



Prince of Peace Memories

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We look forward to the upcoming weekend and the opportunity to visit and reacquaint with friends at the kick-off festivities. We have participated in a lot of events at POP over the years but never a drive-in movie!!!!

11/08/2009

From: Willard B. Hansen,
Member since 1966
In August 1966, we went to Good Shepherd Church, we then went to Prince of Peace. When I came home from work on Monday night, my wife Violet said, "Pastor Morack came to visit". Then we joined Prince of Peace after that. Our church door was open and Kathryn Yerger said, "With an open door it welcomes people to come in. An open door is worth a thousand words".

11/17/09

From: Barb Lindenmeyer
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My daughter, Tracy, was born on September 1st, 1959. She was in her playpen in the living room in October when Dr. Morack came knocking at our door. I was very excited to hear that he was canvassing the neighborhood to start a Lutheran Mission. By the time we held our first Sunday Worship in the Largo Auditorium I was relieved that my daughter was to be baptized. Now, after 50 years we are both active members at Prince of Peace. I think of my church as my second home.

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From: Gloria Walz
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We moved to Largo in October of 1959. My sister told me of Dr. Morack's visit and about starting a new Lutheran church. She and I went to the first meeting. There were 25 people there. When a meeting was called to start the Sunday School, we were the only two that showed up. Thinking I might be of help by keeping records, I instead became the first teacher. The first class was my two, plus one more. We used a page that had pictures and a lesson. I think I learned more than my first students. After we grew I had third graders only for some years. After 25 yrs, I decided to let the younger parents take over with the

classes. The choir started in Dec. of '59 with Dr. Morack's daughter as the first director. She came twice from her home in Tampa to lead us. From simple beginnings, it is amazing how much Prince of Peace has grown.

11/20/09

From: Don and Sue Dunshee
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It was a joy to open the invitation letter to join the choir in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Prince of Peace. We are planning to attend. We would like to thank the pastors and staff and many wonderful friends who have shared their prayers during Don's journey with cancer. We know he will be blessed with a strong recovery and will continue to walk in the path of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Best wishes to all.

From: Evelyn (Snitchler) Keenan
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In November, 1966, our parents, Bill and Hilda Snitchler, moved our family to Largo from upstate New York. I was in 10th grade at Largo High School, my sister, Marilyn, was in 11th grade. Our younger brother, Chuck, was at Oak Grove Middle. Our older brother, Howard, had just been drafted into the Army. Dr. Morack was retiring and Pastor Fehl was beginning his ministry at PoP.

Marilyn and I were active in the youth group...back then it was called Luther League. It was a small group and Pastor Fehl was our "leader". Marilyn and I also babysat for Pastor and Mrs. Fehl's two children, Mark and Alice. Our dad served as a council member and both Mom and Dad taught Sunday School.

In April of 1968, our parents received the tragic news that Howard had been killed in Viet Nam. Pastor Fehl was a great source of comfort and strength for our family as our parents struggled through the days of planning a funeral and we made the sad trip to NY for his burial. Today, the oak tree between the Fellowship Hall and the education wing that provides welcomed shade to the play area is a memorial to Howard.

John Withrock was the Vicar in May of 1973 when he and Pastor Fehl, officiated at my wedding in the sanctuary that is now the Fellowship Hall. As a bride, I remember getting ready for the ceremony in the kitchen and small bathroom there.

Mark Scott was the Vicar in May of 1975 when he and Pastor Fehl officiated at the wedding for Marilyn and Bruce Carlson. The new sanctuary had recently been completed...and, I believe, it was the first wedding to take place there. Bruce's mother, Karine, was the church secretary for many, many years.

Ed and I have two children, Jeff (now age 33) and Alicia (now age 30). Both were baptized by Pastor Fehl...Jeff in 1976 and Alicia in 1979.

Ed and I have since moved to northern Pinellas County and attend church in Palm Harbor but never feel far from the Prince of Peace "home". Marilyn is living in Greenville, SC with her husband, David Crosby, where she is a Lutheran pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Our parents remained faithful members of Prince of Peace. In 2006, Pastor Cindy made many visits to our mother at Sable Palms nursing home; and she and Pastor Joe were a great comfort to us all at her funeral in September of that year. The church helpers still visit our dad at Cypress Palms today, bringing him communion on a regular basis.

Our family has certainly felt the far reaching hands of PoP's ministry throughout the years and know that it will surely continue for many years to come.

Thanks for the memories...

Evelyn (Snitchler) Keenan
Marilyn (Snitchler) Crosby

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I'll never forget the Feast of Lights worship I attended before moving to Florida from Ohio at the end of 2000. It made such a lasting and favorable impression and helped me decide to make PoP my church home! Absolutely no regrets. The choir is my "second family."