

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there,

along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.”

(Luke 23:33)

Where was Jesus crucified? A little word history: The NIV translates the place of Jesus crucifixion as the “skull”. The Greek word literally means cranium and is translated in some older versions as Calvary. Churches named Calvary Lutheran Church could really be named Skull or Cranium Lutheran Church. But Calvary sounds better except on Halloween. The other gospels name the place as “Golgotha” where Jesus was crucified—which is the Hebrew word for the same thing. All four gospels identify this spot outside of the gates of Jerusalem as the place where Jesus was placed on a cross. Therefore, the place where Jesus was crucified was a knoll or hill on the outskirts of Jerusalem that was made up of rock shaped like a man's skull and both the Romans and the Jews knew this place by the same name.

Why here? There were at

least a few reasons. For the Romans, this spot outside the gates of the city was a place where they crucified criminals as a sign to those who would visit the city that they did not tolerate criminality. Another reason that the crucifixions took place outside of the city was because of the strict Jewish laws regarding the proximity of dead bodies to the living. Theologically, that Jesus died outside the gate symbolized his rejection as part of his passion and suffering for our sins. Normally, the sins of the people were dealt with in the temple through animal sacrifices mediated by a priest. That's where everyone thought God was at work. The real work of God was being done outside the gate; outside of where people expected God to be working at the place called the Skull, Calvary, Golgotha.

Maybe because of all that has been swirling around my life lately I'm shocked that Ash Wednesday (Feb 14th) and Lent are almost upon us. Every Lent I try to come up (continued on page 4) feast upon you. Partly this is selfish as I love the challenge of working through a new teaching theme. But over the last year I've been working on



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Melanie Zamora

Custodian: Pam Vien

Worship Schedule

Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am

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

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday:
8:30am—3:00pm

Friday: 8:30am—12:30pm

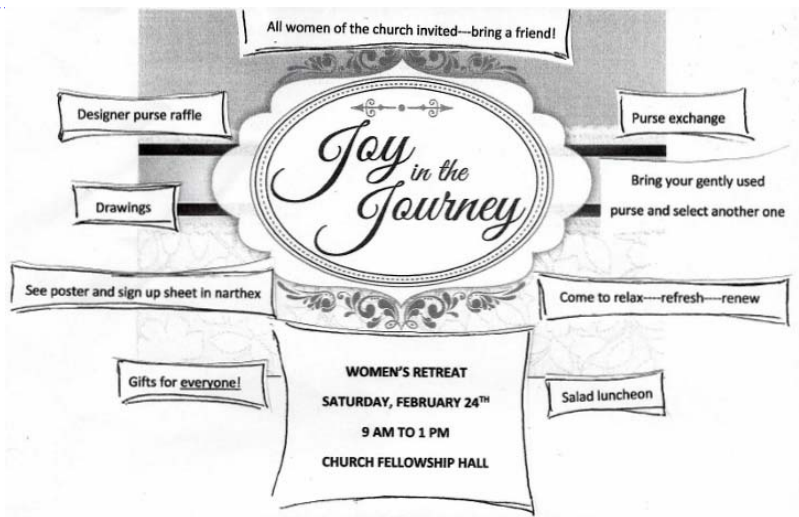
Special Dates

Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14th Valentines Day

Feb. 18th First Sunday of
Lent

Feb. 19th Presidents Day
Church off closed



MUSIC AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Handbells rehearse at 6pm on Tuesdays.

Choir rehearses at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

As always, there's room for more people to join. No music experience needed. For more information, contact:

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Prince of Peace Preschool registration for the 2018/2019 school year begins in February! Members of this Church are entitled to enroll early. For more information, please contact the Preschool Office at 425-338-1933 / popschool@frontier.com or see our website at pplc.org.

February 7 – Wednesday

Early Registration begins for the 2018/2019 school year. This is for families currently enrolled in our program or are members of this Church.

February 14 – Wednesday

Alumni Registration begins for families previously enrolled in our program.

February 21 – Wednesday

Open Registration begins for the 2018/2019 preschool year. All families welcome!



**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: 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.

COUNCIL CORNER

COUNCIL RETREAT – February 10

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The Missional Concerns Committee will be selecting an ad hoc team to prepare the disaster plan for the Church.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS

8:30 - 12:30, Monday-Friday: Lauryn Smith

12:30-3:00, Monday-Thursday: Julie Reymore

FUNCTIONAL SERVICE TEAM LEADERS

8:30 Greeters - Bill Randall

8:30 Hospitality - Tom Bannister

8:30 Lectors - Dave Squires

10:30 Greeters - Jamey Szalda

10:30 Hospitality - Eric Smith

10:30 Lectors - Patrick Davis

Signups are in progress for the Jan-Mar quarter.

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with a new teaching series to foist upon you. Partly this is selfish as I love the challenge of working through a new teaching theme. But over the last year I've been working on the biblical teachings of Exile which cover a large portion of the Old Testament and underlying themes of the New Testament. The Jewish Exile was a traumatic event in the life of Israel. The people were brought as captives into Babylon and had to live and survive among peoples with a different language, culture and religion. Their king was killed. The temple was destroyed. And their land was taken. Now what?

The books of the Exile teach that God was still active and powerful and doing his work in a place where God's people were completely out of control. Where there was no temple and no land, God was still faithful to his covenant people. Where foreign kings ruled over them, the Lord showed himself to be the true sovereign king through all circumstances. Like Christ at the place of the Skull, God was working salvation outside the gate and bring salvation where he was least expected.

The reason I'm interested in this theme is because the church has now found itself in Exile in our day. The church is no longer in power. Christians are marginalized and without real influence in society. We are often surrounded by an increasingly unchristian society where secularism dominates and where our faith is placed casually alongside competing faiths. We pine for the days of old, when people flocked to church whenever we opened the doors, and when our programs were filled to the brim. The old ways of doing things don't seem to work as before and across the western world the church is feeling threatened.

So the message of the books of the Exile are words of encouragement to us. We can expect God to work among us still, though maybe not in the old ways we were used to. In the place and time when we least expect it, we can expect the Lord to break through and fulfill his purposes in our midst. He's done it before. He did it in Christ. God saved us from our sins, OUTSIDE THE GATE.

See you in church!

Pastor Gib Botten

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



Thank you to everyone for all the cards, phone and gifts you sent to me after the death of my son and my sister Evelyn Landon. You were very thoughtful.

Pat Raines

calls,
Rob

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

“Love Your Heart”

February is National Heart Health Month. Just like Valentine’s Day when we remember those we love, Heart Health Month is a good time to remember to take time to care for our heart in order to enjoy a longer, healthier life with our loved ones.

The most important things you can do for your heart is to keep your

Blood pressure under control.

Keep your cholesterol & other lipid levels within normal limits as well as blood sugar levels.

Keep your weight in acceptable range.

Exercise regularly (any kind will help with all of the above).

Look for more heart health information on the bulletin board in the southeast corner of the narthex and take any of the related pamphlets on the table.

“God is the great physician. His specialty is heart transplants.” Martin Tombach, author of “Spiriting Around.”

An interesting tidbit: mint flavoring (oral intake) or even the smell of mint makes you mentally sharp because it affects your hippocampus in your brain, the seat of learning and memory. (I wish I would have known this years ago. I would have “loaded” up on mint candy and gum before and during exams!)

PRIME TIMERS

Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, February 8 at Noon

In the Fellowship Hall

This active group for those over 50 to enjoy delicious food, good conversation and fellowship. Last month, Bill Randall gave an inspiring talk on his cycling experiences.

This month, there will be an informative talk by the Director of Development, Christina Mychajliw, who will talk about the 28 different programs of Homage

Senior Services of Snohomish County. There will be a chance to donate pet food and/or dog and cat toys for the seniors who receive meals from the Meals on Wheels program. If attendees enjoyed book exchange, they are encouraged to keep bringing books to share. Join in the fun and come!

Men’s Fellowship The men’s group meets the third Saturday of every month from 8:00—9:30am. Please join us for fun and fellowship on: February 17th. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, doughnuts, and a devotion time. This will be followed by a mission-oriented business meeting, a Bible study, and a discussion. We will close in prayer at approximately 9:30 AM.

Dan Chadrow, President

Tom Bannister, Recorder

