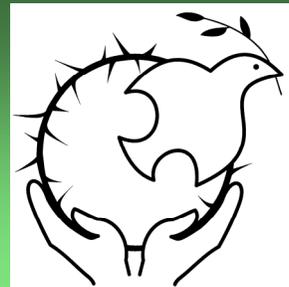


# The Vine



## Crossing Bridges

Bridges are strong, graceful, and enduring. But even more significantly, they connect people and places, linking communities and cultures. It's this fundamental characteristic that provides the inspiration for the Saint Paul Area Synod's mission appeal. Crossing Bridges – Connecting in Mission is a \$2 million, three-year appeal that connects all 114 congregations of the synod in mission, bringing hope, joy and comfort to those on the other side of the bridge and building



deep relationships. The four Bridges in Mission include “Bridges to Future Leaders,” “Bridges to New Missions,” “Bridges to Ending Poverty” and “Bridges to Iringa.”

Prince of Peace has already begun supporting Crossing Bridges through individual pledges and through the 2006 Lenten offerings. This winter, Prince of Peace offers the opportunity to learn more about the ministries that Crossing Bridges is supporting through 4 Adult Forums. These include:

- Jan. 13 – Bridges to Iringa. This bridge enhances our relationship with the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania by supporting additional facilities at the Ilula Lutheran Health Center, Scholarships for students and teachers, and the Institute of Agriculture at Tumaini University. Our speaker will be Mark Jensen, who is the Director of the Institute of

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## Food Shelf

Keystone Community Food Shelf needs are great! Look for new ways of helping with these needs. Weekly, Gary Peterson takes food contributions donated by Prince of Peace members over to our local food shelf at Fairview Community Center. This food shelf is operated by the Golden Kiwanis

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## BEFRIENDING A KAREN FAMILY



Who are the Karen people? (pronounced KAH-REN) They are a new immigrant group from Burma (Myanmar). They have been given refugee status by the US government. They are a rural tribal people who were brought to Christianity many years ago. They were chased from their land or killed by the military dictatorship because of their ethnicity and Christian religion. Many have been in camps across the border in Thailand. Recently many families have come to resettle in Roseville, Maplewood and St. Paul. Members of the Social Concerns committee saw an article in the Roseville paper in which Peg Kennedy of Roseville Schools gave the story of these new members of our community. There are over 110 Karen children in Roseville schools as of the last count! Barb and Holly Marsh, Anne Haugan and Judy Florine attended an informational meeting for all churches in Roseville on Nov. 12. There we learned that the families need help navigating the medical system, transportation for grocery and other shopping, learning English, and becoming familiar with their new home community. As they work at low skilled jobs, they may need help with clothing or household items. After consulting with President Brahier at its Nov. 14 meeting, the Social Concerns committee decided to befriend the Lay, Paw family. The council was informed at its Nov. meeting.

On Nov. 29, Anne, Barb, Holly and Judy

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## Prince of Peace Council Corner

### Friends in Christ,

Thank you for a wonderful year of Stewardship!!  
We, as a congregation - as one Body in Christ - have shown that our Hearts & Souls are committed to the Lord and the Ministries of Prince of Peace.

So far this year we have collected 182 cards (Membership Renewal & Estimate of Giving cards) compared to 174 for 2007. This is even more exciting as we are waiting to hear from another 33 families that responded for 2007 that have not yet responded for 2008...

I am also happy to say that our total Estimate of Giving (so far...) for 2008 is \$340,438 compared to \$336,745 for 2007. Although we have not collected all of our 2008 cards, I believe that we will reach more than \$370,000 once all of the cards are in. That would be an amazing 10% increase. There is no doubt in my mind that God is at work here at Prince of Peace.

Please keep our Church, our Congregation, and our Family & Friends in your prayers as we jump into another year of worship and praise in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for making Prince of Peace your home...  
Jesse Glommen

### Prince of Peace Church Council

Barry Brahier	President
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A T T E N D A N C E	Date	Worship	Adult Ed	Youth/Adult	Children/Adult
	11/18	224	40	8/2	32/22
	11/21	87		Thanksgiving	
	11/25	209	Fellowship (no education hour/Thanksgiving break)		
	12/2	232	30/2	11/3	40/9
	12/9	317	Christmas Program and Fellowship		

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
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8:30am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday  
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Kathy Tunseth	Choral Director
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Leah Weiler	Children's Choir Accompaniment
Steve Andert	Custodian

The deadline for articles for the **February Vine is January 11, March Vine is Feb. 8.** The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at noon of each week. Please e-mail your information to Carol at carol@princeofpeace.tc or drop off the information at the church office

### Financial Information

#### Income Year to Date

Nov 2007 = \$172,373

#### Expenses Year to Date

Nov 2007 = \$167,567

General Fund Bal = \$4,807

Building Fund Bal = \$309,525

Other Funds Balance = \$77,745

#### Budget Benevolences paid in Nov

ELCA Benevolence \$2,682

Seminary Student \$200





## Prayer Chain Requests

If you have a prayer request please call the church office or e-mail office@princeofpeace.tc. On the weekend call or e-mail Linda Olson 651-482-8543 lmolson66@hotmail.com

**Reserve a room** for your meetings. PoP is used by many of our members and committees as well as a few outside groups. Contact the church office to reserve a room as soon as possible. See the calendar in this newsletter or go to the website to view the up-to-date calendar.

**Equal Exchange coffee sales**  
Coffee is sold at our cost. Please support the Lutheran World Relief Coffee project. Please remember to pay for the coffee you take.

**Meals on Wheels**  
January 21

**Food for Friends** at Salvation Army 3rd Thurs. of the month.

**Prayer Shawl Knitting**  
Contact Donna Gramstad  
651-407-2976.

**Interesting in Quilting?**  
Call Joyce Mallory 484-2523

**Library Cleaning day**  
3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

**Computer Class provided by Harris Mallory**  
3rd Wed. each month at 9:30

**Annual Meeting**  
Scheduled for January 27, 2008 at 12:00pm. Watch for the agenda.



### *Message from Pastor Andrew Rogness*

## EPIPHANIES – BIG AND SMALL

The magi came looking. Guided by their reading of the movement of stars and planets, their belief held that something of significance had happened in Israel. It was no small thing to pack their bags, load their camels, and cross the desert on their quest not knowing exactly what they might find. “We have seen his star in the east, and we have come to pay homage to your new king.” Herod’s jaw must have dropped – either

thinking them to be outrageous, since he was clearly on the throne and had been for some time, or thinking them utterly mad. But most despots take any threat to power seriously, and wily Herod was no exception.

The star was not the only thing that guided the magi, however. Warned in a dream about black-hearted Herod, they slipped back across the desert, only leaving behind their gifts. The star began their epiphanies, their series of “aha’s.” One thing led to another. The rewards of following the star meant kneeling before the most unlikely king, and having their faith confirmed through another epiphany – a divine dream that guided them safely home. I can imagine the journey home was filled with long stretches of silence on the desert sands. There would be ample time to reflect on their faith, their acting on their faith, and the confirmation of their faith by what had transpired.

Our stories may not be treasured for all time in Holy Scripture, as is the story of the magi. But we are invited to follow in their footsteps. There are stars that guide us, stars that we follow. They are most likely not seen in the night sky, but perceived in the inner reaches of our hearts and minds. We find ourselves compelled to come looking – looking for this unlikely child born 2,000 years ago, who comes alive in the annals of history and in the lives of those who have gone before. We slip into the desert for an adventure the outcome of which we cannot predict.

As we follow our star, we discover that we are capable of seeing the Christ child in the most unlikely of places. Not in a stable’s manger, but in the needs of others and the hurts of the world are we most likely to find him. We bring our gifts – gold given through our pockets, frankincense through our hopeful presence, and the ointment of myrrh through our compassion. We do not always know what becomes of these gifts. But on the journey home we are given quiet certainty that our gifts have been well spent, and our dreams are filled with divine blessing.

Faith draws us out to go looking for God in our world. We give ourselves to this journey because, in faith, we know it is godly to be giving. One thing leads to another. Acting on our faith, we discover God in every corner of each day. Our epiphanies are recorded within our hearts and they carry us home – our home in God’s embrace.

Pastor Andrew Rogness

### Thank you Corner

*On behalf of both of us, I would like to thank you so much for including us in the wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We have such fond memories of the wonderful members. Thanks for inviting us to be part of this wonderful event.*

*Pastor Phil and Jean Formo*

*A mere thank you is not enough for the wonderful support John and I received during his recent illness and death. We felt surrounded by prayers and love. There were many phone calls of support, visits, food, cards—get well and sympathy.*

*I feel uplifted and overwhelmed by this love and support. Anita and Andrew were there for us all the way with prayers, visits and support when needed.*

*Thank you, Val Hansen*

*Dear Pastors,*

*Thank you for your prayers and sympathy card which you gave us...*

*God Bless you & your ministries!  
Family of Ray Zawada and Agnes Zawada*

*My family and I give heartfelt thanks for all the comforting support following Harold's sudden death. We thank Pastor Beste for her help and prayerful guidance through this difficult time. Many thanks to the ushers, office staff and the kitchen group for your help with the funeral service. Though our family is spread throughout the area, our connection with Prince of Peace will always be close in our hearts.*

*Thanks, Margaret Sorensen*

*Dear Prince of Peace Community,  
God has blessed you with a heart that spills over like a fountain to touch many. Thank you for your gift to the Lithuanian community. We look forward to our continued partnership! Happy 50th Anniversary!*

*With Sincere Thanks, Pastor Zilvinas Jakstas  
and the Lithuanian Community*

*Thank you to the Prince of Peace Quilters and Knitters who donated 26 adult quilts, 8 baby quilts, 225 hats to a number of local centers that help families in need.*

### Keystone Community Food Shelf (continued from page 1)

Organization. Most food items and household supplies can be used as long as they are prepackaged and are not expired items. Our community food shelf has increased usage by people from various ethnic groups. Some items to include are different kinds of rice, beans of all kinds, cornmeal, corn flour, corn oil, and soy beverages.

## *Greetings from the Music Ministry Coordinator—Milt Warkentien*

Another year is upon us. Where did all the time go? We had the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in October, Thanksgiving in November and Advent and Christmas in December. How can January compete with what has taken place the last 3 months?

**EPIPHANY IS HOW!**

Epiphany is a time for celebration. A savior has been born. We hear of the Magi bearing gifts from afar and we celebrate with them. We hear of the baptism of Jesus and we celebrate the gift of the Spirit. We hear of a Light shining in the darkness and we celebrate. Epiphany is truly a season of celebration.

My wish for Prince of Peace in 2008 is that we march, dance, pray and sing in the Light of God. What a gift we've been given. What are we doing with it????

January 6<sup>th</sup> will be a band led service. It is also a Sunday to thank all those that volunteer in our worship services. January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> we will be using Setting 3 in the ELW. This will be a familiar setting to most of you, as it was carried over from the LBW. Communion will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

May God bless us all,  
Milt

Benefit Concert - December 29 at 2:00pm (please note time change from Dec. Vine)  
at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Featuring Christmas Originals and Arrangements, and other music by Milt Warkentien

Admission: Non-perishable food or monetary donation

Benefiting: Minnesota Foodshare, Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute and  
The House of Hope: Rwanda Orphanage Project



### *Service in Worship* **THANK YOU**



***Sunday, January 6, 2008 at 9:30am***

***Thank you "Service in Worship" volunteers!***

We will honor and thank all of you who participate in Worship on Sunday mornings. Musicians, ushers, greeters, acolytes, lectors, coffee makers, sanctuary preparation and all members who make participating in Worship at Prince of Peace a special event every Sunday.

January "Service in Worship" volunteers schedule is on the bulletin board and has been mailed to your homes. Thank you!

Call the church office if you would be willing to be a Sunday volunteer. We need your help to create a welcoming worship experience for everyone.

Everyone will be asked to complete the 2008 Service Opportunities (Time and Talent) brochure in the Spring of 2008.

## Children and Family Ministry

### All Sunday School Parents Meeting

January 6 at 9:30 am Library

We've been meeting the first Sunday of every month. It's been helpful to cover some details around Children's Ministry and meaningful to meet other parents and look at faith formation in our families.

Pastor Beste leads the group. Please join us!

Last year we had some families plan sledding as a winter event. Any ideas or planners for this winter? Let Pastor Beste know.

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### Some Dates to Note!

**Lent** is early this year; **Ash Wednesday** is Feb 6. We will once again offer a special Ash Wednesday service designed for families with children at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### Planning for Summer –

- Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 9 – 13.
- Family Camp is the weekend of June 20-22.



Look for more info soon in the Summer Brochure.

### First Communion for Children

Children of all ages are welcome to receive communion at Prince of Peace. Parents – together with their children – decide when their children will first receive this sacrament based on several factors including interest expressed, child development, family tradition, siblings, etc.

We do ask that children receive some preparation in anticipation of their first communion as a way of welcoming them to the table and fostering an age-appropriate understanding of participation in communion as one of God's means of grace.

This can be done in one of two ways:

1) Speak to one of the pastors, arrange to meet as a family for instruction and preparation, and then participate any communion Sunday throughout the year; or

2) Attend – as a family – the *First Communion Class* offered during Lent and receive first communion at the Maundy Thursday service together with others from the class. Date will be announced in Feb. Vine.

Lent is early this year –

Ash Wednesday is Feb 6; Easter is March 23.

So First Communion on Maundy Thursday will be March 20.

### BEFRIENDING A KAREN FAMILY (continued from page 1)

met Poe Lay (father), Cherry Paw (mother), Hsinku Lay (son 9), Paw Ree Lay (daughter 5), Michelle Lay (daughter 6 mo. - she was born here). Poe's sister, Paw Tha Blay (17), brothers Eh Nyau (14), and Sha Dra (21) also live in the spotless apartment on Mississippi St. just east of 35 W. From the informational meeting we knew Pau had some problem with walking. With the help of a Karen interpreter we learned he has back problems which cause a lot of pain. Cherry works for a company that makes identification cards. Sha Dra has a job. Hsinku Lay attends Edgerton School, and Michelle goes to Head Start. Eh Nyau goes to RAMS, Paw Tha Blay attends an English immersion center at Fairview. Poe takes care of Michelle while Cherry works. His job counselor hasn't been able to find him a job because of his physical limitations from his back problem. They have been here just over a year and now must change status from work visas to green

cards. This of course leads to many hoops and red tape which they will need help navigating. Poe's medical care and the green cards seem to be the largest and most pressing issues for this family. With further meetings with the Lay, Paw family the Social Concerns committee, on behalf of all at Prince of Peace, is planning (as of early December) to make this a Merry Christmas for our new friends. Another celebration for the Karen people will be their New Year on Jan. 13, 2747 (by their calendar), which they count from the time their people came to Burma.

We look forward to all at Prince of Peace being involved in this wonderful opportunity to continue Christ's teachings and follow Christ's message of welcoming, sharing, showing hospitality and friendship to our new neighbors right here in our Roseville community.

Judy Florine,  
Social Concerns committee

## *Thoughts from Audrey*

As I sit down to write this, the ground is covered with snow. The temps are in the single digits. The fire is burning. The tree is up and house is decorated for Christmas. Nothing feels like summer. But, believe it or not, it is time to be thinking about summer.

This is the time of year when we put the summer schedule together. Here is what we know at this time. The youth group is supporting three Sr. High Youth going to Tanzania in June 2008. Plans are being made for camp for 3<sup>rd</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Confirmation Camp, and Sr. High Work Camp on the island at Bay Lake. Watch for further details of dates and costs coming soon.

Plans are well underway for the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2009. Every three years our church gathers our young people from across the world to come together for growth in faith, service to others, and community building among youth throughout the church. Registration for this gathering needs to be done in September 2008. Another opportunity for our Jr. and Sr. High Youth are the 4—day weekend at our cabin near Melrose, MN. This all seems like a long time from now, but will be here before we know it.

By the time you receive this, Christmas will be here and the new year quickly approaching. One thing we often do with the new year is to strive for changes in our routines or life. May I suggest that with the coming of 2008, we thank God for all the gifts that he so bountifully has given us and gives us each day. May we commit ourselves to gather regularly for worship of our loving God. May we support one another as members of Christ's community—loving and caring for one another. May we strive to spread God's love to all people from our neighbor to ones across the world. God gave us his son, may we share him with the world.

## *Junior High Youth Events*

### **Goodies for Seniors**

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00—7:30 PM

We will make lefse and Krumkake to make care packages for some of our senior members. Come ready to roll up your sleeves do some great baking.

### **Confirmation Retreat**

Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We will gather at Audrey's at 7:30 PM Friday.

We will return to church in time for the 10:45 worship service. Mark your calendars.

More details will follow.

## *Jr. and Sr. High Youth Events*

### **Jr. and Sr. High Youth**

Winter Fun Day

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mark the date.

Details will follow.

### **Youth Fundraising Dinner & Auction**

Mark your calendar for

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM.

### **Youth Grades 8<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup>**

Informational meeting for

ELCA Gathering July 2009

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ Noon.

Contact Audrey with questions.

### **Sr. High Boys Basketball**

Games start Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Every Sunday through March 9<sup>th</sup>

Check the schedule on the Youth Bulletin Board for game times.

Practice is Wednesdays @ 7:45 PM.

## Women's Bible Study at Prince of Peace

Please join any of the bible studies at any time.

### Martha Circle

2nd Monday at 12:30pm January 14  
Hostess: Edna Carlson 651-628-3843  
Leader: Elly Osterhoudt

### Rebecca Circle

Second Monday at 7:30 pm January 14  
Hostess: To be decided  
Leader: Marie Hanson

### Ok's

### Older Kids

### Ok's

Thursday, January 10 at 11:30am

New Band—*Roseville Porch Pickers*

Traditional, blue grass, country and gospel music.

Instruments: Banjo, fiddles, guitar, harmonica,  
tambourine, autoharp, bass and vocal harmony.

Sign-up in the narthex on Dec. 30 and Jan 6.

## Ink Jet Cartridge Recycling

The birds and people of The Raptor Center (TRC) want to THANK the PEOPLE of PoP for your continued support of the ink jet recycling "Recycle for Raptors" (R4R) – we've been collecting at POP for over 2 years and have sent hundreds of cartridges to TRC! This is really FANTASTIC work. The people of POP have continued to be one the best groups of supporters of the R4R program! Did you know that The Raptor Center has helped recycle more than 60,000 ink cartridges – amounting to more than 6 tons of material – since Recycling for Raptors began in 2003?

Paul Ista would like to keep the collection boxes outside of the office, under the coffee sale table, for as long as we continue to get a good response! *R4R takes ALL manufacturers' ink jet cartridges*, (if you have laser jet cartridges, put them in a bag with a note on the outside for Paul, and place under the table). Also, he has mailing envelopes available upon request, see below for information.

TRC website is [www.theraptorcenter.org](http://www.theraptorcenter.org) or just go and visit them and take a tour. TRC is open Tues, – Fri. 10am-4pm and Sat. – Sun. 12/noon – 4pm. Also, if your company or place of work DOES NOT recycle either ink jet or laser cartridges, please contact Paul Ista, at 651-484-4443 or [pista@comcast.net](mailto:pista@comcast.net) or TRC at 612-624-6945 or by e-mail at [trcink@unm.edu](mailto:trcink@unm.edu), to arrange for a method of collection appropriate for your situation.

### Lydia Circle

Second Tuesday at 9:30 am January 8  
Hostess: Esther Tatley (490-5850)  
Leader: Judy Cady

### Ruth Circle

Second Tuesday at 7:30 pm January 8  
Hostess: Diane Syverson (646-7071)  
Leader: Diane Syverson

### Woman of the Well

Second Tuesday at 9:30 am January 8  
Hostess: Nell Sponheim (787-0730)  
Leader: Anne Olson

## YogaDevotion—next session



YogaDevotion combines the fitness of yoga with the spiritual practice of Christian devotions.

Mondays 6-7 pm in the gym.

8-week session - Jan 7 - Feb 25 Cost: \$50

New Instructor: Jessica Ostendorf

More info at [www.yogadevotion.com](http://www.yogadevotion.com)

## Building Renewal Committee



Prince of Peace  
Building Renewal

The Congregational Council has charged Asitha Sandanayake, properties council representative, with forming a Building Renewal Committee to develop a plan for the renewal of the Prince of Peace campus. The committee is meeting and will report back to the council. Notes from meetings are available in the church office.

## Cell Phone Recycling

Last call for cell phones, blackberries, other personal electronic devices. Anyone who has these items to recycle, bring them to POP by the end of January. We will stop collecting them at that time.



## ***Prince of Peace Sunday Forums 9:30am***

### **January 6 - Appreciation Fellowship**

A time to show our appreciation for all those who help volunteer for worship.

**Crossing Bridges** – A Ministry of our St. Paul Area Synod... an appeal to support four “bridges” of ministry: January 13, 20 and 27

**January 13 – Crossing Bridges to Iringa:** Mark Jensen reports on work in Iringa Diocese of Tanzania

**January 20 – Crossing Bridges to End Poverty:** - Polly Bergerson, ELCA Board of Pensions and Ending Poverty task force

**January 27 – Preparation for Annual Meeting:** Thanking volunteer leaders, and Q & A before Annual Meeting.

## ***Attention Women! Two Opportunities!***

The St. Paul Area Women’s Renewal Retreat “**I Told the Mountain to Move**” Sat., Jan. 26, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Stillwater. Retreat leader is Patricia Raybon, author and journalist whose personal essays on faith, family and race have been widely published and featured on Nat. Public Radio. Cost is \$25 by Jan. 17. Registration forms are on rack by the office. Call Anne Haugan, 484-3856, for further info.

Wapo Women’s Retreat, “**Real God, Real Life, Real Stuff**” will be Jan. 11-13 at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp near Amery, Wisconsin. Guest presenter will be Sue Lennartson, speaker and vocalist. Sue is currently pastor of Women’s Ministries at Eagle Brook Church in White Bear Lake. Cost is \$80 and registration forms are on rack near office.

## ***Crossing Bridges (continued from page 1)***

Agriculture at Tumaini University

- Jan. 20 – Bridges to Ending Poverty. This bridge supports ministries that reach out to those living in poverty. Special emphasis is placed on ministries that work together with the poor to help break the cycle of poverty and build relationships between people, communities and congregations. Our speaker will be Polly Bergerson, Regional Representative of the ELCA Board of Pensions, who is a member of the Ending Poverty task force.
- Feb. 3 – Bridges to Future Leaders. One of the biggest challenges facing seminary students today is

the cost of education. Seminary students are graduating with an average debt of \$38,000. This bridge provides a scholarship fund to help reduce the debt burden for future leaders of the church. Our speaker will be Rev. Patricia Lull, Dean of Students at Luther Seminary.

- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Bridges to New Missions. The New Missions bridge will provide assistance to new congregations in Dakota County, and to a new model of mission outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community in St. Paul. Our speaker will be Rev. Gary Anderson, Director of Crossing Bridges

## ***Tanzanian Update***

Thanks (Asante sana!) to all who helped make the Tanzanian dinner a success! Approximately 168 hours were donated by 28 people. The food was donated along with the decorations, table centerpieces, placemats, and name tags. Thanks to everyone’s generosity, we were able to do the following:

- Sponsor 20 Secondary School students from the Bomalang’ombe Parish
- Give Christmas gifts to the pastor, 6 evangelists and the Iringa Diocese’s Common Basket
- Send \$3,785 to the Boma La Ng’ombe Secondary School for buildings

Pastor Jane Chusi from the parish and Pastor Michael Mkinywa from the school send their love and Christmas greetings to all members of Prince of Peace. Bwana Jesu Asifewe! (Praise the Lord!)

Pastor Bethuel Mponzi passed away in December. He is the former pastor at Bomalang’ombe Parish, and was currently serving as Chaplain at Bomalang’ombe Secondary School. His daughter, Agape, is one of the students that Prince of Peace is sponsoring. Please keep his family, the congregation and the school in your prayers as they mourn his loss.



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**2007 Giving**



*2007  
 Offering*

To receive credit for your offerings on the 2007 giving statements, all offerings must be in by Monday, December 31, 2007 by 5:00pm. Remember gifts given on Dec. 31 are 2007 gifts for tax purposes but

can be allocated to your 2008 estimate of giving. Please note on your check or envelope if you want it allocated to the 2007 or 2008 estimate of giving. If there is not a note on the check your gift will be allocated to 2007.

**Stock gifts** to be applied to 2007 giving must be transferred to Prince of Peace **by December 31, 2007**. Please call the church office if you are transferring a gift so Carol can make sure it is handled properly.

Please consider using the envelope included in this newsletter for a year-end gift to the ministries of Prince of Peace.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

**Stewardship 2008**



**Thank you** to the 182 families who have returned their membership renewal forms (as of 12/13/07). If you have not had the opportunity to return your information, **please return your estimate of giving for 2008.**

**Thank you to the 4 new families who have signed up to be Simply Givers.** Simply Giving forms are in the brochure racks and on the table in the narthex. Please call the church office if you have questions or would like to become a Simply Giver.



**A Year-End gift envelope** was included in the December Vine to remind you to remember Prince of Peace Lutheran Church as you consider year end charitable contributions. Your gifts allow Prince of Peace to be a church that does ministry for our members and friends, our community and our world. Thank you!

Mail or drop this entire page to the office (include the mailing label above).

Changes to your personal information? Please let Prince of Peace know.

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**Note to the office**

