

A Newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

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August 2018

Do, Love, Walk

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

hese are interesting days to be a follower of Jesus. Perhaps a better word is challenging. Many of the Christians we see in the public square are emphasizing God's law and teaching conformity to the current political order. Others are focused almost entirely on legislating social issues such as abortion, immigration and the growing polarity between rich and poor. In many instances, I find myself wondering how my faith fits with those who seem to have a majority of screen time representing Christianity. My conclusion? Most of the time my faith doesn't fit. As a Lutheran Christian, I have been steeped in the reality of God's grace for decades. Hearing commentators and preachers use the Bible to exclude and dehumanize others simply doesn't make sense.

I believe we have an amazing opportunity to be an alternative voice of Christianity in our culture. The first step is to acknowledge that no single person, no matter how educated or vocal, has a monopoly on our faith. Each of us carries a perspective on how God works in our world based on the experiences we have accumulated over a lifetime. Each of our voices is important. As a church, we have a rich history of God's love changing lives and softening hearts. We have much to contribute to the narrative of Christianity in our nation.

How might this work? We begin with action. Look at this amazing

verse from the prophet Micah. It is filled with action words. What does God require of us? We respond to God's love by multiplying God's love. We do justice. This means that we turn our attention to those who are in situations of injustice and actively seek solutions. We feed those who have no food. We comfort those who have been brought low. We shelter those who have no homes. We do so without regard to status or creed or background. I have watched several people hooked to microphones use the Bible to justify treating illegal immigrants as less than human. This is wrong. Doing justice begins with seeing all people as God's people and acting accordingly.

We love kindness. For followers of Jesus, this must be our first instinct, not a last resort. We build people up instead of tearing them down. We seek to understand as often as we seek to be understood. We err on the side of delivering hope instead of ripping hope away. Many times, doing kindness means that we must sacrifice our impulse to win an argument. Doing kindness is a daily, even an hourly, endeavor. It is a mission we carry into every encounter. When we go out to eat, what is our goal? Is it simply to devour a meal or it is also to encourage those who serve us? Doing kindness requires setting higher goals.



We walk humbly with our God. This is perhaps the most difficult action to take. We do not pretend that we have God figured out. We forgive and seek forgiveness from others. We listen to others without defensiveness. We learn from those who are different from us. Most of all, we do not condemn others and leave judgment to God.

I believe it is time for our culture to see this type of Christianity once again. It will give those in our culture an alternative view of God than what many have seen and experienced. What an amazing time to be alive.

Peace to all,

Pastor Rick

Celebration of Education

Sunday, August 12

Blessing the Backpacks

Calling all students! We invite you to bring your backpacks to worship and we will bless them and you as you start another school year.

Blessing of Teachers

Calling all teachers! We invite you to bring yourselves to worship and we will bless you with special prayers as you start another school year. POP Preschool teachers will be introduced and commissioned.

A light brunch will follow. Don't miss this important Sunday.

The Luther League

Fantasy Football Ministry for Saints and Sinners

It's Year 2 of the Luther League. Each participant will have the opportunity to do all the things they love about fantasy football: draft a team, make trades, follow their players each week and engage in good-natured banter with weekly opponents. However, we are also offering a couple of twists. We have daily devotions! Plus, the Luther League will be filled with the people

you worship alongside each week. Think of it — you will have something awesome to talk about at coffee hour! To sign up, please contact the Luther League Commissioner, Pastor Rick (pastorrick@popphoenix.org). Deadline is August 31.

Prayers for Healing August 5 & 19

Are you suffering in body, mind or spirit? Is someone in your life facing a difficult situation or challenge. POP offers healing prayers at the altar directly following the worship services on designated Sundays. We believe God brings healing to all who seek it. In the past nine months, we have seen some remarkable answers to the prayers we have offered. Be bold and take a risk. Come to healing prayer!

Pastor Paul Returns

On August 1, Pastor Paul Nelson officially returns to Prince of Peace. Let's shower him with notes of welcome and encouragement. You can drop those off in the office or in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

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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Women's Ministry at Prince of Peace

✓ After the Boxes Are Unpacked September 10 to November 12

Mondays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Have you or someone you know recently moved or been through a life transition? Through Biblical teaching and personal support, we prepare, encourage, and equip a woman to let go and trust God, start over with hope, and move forward in faith.

To register contact Janet DeJonge, 763.513.7243, Nancy Stevens, 602.418.6963 or the church office, 480.945.9537.

\$25 registration for book and workbook

✓ Message on Monday Women's Bible Study

Led by Paula Sturgeon

September 10 to November 12

Mondays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This Women's Bible Study will focus on the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. Scrolls were discovered at Qumran, containing nearly the entire text of Isaiah. These famous "Dead Sea Scrolls" have been extensively studied and are thought to contain some of the most seminal texts for informing, not only the ancient Israelites, but also our contemporary Christian understanding of prophecy and God's ever-unfolding story of grace.

To register contact Janet DeJonge, 763.513.7243, Nancy Stevens, 602.418.6963 or the church office, 480.945.9537.

\$25 registration. Message Bible included.

✓ Women's Evening Bible Study

Meets Mondays at 6 p.m. for social time. Bible study begins at 6:30 p.m., coordinated by Jan Beebe.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3, for a special Women's Retreat we're calling the Gail Andrews Gathering. We will have music, a special craft, a motivational seminar, lunch and more. What better way to honor Gail than with a group of positive, motivated Christian women! More details to follow.

Preschool Expansion Update

Submitted by Steve Edgar

Drew Goodman has agreed to be our Project Manager. He is a godsend in terms of knowledge, efficiency and planning. We are truly blessed having him overseeing this project. Through Drew's guidance, the Infant Toddler Care Committee has selected the Phoenix- New York Company as our architects and Reliance Build, Inc. as our general contractor. We have had our initial meeting with them and are now working on the initial plans. We anticipate having the working plans ready for Council approval at the August Council meeting. We are also gathering information from the various groups that use our campus to be included in the remodel design, If anyone has any questions or information they think would be helpful, please contact Steve Edgar at either 602.618.3364 or sledgar@gmail.com.

Sunday Worship

Worship Schedule

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

August 5

11th Sunday after Pentecost Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-3 "Be Builders" Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

August 12

12th Sunday after Pentecost Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51 "Be Imitators" Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

August 19

13th Sunday after Pentecost Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58 "Be Careful" Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

August 26

14th Sunday after Pentecost Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69 "Be Strong" Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

Traveling This Summer?

Take Church with You!

Even if you can't make it to church, church goes with you! Hop on our website and download the "Taking Faith Home" for that Sunday. It's for all ages and a great way to dig into the scripture for the week. Take time for church wherever you are! You can download it on our website here: www.popphoenix.org/chil-

dren-youth/parents-and-family

Prince of Peace will celebrate its 60th anniversary this fall and into spring of 2019.

Be watching The Messenger and Sunday bulletins for upcoming events to honor this milestone, as well as special highlights during our worship services.



Preschool Book Fair

The Preschool will hold its annual Book Fair beginning August 28 and continuing through September 7. Books are on display in Room 13/14 weekdays (except Labor Day). This is a great opportunity to do your Christmas shopping for kids and grandkids while supporting the Preschool. Proceeds are used for preschool improvements and classroom supplies.

Annual Craft Bazaar

It's time to begin planning for Prince of Peace's annual craft bazaar, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20 in Gangsei Hall. Eight-foot tables rent for \$40 and can be reserved by contacting Carol Kauffman, 602.277.4769. Please share this information with any crafters you know who might be interested in reserving space.

This came to the office by way of e-mail and touched several hearts. We now want to share it with you.

Heaven's Very Special Child by Edna Massimilla

A meeting was held so far from Earth, It was time for another birth. The angels said to the Lord above— This special child will need much love, for progress may be very slow, accomplishment may never show. The special child will need much care from the people way down there. This child may not talk, run or play, and thoughts may seem so far away. *In many ways will not try to adapt,* known as 'disabled' and 'handicapped.' Please be careful where this one is sent, we want this child to be so content. O please, Lord, find the parents who will do a very special job for You. They will not realize right away the leading role that they have to play. But with this child sent from above comes stronger faith, and richer love. Soon they'll know the privilege given in caring for their gift from Heaven, Their precious child, so meek and mild is Heaven's very special child.

Help with the Library

The library is in the process of placing all the books in the library in their proper order. The following list consists of books checked out in the years 2015-2017 that have not been returned. We ask that everyone please check this list to see if any of the books have been left in your home or car.

The Beggars Greatest Wish Living Faith Little Rose of Sharon The Outsider A Thousand Splendid Suns Danger in the Shadows I Want to Be Like Jesus The Snow Child The Day the Little Children Came The Most Wonderful King Eight Bags of Gold The Story of Noah's Ark Daniel in the Lion's Den God Gave Me The Gospel in Dostoysvsky The Week that Led to Easter

What Do Miracles Tell Me about God

Dreaming Water

Baby Jesus Is Born

Bergey (Arch)
Carter
Gurley
Gubhart
Hosseine
Henderson
Hageman
Ivey
Jennings
Hill (Arch)
Kramer (Arch)
Latourette (Arch)
Leon
Packer

Tsukeyama Trutt Wilhelm

Still Time to Register for the HiPo Marriage Group

Just as organizations wisely form High-Potential (HiPo) groups of well-performing leaders that are groomed for the highest levels of organizational leadership, we're bringing the same concept and practice to your marriage — perfect for all stages of marriage.

Leaders are Jacqueline McCormack, Professional Behavioral Analyst, certified Coach, and founder of Hudson Group Consulting, and Erik Johnson, LMSW, a Behavioral Health Technician at Family Strategies Counseling Center. The six-week course will focus on the areas in marriage of trust, conflict, commitment, accountability, solutions, and will also include a special session by Jacque's colleague, . This session unwraps the root causes of sexual problems and teaches how to reduce risk factors that lead to pornography addiction for teens and decrease shame around this topic. Erik's focus is healthy dialogue and how to increase bonding and attachment with your child around these difficult issues.

It's not too late to register! Fee is \$240/per couple, payable upon registration. Meeting times are Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m., Room 11/12 — August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 18, and 25.

For registration and questions, contact Jacqueline at jacque@hudsongroupconsulting.com or 602.502.9418.

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.

Sunday, August 19 Youth Sunday!

Join us for a celebration of the wonderful experiences our young people had this summer at the ELCA Youth Gathering and Campfirmation! If you attended one of these summer trips, please see Audrey to sign up for a role in worship that Sunday!

Youth Worship Leader Training

Youth Worship Leaders help lead worship on Sunday mornings with candle lighting, offering distribution, communion serving, prayers and sending, "Go in Peace." Are you a NEW Youth Worship Leader? Training is Sunday, August 19, 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Milestone Ministry

Celebrating important moments in life and in faith through Milestone Ministry! Here are this fall's upcoming milestones:

Celebration of Education — August 12 Start of Kindergarten — September 9 4th & 5th Grade Bibles — September 9 Confirmation Celebration — October 29 Driver's License — November 4

Ladies Night Out

Spend time with other women in a fun, faith, friends night out at Postino Highland from 6-7:30 p.m.

September 11 November 5

Fall Ministry Kicks Off

Confirmation — C.A.L.L.

For those entering 7th or 8th grade, confirmation is a chance to explore your faith in a fun community experience! We partner with six other churches from all over the Phoenix area and gather with about 30-40 other middle school youth twice a month for C.A.L.L. (Confirmation Among Local Lutherans). If you (or a grandchild or friend) are interested in participating, contact Audrey. C.A.L.L. Fall Schedule (12:45-3 p.m.):

September 9 , Kickoff Party & Parent Meeting September 23 October 14 & 28 November 11 & 25 December 9

High School Youth Group

Time for a year of community building for anyone in 9th-12th grades! We will meet once a month offsite for new adventures and time to build strong faith friendships! Save these fall dates!

September 16, Kickoff Party & Parent Meeting October 28 November 18

CHILL!

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

Service Opportunities for All Ages

Serving Breakfast 6:15-9 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church August 12



Prince of Peace is serving at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, November 3 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.! Look for sign-up information soon or contact Audrey for more information.

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.popphoenix.org/children-youth/parents-and-family

Stay Informed on POP Ministry

Instagram is popphoenix
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Text Updates! Text @popyouthaz to 81010
E-mail acox@popphoenix to be added to Youth and Family
Updates!

Preschool Summer Camp News

by Courteney Greenwell, Assistant Preschool Director

Summer Camp News

What a wonderful summer we have had! July camp began with the theme "The Great American Road Trip." Children had red, white and blue fun incorporated through art, music and their snacks. We even had a fun patriotic parade around the campus and through the church office on Tuesday, July 3! We had a blast celebrating our country.







During Week 6 of camp, we continued exploring America through "road trips" throughout the country. Each class went to different landmarks and cities and explored all our country has to offer. On Wednesday, July 11, the Great AZ Puppet Theater came to campus and performed "Goldilocks."

The final two weeks were themed "Fine Arts Festival." Each child was led in creating a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork. These creations were put on display in our "art gallery" on Thursday and Friday, July 19 and 20, for all the parents to see. Our Art Show was a huge success! The children were so proud of their creations.

Summer Camp has flown by! We met many new families and had many of our POP families join us as well. We are so honored that we were chosen to care for and educate these young people.



Katie Wunch Memorial Scholarship Fund

As school begins in August, we often have requests for tuition assistance. The Katie Wunch Memorial Scholarship Fund provides short-term tuition assistance to preschool families who are going through financial difficulties. The scholarship fund is a tremendous blessing to families and allows children to continue to attend preschool while the family goes through difficult economic months. The scholarship account is funded through individual donors and fundraising events. If you would like to contribute toward this fund or sponsor a family for a few months, please designate your check to "Prince of Peace Preschool" and notate Katie Wunch in the memo line. Thank you!

Wellness Committee

Myasthenia Gravis

by Beth Schneider

There are many lesser known diseases that go unnoticed until one has personal experience with them. One such disease is myasthenia gravis (MG). Named in 1880, myasthenia gravis means "grave muscular weakness."

MG is an autoimmune disease that is the result of the body's immune system making antibodies that block or change some nerve signals to the muscles, causing the muscles to become weak. The muscles affected are voluntary muscles, the ones that we can control. Symptoms include weakness of arm or leg muscles, double vision, drooping eyelids (often one of the first symptoms), and difficulties with speech, chewing, swallowing or breathing. The clinical literature on MG seems to downplay debilitating effects of the disease compared to patient accounts of its effects on their lives.

The cause of MG has not been determined but research continues. Researchers believe that the autoimmune response may be triggered by a virus or bacteria. People of any age may be affected but it is more common in women younger than 40 and

men older than 60. There are some cases where the disease manifests itself in children but the juvenile-onset version tends to progress slowly and remission is common. MG is not hereditary. However, genetic susceptibility does seem to play a role. Factors that can worsen MG are fatigue, stress, illness and some medications such as beta blockers and some antibiotics and anesthetics. People with MG may be more likely to have other autoimmune conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis or lupus.

There is no cure for MG. Symptoms usually improve with rest. Some drugs can help improve nerve muscle communication while others prevent the body from producing so many antibodies. Different drugs tend to work for different people. However, the medications should be used with care because of the possibility of side effects. Even with treatment, symptoms tend to worsen over time.

For more information, contact the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America at www.myasthenia.org.



Roses to...

- ◆ Laurel Edgar for serving on Altar Guild in July.
- ◆ Terry Landgren for opening his home to five Somali/Bantu refugess from Kenya for several weeks this summer and entertaining them with local events, baseball games, etc.
- ♦ Lynne McGinley & Marion Ricklick for sharing goodies for Sunday morning coffee fellowshi8ps in July.

Summer Hiatus

Theology Pub and Wednesday Bible Study are taking the summer off and will resume in September 2018.

Attn: Amazon. com Shoppers!

You can support Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Foundation while shopping on Amazon.com.

This is much like the grocery rebate programs we participate in with Fry's and Bashas'. Amazon will give 0.5 percent of purchases back to the Foundation. All you have to do is go to smile.amazon. com and choose Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Foundation as the recipient. Here is the link...

http://smile.amazon.com/ ch/86-0592846 After you choose the Foundation, just remember to shop at smile. amazon.com instead of regular amazon.com.

Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report as of June 30, 2018

	June 2018 (4-week month)	June 2017 (4-week month)
Monthly Attendance	545	525
Monthly Offering	\$19,517	\$31,040
Monthly Offering Budget	\$23,907	\$35,270
Variance	(\$4,390)	(\$4,230)

Bashas' & Fry's Programs

Our rebate for June from reloading grocery cards for the Bashas' chain (including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City) was \$41.

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

Steve Crofton

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