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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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# **WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY TIMES**

Summer Sunday Services 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Forum 11:00 am

**Sharing values – Shaping Lives":** Committed to Christian Education, Prince of Peace is a member congregation of the Concordia Lutheran School Association. Concordia Elementary educates students from pre-school through the eighth grade. It is located at 202 East 56th Street (just east of Pacific Avenue) in Tacoma. Visit the website www.concordiatacoma.com or call 253-475-9513 for more information. Prince of Peace is also a founding member of the Mount Rainier Lutheran High School Association. Mount Rainer Lutheran High School is a fully accredited high school located on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University. For information visit <a href="www.MRLH.org">www.MRLH.org</a> or call 253-284-4433

# Reflecting on Sunday's Readings

#### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 14 (13 August 2017)

Job 38:4–18 Romans 10:5–17 Matthew 14:22–33

#### Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who "laid the foundation of the earth" (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has "entered into the springs of the sea" and "walked in the recesses of the deep" (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been "a long way from the land, beaten by the waves" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Rom. 10:8). (Taken from the lectionary summaries on the LCMS website)



Church Budget Update – 01/01/17 thru 08/08/2017

Income \$142,679.00 Expenses \$142,100.00 Difference \$579.00



# **OUR MINISTRIES**



# Opportunities to Serve





# **Mercy Work of our Church**

Our Food Closet can once again use plastic bags. - Jean Wright

#### **Tyee Park Elementary Outreach**

Thank you for everything that you have contributed to the school this past year! Our relationship with Tyee Park Elementary continues to grow each day. Summer Break will come to a close soon, and we anticipate being able to help those students that are returning or coming to the school next year. If you are so moved, we have received a school supply list for next year and would like to ask you to consider donating these items throughout the summer as you are out shopping.



A complete list is available out on table talk in the church narthex with a donation box in the fellowship hall.

# Witnessing to the Work of Christ



#### LWML

"I will be more supportive of LWML and church activities this year."

#### LWML REMINDER

The Rainier Zone meeting is Saturday, August 12 2017 at 9AM. We will be doing the physical set up on Friday, August 11, after family game night. Those providing food items for the breakfast are asked to have their items to church by 8:30 Saturday Morning.

The LWML WA/AK District Retreat will be held Sep 29 – Oct 1, 2017 at the Best Western Wesley Inn & Suites in Gig Harbor, Washington. The theme is "Called To Be ..." Come for some fun, fellowship and learn about your vocation as a

child of God and the blessing He is to you and through you! For registration forms see the Summer 2017 Evergreen Echos which is on the LWML table in the fellowship hall.

LWML Sunday is September 10, 2017. We will have a single service at 9:30AM. We also need temple servants for this service. If you would like to help with this service, please contact one of the LWML officers or fill out the sign up sheet in the narthex.

LWML OFFICERS: President – Marty Shaw; Vice President – Robin Elliott; Secretary – Joan Hassan: Treasurer – Carol Cabe; Christian Growth – Jennifer Zeigler

LWML Stewardship Moment: "Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" - Psalm 100:2

POP YOUTH
July 31-August 3, 2018
SAVE THE DATE!



July 3-6, 2018
Carleton College
Northfield, MN

July 24-27, 2018
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS

July 10-13, 2018 Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL July 31-August 3, 2018 Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA

# Life-Together & Fellowship



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**Sing with a massed choir from across the Puget Sound region for Northwest Reformation 500**. If you are interested in singing with the festival choir at the reformation service on October 29<sup>th</sup> you can sign up on the main bulletin board or there is a brochure with sign up information on the table below the bulletin board or go to nwreformation500.com/sing to sign up. Deadline to register for the Festival Choir is September 10.

**Flowers are needed** for upcoming Sunday services. September 3, 24 and Oct 1 are available. If you can provide flowers, please sign the Flower Chart in the narthex, arrange your own flowers or order through the church office for \$35.00. Thank you, Altar Guild

<u>Fellowship Notes:</u> The church now has a new commercial 40 cup coffeemaker. It is ready to be used. If you have items for the kitchen, please let me know so we can put them in the proper place. - In His Service Sharon Westman

Please save your old Portals of Prayers and put in basket on the 'Table Talk" table in the Narthex. Sue Nobile will turn into project to raise some money for Prince of Peace Church.

# POR ALS of PRAYER

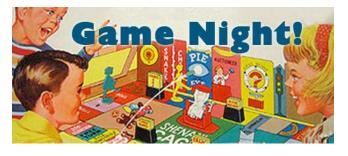
#### **WANTED: Early Service Coffee Coordinator**

Gus Kuehne is retiring from this very important position. Who will take his place?

<u>Job Description</u> – Arrive approximately 30-45 minutes before 1<sup>st</sup> service, make 60-100 cups of coffee, cut-up Panera pastry, set-up juice and water, etc. I need to know before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September. If you are willing to serve, please coordinate with Sharon Westman, Fellowship Chr.

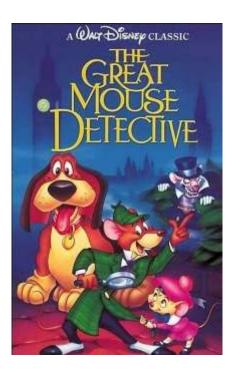
Thank you all who helped with the congregational picnic. RICK WINTERSTEIN and his truck saved the day!

<u>Reformation Pop-out:</u> CHANGE OF DATE. The last barbeque of the summer will be <u>August 25<sup>th</sup></u>. at the Westman's, 2249 Palisade Blvd, DuPont, 6:00 pm. Brats and other meats together with soft drinks will be provided. If possible bring a German side-dish or dessert and if you wish, bring a favorite German wine of beer to share. Everyone is asked to come with a question, fact or church memory about Reformation and/or Martin Luther's life. Sharon (253) 964-3282



Strategic Thinking and mindless fun for all who come to our game night. There's always room for more. Game night is hosted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month at 6PM.

Our next Family Game night will be Friday, August 11, 2017



Our next Family Movie Night will be August 25, 2017 Showing: The Great Mouse Detective

## **CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES AND ADULT FORUM**

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# **Tuesday & Thursday Evenings**

If you are interested in learning biblical Greek and would like to learn to read the scriptures in their original language, please speak to Rick Winterstein or call him at 253-365-1978. The class will be held Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7-8PM at MRLH's building in the NE corner of the building. MRLH is located at: 12108 Pacific Ave. S, Tacoma, WA 98444



# **Thursday Morning**

The women's Thursday morning Bible Class is breaking through the summer. Look for details later this summer when they will reconvene.

Pastor's Pericope Study Group will meet this Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 9:30 am as we look at our upcoming Sunday readings (two weeks out) and have a cup of coffee. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor know so he can plan to have an appropriate number of handouts. Thank you!

Download Thursday's Handout here: http://tinyurl.com/Aug10PericopeStudy





Confirmation class! Parents, students will be meeting during the Sunday school time. We will be using The Lutheran Catechesis Series published by the Concordia Catechetical Academy. <a href="http://lutherancatechesis.org/">http://lutherancatechesis.org/</a> Our Lutheran confessions do not have a recommended age or grade for confirmation. If you think your child is ready, please speak with pastor and James Fisher. Please be aware that for some families, it may be necessary for a parent to attend with your child to help them understand and remain focused.

### **Sunday Adult Forum**

We are working our way through the bible, starting with the OT book of Genesis. We will be using materials from "Lutheran Catechesis Bible Stories For Daily Prayer. Old Testament Stories Year I." Bring a bible and join in the discussion. Handouts from last Sunday and future weeks for our study can be found here: http://tinyurl.com/AdultForumOTStudy

Feel free to use these at home for personal study as well.

This Sunday we will be on lesson 4. Creation - Man and the Garden of Eden

"and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

— 2 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)



NO BOOK REPORTS more crimes and horrors of sin than the Bible. Holy Scripture, especially the Old Testament, contains almost nothing in its accounts of mankind's deeds except a great and terrible register of sins. The first report of man's activity in the Bible is o the Fall that had consequences of sin and corruption for the entire human race at all times. It goes on to relate that the first son of the first parents murdered his brother and that people's wickedness increased from generation to generation. It became so great, in fact, that finally, in the seventeenth century after the creation of the world, God had to wipe out all the millions of incorrigible people who then lived on the earth. Only eight souls were saved in the universal flood. Even after this terrible divine judgment, the Bible does not present an encouraging picture of the world. It describes the heathen Sodom and Gomorrah as cities whose sins and abominations cried so loudly to heaven for vengeance that God had to destroy them in a storm of fire and sulfur. Late, Scripture characterizes the family of the holy patriarchs and the entire chosen people of God as seas of idolatry and every other sin. Even among those who extolled the Scriptures as holy, there were almost none who are not reported as fallen into one sin or another. The Bible often describes the greatest sins so fully and bluntly that one cannot read the accounts without shuddering.

Many intelligent people have taken offense at this. They think that any book that dwells so much on sins, describing them so graphically, cannot possibly be the holy Word, the revelation of God. Any book that has been given by God Himself for the betterment of mankind, they believe, must concentrate solely on the lives of godly and virtuous people whose behavior is worthy of imitation. Such thoughts are thoroughly absurd. In great wisdom God sketched a dark, awful picture of humanity in His Word. All of Holy Scripture was written to bring people to faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. He is the heart of the Old and New Testaments. He even says of

the Old Testament. "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me" (John 5:39). Paul wrote to Timothy in today's text, "From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). Peter preached, "To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name" (Acts 10:43).

No one needs a passage to prove that the New Testament has this same goal, but to give just one example, John reports, "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (20:31). If the Holy Scriptures preached only how godly people were, would we be led to faith in Christ? Wouldn't we conclude, instead, that people are good and they could surely be saved by their own works, without the help of a Savior? Without a doubt. That is why we should never be offended by the fact that the Bible presents even the holiest of people as sinners. We must recognize God's great wisdom in flourished among the people from the beginning of the world, God shows us that human righteousness and worthiness are nothing but an empty dream, that every person is a sinner, that even the most godly cannot stand before the heavenly Father in their own righteousness, that free grace is man's only refuge, and that there is no salvation and no blessedness outside of Christ. The ones whose horrible sins are related in the Bible should be a mirror for us, a mirror in which we learn to examine our own life and our own heart so we humble ourselves before God and flee to the cross of the Lamb of God who bears the sins of the world.

Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth,
To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and Spirit Thy Word beareth,
All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dead pow'r in me is rife;
Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor
That I cling to Thee forever. Amen. (TLH 296:1)



Remembering in our Prayers Today: Dean Pace, Mark Israel, Dick Hassan, Ricky Hassan, Ursula Farash, Linda Gieser, , Harvey Lindeblom, Charlotte & Earl Solie, Ray and Margaret Vandervere, Anita Clancy, Jean Russell, Lillian Dox, Joan Hassan's sister, John Shad, Lonnie Bauman, Art Jestice, and Fred Schwartz, Eunice Doolittle's nephew.

Making a Prayer Request: Home-bound members, those hospitalized, members of the armed forces, and others are frequently remembered in both personal and public prayers. We weep with those who weep; we rejoice with those who rejoice. Are there specific prayer request to note in this Newsletter, the Sunday bulletin, or for Sunday's public prayers during the Liturgy? For this Newsletter and the Sunday Bulletin the effort is made to update these weekly. Please contact the church office by phone (253-584-2565) or email: office@poplakewood.org.

(<u>Prayer requests will be kept on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested</u>. Please help us keep the prayer requests up-to-date with any additions or updates Thank You.