



Pastor's Message:

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Now enter into the joy of your Lord." - Matthew 25:23

When does summer begin for you? After Memorial Day? At the vernal equinox? When school ends? Or perhaps after a major vacation? Maybe when you have to turn on the air conditioner? Summer at Prince of Peace is marked by the start of our one service worship schedule (9:45am). Summer also includes a break in our FED (Fellowship-Education-Discipleship) Hour as well as our Tuesday evening confirmation classes.

Beyond these shifts in patterns, summer at PoP is a time for the sweet combination of Sabbath Joy. The verse up above from the gospel of Matthew comes from the parable of the talents in which Jesus tells a story about a wealthy landowner who entrusts money to three servants. Two of the three servants work and push and reinvest the money in order to double it. It is to these two hard-workers that the landowner says, "well done...enter into the joy of your Lord." In a simplistic sense, this verse can be used to remind all of us who have endured a long season of labor, grief, or trial to take a break and enter into joy. It is our hope that your Sundays are times of Sabbath *and* joy...and throughout the summer, we hope to highlight that Joy in a few special ways:

+Every Sunday there will be "toys" on the lawn in the middle of the courtyard. After worship, all ages are invited to engage with one another outside and enjoy one another's company (or just drink coffee and revel in the joy of others playing)

+monthly Patio Parties on June 8th, July 13th, August 10th at 6:00pm are relaxing times to gather

with people in our community to share a meal and a conversation. The meals will include space for games and thoughtful conversation, with hopes that you might make a new connection to one of our newer members and friends.

+Vacation Bible School is one of our annual outreach ministries. Kids from PoP as well as surrounding neighborhoods and churches will descend on our campus the week of July 8-13th for an amazing week of learning, faith growth, and relationship building. We would love a few extra hands on campus to help with a variety of tasks, so please consider volunteering for this joyful week!

+Beach Worship is also in the plans, with a Sunday in August as a goal date. Keep an eye on the bulletin and Peace Notes for a firm date.

+Family Day at Raging Waters on August 7th: join us for a day at Raging Waters! All kids over the age of 13 can go without a parent. Look for details in the Peace Notes!

Where ever it is that you are roaming this summer, may you be refreshed by the joy of new places and the joy of new patterns of life; and may your summer at Prince of Peace bring joyful Sabbath to your life!

In Christ,
Pr. Sara

Ministry Updates

YOUTH UPDATE FROM PASTOR NATE

Greetings!

It has been my joy this year to serve my role in faith development of this church's youth. It's been a busy, if sometimes hectic, year as we have adjusted to the changes that come with new staffing. And, thankfully there has been an outpouring of support and involvement from parents and volunteers to make this year so special. I've said this before and you will hear it many times again, it is *your* involvement that really connects any youth to this congregation. Pastors and staff are great, but without you, no matter how great the programming is, connections to the church are never as deep.

With that said, here's what the Prince of Peace youth have been doing lately.

In April all the youth (and some adults) helped to host a variety of events for members and guests at Prince

of Peace. Our Jr. & Sr. High hosted the Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt. Breakfast brought in a significant amount of funds to help support our plans for summer events, and the hunt helped us to reconnect with a number of families who have been coming to PoP for Day Camp these past few summers. All in all it was quite a success.

The Youth Dinner on April 21st also raised a lot of money for summer events – and everyone had a wonderful time in the process. As a congregation you raised over \$7000. That is huge. Again, though, beyond the money, your involvement, time, and presence in every step of this process made it very clear to all of us that this church cares for their youth.

Youth Band wrapped up their year on Pentecost, as a number of their peers stood before the congregation to agree to the promises God gave them in baptism. It's one of the most moving days of the liturgical year.

and I hope everyone enjoyed hearing what the Confirmands and youth have been working so hard on since Easter.

And now we are into summer. On Father's Day, we bring 15 youth up into the Sierra Pacific Mountains for a week outdoors, strengthening relationships with God and each other. And almost immediately after that, seven youth, Pr. Sara, and I are heading to Houston for the National Youth Gathering, joining some 30,000 Lutheran youth



and young adults as we do our best to help the city, learn about the larger world, and celebrate the goodness of God in massive worship events. As an added bonus, our youth have been chosen to help serve communion during the final worship on Sunday July 1st. I just hope I don't embarrass them too much by taking pictures of them at worship.

Day Camp with Mt. Cross runs July 9th through the 13th. Signups are available on our website for youth and volunteers. Please help us get the word out.



Summer Guitar Lessons

Pastor Nate is available to give *basic* guitar lessons for few weeks this summer. In a blatant attempt to train future Youth Band members, he is offering them for FREE. Contact Pastor Nate to schedule dates and times. 510-292-9331



Continuing our long tradition of sheltering individuals in need, Prince of Peace will be hosting a Rotating Safe Car Park (RSCP) on our campus during the month of June. The RSCP will provide a safe and supportive overnight parking environment for up for to 15 vehicles. Some of our RSCP guests will be coming to us from an already existing safe car park currently sited at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino, others will arrive through referrals from various local social service agencies. Prince of Peace has been working closely with other local faith communities and the City of Saratoga, the County Sheriff's office, and West Valley College to create a program that provides a welcoming and supportive alternative to parking on city streets or other potentially unsafe locations around us. The first guests arrived on June 1. If you have an opportunity, please welcome them to their new overnight home.

We are thankful to the members of Prince of Peace who have supported this important ministry through their many encouraging comments, their donation of time, and their prayers.



Lights on and doors open for Rotating Safe Car Park!

YOUTH MENTORING/VOLUNTEER HOURS

Our Wednesday work crew would love some help this summer. Young people age 12 and older who would like to learn from a gardener, electrician, or carpenter, are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 9AM to 12PM. They can work alongside one of our dedicated adults and learn a few skills. All abilities welcome! 9-12 year olds are welcome for gardening and cleaning with parent supervision. Talk to Pastor Sara if you have questions. Call the office the day before if you have questions about the tasks for the day.



Task Force News: Zion Godsend Task Force

The Zion Godsend Task Force met on May 29 to continue to craft recommendations concerning distribution of the earning of the remaining portion of the original Godsend. This activity requires careful analysis and debate, so a thoughtful recommendation can be made to the congregation that will enable positive use of the earnings, yet enable the inflation adjusted portion of the Godsend to exist in perpetuity.

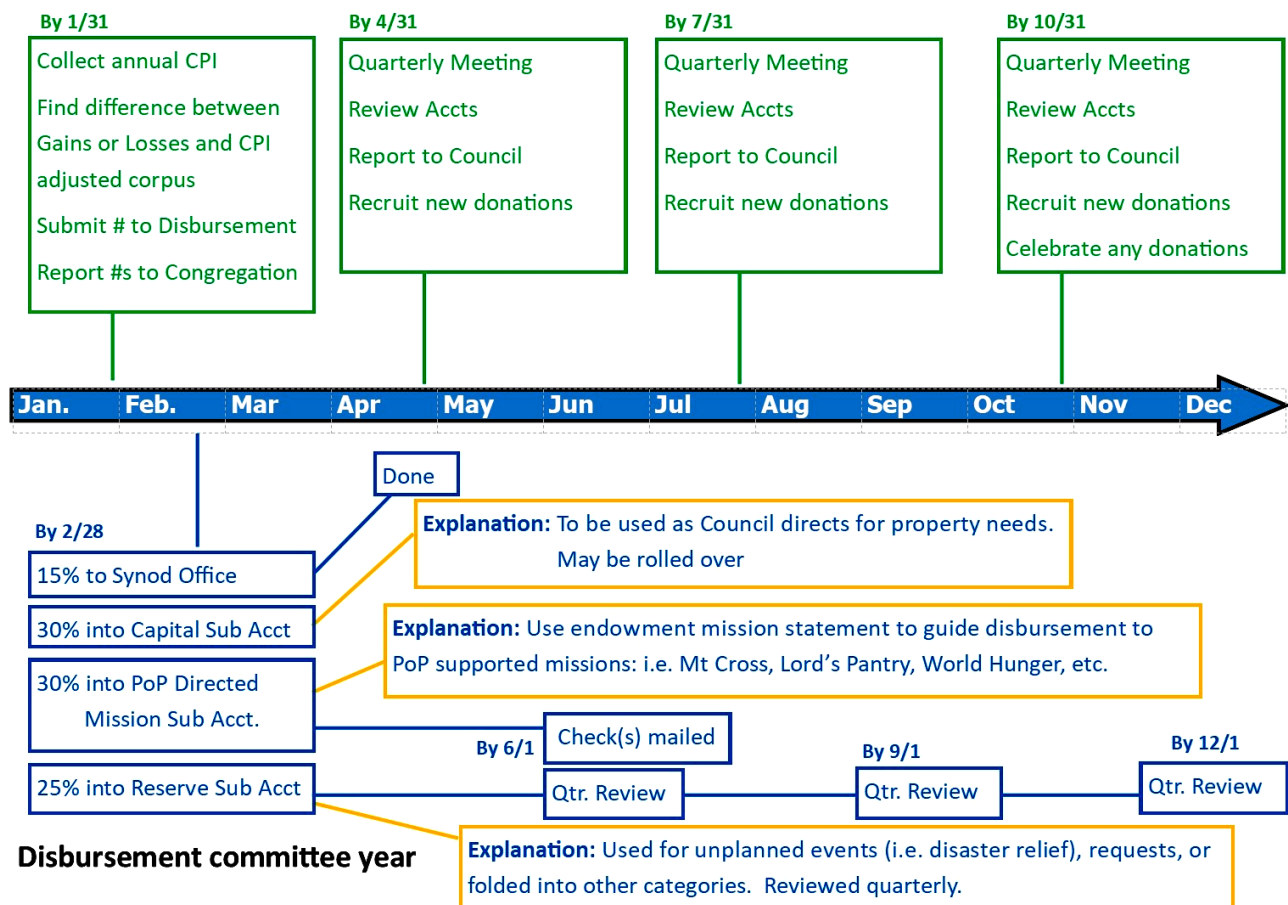
Once distribution plans have been agreed upon, investment discussions will occur. Although that sequence may seem backward, the underlying concept of maintaining the inflation Godsend continues to drive all discussions.

We are running slightly behind in presenting our efforts to a Focus Group series, and therefore we will not have a recommendation to present at the June meeting. However, we will be presenting an update on our efforts.

In the meantime, here is a chart to help convey what we have been discussing, as well as links to our FED time presentation and online form for feedback.

Your input is always appreciated and we do take time to discuss your concerns, questions, or thoughts at each meeting.

Investment committee year



FED SLIDES

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GOOGLE RESPONSE

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Ministry Profile: Mission Endowment Fund

This month's featured ministry is our Mission Endowment Fund.

Chartered in early 2000, our Endowment Fund began as a dream and a vision from some of our predecessor members and leadership to create a perpetual fund whose interest and growth could be utilized to expand the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace outside the doors of our church. Beginning with seed monies from some key donors, it has grown to a sizable fund of around \$100,000.

Over the past year or so, the Endowment Fund Board (comprised of Maria Garibaldi, Karen DeHart, Ken Pyle, Roger Curry, Jenny Tomlin and Pr. Sara) has been hard at work revitalizing the committee and its distribution processes. They have prayerfully and earnestly discussed the original language of the chartered endowment fund (as a parallel part of our forthcoming congregation constitution update) and will be upholding the original mission of the endowment fund, which states that *"distributions should be made with particular emphasis on extending the life and mission of the congregation which would include but not be limited to: mission outreach, educational, and charitable work of the congregation, within its environs; and/or contributions to the ministry and mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Sierra Pacific Synod in America."* (section C.5.05D18 for all of our Constitution buffs!)

In addition, the funds are intended to benefit people who are not members of our congregation. This is exciting news, as it means that we will have a significant opportunity to have a positive impact on our neighbors and on those aspects of our mission that serve others. For example, organizations and ministries such as Rotating Safe Park, the Lord's Pantry, and our food ministry team are all eligible for monies from the Endowment Fund Board. In addition, our community partners that we are passionate about supporting can receive help from the Endowment Fund. Beyond the ministries that we already support, this is also a wonderful opportunity for all of us, as disciples of Christ,

and people who have an interest in serving our neighbor, to consider how God is calling us to move out into the wider community. Maybe you have always had a hope and a desire to get involved in a ministry to Veterans or the elderly. Perhaps you know a young person who could use help in serving for a year of Missionary Work through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission. These are just a few ideas, but the potential seeds of love and faith that can grow from this fund are endless!



In June, the formal application process will begin, with applications accepted through July 31, 2018. There will be two rounds of applications and distributions each year, with amounts distributed based on available funds. The Application Form that will be used to apply will be up on our website by June 5th, and you are invited to point interested applicants to it. If you have any questions about the Endowment Fund and its distributions, you can speak to one of the members of

the Endowment Committee, or email them at endowment@propeace.org. Also, if you are interested in contributing to this exciting fund, we can help you do that.

In the coming months, keep an eye on this publication (Dove Tales) and our weekly e-blasts for reminders about application deadlines as well as stories of how the Endowment Fund monies have been utilized.

Community News

FUNDS TO MAKE AN IMPACT FROM THRIVENT



Are you a Thrivent Member? If so, another benefit of your membership is by leading a Thrivent Action Team. Action Teams are a way you can do amazing things to make an impact on where you live, work and worship. It is easy to bring a team of volunteers together to make a difference in our community. Who you help is up to you!

You can hold a fundraiser, plan a service project or organize an educational event. It's your choice-and your chance to let your creativity and generosity shine! The recent Star Wars themed youth dinner was also an action team that helped offset the cost of the meal.

Thrivent will help make it happen by sending you a kit with Live Generously T-shirts, banner and other cool stuff to help you get your project started including a Community Impact Card loaded with \$250 in seed money.

Thrivent Action Teams are much more than a volunteer program. They're an invitation to live generously right here, right now. To apply for your project go to Thrivent.com/actionteam

Thrivent is a Fortune 500 financial services organization that for more than 100 years have been helping Christians live generously and be wise with their money. And because generosity comes in all shapes and sizes, we provide our members with all

kinds of ways to give back-like leading a Thrivent Action Team.

It all comes down to helping our members have a healthy relationship with money. Because when that happens, they feel confident that they have enough for themselves—and to share.

If you have any questions contact Darcy Dutcher at 408-984-8777 ext. 312 darcy.dutcher@thrivent.com

Need some ideas?

Consider applying for action team funds for events like these:

- Family Shelter meal ingredients
- School supply drive
- Homeless care bag supplies
- College student care packages contents

Action teams do not have to be church related. You could request funds for school and other projects too. Contact Darcy Dutcher (info above) for more information and ideas.

Welcomes & Farewells

CONFIRMATION CLASS BECOMES FULL MEMBERS



It's been an exciting and blessed month of May as we were able to welcome seven adults into membership at Prince of Peace. On Pentecost Sunday (May 20), Fraser Grueskin, Skylar Long, Fiona Pape, Sebastian Pape, and Jessica Taddeo, by their confession of our shared faith, and while doing a wonderful job leading worship, officially became adults in membership at Prince of Peace, with all the privileges and responsibilities therein. Look for them on council in the next year or two. ;)

FAREWELL :-)



Mike & Debi Hugill are moving to Florida to be closer to family. We will miss Mike's singing and reading voice and Debi's contagious smile and willingness to help.

NEW MEMBERS



The following Sunday (May 27), Prince of Peace also welcomed Dr. Nadine Graven and Larry Lisser into full membership. Nadine and Larry have a rich Lutheran background, which is just part of their riveting life-stories. And Dr. Graven, in particular has been responsible for the successful deliveries of quite a few babies of this congregation. Recently, their lives and life of Prince of Peace have connected on a deeper than professional level though, and in recognition of that, they asked to official join this community before moving south for professional callings. So while theirs will be a short-term presence here as members, they will remain a part of this community in Spirit, and Prince of Peace will likewise remain with them.

Coming Soon:

There is always a lot going on at Prince of Peace. Please note the special events and changes to our calendar in the next two months. You can find all of these, plus our regularly occurring events, on our website at: propeace.org/news--calendar. Get weekly reminders, details, and photos by signing up for our email list (through the office or website) or "Like" our Facebook page facebook.com/popsaratoga.

June Special Events

1	F	SafePark Start
6	W	Theology in the Pub
8	F	Dinner on the Patio
13	W	Church Council Meeting
17	Su	Dads 'n Grads Sunday
17-22	Su	Rock-N-Water youth trip
26-1 Jul	Tu	HS National Gathering

July Special Events

4	W	NO Theology Pub
4	W	4th of July, Office Closed
9-13	M-F	Vacation Bible Day Camp
13	F	Patio Party
17-31		Pastor's Vacation

SAVE THE DATES

JUNE 10TH: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

There are four open positions in the council election. Please prayerfully consider supporting Prince of Peace in this way.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP AT PoP: JULY 9-13

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." – Ephesians 2:8

Led by Mt. Cross, the Prince of Peace summer Bible camp will have the same theme as our National Youth Gathering: "This changes everything."

FAMILY DAY AT RAGING WATERS: AUGUST 7TH

AUGUST TBD—BEACH WORSHIP

OCTOBER 5-7—GROUP CAMPING TRIP

OCTOBER 11—NEW LIFE BAND TANZANIA CONCERT

OCTOBER 19-21 - PoP WOMEN'S RETREAT



Sunday, June 17th we will recognize the graduates in our midst. If there is a recent graduate in your life from HS, community college, trade school, university, graduate school, etc. please share the information with the office **by June 12th**.