

MESSENGER

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Everyday Reformation

Who is God? Who are you? Whom are we as a community of faith? These are the questions at the core of the Lutheran Reformation that we celebrate each year at the end of October.

A quick recap. In the early 1500s, Dr. Martin Luther began asking questions about life, faith and salvation that set off a firestorm in the Roman Catholic Church. Luther was especially upset about the sale of indulgences to guarantee people admittance to heaven. Luther taught that salvation and eternal life are not earned by good works but are the free gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. By breaking from the traditional teachings of his church, Luther became an outcast while also contributing to a religious and social movement that swept Europe. Many of his theological writings are deeply ingrained in those of us who embrace Lutheran Christianity over 500 years later. At the same time, Luther was not shy about teaching antisemitism. In many ways he was a prime example of humans existing simultaneously as saint and sinner.

Who is God? Who are you? Whom are we as a community of faith? As descendants of this activist movement, we are not only empowered to seek answers to these questions but driven to do so. Since we believe that God is constantly creating and recreating the universe, we have a reformation perspective on everything from church to politics to interactions with our friends and neighbors. Answering these questions is a community process so let's do it together. I'll start.

Who is God? God is the creator, savior and lover of everything and everyone. God is the listening ear, motivating force and peaceful presence I always sought but never knew I needed. God never gives up on us. God continues to pursue us until we allow ourselves to finally be embraced by heaven. God loves. Who is God to you?

Who am I? I am a child of God, adopted into God's family by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. I am not, and will never be, alone. I am gifted and empowered to make the world a different place where love wins. I am in bondage to sin and cannot free myself. I am enmeshed in a culture that is

both life-giving and life-denying and recognize my privilege on both sides of this human equation. Despite my failures, I am loved. Who are you?

Whom are we as a community of faith? We are God's hands, feet, voice, and heart in our little corner of the world. We are a collection of imperfect people who carry the perfect message for a broken and divided society. We should not be defined by economics or political parties or past prejudices but sometimes we are. We support each other, inspire each other, correct each other, and share our stories with each other. We are moldable and believe God is the one to fashion us into the community we dream of becoming. We are both powerful and dependent. We are loved. Whom are we as a community of faith?

While our annual Reformation celebration is a wonderful time to ask and answer these questions, we should not limit ourselves to once a year. These are everyday questions.

Peace,

Pastor Rick

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Reformation Month

(October 25 to November 22)

Prince of Peace is expanding and enhancing our Reformation celebrations this year. Why? Because Reformation cannot be contained into one Sunday. Over the course of these five weeks, we will explore these themes:

- ▼ **October 25:** Who is God? What God has revealed about God.
- ▼ **November 1:** Who are you? What God has to say about our identity. (Also All Saints Sunday)
- ▼ **November 8:** Whom are we as a community of faith? Why God has called us together.
- ▼ **November 15:** Where do we go from here? Delivering peace in the midst of chaos. (Also Baptism Sunday)
- ▼ **November 22:** Reformation Power! We never stop learning to be like Jesus.



Outdoor Worship Launches October 25 at 9:30 a.m.!

As part of our Reformation Month celebrations, we are moving worship outside to experience God with new joy and fresh perspective (and fresh air). We will also be continuing COVID-19 health and safety protocols with one huge exception: We will be singing praise to God together!

Here are the details...

Location

The Preschool Courtyard (the center of our campus). Please enter from the south gate (adjacent to the south parking lot) or the main gate (just steps from the sanctuary). Handicap parking and access is available at the north gate (adjacent to the preschool office).

Seating Arrangements

So many options! Feel free to bring your own folding chairs or blankets to sit on the lawn. A limited number of chairs will be available for use on the concrete walkways (we will always find you a chair if you need one). For our senior saints and those with mobility issues, the deck area is reserved for you and your families.

COVID-19 Protocols

Masks are required. Physical distancing will be maintained in all seating areas. Families are encouraged to sit together in a "Lutheran Pod"! Please use hand sanitizer available at all entry points.

Bulletins/Worship Programs

Use your phone or tablet to scan the QRF code at one of the entry points (just like getting a menu in a restaurant) or download directly from the website. A limited number of "paper bulletins" will be available on Sunday morning.

Holy Communion and Offering

We will continue to use the self-contained communion kits which will be available at all entry points. Offering baskets will also be available at all entry points.

THE MESSENGER is printed monthly for the purpose of informing members and friends of upcoming events, for sharing good news about our members and for sharing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through word and action.

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"Have you ever pressed the congratulations/celebration emoji on your phone? It immediately showers the screen with colorful confetti! That's what I wish I could do to all of you — shower you with love and blessings and thanks! Ever since I began on the cancer journey, you have been walking beside me, holding me up with your well wishes for healing, your beautiful cards, your messages of encouragement and inspiration. Several of you have walked this same path and have told me that "I get this." I am so touched and humbled by your care and concern for both Paul and me. We are truly blessed. Thank you so much. I am uplifted each and every day."

*Love to all of you,
Nan Nelson*

Join Us on Zoom for These Two Bible Studies!

Wednesday Bible Study, noon

Zoom ID 676 989 5017; Password Grace2020

Join Pastor Rick as we look at the assigned scripture readings for the following Sunday. This is your opportunity to help create a sermon!

Women's Bible Study (M&M's)

Tuesdays on Zoom, 9:30-11 a.m.

Zoom ID 676 989 5017; Password Grace2020

YOU are invited to join in a new study beginning October 12 via Zoom. We will study Paul's letter to the Philippians. This somewhat short book is packed with some of Paul's most powerful words. It contains a message that resonates with us today. What does it mean to be church? Where is our strength when we truly are in need? Additionally, this study will provide insights on how to read Paul's letters; how understanding the style of the day helps us as we read these portions of scripture.

All that you need is a Bible and a spirit of curiosity. Please contact Paula Sturgeon at 480.236.6378 or e-mail (paulasturgeon@me.com) for more information and/or to be placed on the Zoom list. Once on the list you will receive an e-mail on Mondays with a link for the following day's class.

We welcome all to join us as we start a new study and take part in a time of good fellowship and support in addition to the scripture study. Try us — you'll like it!!

Carpool Theology



Carpool Theology is a new recurring web series hosted by Sam Garcia that invites members of the congregation to share their faith stories. Each episode will focus on a different topic related to ELCA Lutheran theology while traveling in a car driven by Sam. Episodes will be posted once a month and will feature members of Prince of Peace. If you are interested in being a guest, or

know someone who would be a great fit for the series, please e-mail sam.garcia@popphoenix.org.

Inspired by The Late Late Show with James Corden's Carpool Karaoke.

Theology Pub

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.

Theology Pub meets weekly at 7 p.m. on Zoom (meeting ID: 234 950 8839; PASSWORD bulwark50) and in-person on Tuesday, October 20. If you have not participated in this lively discussion of the readings for the following Sunday and would like more information, please contact Pastor Paul at pauln48@cox.net or 602.740.7187. We would love to have you join us! We will meet again in person on November 10 at Fate Brewery.

BGs Gathering

BGs will gather on Friday, November 5 at about 5 p.m. at the home of Scott & Nancy Stevens. Please bring a "snack" item to share plus your favorite adult beverage. For more information contact Pastor Paul, pauln48@cox.net or 602.740.-7187. See you there.

Sunday Scripture Readings

- Oct. 25 Genesis 1; John 1:1-5, 10-18
- Nov. 1 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:11-32
- Nov. 8 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
John 17:20-24
- Nov. 15 Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 35:31-46
- Nov. 22 Psalm 46; John 8:31-36
- Nov. 29 Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37
- Dec. 6 Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8
- Dec. 13 Isaiah 62:1-4, 8-11
Luke 1:26-38
- Dec. 20 Isaiah 55:1-13; Luke 1:46-55
- Dec. 27 Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-35

Pastor Rick's Office Hours

Pastor Rick's office hours are by appointment, in person, in the office. Call 480.945.9537 or e-mail office@popphoenix.org to make an appointment.

Sew & Tie Resumes

The Sew & Tie Quilters have resumed meeting on Friday mornings in the choir room at 9 a.m. with appropriate social distancing. Call or text Suzy Steinmetz at 480.332.8754 for more information or if you would like to participate.

Donations of gently-used sheets from the congregation would be appreciated. Please call or text the above number to arrange a drop-off.

Prince of Peace Foundation Scholarships

The Prince of Peace Foundation is accepting applications for tuition scholarship grants for the 2020/21 college year. Grants will be awarded to members of Prince of Peace who will be incoming freshmen or Prince of Peace members already attending college for undergraduate degrees. The grants will be based on the information, records, grades, etc. contained in the completed scholarship application.

Forms are available in the church office and our website (<https://popphoenix.org/pop-foundation>) and must be returned via e-mail (PoPFoundation@popphoenix.org) or the church office no later than December 1, 2020 (mark Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee). For more information, contact Mary Quinsler, Scholarship Chair (602.361.5424) or the church office (480.945.9537).



A Message from Council President Peter Westby

"We are coming to the end months of 2020, a most unusual year. It has been a challenge for our Church Council to guide us through 2020. There was much discussion as to how we could best serve our church and our congregation and still be compliant with government guidelines and requirements. The recent decision to resume a more normal schedule was one that took shape only after months of consideration and debate. It was assumed that this year would be a tough one for us financially. There were many uncertainties and few reliable guides. We will never know if we struck the right balance or if we could have done better. But now we will have a few weeks of in-person services under our belts as we return to a more normal schedule. We also continue with online worship. Our church is serving all of us better now. And we will do better still. It is too soon to know what our new normal will look like. Whether it will be a return to our traditional routine or if it will be a combination of online and in-person worship. The lesson learned is that we must do what is best to serve all of us and that we have many tools to do just that. We will continue to move forward with the assurance that all things work out for the best for those who love and serve God. And so it has been for us in 2020. Despite all that has happened, we have had a good year. Our preschool has been active and has been a tremendous resource and blessing for many families. There is once again a waiting list. We are gathering to worship in the sanctuary again. We have found and hired a family and youth leader. Our finances have turned out to be better than expected. And our Prince of Peace family has remained amazingly faithful, generous and patient. I am personally and greatly thankful to all of you and all that you have done. We are moving into 2021 with a new vitality. We are ready for another good year of service.

Bashas' & Fry's Programs

We received the following rebates from the Bashas' chain (including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City) for Community Gift Card reloads during the following months: April \$41; May \$37; June \$54; July \$42; August \$30; and September \$59.

Our quarterly rebates from Fry's were \$39 for March-May and \$42 for June-August.

Thank you to all the members and friends of our church who participate in the grocery store rebate programs!

If you need a new Bashas' card, let me know. Instructions for participating in the Fry's program are posted on the church's website (www.popphoenix.org); click on the Serving tab and scroll down to the Fry's link.

Steve Crofton

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News of Members and Friends

DEATHS

October 4 Bobbie Swanson
(former POP member &
POP office manager)



Roses to...

◆ **Billie Keller** for
the new plant outside
the church office!

Children, Youth and Family NEWS!

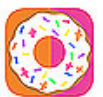
The goal of Prince of Peace's Children, Youth and Family Ministry is to create space for Christ to work in the lives of all youth and their families. The space we focus on is faith formation, community building and service.

Service Opportunity

Nine youth and adults from Prince of Peace volunteered on October 21 at Feed My Starving Children. During the two-hour packing session, 66 boxes of food were packed, 14,256 meals provided, and 39 kids fed for an entire year. Thanks to all who participated!



Glaze+Praise:



**GLAZE+
PRAISE**

DONUTS. GAMES. SONGS.

SUNDAYS @ 10:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM

Glaze + Praise has started this Sunday and was a success! We had seven youth gather in the Conference Room and enjoyed donuts, songs, games, and bible study. We will be meeting weekly at 10:30 following worship.

Confirmation Kick-Off

October 18 was our Confirmation Kick-Off! Five confirmation students and their parents gathered for the first confirmation session and parent meeting. Students will meet in Room 12 for monthly sessions, and parents are invited to join quarterly. Future meetings are scheduled for November 15, December 13, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 9.



Youth Band ... Musicians Still Needed

Are you a musician? Tired of the same old hymns? Looking for a way to be more involved in worship?

Prince of Peace is forming a NEW contemporary praise band! All ages and musical experiences welcome!

Contact: sam.garcia@popphoenix.org for more information!

Sock Day at the Preschool!!

Preschool is off to a great start. We love having all our kids and teachers on campus. The school is filled with laughter, smiles, and lots of little ones.

Things look a little different this year with programming but that has not stopped us from having fun. We have spirit days once a month and are making things as fun and festive as we can. This month's spirit day was Silly Sock Day. We had silly socks from Infants to teachers — everyone got in on the fun! Enjoy the pictures!



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Even the little ones in POPIT joined in the fun of sock day!!

Understanding How Clinical Trials Work

(Part one of a two-part series)

by Beth Schneider

Recently there has been almost daily news coverage of the status of the various clinical trials of the hoped-for corona virus vaccines. As a result, many questions have been raised regarding clinical trials or studies. Since books have been written on clinical studies, the following is a brief overview.

There are different types of studies. One is an observational study in which there is no attempt to affect the outcome. Subjects are merely observed or certain outcomes are measured. Medical records research also does not attempt to affect the outcome. These studies review the medical records of large groups of people for long periods of time to learn how a disease progresses and which treatments work best. Clinical trials, which use human subjects, are essential to increasing medical knowledge and finding new and better ways to treat diseases or conditions. The results of a clinical trial make it possible to evaluate if the drug, vaccine or medical device which is the subject of the trial is safe and effective. Since 90 percent of drugs, etc. that reach the clinical-trial stage never receive FDA approval, without clinical trials many people would potentially be harmed and/or receive no benefit. Many years of research, frequently using animals, is usually conducted before clinical trials involving humans are begun.

There are three phases to a clinical trial. In Phase I, a small group of healthy people is given the vaccine being studied to determine its safety and potential side effects. If all goes well, the study advances to Phase II. In Phase II, the safety of the vaccine continues to be studied, but the effectiveness of the vaccine is the primary focus. Phase II trials usually involve 100 to 300 subjects and may last for several months to several years. Phase III trials, involving several hundred to several thousand participants, follow positive results from Phase II. One of the Phase III potential corona virus trials hopes to recruit 30,000 subjects in the United States and 10,000 in the United Kingdom. Another is recruiting 60,000 subjects across three

continents. The goal of the Phase III study is to learn more about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine by studying different populations, different doses, and how the vaccine works in combination with other drugs and vaccines. Phase III studies usually last between one and five years. If the results are positive, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will approve the vaccine.

After the vaccine receives FDA approval and is made available to the public, the safety and effectiveness continues to be monitored in large populations. Some side effects may not become apparent until the vaccine has been given to many people or for long periods of time. Those receiving the drug or vaccine will often be asked to report any adverse effects to the FDA. If, after approval, it is discovered that the drug or vaccine causes temporary health problems, poses a slight threat of serious injury, or could cause serious health problems or death, the drug or vaccine may be recalled and eventually withdrawn. A recall may occur as soon as a year after FDA approval, while other drugs may be available for 20 years or more before being recalled.

Clinical trials are conducted by various entities, including governmental agencies, universities, nonprofit organizations, and pharmaceutical, biotech-

nology and medical device companies. The FDA requires that certain clinical trials register with it and submit result information to the Clinicaltrials.gov data base to increase the sharing of information and to avoid unnecessary duplication. Clinical trials can be conducted in various locations, including medical centers, community hospitals, and doctors' offices. The research team will include a variety of health care professionals, including research scientists, doctors, nurses, social workers, and dieticians. All clinical trials involving human subjects must be approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) affiliated with the institution conducting the study before the trial can begin. IRB's are administrative bodies established to protect the rights and welfare of human research subjects. It has the authority to approve, disapprove, require modifications, and monitor the clinical trial. At least one member must not be a scientist or a member of an institution conducting the trial.

(This is part one of a two-part article; the conclusion will be included in the next edition of The Messenger.)

Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report

as of September 30, 2020

	September 2019 <i>(5-week month)</i>	September 2020 <i>(4-week month)</i>
Monthly Attendance*	655	0
Monthly Offering	\$29,060	\$25,249
Monthly Offering Budget	\$30,562	\$29,013
Variance	(\$1,502)	(\$3,764)

* Worship during September has been virtual due to the pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to send in their contributions or donate on-line.

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