

# MESSENGER

A Newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

“WORSHIP ❖❖❖ CONNECT ❖❖❖ SERVE”

January 2018

## Mission Status

Happy new year! Better said, welcome to a year of possibilities! As the calendar turns from 2017 to 2018, Prince of Peace will celebrate a significant milestone. On March 1, 1958, Prince of Peace was officially organized as a congregation. On November 30, 1958, ground was broken on our property on 56th Street and our first buildings began to spring up. This year we celebrate 60 years of ministry on our corner of God’s creation in Phoenix. Over the course of this year, we will have opportunities to look back and celebrate the many wonderful moments when Prince of Peace has shined God’s light on our community over the last six decades. At the same time, I invite you to turn your eyes and hearts to the future as we lay the foundation for the next 60 years. God still has great plans for us.

In fact, I believe a new day is dawning at Prince of Peace. I am convinced that God is calling us to dream new dreams. To catch a glimpse of our future, we need to turn our eyes to the past. When Pastor Phil Gangsei arrived in Phoenix 60 years ago to develop a new church in the heart of Arcadia, his mandate was to reach out to this community. As a mission congregation, relationships were more important than traditions or buildings, ministries were developed to serve families moving to the neighborhood and participants quickly discovered the benefits of being a part of a healthy Christian community.

Perhaps what we need most is a change of mindset. Instead of viewing

Prince of Peace as a finished product, what if we saw ourselves as mission organizers once again? What if we asked the questions that our founders asked in the very first days of our congregation’s existence? Who are we? Who are the people in the neighborhoods we seek to serve? What can we do to make our community glad that we exist? Most importantly, what is God asking us to do?

These are exciting questions. While we have several established and vital ministries, God has promised to move us forward into new and holy territory. In April 2017, the Church Council established a new mission statement for our congregation. Here it is:

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool exist to welcome people to a relationship with Jesus, equip them with a faith that works well in real life, and send them to serve others.*

*What does this mean?*

- 1. We are one organization, one ministry movement, one family.** *The preschool and the church have always been different parts of the same body that we call Prince of Peace. Our mission statement challenges us to think and to speak of ourselves in this way. We owe a debt of thanks to the brave women and men who established the preschool 51 years ago and have shepherded it since. At the same time, we can dream of how we can expand our reach through the doors the preschool has already opened for us.*
- 2. We place a premium on the word “welcome.”** *Our primary goal is not to create more members for an institution or*

*more donors for a budget. Our primary goal is to welcome all people to a relationship with Jesus. Simply put, we strive to help people become Christ-followers. Facilitating opportunities for active service and financial generosity flow from this goal. We should care much more about God’s people than the ongoing care and feeding of the institution we have created. This is a critical distinction.*

- 3. Equipping people with a faith that works in real life is a lofty target.** *First and foremost, it requires the building and maintaining of relationships. A mentor of mine often said, “Faith is caught, not taught.” Facilitating ministries that create opportunities for people to live life together should be a hallmark of what we do moving forward.*
- 4. We exist to serve.** *This concept is all over the Bible and church history. When we think outside of ourselves, the possibilities are endless. This involves more than adding additional service projects to the calendar. We can shine God’s light to the world through acts of kindness big and small. Living out this perspective consistently and intentionally fills a cavernous void in our national culture and is attractive to people looking for a church home. Or simply a community of caring people.*

So, once again, welcome to a year of possibilities. May God bless you and keep you!

Peace,

*Pastor Rick*

## ***Two Important Meetings in January***

### **✓ POP Special Congregational Meeting**

***Sunday, January 21, 2018***

***Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.***

***Special Congregational Meeting, 10:30 a.m.***

***Special Foundation-sponsored breakfast, 10:45 a.m., Gangsei Hall***

***Single agenda item: adoption of amendments to constitution and bylaws***

Join us for this important meeting as we adopt the amendments to the constitution and bylaws recommended by the Congregation Council. A summary of the significant amendments is included in the official notice of the meeting mailed on December 20. An informational meeting will be held on January 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in room 11. You can view the amendments at [popphoenix.org](http://popphoenix.org) or paper copies are available in the church office. Childcare will be available.

### **✓ POP Annual Congregational Meeting**

***Sunday, February 11, 2018***

***Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.***

***Youth Special Breakfast, 10:30 a.m. (Gangsei Hall)***

Join us for this important meeting as we hear ministry reports, approve our 2018 budget, and adopt the amendments to the constitution and bylaws that require a second vote.

Childcare will be available.

### **✓ 2018 Church Budget available January 28, 2018**

Copies of the 2018 Church Budget will be available on Sunday, January 28 in the sanctuary and on the church website. Please review the budget before the congregational meeting on February 11.

## ***A Message from Gwen Jacobs, Acting Council President***

As we began to choose Christmas messages for our work e-mail signatures, the question arose as to the difference between Happy and Merry Christmas. Thank God for Google search engines! (I can still remember being sent to the library five blocks away with research questions!) The bottom line is that they are both expressions of joy at Christ's birth. There is, however, a fundamental difference between the two words. Happy is an emotion while Merry is a behavior. Lightbulb!! I want to be merry so people see by my actions the joy I feel for our Savior's birth! I encourage everyone to take up this challenge with me that it is not just thoughts and words but actions that we use to spread the joy. MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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## 4th Annual Arcadia Cares Food for Kidz Packathon



***Saturday, March 24, 2018***

Make a New Year's Resolution to help out those less fortunate, including the hungry children right here in our neighborhood. And you can keep that resolution by getting involved with the Fourth Annual Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon on Saturday, March 24, 2018, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The entire Arcadia community is again being invited to participate in assembly-line packing of meals for children and their families locally and internationally.

The Food for Kidz model provides individually packed, highly nutritious and filling meals packed with rice, soy, vitamins and dehydrated vegetables. Each meal provides a day's worth of vitamins and nutrients to enable children to grow up strong and fight off diseases and sickness. The ingredients being packed cost only fifteen cents per meal. One packed box contains 216 meals and costs \$32.40.

The goal for 2018 is to pack 100,000 meals, which would bring the event's four-year total to more than 325,000. As was the case with our previous packathons, the majority of the meals packed this year will help fill the empty tummies of children and their families in the Phoenix metro area.

### **Sponsorships**

The cost to purchase the necessary ingredients for packing 100,000 meals is \$15,000. Please consider an individual, family or business sponsorship — various levels are available ranging from \$150 to \$1,500. The sponsorship form is contained in this newsletter.

### **Donations — Any donation amount is appreciated**

NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL! Make your donation through Prince of Peace, indicating that it is for Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz. Donations can be put in the Sunday offering plate (make sure to note "Packathon" on the memo line of your check), dropped off in the church office or made online through the Prince of Peace website.

Please support Prince of Peace's major outreach to our community and a very worthy cause by participating in and/or donating to the 2018 packathon. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to meet our goal. Volunteers are sought for one-hour or two-hour shifts. All ages, from three on up, are welcome to participate. Sign-ups through the Prince of Peace website and at church will begin on Sunday, January 28, 2018.

## ***Sunday Worship***

### **Worship Schedule**

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

#### **January 7**

Baptism of Our Lord  
Acts 10:1-17  
Mark 1:4-11  
Audrey Cox, preaching

#### **January 14**

2nd Sunday of Epiphany  
1 Samuel 3:1-10  
John 1:43-51  
"Here I Am"  
Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

#### **January 21**

3rd Sunday of Epiphany  
Jonah 3:1-10  
Mark 1:14-20  
"Repent and Believe"  
Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

#### **January 28**

4th Sunday of Epiphany  
Congregational Meeting  
and State of the Church  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Mark 1:21-28  
"Still Here, Still Rolling"  
Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

## ***Pastor Rick's Open Office Hours***

***Tuesdays,***

***10 a.m. to noon***

***Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.***

Stop by for a bottle of water and relaxed conversation about anything under the sun. Your pastor would love to get to know you better. If you would like to meet at another date/time, please contact Pastor Rick to make an appointment (pastorrick@popphoenix.org) or call the church office.



## Update on Namayani and Jackline (Students in Tanzania)

For the past six years, Prince of Peace has been blessed to sponsor Namayani Loishorwaki and Jackline John to attend the Massae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) in Monduli, Tanzania. We have watched them grow through pictures and letters. Both Namayani and Jackline were among 40 students who graduated from Form 6 at MGLSS earlier this year. In September, both girls were excited to find out that they scored high enough to qualify to attend a university/college. This is quite an accomplishment since in Tanzania only 1 percent of all students reach the university level.



**Jackline John**



**Namayani Loishorwaki**

We recent learned some incredible news! Namayani was given a placement by the Tanzanian government to attend the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing. She began her studies in December, working toward a two-year Nursing Certificate. Jackline was accepted at Kampal University in Dar es Salaam in the School of Pharmacology. She also began her studies in December, working toward an undergraduate diploma. Both girls are planning to remain in Tanzania to serve their country as health care workers.

Prince of Peace has the opportunity to continue to sponsor Namayani and Jackline through their university studies at a cost of \$2,200 per student per year (total of \$4,400 per year). As of January 1, we only need donations of \$400 to cover the remainder of 2018. If you can give a small gift, it would be much appreciated.

Congratulations, Namayani and Jackline, on your accomplishments!

## Rock-n-Roll Marathon Weekend Schedule

### January 13 and 14

The Rock-n-Roll Marathon is an annual event in the life of our city. Due to multiple road closures around Prince of Peace on Sunday, January 14, we have adjusted our worship schedule for the weekend.

#### ▼ Saturday, January 13, Rock-n-Roll Worship, 5 p.m.

Help us celebrate on “Rock-n-Roll Marathon” weekend with a special “Rock-n-Roll” worship service on Saturday night using Holden Evening Prayer. Don’t miss this great opportunity to worship while the roads are open!

#### ▼ Sunday, January 14

Worship at 9:30 a.m. (no Sunday School).

## Update on Gift Card Drive for Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSSSW)

Our November “Partnering in Service” challenge was to provide gift cards for refugee and foster children to use this Christmas season to purchase gifts for themselves and their families. We ended the drive with \$795 in gift cards. Thank you to all who participated. Here’s a note we received from LSSSW:

*“Wow. Stunned. You know how to make a day! We are overwhelmed by your group’s generosity. Thank you and Christmas blessings!”*

## Compassion Central

### Prince of Peace’s Visitation Ministry

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 22, 5:45 p.m.**  
(Church office conference room)

We have 13 team members who are visiting a total of 27 people. We offer a listening ear, devotions, prayers and human connection to members of the POP family in need. If you would like to join the team, please contact Pastor Rick. If you would like to be visited, also contact Pastor Rick. This month we will be writing cards to our homebound members.



## Bible Studies

**Wednesday mornings, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 9:30 a.m. in the choir room (Please note: No class on January 3)**

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

**Monday evenings, January 8 & 22, 6 p.m. in the choir room**

We will begin a new yet-to-be developed theme. Join us and learn more.

**January Partnering in Service**  
**Our ELCA Missionary,**  
**Rev. Kristin Engstrom in Senegal**



We are excited to announce a new partnership approved by the Church Council late last year. We have entered a two-year agreement to support Kristin Engstrom through the ELCA Global Mission Sponsorship Program. Kristin serves as Country Coordinator for the new YAGM (Young Adults in Global Ministry) program in Senegal. She is called to walk with ELCA young adults who live and serve for one year there. She forms sustainable relationships with our partner church, the Lutheran Church of Senegal/Lutheran Development Services of Senegal, with whom the YAGMs will participate in their year of service.

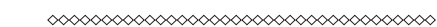
Kristin writes, "I am excited to establish the new YAGM program in Senegal, a country with an amazing sense of hospitality and a unique relationship between Christians and Muslims. My time living in other cultures and countries when I was younger, as well as serving as a pastoral intern in an international church, shaped and stretched my faith in a God who is always bigger and more mysterious than we can comprehend. I look forward to the ways that our amazing God will continue to inspire and challenge the young adults who come to live and serve alongside our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Senegal."

We hope to raise \$2,000 in 2018 and 2019 to support Kristin in her work on our behalf in Senegal. To contribute, please write "ELCA Global Mission" in the memo line of your check or electronic transfer.

To learn more about Kristin and her work: <http://yagmsenegal.wix.com/blog>. To send Kristin a note of encouragement: [kristin.engstrom@elca.org](mailto:kristin.engstrom@elca.org).

**Rock 'n' Roll**  
**Water Station**  
**Needs YOU!**

Sign up to volunteer at the Prince of Peace Water Station for the 2018 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on Sunday, January 14. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to set up tables with water and energy drinks, hand out drinks and cheer the runners on. Cleanup is done during the last hour and may be completed by 12:30 p.m. It's a great time of community and upbeat fun. To sign up or for more information, talk with Steve Edgar at 602.618.3364 or [sledgar@gmail.com](mailto:sledgar@gmail.com).

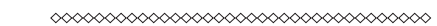


**Theology Pub**  
**Returns**

**Tuesday, January 9**  
**7 p.m. at OHSO**

Kick off the new year with your Bible, beer (or other beverage) and lively discussions with great people. This is a time for free discussion and the sharing of ideas and is open to all adults, including your friends who aren't members of POP.

Pastor Rick would really like to know if you are coming so he can get enough space at OHSO. Please send him an e-mail ([pastorrick@popphoenix.org](mailto:pastorrick@popphoenix.org)) or a text (408.472.0529) if you plan to be there.



**Dorcas Circle**

The Dorcas Circle invites women of all ages to join with us as we meet for Bible study, prayers, fellowship and dessert. We meet on the second Monday of every month at 1 p.m. in room 14. For the Bible study, we use *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA. Don't be concerned if you don't subscribe to this magazine as we will be happy to share!

Our January meeting will be held on January 8. If you have questions, please call or text Suzy Steinmetz at 480.332.8754.

**Second Report: 2018 Pledges**

by Les Holland, Church Council Treasurer

Faith Promise Cards returned through December 12, show the following:

- 86 Cards Returned: \$301,528
- Median Pledge: \$1,440/year
- Average Pledge: \$3,506/year
- 6 New Pledges (\$10,750)
- 31 Increased Pledges (\$23,892)
- 10 Decreased Pledges (\$18,248)
- 3 New Automatic Giving Pledges

Thank you for your support for 2018!

**Elderberries Trip**

The Elderberries will visit the Prayer Garden at Canaan in the Desert on Wednesday, February 7, followed by lunch at a yet-to-be-determined restaurant. Meet in the south parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Call June Larson, 480.948.5874 if you have questions or to let her know you plan to attend.

# Youth and Family Ministry NEWS!

The goal of Prince of Peace's 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.

## 7th-12th Grade Winter Retreat

**Registration due January 7!**

January 26-28, 2018 at Camp Pinerock in Prescott  
Depart 5 p.m. on Friday — Return Sunday at 12:30 p.m.  
Register online at [www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth](http://www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth)

## **2018 Opportunities to serve those who are experiencing homelessness:**

### **Serving Dinner**

3:30-5:30 p.m. at First Church UCC  
February 25, March 4, April 22

### **Serving Breakfast**

5:30-9 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church  
February 4, June 3, August 12

## **High School Youth Group & Confirmation**

### **January 7, 3-6 p.m. New Year's Party!**

Please bring a **maximum** \$10 gift to exchange for a White Elephant as well as new children's books to donate to UMOM for their Read to Me program.

### **Confirmation (7th-8th)**

January 21, January 26-28—Winter Retreat. February 11 & 25, March 4, April 8 & 22. May 6

### **High School Youth Group**

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
February 25, March 25, April 22

## **CHILL!**

Every Sunday from 9-9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. We meet for check-in time, prayer and of course ... donuts

## **CONNECT — 4th-6th Grade Youth Group**

**January 7, New Year's Party! 10:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. — Families welcome!**

Please bring a **maximum** \$10 gift to exchange for a White Elephant as well as new children's books to donate to UMOM for their Read to Me program.

)))March 4, April 8, May 6

## **2018 Milestones**

**Driver's License** - January 21  
**First Communion** - April 29 (Class)  
**First Communion Milestone** - May 13  
**Baptismal Birthdays** - May 20  
**Graduation** - June 3

## **Hey, Parents! Make time for YOU! Have some time-out with faith friends!**

**Mom's Night Out** — 6-7:30 p.m. (Postino/Highland)  
Tuesday, January 23; Tuesday, March 20;  
Tuesday, May 8

**Dad's Night Out** — 6-7:30 p.m. (OHSO)  
Monday, January 29; Tuesday, March 27;  
Monday, May 14

## **Taking Faith Home**

Each Sunday there is a Taking Faith Home insert in the bulletin to take home with you. If you aren't in church, download it on our website!  
[www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth/parents-and-family](http://www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth/parents-and-family)

## **Stay Informed on POP Ministry**

Instagram is poppheoenix; Facebook is poppheoenixaz.  
Or e-mail [acox@poppheoenix](mailto:acox@poppheoenix) to be added to the list for Youth and Family Updates!

## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **• Pancake Breakfast**

**Grace Lutheran Church, February 4**

Help serve breakfast to those in our community in need of a meal. Prince of Peace is in charge of providing volunteers for Sunday, February 4 at Grace Lutheran Church (I-10 and 3rd St). Arrival time is 6:15 a.m. and we will be done by 9 a.m. To sign-up, please contact Margie Creedon or Audrey Cox!

### **• Prince of Peace Annual Street Fair is April 14!** We are now taking gift card donations for a new gift card raffle this year! We are also looking for large silent auction donations such as timeshares, travel vouchers, tickets to sporting events, and other experiences. Please consider donating an item to our street fair's silent auction this year!

Questions? Please contact Audrey.



## *Youth & Family Ministry - continued*



Our group of high school youth at the POP pancake breakfast!

## *Summer 2018 Youth and Families*

### **Campfirmation 2018, July 8-13**

Youth in 6th-8th grades are invited to attend camp this summer at UCYC in Prescott (new location!). Activities include zip-line, hiking, bubble ball, volleyball, basketball, swimming and more! We will join with over 150 other students from the Grand Canyon Synod for a week of faith, fun and fellowship! **Registration is NOW OPEN online at [www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth](http://www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth).**

### **High School Campfirmation Counselors**

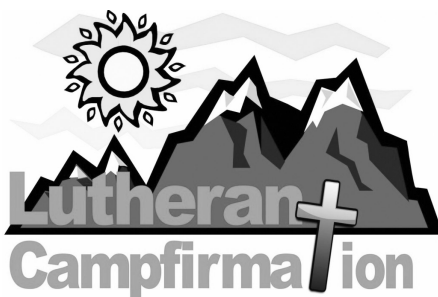
Are you in 10th grade or above and interested in being a camp counselor? We are looking for qualified excited young people in 10th grade to college to serve as Campfirmation counselors for the week of Campfirmation, June 25-30. For application information, see Audrey.

## ***Eat Pizza and Support Our Youth!***

On Monday, January 22, enjoy Lou Malnati's pizza and help raise money for Prince of Peace Youth and Family Ministry!

Funds raised will help support the 22 high school youth heading to Houston this summer for the ELCA Youth Gathering and help with hurricane recovery efforts.

Dine in, carry out or delivery from either location (Dine in not available at the Arcadia location, available only at Central and Camelback)! You just have to mention this fundraiser BEFORE you order. Does NOT apply to online orders.





## *Sunday School Holiday Schedule:*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: December 31

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: January 7 & 14

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes: January 21

## *Sunday School Program*

We were treated to an amazing Sunday School Christmas program on December 17 as the children, pictured below, presented *Miracle on Main Street!*





# ***Fundraising Event Benefiting the Navajo Lutheran Mission***

Prince of Peace will host a fundraising event on Saturday, January 20 to benefit the Navajo Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, Arizona.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with the opportunity to meet the Navajo Mission staff and preview auction items. A welcome and dinner begins at 6 p.m. (no cost but you must RSVP), followed by a concert with Vicki McDermit and other artists. Dessert and auction begin at 7:45 p.m.

Please RSVP to 928.659.4201 by January 15. Additional information is available at [www.nelm.org](http://www.nelm.org).

2018 is the 65th Anniversary of the Navajo Lutheran Mission. In honor of the milestone, one of our generous donors has agreed to match every dollar received or pledged at this event...

**up to \$65,000!**

## **Hozhó ... Beauty All Around**

*(A Fundraising event for Navajo Lutheran Mission)*

Hozhó is a Navajo word that expresses a concept of balance, health, long life, happiness, wisdom, knowledge, harmony. It speaks of interconnect- edness between all things physical and spiritual. For the Navajo people, Hozhó represents the description of what life on the planet Earth can be, from birth until death at an old age.

Through Navajo hospitality, shared stories and inspirational music, we invite you to experience Hozhó. Learn why and how a motivational Christian school, medical services, a new Community Center and the commitment of your dollars are working together to nurture beauty all around for Navajo families.

## ***News of Members and Friends***

### **DEATH**

December 20 Rev. Dick Larson

## ***Fall 2018 Preschool Registration!***

Enrollment for current families and church members begins on Wednesday, Jan. 3 and must be turned in to the preschool office by January 31 for priority placement. We will conduct tours of the preschool for new families throughout the month of January and February. Please contact the preschool office if you would like to schedule a tour. We look forward to meeting your family!

## ***St. Olaf Choir to Visit Phoenix in February***

The St. Olaf Choir, conducted by Anton Armstrong, is headed to the west coast for the first time since 2013.

The concert program will consist of a wide variety of contrasting sacred and secular repertoire of the highest caliber. The choir will be in concert on Sunday, February 11 at 3 p.m. at Camelback Bible Church. Tickets are \$30-40 adults/\$10 students and are available. For questions or phone orders, please call 800.363.5487. Please note, a \$5 transaction fee will be added to all phone orders.



## **BEST OF IRELAND TOUR**

**11 DAYS: May 28-June 7, 2018**

**\$3599 Roundtrip from Phoenix**

*(Air/land tour price is \$3239 plus \$360 govt. taxes & airline surcharges)*

**Hosted by  
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**Wellness Committee**

***New Vaccine Available for Shingles***

*by Beth Schneider*

Ask anyone who has had shingles and they will tell you it was not fun. Shingles is an extremely painful skin disease caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox. After having chicken pox, the virus lays dormant in nerve tissue until it reactivates as shingles. Anyone who has had chicken pox can develop shingles. Approximately 90 percent of the population has had chicken pox and shingles afflicts one in three people in the U. S. The chance of developing shingles increases with age. Those who have developed shingles once may be afflicted again.

In 2006, the vaccine Zostavax was approved for persons 60 or older to prevent outbreaks of shingle. It was administered as a single dose and was 51 percent effective in preventing shingles. In October this year, a new vaccine designed to treat shingles, Shingrix, was approved. This new vaccine is administered in two doses, with the second recommended two to six months after the first. This new vaccine is recommended for persons 50 or older, even those who have had

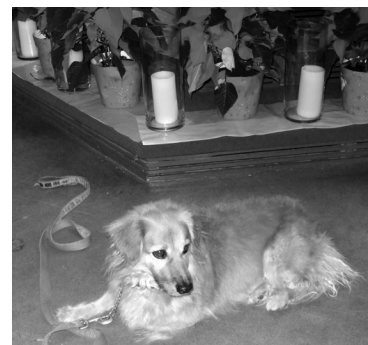
the original vaccine. Shingrix has been found to be 90 percent effective and its effectiveness does not decrease with age. It is also better in preventing the nerve pain that frequently continues after the rash clears. Reactions to the vaccine are not serious but may be temporary — they include redness, fatigue, muscle pain, fever, and headache.

Shingrix will be available in early 2018. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone 50 or over receive the new vaccine. Hopefully Medicare and private insurance will move more quickly to cover the cost than they did for Zostavax. Rarely do healthcare professionals show the enthusiasm for a new drug that has been demonstrated for Shingrix. Patients should always talk to their healthcare professional before embracing any new treatment but anyone who is a candidate for the vaccine and has doubts about having the vaccine, should talk to someone who has had shingles.



***Roses to...***

- ◆ **Anita Thorne, Martha Weld, Beth Schneider & Mary Quinsler** for serving on Altar Guild and arranging the poinsettias in December.
- ◆ **Don & Karen Johnson and Suzy Steinmetz** for putting up the hymnal Christmas tree.
- ◆ **Mary Quinsler** for leading the Angel Tree project again this year!
- ◆ **The Lara, Creedon and Hammer families** for putting together a wonderful pancake breakfast!
- ◆ **The Beebe family** for hosting CONNECT on Sunday, December 3!
- ◆ **The Prince of Peace Community** for their incredible support for our first Youth Gathering fundraiser Pancake Breakfast!
- ◆ **Angela Sherrill** for her leadership in putting together a meaningful Christmas program for our children and community!
- ◆ **Jacob Staudenmaier's** La La Land Promposal was named as No. 5 in People Magazine's Top 10 Viral Moments for 2017!
- ◆ **Tracy Fish** for her help selling the FMSC ornaments.



**Rusty, poinsettia helper!!**

***Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report***

as of November 30, 2017

	November 2017 <i>(4-week month)</i>	November 2016 <i>(4-week month)</i>
Monthly Attendance	697	581
Monthly Offering	\$36,686	\$26,000
Monthly Offering Budget	\$26,717	\$28,664
Variance	\$9,969	(\$2,664)

***Bashas' & Fry's Programs***

Thank you to everyone who helped generate grocery store rebates for Prince of Peace's ministries during 2017. If you are not participating in these programs, the church could use your help in 2018.

Instructions for participating in the Fry's program are posted on the church's website ([www.poppheoenix.org](http://www.poppheoenix.org)) under the Serving tab. If you need a new reloadable grocery card from Bashas' (which is also accepted at AJ's Fine Foods and Food City), please let me know.

In the September–November period, we earned \$70 from Fry's, bringing our annual total to \$326, a decrease of \$184 (36 percent) from last year. Our rebates for October and November from reloading Bashas' cards were \$38 and \$52, respectively.

Steve Crofton

Coordinator, Bashas' & Fry's grocery store programs  
602.463.7175; [sec@slwplc.com](mailto:sec@slwplc.com)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>Church Office, Preschool, Daycare closed</b>	Firm Believers- 9 am Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm		<b>PRESCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>DAYCARE AVAILABLE</b> January 3-5		Quilters- 9 am
	1	2	3	4	5	6
CHILL Youth Group- 9 am Worship- 9:30 am No Sunday School CONNECT- 10:45 am High School New Year's Party- 3 pm Adult Bells- 11:30 am Kid's Bells- 2 pm Jr. High Bells- 4 pm	Dorcas Circle- 1 pm Bible Study- 6 pm Grant's Partners- 7 pm ?? Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Preschool Chapel- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm Theology Pub- 7 pm	Preschool Jam- 9 am Bible Study- 9:30 am Staff Meeting- 11 am Elderberries/US Egg- 11:30 am	Preschool Jam- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am	Sew & Tie- 9 am	Quilters- 9 am  <b>Worship- 5 pm</b>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Rock 'n Roll Water Station</b> CHILL Youth Group- 9 am Worship- 9:30 am No Sunday School Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am Adult Bells- 11:30 am Kid's Bells- 2 pm Jr. High Bells- 4 pm	<b>Martin Luther King Holiday Church Office, Preschool, Daycare closed</b>	<b>February Newsletter Deadline</b> Preschool Chapel- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm	Preschool Jam- 9 am Bible Study- 9:30 am	Preschool Jam- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Church Council- 6 pm	Sew & Tie- 9 am	Navajo Mission Fundraiser- 5:30 Quilters- 9 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CHILL Youth Group- 9 am Worship- 9:30 am Sunday School- 9:30 am Congregational Mtg- 10:30 am Breakfast- 10:30 am Adult Bells- 11:30 am Confirmation- 12:15 pm Kid's Bells- 2 pm Jr. High Bells- 4 pm	Romans Bible Study- 6:30 pm ??? Finance Comm- 5 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm Lou Malnati's pizza Fundraiser	Preschool Chapel- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm	Preschool Jam- 9 am Bible Study- 9:30 am	Preschool Jam- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am	<b>YOUTH RETREAT</b> January 27-29  Sew & Tie- 9 am	Quilters- 9 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship- 9:30 am Sunday School- 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am Adult Bells- 11:30 am Kid's Bells- 2 pm Jr. High Bells- 4 pm	HS Retreat Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Preschool Chapel- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm	Preschool Jam- 9 am Bible Study- 9:30 am	Preschool Jam- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am		
28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">JANUARY 2018</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">AA meets nightly, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Room 11/12 Survivors of Suicide, 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Room 11/12</p> </div>		

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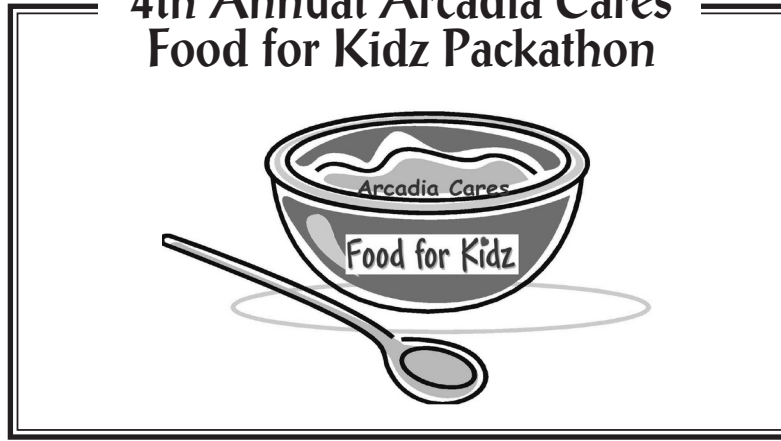
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# 4th Annual Arcadia Cares Food for Kidz Packathon



***Saturday, March 24, 2018***



The entire Arcadia community, age three on up, is invited to participate in assembly-line packing of meals for hungry children and their families, locally and internationally. The meals are individually packed, highly nutritious and filling. Each meal costs only 15 cents to pack!

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 in order to pack 100,000 meals.

The packathon is hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church which is a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization so all donations are tax deductible.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

- **\$1,500 or more, Golden Bowl Sponsorship** — 10,000 meals and over. Includes Table Top Recognition and Golden Display Board Recognition.
- **\$750-\$1499, Silver Bowl Sponsorship** — 5,000 to 9,999 meals. Includes Table Top Recognition and Silver Display Board Recognition.
- **\$300-\$749, Bronze Bowl Sponsorship** — 2,000 to 4,999 meals. Includes Bronze Display Board Recognition.
- **\$150-\$299, Silver Spoon Sponsorship** — 1,000 to 1,999 meals.

All sponsors will have the privilege of displaying promotional materials at the packathon!

**To become a sponsor, complete and mail this form with your tax deductible donation to:**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3641 N. 56th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018**

**or contact the church office at 480.945.9537 or [maria@popphoenix.org](mailto:maria@popphoenix.org).**

**To pay online, go to [www.popphoenix.org](http://www.popphoenix.org) and click on the Serving tab and then Online Giving.**

*Deadline: March 14, 2018.*

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We are pleased to sponsor the 2018 Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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