

# MESSENGER

A Newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

“WORSHIP ❖❖❖ CONNECT ❖❖❖ SERVE”

April 2018

## Rolling Stones

*“They worried out loud to each other, ‘Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?’” Mark 16:3*

There is a classic story of a Sunday school teacher who staged an Easter pageant with her class. When it came time to assign parts, some children wanted to be soldiers, others the women at the tomb, still others the disciples. One little boy, however, insisted on playing the stone that was used to block the door of the tomb. No speaking part? “No,” said the little boy, “I want to be the stone.” The teacher asked why. “Because it will feel so good to let Jesus out of the tomb.”

On the first Easter morning a group of women came to Jesus’ tomb to finish getting his body ready for burial. What do you suppose those women were thinking about, talking about, as they made their way through the darkness that morning? The Gospel of Mark tells us the biggest thing that was on their minds — it was the stone that had been placed in front of the entrance to the tomb where Jesus’ body had been placed.

And what about the stone? In front of the opening to the tomb was a groove in the ground; and in the groove ran a huge stone, circular like a cartwheel; and the stone had been wheeled into position to close the opening. It was far too heavy for the women to move. Plus, a seal was placed upon it so the Roman authorities would know if it had been tampered with.



Why was that stone there? The simple answer is that it was there to keep anyone from getting in or out. However, it also was meant to communicate something important. This stone said stop. This stone shouted that hope was lost. This stone whispered that death is final.

Until it was rolled away and discarded to the side of the tomb. In that moment, the message was forever changed. Our God rolls away stones. We all have them. Our stones are massive weights that we carry with us through life that prevent us from living joyfully.

Does your stone have a name? Maybe your stone is guilt. Perhaps something you have done or failed to do is haunting you. The first disciples must have felt it; they had let Jesus down horribly. Then Easter dawned and the stone was rolled away. Is your stone named guilt? Lord, roll

away that stone.

Maybe your stone is loneliness. You’ve lost a loved one or your children have gone away to college and live beyond the nest. A friend has walked out the door. You feel that you just don’t fit in. Is your stone named loneliness? Lord, roll away that stone.

Maybe your stone is hopelessness. You look at your life and wonder how things will ever change. How will you pay all your bills? How will you deal with chronic pain? How will you ever please your parents? How will kids stop being killed by gun violence? Is your stone hopelessness? Lord, roll away that stone.

Your stone may have many names. The good news of Easter is that our God is a God of rolling stones. Some people call this irrational craziness. Some people call it a hoax. Some people call it a crutch for weak-minded people. I call it power, resurrection power. And once that kind of hope gets in your heart and mind, everything changes. We continue to follow a God who continues to roll stones away. I invite you to read that sentence again and smile as you ponder the implications.

Happy Easter!

*Pastor Rick*

# ***Easter Worship Services***

God delivers the greatest joke on evil the world has ever seen!

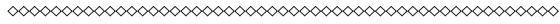
**Easter Sunrise Worship** – 7 a.m. at the top of Camelback Mountain.

Celebrate Easter in a unique and memorable way by hiking to the top of Camelback Mountain. We will sing, pray over our city, and celebrate Holy Communion in this breathtaking setting. Please allow yourself adequate time to reach the top by 7 a.m.

**Easter Worship at Prince of Peace** – 9:30 a.m.

Join us for the greatest celebration of the year as we thank God for defeating death itself. Our service will feature special music, visual presentations and lots of Easter lilies!

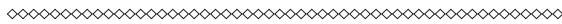
**Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt** – 10:30 a.m.



## ***First Communion Workshop*** ***Sunday, April 29, noon-2 p.m., choir room***

**Contact Pastor Rick to sign up ([Pastorrick@popphoenix.org](mailto:Pastorrick@popphoenix.org))**

Has your child been asking about receiving Holy Communion? Is he/she ready to be a part of this amazing experience of God? This is a big deal — yet another stepping stone along the journey of faith! Pastor Rick is pleased to offer this workshop for children (and their parents) who want a little basic training in preparation for their First Communion. While the class is designed for 2nd grade students, younger and older children are welcome at their parent's discretion. One parent must attend with each child. First Communion will be celebrated on May 13 (Mother's Day!) worship service.



## ***New Bible Study Begins April 3***

Paula Sturgeon Mortenson will lead a six-week women's Bible study beginning the week after Easter. Paula is a former member of Prince of Peace and a well-loved presenter and study leader throughout the synod. Her presentations are known for bringing the Bible to life with clarity and wit. This is a wonderful opportunity to delve into the uppity women of the Bible!

**The Uppity Women of the Bible**

**Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 a.m.**

**April 3 – May 8 (April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8)**

**Contact Janet DeJonge (763.513.7243, call or text)  
or [janlde76@gmail.com](mailto:janlde76@gmail.com) to register.**



## ***Bible Studies***

**Wednesday mornings, April 4, 11, 18, 25; 9:30 a.m. in the choir room**

Join us as Pastor Rick leads a lively discussion of the biblical texts that will be used the following Sunday. Help create the sermon! The conversation is lively, the coffee is strong and the laughter will warm your heart. Join us.

**Monday evenings, April 2, 16 and 30, 6:30 p.m., choir room**

The Monday evening Bible Study has decided to walk into the Book of Psalms. We will meet April 2, 16 and 30 for lively discussions. Our meetings are in the choir room at 6:30 p.m. We welcome new members to join this very special group of Christian women!

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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**Elderberries  
85+ Luncheon**

**Sunday, April 8  
following worship**

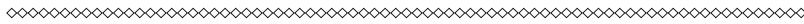
The congregation is invited to help us celebrate our 85+ members with a special worship service, followed by a POP Foundation-sponsored "bumped-up" luncheon! This year's theme is *Beautiful Savior*.

**Theology Pub Wants You!**

**Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m. at OHSO**

Do a little personal spring training 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 very much appreciate a heads-up if you plan to attend so he can get enough space at OHSO. Please send him an e-mail (pastorrick@popphoenix.org) or a text (408.472.0529) if you plan to be there.



**Prayers for Healing**

**April 15 & 29**

If you desire prayers for healing, for yourself or someone close to you, your pastor is ready and willing to pray with you. We offer prayers for healing at the altar directly following the worship service. If you desire prayer at another day/ time during the week, don't hesitate to call Pastor Rick at the church office and they can arrange a prayer session with you.

**Sunday Worship**

**Worship Schedule**

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**April 1**

Easter Sunday  
Acts 10:34-43  
Mark 16:1-8  
"We Will"

Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

**April 8**

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4:32-35  
John 20:19-31  
"Doubt and Faith"

Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

**April 15**

3rd Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3:12-19  
Luke 24:36-48  
"Witnesses"

Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

**April 22**

4th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4:5-12  
John 10:11-21  
"Crazy or Not"

Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

**April 29**

5th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-40  
John 15:1-8

"With or Without Me"  
Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

**Children's Ministry**

Sunday School continues Sunday mornings during worship.

**Upcoming Events:**

- ▼ **Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday** (no Sunday School)  
Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Brunch after church
- ▼ **Children's Sunday, May 20**
- ▼ **Vacation Bible School, "Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus"**  
June 4-8, 9 to noon  
Kindergarten - 5th Grade  
\$50
- ▼ **Activity Camp, June 11-14**  
Waterparks, Feed My Starving Children and Jakes Unlimited  
3rd-8th grades.  
Be sure to sign up soon!

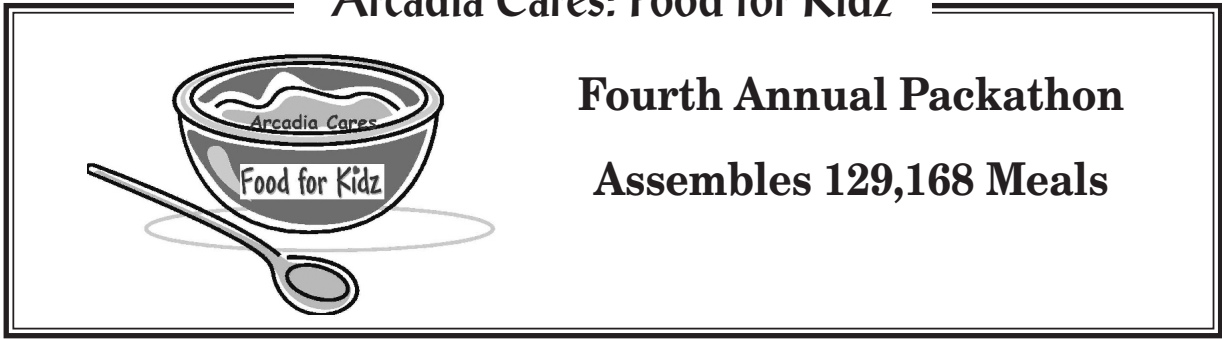
**Compassion Central  
POP's Visitation Ministry**

Next meeting: TBD

We have 11 team members who are visiting a total of 26 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 home-bound members.



# Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz



## Fourth Annual Packathon Assembles 129,168 Meals

The Fourth Annual Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, was another amazing success. Hundreds of volunteers from age 3 on up participated from Prince of Peace Church and Preschool, the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association (ACMNA), Christ Lutheran School, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Veritas Preparatory Academy, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Hopi Elementary School, Ingleside Middle School, Arcadia High School, and many others in the Arcadia neighborhood. Once the dust had settled, the final number of rice & bean meals packed was 129,168! This doubled the number of meals packed at the first packathon in 2015 (62,708). And the 2018 numbers improved upon the 2017 Packathon results by nearly 40,000 meals!



Approximately 75% of the meals packed this year will go to the Valley View Community Food Bank to remain here in the Phoenix area to serve needy families and individuals. Around 10,000 meals were delivered to the Navajo Nation Reservation in Northern Arizona and the remainder will be sent by Food for Kidz to overseas locations.

In 2015, there were 62,708 meals packed. In 2016, 73,296 meals were packed. Last year, there were 91,662 meals packed. With the 2018 numbers, the four-year total of meals packed is 356,834.



Food for Kidz, a non-profit organization based in Minnesota, provides staple ingredients, such as protein, rice, dehydrated vegetables, seasonings and vitamins, to make nutritious meals. The cost to purchase the necessary ingredients for packing one meal is 15 cents. Thank you to everyone who made the effort, including

sponsors Les Holland, our Church, Foundation & Preschool, Traaen & Associates, the Wooden family, Allen Quie, Jim Taylor, and numerous other generous individuals.

Steve Crofton serves as Chair of the Packathon Committee. Other members of the committee are Steve Edgar, Pastor Rick, Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier, Jacque, Jacob & Jordan Lara, Lynne McGinley, Kathleen Lewis (Prince of Peace Preschool), Craig Steblay (President of ACMNA), Megan Ehlers (Christ Lutheran School), and Marty Farnsworth and Kerrie Keeler (Church of the Latter Day Saints). Special thanks to Audrey Cox for serving as a lively Mistress of Ceremonies during the event and keeping things action-packed with music and fun. Shout out to Pastor Rick for coordinating the orientation session with the POP youth group and general supervision. A BIG thank you to all volunteers who helped in any way with this awesome event. If you are interested in getting involved in the 2019 Packathon, please contact Steve Crofton (602.463.7175, sec@slwplc.com).



# The Neighborhood Comes Together to Pack Food for the Hungry!



# Welcome to Our Newest Members!



## **Dale and Carla Bauer**

Dale and Carla hail from Dublin, OH where Dale is a dentist and Carla runs his office. They have recently made Phoenix their part-time home and hope to reside here more often in the near future to be closer to their grandbabies.



## **Jennifer Brandt, Jack and London**

Jennifer grew up in Aurora, CO. She has one younger sister with two kids the same age as hers who lives in Utah. Her parents both still live in CO and visit frequently. She moved to Tucson in 1997 to attend the University of Arizona and then to Phoenix to start her job at General Mills in January 2002 where she also met her husband. She has moved to Sacramento and Minneapolis for her job, but ended up back in Phoenix in 2009, got married in 2011 and now has two awesome kids — Jack (4) and London (2). “I found Prince of Peace as both my kids attend the preschool. I have loved getting to know the members and have always felt like it was such a welcoming congregation and also have loved that my kids enjoy going to church. For me, church is about making connections to both God and other people and that is what I have found here!”



## **Robyn Broyles and Phoenix Jose**

Robyn and Phoenix are originally from Washington State where most of their family still live. In addition to her main job as a single mom to Phoenix, Robyn is a paralegal and a realtor and is working toward becoming a closed captioner for the deaf. Phoenix attends Tavan Elementary and was recently elected as 5th-grade president! The two are happy to find a Lutheran church so close to home after attending Guadalupe Presbyterian Church for five years where Robyn was the pianist.



## **Jonathan and Angel Crissman, Juniper**

Jonathan and Angel came to Prince of Peace 2 ½ years ago when Jonathan responded to an ad for a guitarist. Ever since, he has wowed us with his mad guitar skills. Angel is a dance instructor and Jonathan is a faculty member in the music department at Grand Canyon University and also teaches at ASU. Juniper will attend POP Preschool this fall.

## **Aaron Seaford and Jiselle**

Aaron and his 7-year-old daughter, Jiselle, are new members. Jiselle attended our POP Preschool. Aaron is from Pennsylvania and moved to Phoenix seven years ago. The two enjoy hiking and traveling. (Unfortunately we do not have a picture so seek them out and introduce yourselves.)



**Dave and Janet DeJonge**

Dave and Janet return to Prince of Peace where they were married in 1990. Once upon a time, Dave was our youth director. Their children, Sarah (25) and Tim (23), were baptized at Prince of Peace and Sarah played the role of baby Jesus in the 1992 Christmas pageant. They moved to Minnesota and then returned to Phoenix two years ago when Dave took a job as the Deputy Director for Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Welcome home!



**Paden and Mindy Hendrickson, Stella and Case**

Paden and Mindy are both originally from Minnesota and grew up in the Lutheran church. They now live in the Arcadia area of Phoenix and came to POP looking for a neighborhood church where they could get involved and bring their kids. They were immediately welcomed and have enjoyed attending regularly. They have a daughter Stella, aged 3 1/2, and a son Case, 5 weeks old. Mindy is a physician assistant in dermatology and Paden is a physician in hospital medicine.



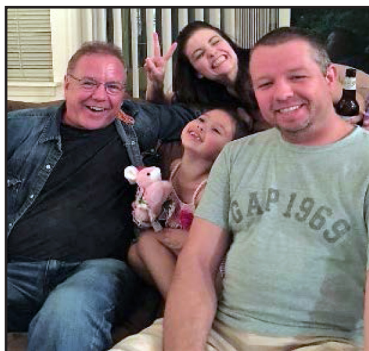
**Hugh and Diana Lockerby, Lilly Balfany**

The Lockerby family is from Woodville, WI where they have a farm and a long history at Zion Lutheran Church. They are currently part-time residents of Arizona as they raise their granddaughter Lilly (11). Hugh is a retired high school teacher who still teaches driver education and other subjects when in Wisconsin. Diana loves to read.



**Joyce Martin**

Joyce was an accountant with her father and husband in Lafayette, Indiana and has lived in the Phoenix area since 1987. Her daughter is Lana Lytle and she can often be seen with her at Prince of Peace.



**Chip Semrau**

“I am the guy in the left of this photo. Still working corporate America! I moved to Phoenix in 1997 and have three happily married kids and two grandchildren. I love being a new member of POP, especially being a part of the music ministry. I look forward to getting my name tag and getting to know all of my new church family members.”

## Street Fair — How Can I Help?

- **Donate** an item from the WISH LIST
- Provide an item for the **Silent Auction**
- Sign up to **Volunteer**
- **Come to the Street Fair** and bring your family, friends and co-workers!

**Thank you for your support!**

### WISH LIST

Silent Auction Donations

Gift Cards (from anywhere for any amount!)

Canopy/Pop-up Tents

Water Bottles

Hot Dog Buns

Hamburger Buns

Mini-bags of Chips

Cornhole Boards and Bags

### SILENT AUCTION IDEAS

Gift Cards (restaurants, Amazon, hotels/spa, etc.)

Basket of Items of a Similar Theme (Movies, Toys, Date Night, Family Day, Fitness, Outdoors, Animal Lover, etc.)

Donate time at your vacation home/timeshare

Donate airline miles or hotel points

Have a talent to share? (music, quilting, cooking, sports lessons, pet sitting, etc.)

Donation from your business

Donation from your favorite business

**Please drop off all donations no later than Monday, April 9!**

*Sign up to volunteer! Contact Audrey  
or visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084caee23a5fa7-pr\\_ince1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084caee23a5fa7-pr_ince1)*

## An Update from Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries has been quiet but we have also been quite busy.

We have just finished serving our Lenten soup lunches for this year. Many helped to make delicious soups, breads, and desserts.

We recently re-supplied some badly-needed items for the kitchen in Gangsei Hall: three new utility carts, three new cutting boards, new water and lemonade containers, a knife sharpener, four rectangular tablecloths, and four bun pans for the warmer oven. Thanks to Mary Quinsler for ordering all these and Harry Quinsler for helping put the carts together. We also replaced a faucet for the kitchen sink — thanks to Verne Schoeneman for installing it.

On a regular basis, we provide postage stamps for Marian Ricklick to send out cards to our church

family with get-well and thinking-of-you greetings, etc.

We have donated to the Street Fair to help the youth of the church. Every fall we host the Craft Bazaar. Also we funded the quilting of the new paraments for the altar and pulpit. We continue to provide the batting for our Sew and Tie quilting group and also just paid for the repair of two of their sewing machines. We have recently made donations to the African students in Tanzania and the Navajo Lutheran Mission.

In addition to these projects, we often serve food for memorial receptions held at the church.

A big thank you to all who help us throughout the year on all our different projects. We couldn't do it without you.

*Ellen Schoeneman and  
Suzy Steinmetz*

## Get to Know the Personnel Comm.

In May, the Congregation Council will appoint three members to the Personnel Committee. If you have an interest in serving the congregation in this important role, please make your interest known to Jack Ranby.

The Personnel Committee is established by Bylaw C13.01.09 implementing Chapter 13.01 of the congregation constitution. The committee is chaired by the Vice-President for Personnel, an elected officer; the senior pastor; and a former congregation president and two lay members appointed by the Congregation Council.

The committee's purpose is to make recommendations to the council regarding decisions dealing with employment, termination of employment, grievances, sick leave, hours of work, holidays, vacations, establish office hours, etc. for staff other than pastoral and preschool.



### Roses to...

◆ **Anita Thorne & Mary Quinsler** for serving on Altar Guild in March.

◆ **Erin Garmon** for helping with Confirmation transportation on March 4!

◆ **Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier** for her great photos of the Packathon!

◆ **Youth Worship Leaders** for those who sign up and those who step in to help last minute — thank you for helping to lead worship by lighting candles, helping with offering and communion and being involved in worship! We value you!

◆ **Jacob Staudenmaier** and fellow Arcadia friends for winning a top award at the National TV/Film Competition. The Titans were awarded one of the highest recognitions among hundreds of schools competing from all over the U.S. Nearly 4,000 students from schools throughout the country, including Hawaii and Alaska, competed.



# 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.

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

### **Serving Dinner**

3:30-5:30 p.m. at First Church UCC  
April 22

### **Serving Breakfast**

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

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

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

12:15 p.m.  
April 8 & 22, May 6

### **High School Youth Group**

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
April 22

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

10:45 a.m.  
April 8, May 6

## **CHILL!**

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

## **Summer 2018 — Youth and Families Campfirmation 2018, July 8-13**

Youth going into 6th through 9th grades are invited to attend camp this summer at UCYC in Prescott (new location!). Activities include Bible study, high ropes, rock wall/zipline, low ropes (team building), water slide, archery, campfires, big group games, arts and crafts, talent show & more! Registration is NOW OPEN online at [www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth](http://www.poppheoenix.org/children-youth)

## **Upcoming Milestones**

**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!**

**Ladies' Night Out** — 6-7:30 p.m. (Postino/Highland)  
Tuesday, May 8

**Guys' Night Out** — 6-7:30 p.m. (OHSO)  
Monday, May 14

*Please contact Audrey ([acox@poppheoenix.org](mailto:acox@poppheoenix.org)) or Angela ([popchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:popchildrensministry@gmail.com)) to RSVP or let them know if you will be arriving after 6 p.m.*



## **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

Text Updates! Text @popyouthaz to 81010

E-mail [acox@poppheoenix.org](mailto:acox@poppheoenix.org) to be added to the list for Youth and Family Updates!

# COMMUNITY STREET FAIR



April 14<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm

**At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
56th St. & Indian School

Live Music, Food, Sno-cones, Beer and Wine  
Games for All Ages:

- ⚓ Toddler Bounce House
- ⚓ Mechanical Surfboard
- ⚓ Carnival Games
- ⚓ Cornhole

## Silent Auction & Raffles!

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|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| ⚓ Getaways          | ⚓ Arts and Entertainment | ⚓ Gift Cards Galore |
| ⚓ Family Activities | ⚓ Sporting Events        | ⚓ Jewelry           |
| ⚓ Fun Passes        | ⚓ Golf Excursions        | ⚓ Teeth Whitening   |
| ⚓ Spa Treatments    | ⚓ Date Nights            | ⚓ Wine Tasting      |

### Ticket Information:

In advance: \$10 each/\$40 per family of 4 or more

At the door: \$12 each/\$46 per family of 4 or more

*Ticket includes food, music, sno-cones and games!*

Tickets will be available in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church office during regular office hours (M-Th 9am-4pm).

### Support a Great Cause!

Proceeds will go to support the 22 High School youth from our community who will be in Houston this summer to support Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts & attend the ELCA Youth Gathering.

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## ***Dealing with Large & Unexpected Medical Costs***

*by Beth Schneider*

Radio station NPR has begun a new monthly series called "Bill of the Month" as part of its Sunday weekend edition. The segment analyzes and explains real, unexpectedly large medical bills which have been submitted by listeners. The radio program may be new but the problem of surprise bills for health care is not.

Many if not most of those receiving the surprise bills have insurance, so why do the bills arrive? The most common reason is that the provider was out of the patient's insurance network. In non-emergencies, the best course of action is to inquire whether a provider is in your insurance plan's network. Because your physician is in-network doesn't mean that the lab she refers you to is also in network. In an emergency, verifying that a provider is in-network may not be possible. The hospital may be in-network but the anesthesiologist, radiologist, pathologist, or ER doctor may not be, unless he/she is an employee of the hospital. In these circumstances, it may not be possible to do anything until after the bill is received.

Additionally, insurance only covers care that is medically necessary and the insurance company determines what is medically necessary. When lab work, x-ray or other procedure is ordered, ask what it for. Unless the procedure must be done immediately, find out if it is considered to be medically necessary.

Most health plans are now paying for preventive care which includes services such as physicals, mammograms and colonoscopies. If services, even minor ones, are provided in addition to the one that specifically qualifies as preventive care, insurance doesn't pay. Every procedure is assigned a code and payment is based on that code. If the doctor's office doesn't use the specific code for what the insurer classifies as preventive, payment is denied. Before agreeing to any tests or procedures related to the approved preventive care, verify that any additional treatment is also considered preventive.

Large unexpected bills also arrive because physicians want to provide the patient with the best care and don't consider the price when prescribing a course of treatment. This is particularly true of drug prescriptions. Although doctors should talk to patients about the cost of treatment, patients need to take the initiative. Ask the cost of each new prescription. Since costs vary depending on coverage, it may also be necessary to contact the insurance carrier. If the price seems high, ask about the availability of a generic or over-the-counter version. Doctors may or may not react well to your concern. Also ask the pharmacist about less expensive alternatives when picking up the prescription.

If a large, unexpected bill appears in your mailbox, before paying it, contact the provider who sent the bill directly. Explain your surprise at receiving the bill and why you think it is unfair. Ask if the bill can be

reduced to the amount that would be covered if the provider were in-network. The difference between the amount of the bill and what insurance pays is significant. Also call the insurer to verify that there is not a billing error, which is quite common. If there isn't an error and the insurance company won't negotiate, file an appeal asking that the out-of-network costs be paid. Instructions on how to appeal should be included with the bill. These procedures may take time because insurance companies, like the IRS and Social Security, almost always say "no" the first time.

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

#### **DEATHS**

March 17 Bill Anthony

### ***Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report***

as of February 28, 2018

|                         | <b>February 2018</b><br><i>(4-week month)</i> | <b>February 2017</b><br><i>(4-week month)</i> |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Monthly Attendance      | 621   | 623   |
| Monthly Offering        | \$26,718                                      | \$33,058                                      |
| Monthly Offering Budget | \$24,307                                      | \$29,150                                      |
| Variance                | \$2,411                                       | \$3,908                                       |

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

Our rebate for February from reloading grocery cards for the Bashas' chain (including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City) was \$54.

If you need a new Bashas' card, please let me know. Instructions for participating in the Fry's program are posted on the church's website ([www.popphoenix.org](http://www.popphoenix.org)). Click on the Serving tab and go to the Grocery Store Rebates page.

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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|--|---|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Easter Sunday</b><br>Sunrise Worship/Camelback Mountain- 7 am<br>Festival Worship- 9:30 am<br>No Sunday School<br>Brunch & Family Easter Egg Hunt- 10:30 am<br>1   | Women's Bible Study- 6:30 pm<br>Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm<br>2                                    | Preschool Chapel- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>Uppity Women of the Bible- 9:30 am<br>Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm<br>3   | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Bible Study- 9:30 am<br>Staff Meeting- 11 am<br>4   | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>5  | Sew & Tie- 9 am<br>6  | Quilters- 9 am<br>7                                  |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship- 9:30 am<br>Sunday School- 9:45 am<br>85+ Luncheon- 10:45 am<br>CONNECT- 10:45 am<br>Adult Bells- 11:30 am<br>Confirmation- 12:15 pm<br>Kid's Bells- 2 pm<br>8   | Dorcas Circle- 1 pm<br>Grant's Partners- 7 pm<br>Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm<br>9                   | Preschool Chapel- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>Uppity Women of the Bible- 9:30 am<br>Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm<br>10  | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Bible Study- 9:30 am<br>Staff Meeting- 11:30 am<br>Elderberries at US Egg- 11:30 am<br>11 | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>12 | Sew & Tie- 9 am<br>13 | Quilters- 9 am<br><b>STREET FAIR</b><br>4-7 pm<br>14 |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship- 9:30 am<br>Sunday School- 9:45 am<br>Prayers for Healing<br>Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am<br>Adult Bells- 11:30 am<br>Kid's Bells- 2 pm<br>15   | <b>May Newsletter Deadline</b><br>Women's Bible Study- 6:30 pm<br>Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm<br>16 | Preschool Chapel- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>Uppity Women of the Bible- 9:30 am<br>Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm<br>Theology Pub- 7 pm<br>17  | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Bible Study- 9:30 am<br>18  | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>19 | Sew & Tie- 9 am<br>20 | Quilters- 9 am<br>21                                 |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship- 9:30 am<br>Sunday School- 9:45 am<br>Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am<br>HS Youth- 10:45 am<br>Adult Bells- 11:30 am<br>Confirmation- 12:15 pm<br>Kid's Bells- 2 pm<br>HS Youth Serving Dinner at UCC- 3:30 pm<br>22   | Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm<br>23   | Preschool Chapel- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>Library- 10 am<br>Uppity Women of the Bible- 9:30 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm<br>24  | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Bible Study- 9:30 am<br>25  | Preschool Jam- 9 am<br>Firm Believers- 9 am<br>26 | Sew & Tie- 9 am<br>27 | Quilters- 9 am<br>28                                 |
| Voices of Praise- 8:30 am<br>CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship- 9:30 am<br>Prayers for Healing<br>Sunday School- 9:45 am<br>Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am<br>ELCA Youth Gathering Mtg- 11 am<br>First Communion Class- 12 pm<br>Adult Bells- 11:30 am<br>Kid's Bells- 2 pm<br>AMA Recitals- 4, 5, 6 pm<br>29 | Women's Bible Study- 6:30 pm<br>AMA Recitals- 6 & 7 pm<br>Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm<br>30         | <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">APRIL 2018</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">AA meets nightly, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Room 11/12<br/>Survivors of Suicide, 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays<br/>7-9 p.m. Room 11/12</p> </div> |  |   |                       |  |



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 5-9**  
**9:00 am to Noon**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall of 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall of 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Allergies or other Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

VBS is open to kids who are currently entering K in Fall 2018 - entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Cost for the week is \$50 per child, max \$120 per family

After May 1<sup>st</sup> cost goes up to \$75 per child \$200 max per family

Please make checks payable: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Please mail in registration and payment or drop it by the office.

# Prince of Peace ACTiViTy CaMp

**Dates:** June 11-14

**Time:** 9:00am-4:00pm

**Who:** Open to Kids entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade \*\*\*All kids must be confident swimmers\*\*\*

**Cost:** \$200

**\*Kids will be with a counselor at all times\***

**\*There is NO daily attendance option, you may only sign up for the entire camp\***

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| Date               | Activity   | Includes  |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Monday, June 11    | Sun Splash-Mesa                                  | Water park admission, and lunch   |
| Tuesday, June 12   | Feed My Starving Children/ Jakes Unlimited, Mesa | Service Project, All you can eat Lunch Buffet<br>\$5.00 Fun Card (For use with Video and Redemption Games)<br>Plus UNLIMITED Attractions:<br>Go-Karts, Laser Tag, Miniature Golf, Mini Coaster, Bumper Cars, Rock Climbing Wall, Kiddie Rides |
| Wednesday, June 13 | Wet n Wild-Glendale                              | Water park admission, and lunch   |
| Thursday, June 14  | Big Surf -Tempe                                  | Water park admission, and lunch   |

Child#1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall of 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Child#2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall of 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Allergies or Other Medical Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

In order to keep the cost down, we are asking each parent to drive one way, one day. Please check one below:

**I will drive: Monday:** To \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ I can seat \_\_\_\_\_ passengers

**Tuesday:** To \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ I can seat \_\_\_\_\_ passengers

**Wednesday:** To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ I can seat \_\_\_\_\_ passengers

**Thursday:** To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ I can seat \_\_\_\_\_ passengers

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