Jan. 13 | Friday Faith & Fun Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., Jan. 15 | Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Sun., Jan. 22 | Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Sun., Jan. 29 | Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Joyful Noise sings at 10:45 a.m. |
| Fri., Feb. 10 | Friday Faith & Fun Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. |

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

~ I Thessalonians 5:16-18

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1 10:00 New Year's Day Worship Service</p>  | <p>2 Holiday - Offices Closed</p> | <p>3 12:00 Feasting with the Word 5:00 Circle Bible Study Leaders 6:00 Exec Committee 7:00 Personnel Committee</p> | <p>4 5:30 Supper 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 Lightshine</p> | <p>5 5:30 Basketball (Outside Group)</p> | <p>6 Vine Articles Due 5:00 Wapogasset Women's Retreat 6:00 Family Fun Night</p> | <p>7 Wapogasset Women's Retreat</p> |
| <p>8 8:30 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 10:45 Worship 4:00 Lithuanian Worship</p> | <p>9 1:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts Troop 150 7:00 POP Men's Basketball (open) 7:30 Wrestling with Sense & Soul</p> | <p>10 12:00 Feasting with the Word 7:00 Council</p> | <p>11 5:30 Supper 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 Lightshine</p> | <p>12 11:30 Older Kids Program 4:00 Food for Friends 5:30 Basketball (Outside Group)</p> | <p>13 Vine Articles Due 5:00 Wapogasset Women's Retreat 6:00 Family Fun Night</p> | <p>14 Wapogasset Women's Retreat</p> |
| <p>15 Wapogasset Women's Retreat 8:30 Worship with Communion 9:30 Education Hour 10:45 Worship with Communion</p> | <p>16 Holiday - Office Closed</p>  | <p>17 12:00 Feasting with the Word 5:00 Adult Education Committee</p> | <p>18 5:30 Supper 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 Lightshine</p> | <p>19 5:30 Basketball (Outside Group)</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 1:00 Ordination - Andrew Lundborg</p> |
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| <p>View the most current and updated calendar on our website: www.princeofpeace.tc</p> | | | | | | |



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An Update from the Capital Improvement Task Force

In June, the Capital Improvement Task Force presented the congregation with details of a "Replace, Reconstruct & Repair" recommendation delivered to the Council. The urgency of repairing several segments of the roof and related projects led to a vote to obtain a loan for this phase of capital improvement. In September and October, these projects were completed. The major items included:

- reconstruction of roof to correct leaks and divert water more effectively
- replacement of upper sections of gym roof
- replacement of narthex roof and skylights
- replacement of two furnaces in the west wing with one high-efficiency furnace
- installation of air-conditioning to replace window units in daycare and Sunday-school classrooms
- repair of water damage to Youth Office, hallway and Youth Choir

Many other smaller projects were also completed. In October, we reviewed the Phase 2 list and voted with "Bible Bucks" in project category baskets to survey our values to guide funding priorities. These categories included "Furnaces & AC", "Classroom Upgrade", "Program Space Reconfiguration", and other projects. In November and December, cost estimates for the Phase 2 projects were completed. Proposed timelines were added to categorize the projects for 1-year, 3-year, or 5-year implementation. This plan will be presented at the January 8 Adult Forum. With your input, this is an opportunity to help review and update this plan before it is delivered to the Council.

Thank you for your continued help to make these changes to support our ministries!

Stewardship 2012

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. A capital campaign steering committee is being formed. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Anita or Caryn Josephson. If you would like to give to the fund in advance, you can visit the Simply Giving link on our website, www.princeofpeace.tc and make a one-time or recurring donation to the capital improvements fund.

Financial Information

| Financial Information Fiscal Year July 2011 – June 2012 |
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| YTD Income through November = \$176,140 |
| YTD Expenses through November = \$142,578 |
| General Fund Balance = \$56,063 |
| Building Fund Balance = (\$11,075) |
| Other Funds Balance = \$61,509 |

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