Lutherans Involved in Long-Term Recovery from Hurricane Sandy

Immediate response work has given way to long-term recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, and New Jersey Lutheran Disaster Response is helping to set up necessary infrastructure. This is slow work and prayers are much appreciated.

Pastor Lisa Barnes (Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey) and Pastor Becky Resch (Abiding Presence, Ewing) are working with the New Jersey synod and congregations in helping to organize and provide training for long-term recovery. People with specific skills can contact Pr. Barnes (lbarnes@lsmnj.org) or Pr. Resch (bresch@njsynod.org) to see how they might help.

There is also a volunteer form on the Lutheran Social Ministries website: www.lsmnj.org The form can be found by going to the programs and services pull-down menu, clicking on community outreach services, then clicking on the ldr volunteer registration form link at the top right.

As the recovery is at a point where impatience and frustrations increase, all are asked to pray boldly and with hope.

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (ELW p.76)

Soup Suppers Return for Lent

Wednesdays Before Evening Prayer Service

Join us for a delicious soup supper on Wednesday evenings during Lent before the 7:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer service.

Sign up on the poster in the Gathering Area. Supper starts at 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there.

Melody Bromberg

Don’t Forget!!!!

Daylight Savings
Sunday, March 10
Set Your Clocks Ahead!
Dear Christian Friends…

“Try to remember and if you remember, then follow.”

The beautiful words of a song from the off-Broadway musical, “The Fantasticks,” offer us something of a challenge as we grow older.

We may indeed “try to remember” but the mind doesn’t always cooperate.

The story is told of one woman who was away for a few days at a teacher’s convention. In the middle of the convention she suddenly remembered it was trash day and she expressed her concern to her friend.

Her friend tried to calm her fears and reminded her that her husband was still at home and could certainly put out the trash by himself.

But the woman said, “You don’t understand. It takes both of us to take out the trash. I can’t carry it and he can’t remember it.”

Comedian Bill Cosby shares what is a common experience for all of us—how he goes into a room and then can’t remember what he went into the room to get. Cosby says all these years we were told the memory is in the mind, but he’s now convinced it’s in our bottom because, says Cosby, “as soon as I leave the room and sit down, I suddenly remember what it was I wanted.”

Memory plays an important part in the proclamation of Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, the people of God are gathered around the living memory of the great things God has done:

“I will remember my covenant to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”

“Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.”

“Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand.”

“Remember your creator in the days of your youth.”

“This do in remembrance of me.”

Yet for all the importance accorded memory in the Bible, do you know who has the worst memory of all? Why, it’s God! That’s right. No disrespect intended, but God has the worst memory in the universe. It says so right in Scripture—“I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more.”

That’s right—God has a horrible memory on purpose. The good news of our faith is that God has wiped out any memory of the wrongs we have done, pushed the erase button, pushed “delete.” In the death of Christ, God doesn’t say, “I forgive you but I’ll never forget.” Rather He says, “I forgive and forget. I will remember your sins no more.”

John Newton, the author of “Amazing Grace,” struggled greatly with loss of memory. In the later days of Newton’s life, a friend asked if he still had a bad memory. Newton replied, “Yes, I do. But I remember two things—I am a great sinner and I have a great Savior.”

Perhaps in all our lives, there is not much more we need to remember than that.

Pastor Carl Joecks, Interim Pastor
A Special Time of Year…

As I write this letter for the March issue of *Tidings*, I’m still reflecting on the powerful worship experience that we had just a few hours ago during our Ash Wednesday service, as we began our 2013 Lenten journey. During this time of the church year, we reflect on our own actions and lifestyle. We seek to be penitent and open to atonement. As a result, the content of our worship services change. Our hymns will still be selected because they pertain to the day’s readings, but more broadly they will be selected to help us as we worship with these ‘Lenten’ attitudes. Some will say that there are more minor-sounding hymns during Lent…and that we’re supposed to somehow feel sad or emotionally subdued. Personally, I’ve never agreed with the conventional wisdom that minor keys lend to general sadness where major keys lead to general happiness.

During Lent, the custom at Prince of Peace is to include the day’s Psalm during worship. We don’t do this often throughout the rest of the year. Our Psalm offerings will vary. Sometimes we will read responsively. Other times we’ll have refrains and traditional Psalm tones sung by a cantor. We’ll also offer hymns or other musical settings based on the psalms. Also, during Lent, we include in our services the popular musical setting of the Lord’s Prayer. But, perhaps most important to me musically is the inclusion of “Create in Me a Clean Heart” as our weekly Offertory Hymn. Singing this hymn each week will hopefully help us to keep open minds and hearts to God’s calling in the world around us.

Lastly, we will be offering mid-week Lenten services again this year. These services will start at 7:30 (or just a few minutes late due to other Wednesday activities). Our tradition is to use the wonderful setting of Holden Evening Prayer. We are seeking worship leaders for these services. Please see me or sign up if you’d like to lead in the singing, play along with us, or offer a short homily.

I wish you all a blessed Lenten season in 2013.

Blessings,

*Doug Helvering, Minister of Music*

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**Music Schedule**

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- **March 3, 3:00 p.m.** – Central Jersey Symphony orchestra – at PoP
- **March 9, 7:00 p.m.** – Sinfonietta Nova orchestra – at PoP
- **April 14, 3:00 p.m.** – CJSO Chamber Music Concert – at PoP
- **April 27, 7:30 p.m.** – PoP Adult Choir, Capital Singers of Trenton, and the Festival Singers of Kansas City – at Miller Chapel on the Princeton Seminary campus
- **May 5, 7:00 p.m.** – Canticum Novum chorus (from Westminster) – at PoP

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**The Fellowship Team**

*Is hosting a Wine & Cheese Party*

April 21, 2013 3PM to 6PM
A Word from the Council President

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We can look at any situation as being a glass half empty, or a glass half full. Sometimes family, personal, financial, or job-related problems can make the glass seem *totally* empty. God does more than help us reflect on the positive, counting the plusses instead of the minuses. God moves us to see our cup is really full, brimming over with his love and salvation… even if the cup has unresolved challenges floating in it.

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Bob Durie,  
Congregation President

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From the Call Committee

Dear Friends,

Wonderful news! Our Congregational Council has met the candidate that the Call Committee recommended. Council has voted unanimously to further recommend this candidate to the congregation.

The candidate now has some time for reflection and discernment; we have not yet heard whether the candidate will proceed with us, although we are of course hoping for an enthusiastic yes. This part of the process can take a couple of weeks; perhaps by the time this is published, you’ll have heard additional news.

If we do proceed, the next step is for the congregation to participate in worship, led by the candidate, and meet afterward. At that time you’ll get more information about this candidate, including a name and a condensed resume printed in the bulletin. You’ll also have a chance to interact with the candidate and ask any questions that you have.

This is an exciting time for our congregation. The Call Committee is delighted that we could introduce such an exceptional candidate to Council.

This time is a good reminder, too, of our gratitude for Pastor Joecks. His kindness to us, and good humor, has been a balm to our congregation during this difficult in-between stage.

We continue to ask for your prayers. This process takes a long time because it is so important; we want a good fit for both our congregation and this candidate. Please pray that God’s will be done in our church – that the pastor God has for us will come, in God’s time, and that our congregation will continue to thrive.

For all of us,

Elizabeth Wagner  
Call Committee Chair

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Confirmation Corner

This year, the Confirmation Class is made up of 20 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and 4 leaders. We are studying Martin Luther’s Small Catechism, which is part of a three year rotation which is devoted to the Old Testament and the New Testament during the other two years.

One of the most important things that we have learned so far in our study of the Small Catechism is that Martin Luther wants us to study God’s word and gifts to us in a very specific order. Luther starts us off with the Ten Commandments, which show us God’s demands and our inability to fulfill them. Then, we move to the Apostles’ Creed which declares what God does for us, and then to the Lord’s Prayer, which teaches us where we may go for help. Finally, we end with a study of the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion which give us what we need the most from God: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Luther made an analogy to a physician, who begins with a diagnosis (the Ten Commandments) before offering treatment (the good news in the Apostles’ Creed and Lord’s Prayer). The picture shows a chart that we have in the classroom to remind us of this important order.

We hope you enjoy hearing about our Confirmation studies and look forward to sharing additional articles in the months to come.

Confirmation Class of 2012-2013

Easter Sunday Brunch

All are welcome to share a bountiful brunch on Easter Sunday morning—March 31! Please join fellow POPer’s for a delicious buffet breakfast to be served between the early and late services. The Special Events team will provide hot dishes and we invite all who attend to bring breakfast bread, or sliced fruit platter for the meal. Please sign up (by March 24) on the poster in the gathering area as to the number from your family that will be attending as well as what you will be bringing.

The Special Events Team
Michelle Young
Diane Urbanek

Book Group

The Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. We welcome new members at any time. Please call Phyllis Church at 799-1793 if with any questions.

March 14 - Location TBA
Saturday - by Ian McEwan

The author adopts the stream of consciousness technique to describe one day in the life of neurosurgeon Henry Perowne, a day which begins with a flaming airplane falling through the sky and ends with a home invasion during a family gathering. Throughout the story Henry attempts to make sense of his life in a rapidly changing world.

April 11 - at the home of Bente Ott, 47 Gordon Way, Princeton, NJ 08540. Please RSVP by telephone at 683-8363 or by email to benteott@gmail.com.

Beyond Fences - by Helge Deaton

This memoir describes what it was like to grow up in what was then the German colony of Southwest Africa (now Namibia) in the time period before and after WWII. The author herself will attend the meeting to talk about her experiences and to answer any questions we might have about the book.

PoP Tots Music & Movement Classes

For our littlest disciples, birth to age 5.

Classes are held during Wonderful Wednesdays 5:45-6:15 PM, and are led by Lynn Gumert, Kevin Ellis and Jen DiGioia.

Infants and Preschoolers participate with their parents in a music & movement class that nurtures each child’s musical and spiritual development with lessons, songs, instrument playing, dancing, and activities that are both age appropriate and developmentally appropriate. Along with music, we also incorporate many different aspects of the Prince of Peace worship experience, such as prayer and scripture readings. It is a special time to share with your child and its lots of fun!

It’s never too early to spark a lifelong love of music, so join today!
Recipients of Our Social Outreach Local Benevolence Dollars:
First in a Series of Articles

The Social Outreach Team has the responsibility to see that Prince of Peace disciples carry out our mission for outreach, as expressed in our Mission Statement: To encourage, stimulate and lead our disciples at Prince of Peace to reach out to community, state, synod and the world. To identify, understand and minister to the needs of others with Christian faith, love and compassion.

As part of that effort, part of our annual Social Outreach line in the Spending Plan is designated for local benevolence. This is an important part of the ministry of all Prince of Peace disciples, as we care about those in need in our general community, in addition to the "hands-on" work we do, like the Advent Giving Tree (as one example).

For the next several months, the Social Outreach Team will feature one of the Local Benevolence recipients, so that the congregation will have an idea of what some of our benevolence dollars are doing. This month we are featuring Meals on Wheels of Trenton/Ewing (formerly known as Mobile Meals of Trenton).

This agency, located in Ewing, was founded in 1973 by the Visiting Nurse Association, local congregations, and civic leaders to address the needs of seniors who were beginning to suffer ill health and even death from malnutrition. Many of these persons live alone and are not able to get out of their homes without assistance. In addition, just over a third of the seniors in this program live below the poverty line and all are chronically disabled. Meals on Wheels of Trenton/Ewing expects to serve almost 38,000 meals this year. A gift of $50 provides ten healthy meals.

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver almost 200 meals a day to these folks. In addition, Meals on Wheels of Trenton/Ewing uses persons with disabilities to help with meal preparation and even meal delivery, thus providing meaningful work for another deserving population. They always need additional volunteers. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering to help deliver meals to the homebound may call 609-695-3483, visit mowte.org, or e-mail volunteer@mowte.org.

Berta Schott

Thanks for Valentine Care Packages

Dear Prince of Peace Church,
Thank you so much for the Valentine’s Day care package. I can’t believe the variety of wonderful things you gave me. It is so nice to be remembered as a member of PoP even though I am miles away. Happy Valentine’s Day to all!
Love,
Johanna Schutzer

Dear PoP,
Thanks so much for the valentine’s day gift box! I really enjoyed it especially the gum and mac & cheese.
Matthew Safranek

Dear PoP Family—
Thanks for the generous Valentine’s box and all the love and support. Everyone in labor and delivery appreciates it. Thanks for the continued love and support.
Love,
Abigail Winder

Dear PoP friends,
I had a wonderful Valentines’ surprise in the form of a visit from Martha Winder and Ann Patterson bearing goodies similar to those sent to our college students. The package included crossword puzzle books and much more. It’s just great to be remembered.
Thank you,
Carolyn Aldridge

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

Need of the Month

Canned Vegetarian Beans

Brings items to the collection basket in the entry way to the Gathering Area.
Parish Care

Many Many THANKS - You Did It Again!

Thirty One Care Boxes - One gift bag and a small jiffy bag were Sent to Our Students Away at School

The Parish Care Team would like to thank all the Joyful Disciples for their generous support of the Valentine Care boxes. All of your goodies and dollars have filled all the boxes to the brim and sent much love and care to our students away at school. Also all their friends get to see what it is like to have a Church Family.

On Feb. 4 we packed 31 boxes with a little over six pounds of goodies, including cookies, brownies, mac & cheese packets, soup, Girl Scout Thin Mints, treats, snacks, pens, pencils, gum, hot chocolate, tea, popcorn, a bouncy ball, leaping frogs and bubbles, and a couple of baggies of candy. We also included a Sunday bulletin and a Lenten devotional. The boxes were shipped to our students from as close as Trenton and the northeast to as far as California in the West and North Carolina in the South. Look for the thank you notes posted on the bulletin board and in the Tidings. Your monetary donations allowed us to make sure the boxes were overflowing with treats and shipped. One little jiffy bag was sent to Germany! We had a busy crew of 12 working on Monday night.

Every year we always worry about having enough home baked goodies to fill all of the boxes - the number of boxes always grows and my list of bakers seems to stay the same. So thank you the those who baked - Kathy, Alexandra and Cassandra Morris, Phyllis Church, Nancy Herrington, Janis Haddock and the Youth Group, Anne Patterson, Joy Marshall, Karen Pontell, Kathy Nowak, Cathy Zuccarello, Linda Carlson, Dave New and the Drager-Smith family for the GS thin mints! (Thanks also to those who baked anonymously!)

Thanks to your $ donations, the cost of shipping was covered - 28 boxes went via USPS, 2 through UPS, and 2 were hand delivered. Thank you to Berta Schott and Jim Winder for coming on Tuesday morning to help get all the boxes to the post office.

Watch for the details for next year - packing is always the first Monday of February!

This year, under the direction of Anne Patterson, we also delivered a few Valentine Goodies to four of our older friends that cannot get to church as easily or as often as they would like. They enjoyed a visit, some conversation and a few treats. We would like to continue to reach out to them throughout the year.

Ginger Reiserson continues to keep our Care Note display filled. If you or anyone you know would benefit from one of the booklets, please take them from the display. If you have a topic that you would like to see in the display, please let us know - we will see what is available.

We continue with our monthly mailings to families with a new baby (Splash) and those who have lost a loved one (Hope through Healing).

We are always looking for new folks to be involved in our projects and to help use with some new ideas. Please contact us with your interest.

Easter Baskets for Lutheran Social Ministries Children

Once again this year, we have the opportunity to help bring Easter joy to children in the programs of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSM/NJ) by assembling Easter Baskets. These programs are Project Home, Lutheran Home for Children, Immigration and Refugee Services, and Affordable Family Housing. Use your imagination and creativity as you gather items to include. Some suggestions from LSM/NJ are combinations of activities and books, games, stuffed animals, candy and other treats, as well as Easter-themed messages to children of all ages.

Please put your name and the number of baskets you will provide on the sign-up sheet in the gathering area. An area will be provided there for the completed baskets. Please bring your basket(s) by Sunday, March 17, as they are needed at LSM/NJ headquarters as soon as possible after that date. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Susan Crossen or Berta Schott.

And thank you for being a part of this ministry outreach..."God's work; Our hands"!

Blessings, The Social Outreach Ministry Team

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Martha Winder and Anne Patterson
Scout Sunday at PoP will be April 7, 2013
Worship leader opportunities are available. We encourage all scouts, young and old, to sign up and participate. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the church office.

Scouts that come in uniform to ‘PoP Scout Sunday’ at either the 8:30 or 11:00 services, can get a Scout Sunday Patch.

If you would like to order a patch for Scout Sunday please use the sign-up sheet in the church office and read the information below.

If you have any questions please contact Jen DiGioia at jdigioia@verizon.net.

***The cost of the Girl Scout Sunday patch is $2.00
***The cost of the BSA Cub/Boy Scout patch is $2.00.

***Please note that these patches will have to be ordered as soon as possible. Since the actual BSA and Girl Scout Sundays are in February, these patches do sell out very quickly. There is an envelope on the counter in the church office where you can sign up and leave your patch payment.

The P.R.A.Y. Program:
An Opportunity for All PoP Youth Grades 1-12 to Earn a Religious Emblem Award

What is the P.R.A.Y. Program?
The P.R.A.Y. program...
* Is a religious emblems program created by the national church bodies cooperating with P.R.A.Y. It is a CHURCH program, approved for use by the national youth agencies.
* It includes awards/emblems that are approved for wear on the official uniforms of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Camp Fire USA, and American Heritage Girls.
* It is designed for boys and girls in grades one through twelve. All church youth (whether or not they belong to a scouting group) are eligible to participate.
* It consists of four different programs based on grade level. These grade levels roughly correspond to the different ranks in the scouting programs, but since the P.R.A.Y. program is a program of the church, it goes strictly by grade level (not by rank).

The four programs available are: God and Me (grades 1-3), God and Family (grades 4-5), God and Church (grades 6-8) and God and Life (grades 9-12)

If you are interested in the program, or if you would like more information, contact Jen DiGioia (609) 918-0884 or jdigioia@verizon.net.
Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following people and situations this month:

...reasons to give thanks
for the birth of Arlene and Bob Webb’s granddaughter, Charlie Quinn Webb, born to Alicia and Jonathan Webb on February 4th.
for the Prince of Peace Call Committee
for our Congregation Council
for the ministry of the Cherry Tree Club (preschool for area homeless children)

...for those who grieve
the Brown family for the death of Rev. Dean Brown’s father
family and friends of Beck Waggoner (aunt of Anne Patterson)
family and friends of 11 year old Elijah Matthew Anderson (friend of Brandi Hebert)
family and friends of Geraldine Crawford (Aunt of Joe Zuccarello)
family and friends of Thomas Andrews (husband of Mary)
family and friends of Evert Prins (Joan Prins’ father)
family and friends of Sally Lund (grandmother of Abbey Aymes)

...for those who are ill or hospitalized
Betty Schoppe (mother of Jon Schoppe)
Angelina (cousin of Joe Zuccarello)
Aaron Thompson (friend of the Waaben family)
Frances Kaminski (mother of Wayne Kaminski)
Jennifer Pharris and Holly McCollam (friends of Brandi Hebert)
Daphne Clausen (girlfriend of Scott Reierson)
Erika Rapela (mother of Megan Petterson’s friend)
Marge Grace (friend of Cathie Balgowan)
Richard Kohler (friend of Cathie Balgowan)
Jimmy Hamilton (friend of Ellie Crawford)
Joseph Kovarcik (Kathy Marrolli’s dad)
Linda McGurl (friend of Megan Peterson)
Alex Berman (son-in-law of Barb and Bill Osburn)
Daniel Silver (cousin of Joe Zuccarello)
Ruth Tucker (friend of Reye’s family)
Glenn Grotz
Joanna Whyte (friend of Megan Peterson)
Marilyn Hyncik (friend of Cathy Zuccarello)
Carole Tully (former PoP disciple)
Elisa Matthes (friend of Zuccarellos)
Darrin Flynn (friend of Nancy Reyes)
Anne Pitts (grandmother of Lynn Gumert)

...others for whom we should pray
Vicki Smith (Brandi Hebert’s mom)
Ruthie Howard (Brandi Hebert’s aunt)
Mike Fabian
for all those devastated by and recovering from hurricane Sandy
Al Wilson (Janis Haddock’s father)

Chuck (a local resident)
Mary Latter (friend of Lisa Schott)
Schuler Family (Hebert)
Mary Maglio (mother-in-law of Tim Gjenvick)
Schaffer family (Hebert)
Daniel Matthews (Brandi Hebert’s grandfather)
for PoP as it works through the steps toward calling the next pastor
JT Schoppe
Leigh Godich
Irwin Auer (Nancy Reyes father)
Lauren (friend of Nancy Reyes)
Catherine Blackwell (Cathy Zuccarello’s mother)
Mary Zuccarello (Joe’s mother)
Thema and Bill Manners (Aunt and Uncle of Cathy Zuccarello)
Dorothy Auer (aunt of Nancy Reyes)
Barbara Auer (Nancy Reyes’ mother)
Carol Dugan
Karen Foltz (stepmother of Lori Fabian)
Joyce Foltz (mother of Lori Fabian)
all the unemployed and the underemployed
all who struggle with addictions and all who seek to help them
all those who serve in the Armed Forces, their loved ones and friends
all those who travel

Prayer
Mighty and eternal God, the heavens proclaim your glory. We thank you for your mercy and unfailing love, for the strength and hope you provide through Christ, and for the support of those around us who work your will. Help us through the gift of your Spirit to always seek the good of others, that all our actions might please you. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.
"Enough" by Adam Hamilton

“How much is enough?” is a question that I have wondered about for quite some time. Since the economic downturn of 2008, more and more people have joined me in considering this question. How much is enough for myself and my family to survive? How much is enough to support my needs and wants as well as to prepare for tomorrow? We are all looking for that magic number that will lead to survival, happiness and success for us.

In his book "Enough", Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., addresses these questions. He begins by discussing the current financial crisis, looking deeply at how our distorted view of money has played a major role in the recent economic downturn. He names the deeper problem, sin and greed, of which we are all guilty. He then invites his readers into a time of spiritual reflection on the role of money in their lives.

In the next few chapters, Hamilton brings together biblical truths and practical wisdom in an effort to help people discover joy and contentment in their lives through simplicity and generosity. He writes, “A key part of experiencing financial and spiritual freedom is found in simplicity and in exercising restraint.” He points out the common ways that people waste money, inviting his readers to consider their financial habits in light of their calling as disciples of Jesus to serve God and the neighbor.

In this short book, Hamilton manages to engage audiences of both lay and clergy alike. The short chapters as well as the discussion questions at the end of each chapter make it a good fit for use in small groups, bible studies or adult forum series. Similarly, the practical money management tips, questions and worksheets allow people to immediately put these truths into practice in their daily lives. If you are looking for a way to talk about faith and finances in your congregation, this book is a great starting point.

Hamilton turns the question of “How much is enough?” on its head. He challenges his readers to move beyond the question of “How much is enough for myself and my family?” to “How much is enough for us for to live out our calling to serve others as disciples of Jesus Christ?” Instead of providing a monetary measuring stick for contentment, he invites his readers into a new way of life that is grounded in simplicity and generosity. He shifts the focus from how much money you have, to how you can use the money that you have to serve God and your neighbor.

Review by Grace Duddy, the assistant director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary. Reprinted from “Stewardship Resources from Luther Seminary.”

Plants for Holy Week

Palm plants and lilies will adorn our chancel beginning on Palm Sunday. Disciples and PoP friends are invited to help purchase these plants. Please take your plants after the 11 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday (or the following Sunday). Please include a check payable to Prince of Peace with your order by March 15.

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**Prince of Peace Family**

**Happy March!**

**Birthdays**

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