Update on Pastor Andrew — as of Aug. 12 (Vine deadline)
Pastor Rogness and Patti are so appreciative of everyone’s prayers and support as Andrew recuperates from his intestinal surgery due to cancer in his abdomen. Andrew resumed his chemo treatments on August 3 in an effort to reduce or retard the cancer growth. This chemo is a slightly different mix of drugs than his previous chemo and will be once every 3 weeks.

So major surgery in June combined with renewed chemotherapy in August has not left Andrew with the energy or health he would have liked. At this point in time, he has decided to apply for disability through the ELCA Board of Pensions. His hope and our hope is that this would be temporary and that Andrew could come back to work –either part-time or full-time – some time in the months ahead.

Please continue to keep Andrew and Patti in your prayers.
At an altitude of 38,021 feet I am moving from one continent to another ... almost from one world to another.

I enjoyed the last three weeks vacationing with family and friends in Sweden. We had lots of fun and many meaningful discussions. Wow, how life at times can be different there.

This time we visited three churches, each one significant in its own way.

Uppsala Cathedral was consecrated in 1435 and holds an abundance of history with art, graves of Kings and famous Swedes like Linnaeus, Swedenborg and more. From this cathedral Archbishop Wejrud today presides over the Church of Sweden - the world’s largest Lutheran church with 6.9 million members versus the ELCA’s 4.7 million.

Tibble Kyrka in our old hometown Täby, outside Stockholm, is a gorgeous "purple box" seating 400. Here, one Sunday fifteen years ago, we almost doubled attendance when we came with Laurel’s parents who were visiting us. This time we only could see its beauty on a weekday, but we also saw how the congregation reaches out in many ways: it now offers services in Arabic, it runs a large music school, and it has "Viking Days"!

Sköns Kyrka, outside Sundsvall, was our most exciting church experience. My parents' local Alnö church had no service that Sunday, so we left their island of 8,000 for the next closest church. This time we doubled the attendance. We also enjoyed beautiful song, thrilling organ music, and a most meaningful sermon on judging others. “Is a daisy a weed or a flower? Who is to judge? God treats us all as flowers!” Afterwards, the pastor guided us around the church and its "artifacts", including a baptisimal font dating back to 1100 AD! Inspirational!

The deadline for articles for the October Vine is Friday, September 11, November Vine is Friday, October 9.

The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at noon of each week. Please e-mail your information to Carol at office@princeofpeace.tc or drop off the info in the church office.

Financial Information
July Income = $33,570
July Expenses = $32,858
General Fund Bal = $712
Building Fund Bal = $42,204
Other Funds Balance = $81,580
Benevolences paid in July
ELCA Benevolence $2,730

Sunday School and Adult Forum begins Sunday, September 20.
I always have mixed emotions when fall rolls around. Every autumn brings a new sense of joy and anticipation –
• For the beauty that shows up only in that autumn light;
• For my birthday – and birthdays are fun;
• For the renewed vitality and rhythm of our congregational life together: choirs and education opportunities starting up again and more people back in worship.

And every autumn brings a new sense of sorrow and loss:
• As the raspberries and tomatoes from the garden will soon be done;
• As my birthday’s coming – and I’m a year older;
• As the warm relaxing days of summer surrender to the brisk and busier days of the school year.

The unknown of how long Andrew will be out on disability adds an extra poignancy to this fall’s mix of emotions. I’ve missed seeing him on a daily basis this summer and talking theology or planning together. I’ve missed his sermons and his presence at worship. But summers have always had a rhythm of staff being gone on vacation or youth canoe trips, etc., so I just tried to get used to his absence as part of that summer rhythm. Plus the developments of his unexpected surgery in California, then his ongoing recuperation and then resumed chemotherapy unfolded only one step at a time.

But now it is September and we know that Andrew will be out for a while. We want him to have all the time and space he needs to receive the best care and promote the best healing without having to worry about the work and ministry here at Prince of Peace. If we need some temporary pastoral help, the synod will certainly assist us with arranging that. And if Andrew shows up at worship sometimes or writes something on his blog, etc., it will be wonderful to have his gifts and engagement shared with us. So we wish him well and surround him with our prayers, even as we feel sorrow for his suffering and experience sadness at starting the activities of the new church year without his presence among us in the same way as other years.

Yet Andrew would want us to head into September with joy and anticipation too – for that also is part of our shared life together as a congregation. Joy at celebrating all our ministry groups at the Ministry Fair! Joy in taking special trolley rides! Joy at seeing new children and new teachers coming to Sunday School! Joy as choirs sing at worship again! Joy at hearing the Senior High youth report on their Jesus, Justice and Jazz Youth Gathering. Joy in gathering in the remodeled spaces of our building!

The grace and blessing of God accompanies us – even carries us – through all the joys and sorrows that we share. We are given to one another to walk with one another in that grace and blessing. Thanks be to God!
Thank you and Congratulations

Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church members,
Thank you so much for your gift of $250 dated 6/30/2009. We do appreciate your ongoing, dedicated support very much - because we can use the dollars, but also because it represents faith in what we doing.

Blessings to you, Jennifer Krueger,
Executive Director of Southeast Asian Ministries

Dear Prince of Peace Friends,
Thank you for your gift to the Foundation. Your contribution will help support community projects and services now and for generations to come.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Howard Rieke, Treasurer
North Suburban Golden K Foundation

Thank you and congratulations to the Prince of Peace softball team. Many more wins than losses. A great summer for playing ball at the Victoria and Perry Park fields on Sunday nights.

Dear Babu and Bibi and all rafikis of Prince of Peace.
Bwana Yesu asifiwe!
We are very glad to inform you that we have received the money today from BKB for finishing personage, music instrument, and $1000 for the parish. Asante sana na Mungu awabariki sana. Every one is fine, mama Mponzi is now living in her new house with her family. We thank you so much for your support. Pass my regards and love to every one at Prince of Peace.
Mchungaji Tewele Lutango

Congratulations to Heather Jordan who was recently awarded a prestigious Fulbright scholarship to study maternal health in Peru in 2010. She was a 1999 graduate from RAHS and subsequently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003 with a degree in Spanish and Latin American Studies. Most recently, she graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Mexico with a degree in Nursing. She plans to continue her studies in Nurse-Midwifery following the Fulbright. She is the daughter of Marvel and the late Lorin Jordan.
Greetings from the Music Ministry Coordinator—Milt Warkentien

September Sunday Schedule

- Sept. 6 One Service outdoors at 10:00
  Cheryl Broostin and Friends

- Sept. 13 - Fall Worship Schedule begins
  Worship at 8:30 and 10:45

- Sept. 13 Rally Sunday and Ministry Fair
  Traditional
  Chancel Choir at Both Services

- Sept. 20 Youth/Band Led
  “Jesus, Justice and Jazz”
  Lightshine at Both Services

- Sept. 27 “Traditional”
  Bells of Peace at Both services
  Chancel choir at 8:30

We welcome back all our choirs this month, and there’s always an opportunity to participate. Chancel Choir and Bells of Peace begin September 9. Other choirs begin September 16.

Practice is Wednesday nights for all choirs.

- Chancel Choir (7:30-9)
  Post High School young adults and all adults
  Director: Kathy Tunseth

- Bells of Peace (6:15-7:30)
  High School youth and adults
  Director: Kristen Haakenson

- Jr/Sr High Music (7:15-7:45)
  Director: Milt Warkentien

- Prince of Peace Instrumental Ensembles
  Director: Milt Warkentien

- Joyful Noise! (6:30-7)
  2nd – 6th grade children
  Director: Melissa Burke

Herman Stuempfle’s “Voices Raised to You” is a wonderful hymn about serving the Lord through music and our lives. I really like his 2nd verse, which says “All creation joins to praise you; earth and sky your works display. Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today. Alleluia! Alleluia! God, creator, source of life.”

Do we take time to admire the gift of creation? Do we thank God for a rainbow or sun dog? Do we thank God for the trees and flowers? What part of creation touches your heart and brings meaning to your life? Have you thanked God for this blessing? Do you like listening, singing or playing music? Do you enjoy any of the other fine arts? Have you thanked God for these gifts? I really like how Herman says that they are gifts that we are lent. What are we doing with our “lent” gifts? Are we using them in service to God? If you have a gift that you can share in worship please take the time to use it. If being front and center isn’t really what you like to do there are still many ways that you can assist in worship. You could set up communion, do sanctuary preparation, greet, usher, or be part of the sound team. If you like being part of a musical ensemble check out your options. We are always looking for more members in our choirs. Find out more about all these worship groups at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 13. Also, please take the time to thank those who’ve helped make our worship service possible. We are a community of believers and as a community we need to work together to be able to worship together. Come be a part of the community and get involved. Be a voice raised in service to God.

May God bless us all, Milt Warkentien

Chancel Choir Welcoming New Members!

If you enjoy singing and would like to participate in the music ministry of Prince of Peace, we invite you to join Chancel choir! We currently have a membership of approximately 30 singers, ages 18 and up, and are always hoping for more people to join us. Chancel Choir sings three Sundays a month from September through May and meets for rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9 pm. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 9 and our first anthem will be sung on Sunday, September 13. Please join us and share your musical talents!
Welcome Back Kids!
Sunday School starts on September 20, from 9:30 – 10:30.

New Mom’s Group

Calling all moms of young children (ages: new born – 8th grade) to join us Monday evening, September 21 from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, relaxation, and fun. The goal of this new group is to nurture all mothers; to reach out with encouragement, friendship, and support; and to enable each woman to be all God created her to be.

Time: 1st and 3rd Monday evening of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. during the school year
Cost: $5.00 per meeting
Registration: Come when you can
Led by: Tammy Wilkinson

Child care is provided.

Teachers Needed!

Do you have a passion for teaching or working with children? If so, there are still several Sunday School, Wednesday Evening, and Parent Helper positions still available. Please contact Tammy for more information: tammy@princeofpeace.tc or 651-484-4144.

Joyful Noise! - Wednesday Programming for Grades 2-6

Beginning September 16, 2009

Melissa Burke and Tammy Wilkinson have been working on some exciting things for the upcoming school year. New activities, different music, experiential learning, and lots more. Come check out what’s happening on Wednesday evenings at Prince of Peace.

5:30 – 6:00 Dinner
6:00 – 6:30 Games and Activities
6:30 – 7:00 Praise and Worship
7:00 - 7:30 Learning and Fellowship

Here’s a look at what’s happening in Joyful Noise for music in September:
September 16: Campfire – Parents and kids are invited to gather around the fire to sing campfire songs and roast marshmallows
September 23: Praise and Worship
September 30: Tambourine Rhythm

Friends are always welcome and encouraged to join in on the fun – so feel free to bring a friend!
**Thoughts from Audrey**

July was a busy month for our Sr. High Youth. We had a 4-day weekend at the cabin. We spent 6 days in New Orleans at the ELCA Youth Gathering. Two of our youth were voting members at the ELCA LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) Convention in Hattisburg, Mississippi for 5 days. Where does one start in reviewing last month?

I have many fond memories of all of these events. You will have the opportunity to hear from the young people themselves about the Gathering in New Orleans during worship, Sunday, September 20th at both services. Holly Marsh and Philip Dyouli (along with 5 other youth) attended the LYO convention as voting members from the Saint Paul Area Synod. I attended this event as an adult leader. I thoroughly enjoyed watching our young people. St. Paul has some great young leaders and Prince of Peace has every right to be proud that Holly and Philip served the ELCA LYO.

We adults sat in the back of the room as the young people of our church carried on business. The room was full of young people who obviously care deeply about God’s Creation, people all around the globe, and what their church does to demonstrate justice for all. Resolution after resolution came before the convention to seek peace and justice for all people in the world. Several resolutions were challenging all Lutheran Youth to take care of God’s creation by advocating for safe, clean drinking water for all people across the world and encouraging all of us to use reusable water bottles rather than buying bottled water.

Our church is blessed with many young people who are passionate for sharing the Gospel—the Good News of a God who loves them. They are answering God’s call for justice for all people and for his creation. Next week I will be attending the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. I pray that we might follow the example of our young people, and that we might have their passion for bringing God’s love to all people and justice for all. I thank God daily for our young people and their willingness to be our leaders.

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**On Sunday, September 20 at both worship services**
we will celebrate our trip to New Orleans with you. Come join us.
Come experience a part of what we experienced in New Orleans.
Come hear about--Jesus, Justice, Jazz.

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**Junior High Youth Events**

**Confirmation Retreat**
Friday, October 23rd 8:00 PM to Sunday, October 25th 9:30 AM
We'll meet at Audrey's house.
Cost: $40.00
Questions? contact Audrey
Sign-up on the youth bulletin board

**Senior High Youth Events**

**FEAST** (Friends Eating and Sharing Together)
Wednesdays 6:15—7:15 PM We meet in the youth room.

**Breakfast Club**
Sundays @ 9:30 AM We meet in the youth room.

**Canoe Trip—September 12**
Canoe the St. Croix River
We'll meet at church at 10:00 AM
We'll come back for a cookout @ Audrey's
Cost: $30.00/person Sign-up on the youth bulletin board

**North Shore Hiking Trip**
Depart from church @ 7:00 AM
Friday, October 16th Return @ 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 18th. Cost: $35.00
Sign-up on the youth bulletin board
**Women’s Bible Study**

St. Paul Area Synod Women’s Organization is holding its annual “Introduction to the new 2009-10 Women’s Bible Study on Saturday, September 26. The new study, *To God’s Beloved: Paul’s Letter to the Romans*, is written by Dr. Sara Henrich, a professor at Luther Seminary. Sara will make the presentations at this introductory session at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in North St. Paul. Cost is $10.00 which includes lunch. Registration forms are by our church office door and due by Sept. 22. Sign up if you are going. We will car pool from Prince of Peace.

**Wapogasset Bible Camp Women Retreats**

Wapogasset Bible Camp near Amery, WI is offering two Living Word Retreats:
- Sept. 11-12 will be *Harvest: Lessons from the Garden*, at Ox Lake, the outpost camp site at Wapo.
- October 16-18 will be *Overview of the Bible*
Both retreats will be led by Pastor Valerie Peterson, a former Hong Kong missionary. Look for the flyers on the bulletin board.

**Building Renewal Project**

**Pledge and Gift Update**
Thank you to the 77 families who have pledged and given to the Building Renewal Project. As of August 12, a total of $120,422 has been pledged. That leaves only $39,578 to go to reach the goal of $160,000 needed to complete the project. $103,802 has been given. Thank you Prince of Peace members and friends!

**Project Update**

**What has been done?** New main entry with double doors, roof, siding, a canopy with a cross, new ceiling, lighting and a tile floor. Carpet in the hallway. Electrical for the LED narthex lighting. Moulding and paint around the narthex skylights. Pulpit for the sanctuary.

**What is scheduled to be done?** Furniture - baptismal font, table, console (desk) and a cross for the chancel area. Choir loft floor, organ cleaning, projection screen and soffit, ceiling and LED lighting installed in narthex, exit lighting, and SE corner step removal and cement work.

**What is on hold?** Sanctuary lighting and dimming system, blinds for the narthex and sanctuary, windows (glass) for SE narthex corner, ceiling (restroom corridor), security system (card access) for new entrance and office entrance, projector system (includes projector, monitors and a computer).

*Notes from the BRC meetings are available in the church office. This project was a design-build project that had final decisions made as the project progressed. The majority of the work is complete with finishing touches on electric, lighting and technology etc. to be completed as funds are available through the Building Renewal Fund Appeal that was approved by the congregation on April 26.*

**Martha Circle**
- Second Monday, Sept. 14, 1:00 pm
- Hostess: Kay M. Johnson 766-6796
- Leader: Mary Lewis

**Rebecca Circle**
- Second Monday, Sept. 14, 7:30pm
- Hostess: Liz Ericksen 766-7408
- Leader: Carol Swanson

**Lydia Circle**
- Second Tuesday: Sept. 8, 9:30 am
- Hostess: Deanna Rowe 483-2238
- Leader: Ardella Norenberg

**Ruth Circle**
- Third Tuesday: Sept. 15, 7:30 pm
- Hostess: Jean Knaak 483-9261
- Leader: TBA

**Women of the Well Circle**
- Second Tuesday: Sept. 8, 9:30 am
- Hostess: Kathleen Gabrielsen 490-5520
- Leader: Anne Olson
OK’s Welcome back Older Kids (55+!)

Join us for lunch at Prince of Peace on Thursday, September 10 at 11:30AM. Our entertainment will be Bradley and Co. - Banjo Praise...Banjo Prayers.

Cost $8.00. Sign up in the narthex on Sundays, Aug. 30 or Sept. 6. You may also sign up by calling Margaret Sorenson at 651-631-0247 or Lorraine Storer at 651-486-7217. Hope to see you there.

Befriender Ministry

The Prince of Peace Befriender Ministry Group will meet on the fourth Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30, for supper and the start of a new year of extending a caring ministry to those in our congregation.

Tanzania Update

Bega kwa Bega

9th ANNUAL TANZANIAN DINNER

Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Tanzanian Dinner at Prince of Peace sponsored by the Tanzanian Mission Partners on Sunday, November 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Food Shelves Need Help!

Don’t forget that communion Sundays we ask you to bring food and money donations for the foodshelf. Ethnic foods are particularly needed—rice, all kinds of beans. Also needed are household supplies such as dish soap, shampoo and toilet paper.

SAVE THE DATE  St. Paul Partners - Tanzania Water Development Partners

Taste & See Tanzania: Gift of Water—Gift of Life
Saturday, October 3, 2009  4:30—8:00pm
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Video Presentation of Well Drilling in Iringa, Tanzania
See Tanzanians’ responses to clean water wells drilled in their villages and a video documentation of the well drilling process. For further information about St. Paul Partners, go to stpaulpartners.org

Prince of Peace to host AARP Driver Safety Classes in September

In response to requests made in the Seniors Survey, the Task Force on Senior Ministry is pleased to announce that Prince of Peace will be hosting classes in the AARP Driver Safety Program this fall. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

The AARP Driver Safety program is designed for motorists age 50 and older. Upon completion of one of these seminars, you will be entitled to a discount on your auto insurance program. Initially one attends the 8-hour seminar. Thereafter, to retain the insurance premium discount, one must attend the 4-hour refresher seminar every three years. (Please bring your current driver's license with you.) Seminars are taught by AARP-trained volunteers.

8-hour Driving Seminar:
Saturdays, Sept. 19 and 26 from 9am-1pm
Location: Prince of Peace
Registration: Beginning Aug. 1
Cost: $12 if AARP member; $14 if not a member of AARP.

(Make checks out to AARP and send to Prince of Peace - please bring your AARP card to class.)

4-hour Refresher Course:
Sat., Sept. 26 from 1:30-5:30 pm
Location: Prince of Peace
Registration: Beginning Aug. 1
Cost: $12 if AARP member; $14 if not a member of AARP.

(Make checks out to AARP and send to Prince of Peace - please bring your AARP card to class.)

Open to the community as well as Prince of Peace members.
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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church—View current and updated calendar on the website www.princeofpeace.tc
Thank you to the 178 members who completed the Time and Talent survey. The surveys are available on the website for those who did not get a chance to complete the survey. These surveys help leadership and staff find people to assist in the ministry of Prince of Peace.

Thank you to the 41 families who are using the Simply Giving program for their gifts to Prince of Peace. Simply Giving forms are in the brochure racks and on the table in the narthex. The form is also on the website www.princeofpeace.tc - click on the icon on the home page in the left column. This will take you to the Simply Giving page where you click on the same icon to take you to the Simply Giving form. You may complete the form and submit online or copy the form and send it to the church. Please call the church office if you have questions.

Council Corner - Christer Cederberg, Vice President

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Together these three churches showed us a history of power and influence, and they offered us glorious music and a strong Christian message. Behind all this was a devoted, friendly staff and some volunteers (volunteering is rare in Sweden). Yet, something was missing!

Swedes too are busy enjoying their summer vacations "away," but I feel that for our Church to succeed, we also need to BE THERE to pursue together our quest for something bigger and more meaningful and to feel God’s presence in our lives.

Christer Cederberg, Council Vice President

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

II Corinthians 9:8