

A few weeks ago, I was volunteering in Zachary's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. My "station" was helping small groups of students come up with resolutions for the New Year. Of course, I had to start with defining a "resolution." The definition that Mr Schaen and I used with the students was "something that makes you a better person, helps others, or helps the world." It was wonderful the things that the kids came up with...some examples...

- I am going to recycle more
- I am going to help my Dad with the trash
- Planting lots of tree seeds
- Playing with my sister more
- Being nice

There were lots more that the students shared, but it was so much fun to explore these ways of "being better people" or "helping others" or "helping the world" with the children of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Elm School.

As we begin 2011 together, I encourage you to adopt a resolution that I guarantee you will do all three of those things. Starting on January 9, we will begin a journey through the Gospel of Luke. We'll be exploring this Gospel in worship, in small groups, and in opportunities for your own personal reading. On January 2 and January 9, you can pick up a bookmark that will detail the daily readings. We will also publish the readings each week in the worship bulletin and each month in Crossroads. In addition, you can sign up for an email list to receive the reading each morning in your inbox, as well as updates on our PCW Facebook page. In worship through this season, we will be focusing on each Sunday's reading. Our goal is that every member will participate in this journey in their own personal devotional time or reading with your family, in small groups with others here at PCW, in worship, or some combination thereof.

My personal resolution as I enter this journey is simply to get to know Jesus better. Whether you have read this book 100 times or you've never read a Gospel straight through, you **will** experience something new of God through this journey. The depth of meaning and the life changing power of the Gospels can never be exhausted. So, I encourage you to make a similar resolution in your life in the first part of 2011 – enter into this journey and come to know Jesus even better.

Grace & Peace,

*Ed*

~ January 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Luke 3:1-6	10 Luke 3:7-18	11 Luke 3:19-20	12 Luke 3:21-22	13 Luke 3:23-38	14 Luke 4:1-13	15 Luke 4:14-15
16 Luke 4:16-30	17 Martin Luther King's Birthday Luke 4:31-41	18 Luke 4:42-44	19 Luke 5:1-11	20 Luke 5:12-16	21 Luke 5:17-26	22 Luke 5:27-39
23 Luke 6:1-11	24 Luke 6:12-16	25 Luke 6:17-19	26 Luke 6:20-38	27 Luke 6:39-49	28 Luke 7:1-10	29 Luke 7:11-17
30 Luke 7:18-35	31 Luke 7:36-50	<b>There will be two Luke study groups on Wednesday nights scheduled at different times to meet your schedule. 4:30-5:30 and 6:30-7:30</b>				

In the Gospel of John 1:14 we hear an incredible, inconceivable, delicious truth:

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.”

This is what we celebrate – we sing about – we worship at Christmas. The promise that God would move into our neighborhoods and live among and in us.

I was reading my daily devotional this morning and came across a quote from The Double Search. This short 124-page book written by Rufus M. Jones is warm, inviting, and revealing about God among us. Here is just part of what I found to be so enriching:

“It is a primary truth of Christianity that God reaches us directly. No person is insulated. As oceans flood the inlets, as sunlight environs the plant, so God enfolds and enwreathes the finite spirit. There is this difference, however, inlet and plant are penetrated whether they will or not. Sea and sunshine crowd themselves in (whether desired or not). Not so with God. He can be received only through appreciation and conscious appropriation. He comes only through doors that are purposely opened for Him. A person may live as near God as the bubble is to the ocean and yet not find him. He may be ‘closer than breathing, nearer than hands or feet,’ and still be missed.

Let me ask you a question. Did you leave any Christmas presents unwrapped under the Christmas tree? Not so much? Of course we opened all of the presents with our name on them. Who leaves a present unopened? The greatest gift ever wrapped up and placed in front of us is Jesus Christ.

“Sea and sunshine crowd themselves in (whether desired or not). Not so with God. He can be received only through appreciation and conscious appropriation. He comes only through doors that are purposely opened.”

To be genuine love of any kind, it must be freely given and freely received. The gift of love – the gift of God's only Son Jesus Christ is an incredible, inconceivable, delicious gift offered to and for each one of us. My name, David, your name, ..... is on each gift-wrapped present. But to receive it, we must open it. Listen to what God in Christ says about the gift:

“Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you.” (Revelation 3:20)

If you have never opened the door to Jesus, or if it has been awhile and you feel that you have drifted apart – here is what to do. Either by yourself or even better with a trusted Christian friend, ask Jesus to come into your life. Invite Him into your home, where you work, where you go to school. Invite Him into your marriage, into your friendships, into your joys, your worries, and into your heart.

Happy New Year.

Your partner and pastor,

**DAZ**



# Senior High News

Please contact Anne Fischer for information regarding Sr. High activities

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**January 2nd 7:30-9:00**

**Hero's-Who Is Yours?**

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**January 8th 1:00-10:00**

**Mid-night Ski @ Perfect North**

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**January 16th 7:30-9:00**

**Loneliness**

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**January 23rd 10 am**

**Pie Mission for Seniors**

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**January 30th**

**7:30-9:00**

**Abortion**



This week the 4/5 year old children took a field trip to Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing to deliver cereal Lads and Lassies collected. The people at Valley gave the children a tour and told them a little about what they do and how they help. When we got back to school we sat down to talk about what we noticed...

**Teacher- What are some things you noticed about Valley?**

**Students- "There are only two carts. You have to take turns."**

**"The free store is smaller than Kroger and Target." "There aren't very many choices if you don't have money. There were only three boxes of mac and cheese". "There was not much cereal- THERE IS NOW!"**



**"There was a kid area. If a family needs help, the kids in the family need help too." "If a family who needs help has a baby the baby needs help too."**

**Teacher- What are some ways we can help people who need help?**

**"We could give them our old toys." "We could give the babies baby toys."**

**"My mom and dad read me books at night, we could give them books."**

**"My shoes always get too small, I could give them those."**

**"I would just give them money."**

**"I would make them something like a strawberry pie."**

**"The cereal was a good thing to give them."**

This experience was a gift to all involved!

Stacey Akers

Director of PreSchool

# Super Wednesdays

begin January 19th!!

The weather outside might be cold and dreary but inside PCW on Wednesday night everything sparkles from the warmth and fellowship! Super Wednesdays resumes on January 19th with a great kickoff dinner.

Super Wednesdays had a busy first semester! Children met for an hour of Games that taught lessons through play and fellowship. The Children's Choir practiced weekly and sang in the worship services twice and assisted in the leading of worship on Christmas Eve at 5 o'clock! Adults met for a variety of classes, small groups, music practices, and fellowship each week too! It was a SUPER fall!

**On Wednesday, January 19th, Super Wednesday will begin its winter semester.** It will run each Wednesday from January 19th through the Lenten Season. There are activities for all ages!

**Children 1st through 6th Grade** are invited to come after school for Homework Help at 3:30 p.m. then beginning at 4:30 p.m. kids will launch into Super Games and Lessons.

**All ages gather at 5:30 p.m. for a Super Supper in the Great Room.** The meals are terrific and the table fellowship is energizing!

**After Dinner Activities begin at 6:30 through 7:30 p.m. for all ages!**

- Veggie Tale Club for Kindergarteners and Preschoolers
- Children's Choir & Art of Service for 1st through 6th Graders
- Common Grounds for Adults
- Study of Luke Class for Adults
- Vision's Band Rehearsal

We hope that you will mark your calendars as Super Wednesdays at Wyoming and plan to take part!

## Help is Needed on Super Wednesdays!

In order to make Super Wednesdays work for our children, many volunteers are needed. Each family is asked to volunteer for at least 3 Super Wednesdays as either a Before Dinner Helper, Table Parent, Art in Service Helper, or a Music Assistant. A sign up sheet is located in the Gathering Area.

Please sign up to assist before January 19th. We want to make sure all areas are covered before Super Wednesday begins.

**You do not have to be a Parent to help out!  
All adults are welcome!**

## Sunday School Change in Schedule

The Children and Youth Sunday School Classes will take a break during the Christmas-New Year holiday. There will not be Sunday School on

**Sunday, December 26th or January 2nd.**

Mark your calendar to start off the New Year right with Sunday School on January 9th at 10 a.m.! During this holiday season, remember to thank your Sunday School teachers who have given PCW the gift of experiencing the Holy Spirit each week!

**\*A Special Note: The Adult Class in the Founder's Room will hold class as usual.**



**Stewardship is HEART WORK**

**This year, our Sunday School Students have taken Stewardship to heart and have fully embraced projects that make a difference!**

This fall, the children saved their Sunday School offering in September, October, and the beginning of November and raised enough funds (\$500) purchase 10 of the Thanksgiving Boxes that were given to needy families for Thanksgiving. It really touched their hearts knowing that they could provide a meal for children like themselves who lived nearby. Many of them participated in the packing and delivering of the boxes and experienced first hand how this works to make a difference to many. In late November and through out December, their offering was used to purchase hats, gloves, and scarves to bring warmth to kids who need them. They wanted to make sure kids were heart healthy and warm going into the holiday season.

Now, as the new year approaches, the kids are gearing up for their annual Heifer Project! Each Sunday in January & February, the children's Sunday School offering will go to providing livestock and/or business and agricultural education to families in developing countries which enables them to provide for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Did you know you could buy a heifer for as much as \$500 or a flock of chicks, ducks, or geese for as little as \$20. There are many options and the children will decide how to spend their collection during the annual Congregational Meeting at the end of February. Last year, the children raised close to \$400 and chose to purchase a plethora of animals which almost filled a tiny farm!

The children are learning how their tithes and offerings not only support the work right here in our church and neighborhood but around the world. The children will be collecting all of their change to make a change in our world. If you have any jingling in your pockets please give it to one of our kids because they'll know what to do with it!

**Stewardship isn't hardwork at PCW. It is HEART Work & our children's hearts are totally in it!**



## VBS is just 6 Months Away!

Planning for our summer VBS will begin on Monday, Jan. 24th at 7 p.m. If you would like to help out in this extremely rewarding endeavor contact Stephanie Togneri! We will be working with Wyoming Baptist again this year!

**Mark your calendars now!**

**Dates are...**

**June 13th - June 17th**

**with a special VBS Sunday planned for  
June 19th!**

# TWEEN NEWS

FOR OUR 4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> Graders

## January Fun Event: Ice Skating

On Sunday, January 9th the Tweens will meet at PCW at 12:30 and go ice skating at Northland Skates from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for children 12 and under is \$4 for admission and adults are \$6. A snack bar is available.

Parent Chaperones/Skaters are needed.

As always, friends are welcome to join us for all events! We just need to know in advance to make sure we have enough drivers/chaperones! Contact Stephanie Togneri by Wednesday, January 5th if you plan to go.



## Coming Soon:

### February's Event:

Matthew 25 Ministry on Sat., Feb. 12th from 8:30 a.m. to noon.  
Bake Sale on Sun., Feb. 13th after all services.

### March's Fun Event:

Candlepin Bowling on Sunday, March 6th from 12:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

### Summer Mission Trip:

June 27, 28, 29th. Look for info shortly.



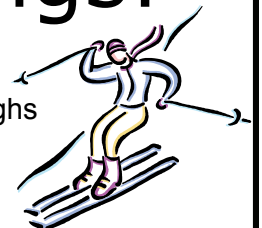
## CONFIRMATION begins January 9th at 10 a.m.!

Any student in eighth grade or higher is invited to join the Confirmation Class beginning in January running through April during the Sunday School hour. It will be an opportunity for youth to explore their faith and beliefs as they continue on their faith journey. The first meeting will be Sunday, January 9th from 10 to 10:45 a.m. in the Youth Space. Parents are encouraged to attend the first meeting. For more information contact Stephanie Togneri at the church office.

# January Jr. High Happenings!

All 7th & 8th Graders are invited to attend!

Saturday, January 8th	1 pm.	Skiing at Perfect North Slopes with the Sr. Highs
Saturday, January 15th	8:30 to noon	Freestore Foodbank Mission Opportunity
Sunday, January 23rd	7:00 p.m.	Jr. High Meeting: <i>New Year New Day!</i>



### Summer Trip News:

The Jr. Highs have chosen to attend the Massanetta Middle School Conference in Harrisburg, Va, June 20th—June 24th.

This trip is for current 7th & 8th Graders.

For more information about Jr. High Happenings contact Stephanie Togneri at [stephaine@pcwyoming.org](mailto:stephaine@pcwyoming.org).

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	6:30p-7:30p Children's Ministry Meeting	7p-8p NA				
	6:45p-7:45p Voice Class					
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## November Services

**8:00 a.m.**  
Traditional

**9:00 a.m.**  
Contemporary

**10:00 a.m.**  
Christian Education

**11:00 a.m.**  
Traditional  
Bible Discovery  
(1st grade and under)