# IN THE LORD'S SERVICE - THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Marty	Robert W
Music Leader	Daniel	Rea
Bible Reader	Nathan	Rose
Ushers	Eva/Benson	Joanna, Rachel, Kristal
Techno	lan/Celia	Jefferson/Michael
Cup of Tea and Dishes	Quin/Celia/Robert F	Suan/Janet/Allister

## WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE - Word for Today

"Look at the birds in the sky!..." - Matthew 6:26 CEV

Every formation has to have a 'point goose' out front, who leads and sets the pace for the others. It's a tough position because the point goose cuts the headwinds, meets the changing weather conditions, and is first to feel the rain in his face, the snow in his eyes and the ice on his wings. He keeps the formation on target whatever the situation. It's hard, exhausting and lonely at times



because there's nobody ahead of him to be the wind beneath his wings. The formation depends on him to persevere, stay on track and get the skein safely to its destination.

Every church has its point goose: the pastor. Each department has its point geese: youth, finance, evangelism, care ministries, and so on. They lead, set the pace and give direction to those who follow.

There are two common roles in the church: the under-employed and the over-functioning. Point ministries are the latter, so they tend to burn out frequently. Just before the point goose is exhausted, a space opens in the formation and he slips back into it while another bird replaces him, seamlessly becoming the next point goose.

Standing in for each other preserves the life of the formation. This is what Paul meant: 'The whole body [is] held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part...'

(<u>Ephesians 4:16</u> NAS). Don't be content to be a consumer; instead, be a producer! A great church isn't about paid staff; rather, it's about volunteers willing to stand in whenever needed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – CHURCH CAMP Friday 9th to Sunday 11th March!!!

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#### **ENGLISH MINISTRY COMMUNION SERVICE**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Speaker: Rev Stuart Vogel
Theme: Learning from God and His World
Bible Reading: Isaiah 43:18-20 and Job 12: 7-11



Welcome to Stuart and to visitors to this morning's service.

Please stay for morning tea after the service.

### **PRAYERS**

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are sensitive to their prayer. 1 Peter 3:12

- Commitment of ACPC members to worship and to serve God in the church and in the community
- Church Camp (9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March): that the planning will go smoothly for the Camp Committee
- Haiti for the re-housing of all those still in need of shelter after the devastating earthquake two years ago

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Remember Mondays are Pastor Mark's day of rest.

