

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Witnesses to the Resurrection

During Peter's famous sermon in Jerusalem at Pentecost, he speaks the word of victory that has been proclaimed throughout church history, "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact." (Acts 2:32) The "we" that Peter was referring to were the larger group of disciples of Jesus who had been witnesses to his resurrection. It says in that same chapter in Acts that there were about 120 of them in all. But we in the church today are also included in that collective "we" even though we were not there. But is our witness to the Resurrection valid?

The answer, I believe, is yes. Though we weren't there personally to see the risen Lord with our own eyes, we do have a personal experience with him. I know he is not dead, because I talk to him every day. I experience his presence through his Word and Spirit speaking into my heart and into my life. I know he is not dead, because he has changed me and healed me of my sin and woundedness. I also experience the risen Lord Jesus through his Christ-led servants whose lives of love I can see and feel. I know he is not dead, because he dwells in the hearts of those who love him and I can see the difference it makes.

We are witnesses to the Resurrection and that offers hope to others. I remember a conversation I had with a young woman who told me about her less than saintly life and therefore her unease with the church. I asked, "So what are you looking for in a church?" She said she wanted a church where she and her family would be welcomed and accepted for who they were—and that meant "warts and all". The gospel proclaims that I can come to Christ "just as I am" and (continued on page 5)

STAFF:

Pastor: Gib Botten
Music Director: Rob Gillespie
Director of Children's Ministries:
Lauryn Smith
Organist: Carole Hansen
Office Administrator:
Berlin Vance
Preschool Director:
Michelle Nilsen
Preschool Secretary:
Melanie Zamora
Custodian: Pam Vien

Worship Schedule

Traditional 8:30am
Contemporary 10:30am

Communion on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the month

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday:
8:30am—4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—3:00pm

Important March Dates:

April 9 Palm Sunday
April 13 Maundy Thursday
April 14 Good Friday
April 16 Easter Sunday
April 26 Administrative
Professionals Day

This Couple Paid Off \$457,000 in 7 Years

From Dave Ramsey's Blog

It started with \$20,000 right after they got married.

From there, the debt grew . . . and grew . . . and grew.

Bob and his wife, Tammy, live in Ohio with their two teenagers. And after years of living with a nasty pile of debt, they can now say—or better yet, shout—that they are debt-free. But they'll be the first to tell you it didn't happen overnight.

"We had a nice, big house, the Suburban that was brand-new, two kids and a white picket fence," Tammy said. "We thought we were really living the American dream." But the numbers just didn't add up. And no matter

how much overtime they worked, they always felt like they were falling behind.

It wasn't long after they realized they needed to shift gears that their church announced they were offering Financial Peace University. "One of the first steps is to figure out your net worth," said Bob. It was negative—in the six figures. That's when everything changed. "That was the turning point," he said.

Now they can tell people they paid off \$457,000.

It took seven years. Their motivation was to not only change their finances, but to also change their family tree—and that's what really pushed them to the finish line.

Lutherwood

\$50 Early Bird Discount for Summer camp ends April 15th

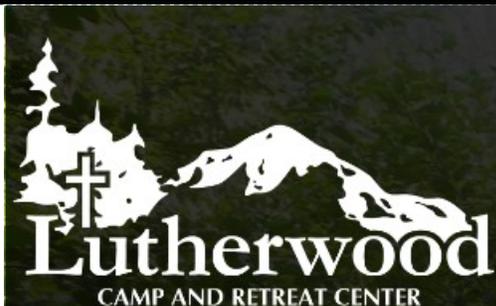
Earth day Family Celebration April 22nd

9:00am - 3:00pm

\$15 per person \$50 per family max

Planting trees, recyclable crafts, Hikes and much more. Register by April 15th. Visit the website www.camplutherwood.org.

Looking for a fun summer filled with Kids, Jesus, Hikes and Fun.? There are a few staff positions left for Summer Staff. Please go to the website to apply.





BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All items to be included in the announcement insert of the Sunday bulletin must be submitted to the office by noon on the Wednesday preceding the worship service.

PRAYERS

Please call the church office to request prayers or to be added to the prayer chain. You may also email Char:
charkaiser@comcast.net.

PRAYER CHAIN GUIDELINES

Names in the bulletin remain for one month unless renewed by either calling the church or Char Kaiser at 425-338-2874.

INTRODUCING GIVE+ CHURCH

You can now make a contribution through a mobile app! If you have an iPhone, you can download Give+ Church for free from the App Store. Simply search for “give plus church” to quickly find and start using the app. It’s easy to make one-time or recurring donations to multiple funds with your credit or debit card. You can also choose whether to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently manage, schedule and review donations using Touch ID, PIN or password. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support. An Android app will be available soon.

Give+ Church is part of Vanco Payment Solutions who processes our website’s on-line giving and our Simply Giving program.

Judy McGregor, Financial Secretary

MUSIC AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Handbell Choir meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join, even if you don’t read music. Please call the church office to confirm that practice is taking place that day.

Choir rehearsals take place Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

The choir is seeking additional musicians for special music, specifically a violin and flute player.

Praise Band is seeking a bass player.



Submit newsletter articles to Sue Rowell at sushirowell@gmail.com by the 17th of each month. Another option is to place information in the ‘Newsletter’ mailbox in the narthex or the church office.

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that I'm offered forgiveness through Christ alone. The resurrection proves and seals that offer for all time. The resurrection is a chance for a new life. And we are witnesses to that when we share that possibility with others that the Lord brings to our path.

We are witnesses to the resurrection. We have personally experienced the living Lord. And we have much to offer a world in need of this message. Witness is a verb and fulfilling our calling requires that we be actively engaged in people's lives. So keep your ears open this Easter season. Look for opportunities to be a witness. Consider inviting folks to our upcoming Alpha Course the first Thursday after Easter.

Blessings from the Prince of Peace,

Pastor Gib Botten



Bethany's 12th Annual
Taste OF THE Northwest

Featuring:

- ~ Sampling of Distinct Northwest Wineries, Breweries, Distilleries and Non-Alcoholic Beverages ~
- ~ Large Silent Auction & Live Music ~
- ~ Wine-Pull to Benefit Bethany's Residents! ~
- ~ Raffle Trip for Two - 7 Day Caribbean Cruise! ~

Tickets Only \$25

Save The Date
Friday, April 21, 2017
5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Xfinity Arena Grand Ballroom
www.bethanynw.org

For more information or tickets, call Julie Reymore, Foundation Coordinator at 425-551-6340

PRINCE OF PEACE WEBSITE

If you missed a Sunday service, or would like to listen again to the most recent message, visit our website at www.pplc.org. On the home page click 'Listen to last week's message.'

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PARISH NURSING NOTES

by Linda Whitesell, RN/NP

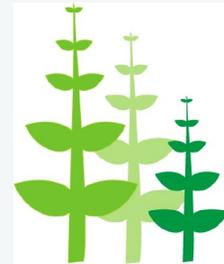
“The Green Effect”

Spring is well on its way and giving us a lot of green to enjoy. Green is the best color to look at for mental clarity, inspiration and calmness. There is actually a scientific name for it...“the green effect.” Artists have known this for years and often draw inspiration from being outdoors in the “green.”

Green is a non-threatening color; the softer hue of pine is usually best to wear.

There is even a connection between green tea and depression. Two or three cups a day will keep you from feeling blue and supposedly decrease depression by 41%! Green tea contains an antioxidant catechin which decreases cortisol production which decreases stress.

Just being outdoors is so good for your soul---and body. It improves your immune system, too. Thank God we can enjoy green all year round, because we live in the “Evergreen” state!



PRIMETIMERS

The over 50 group

Next meeting: THURSDAY, APRIL 20*

12:00 NOON POTLUCK IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



***note date change**

Guest speaker: Raeann Duim

Retired POP preschool teacher, Raeann Duim, will tell us about her experiences visiting Swaziland, Africa to help build a preschool through the program, “Adventures in Soccer.” (See adventuresoccer.org)

There were 18 at our last meeting and we contributed \$100 to the Old Time Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound non-profit organization. Two of their members gave a fun presentation.

GREAT FOOD.....GREAT FUN.....GREAT CONVERSATION