

# MESSENGER

A Newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

“WORSHIP ❖❖❖ CONNECT ❖❖❖ SERVE”

November 2018

## *The New, New Story*

It is a common November activity to name our blessings. This year I am thankful for November 7th.

On that day we will celebrate the birthdays of Marie Curie, Leon Trotsky and Billy Graham. Most importantly, November 7th is hugely significant because it is the day AFTER election day in the U.S.A. Newly elected politicians will declare victory while newly unelected ones will leave the bright lights of the public stage. The garish political signs that blot our streets will begin to come down. The incessantly negative advertisements will stop running on TV. No matter our political leanings, we will all have the opportunity to say “Amen” and get back to the business of living our lives.

This election cycle has proven once again that our political process offers painfully few solutions to the very real challenges we face every day. The politicians are different but their play books are the same: tear down opponents, spread fear and distract the masses from the most important issues. It’s The Old, Old Story — greed is good, money

is power, hope is fleeting and fear is the most important cultural currency. History has proven that this road leads to one destination — death (or imagination, of compassion and of people).

Christian churches in America are often thought of as “old school” or “out-of-touch” or “irrelevant.” Nothing could be farther from the truth. We have the opportunity to write A New, New Story — God brings life to those who only know death. Take a moment to consider how counter-cultural this truly is. We are a community of extraordinary people who:

- Bring comfort and care to those who are sick and dying
- Deliver meals and encouragement to the homeless
- Support each other when cancer invades our lives
- Teach children that winning and popularity aren’t everything
- Love those who are broken, especially people our society writes off
- Pray for our enemies (and speak well of them)

• Worship with celebration and expectation, especially at funerals  
We do this because we follow a God who has proven he will do “abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine!” (*Ephesians 3:20*) Every day God is bringing life to people who didn’t think that was possible any more, even those who seem to have everything.

It is high time we stood up and added our collective voices in a culture that is desperate to know that there is something more to life than religious and political sound bites. After all, we are the ones who stand at the open graves of those we love and smile through our tears. More than anything, I am thankful that God continues to write a new, new story in my life. Don’t forget, don’t ever forget, that the same thing is possible for you.

*Pastor Rick*

### ***Local Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities***

Prince of Peace will not be hosting a Thanksgiving/Thanksgiving Eve worship this year. Please consider participating in a Thanksgiving celebration at a neighboring church:

- ✓ Shepherd of the Hills UCC — 5524 E. Lafayette Blvd., November 21, 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ The Casa (Franciscan Renewal Center) — 5802 E Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, November 22, 10 a.m.

## Come Meet the BGs

That is correct! You will have the opportunity to meet the BGs on Wednesday, November 14 at 4:30 p.m. at O.H.S.O. Maybe you are one of the BGs (boomer generation). The invitation is for those who are part of that group that many have been talking about retirement for years. We are coming together to meet one another, plan social and service activities as members of Christ's Body. Some of the service projects might include a "Habitat for Humanity" build, or a "Feed My Starving Children" packing. They might include sharing some of your experiences and wisdom with younger members of the Body here at Prince of Peace in a "Cross-Generational" event. Social activities can include dinners, theatre events, travel opportunities. Regardless, you are invited to come on November 14 and meet other BGs — and please remember to invite a friend.

If you have any questions or want more information, talk to Pastor Paul, 602.740.7187.

## Preschool Expansion Initiative Update for November

By Steve Edgar

The architect, Art Ramirez, has completed the working drawings and submitted the plans to the city for approval. We are working with the general contractor and subcontractors to finalize our budget numbers. The demolition phase of construction will start in November in the education building.

## Healing Prayers around the Altar November 11 & 25

*Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." John 4:14*

Are you...

- Dealing with a new medical diagnosis?
- Living with chronic pain?
- Worried about someone in your life?
- Filled with unrelenting anxiety?
- Want to feel God working in the midst of your circumstance?

You are invited to the holy experience of healing prayer. Join us at the altar directly following worship and your pastors will pray with you about anything on your mind. God has so much to offer!

## Theology Pub Tuesday, Nov. 27 7 p.m.

**McFate Brewing,  
South Location  
(1312 N. Scottsdale Rd.)**

Join Pastor Rick as we study scripture with a drink in hand! Everyone is welcome and every voice is important!

## Coming: Voices of Praise Cantata

In celebration of our church's 60th anniversary, Voices of Praise will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 9 ... with orchestra! *Song Heard Round the World* is a contemporary work that features traditional carols as well as varieties of songs from other cultures. It celebrates our diversity as well as our unity in the gospel of Christ.

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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Please see the website for individual staff e-mail addresses.

**Mark your calendar:  
POP Family Picnic!**

**December 2, 11:30 a.m.,  
McCormick/Stillman Railroad Park**

We will serve hamburgers and hot dogs — please bring a dish to share, drinks for your family (we have a beer permit; NO GLASS), smiles, games, and the willingness to have fun with your POP family!!

The Rotary Ramada is reserved for the day! Come and enjoy the great outdoors with your family and friends! Please invite others to join us! The more the merrier!

For questions, please contact Trisha Hammer, 480.234.3133 or trisha.hammer12@gmail.com. We can't wait to see you there!

**Sunday Worship**

**Worship Schedule**

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**November 4**

All Saints Sunday

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

Paula Sturgeon, preaching

**November 11**

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 146

Mark 12:38-44

Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching

**November 18**

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 16

Mark 13:1-8

Pastor Paul Nelson, preaching

**November 25**

Reign of Christ Sunday

Revelation 1:4b-8

Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching



**Volunteer for our Prince of Peace packing session! We have 100 spots to fill. Be a part of this special volunteer opportunity and bring your friends and family with you! (Ages 5 and up)**

***Bazaar Thanks***

*I would like to thank those who helped me on this year's POP Bazaar. My apologies if names have been left out — there were so many who contributed!*

*Karen Crofton and her helpers with the bake sale, Luann Brentlinger and her helpers with the book sale, Jack Ranby, Steve Crofton, Frank Morris and Herman for table setup. We again appreciate all the wonderful baked goods from Susan Phillips. Thanks to Ellen Schoeneman for keeping track of the finances, Audrey Cox and her daughter for having pizza and fruit available for lunch — and to the many vendors who showed their wonderful craft items. We thank the congregation for their support and especially for those who baked desserts and donated books for the event. Thanks to Maria and Marge for their help in getting the word out to our members.*

*Carol Kauffman  
2018 Bazaar Chairperson*

**SAVE THE DATE**



**5th Annual Arcadia Cares Food for Kidz Packathon  
Saturday, March 23, 2019**

## ***Elderberries November Outing***

Everyone is welcome to join the Elderberries on Wednesday, November 14, for a tour of the Franciscan Renewal Center's newly-rebuilt Our Lady of Angels church. Pastor Rick will hold his regular Wednesday Bible study in the Meditation Chapel (the Saint John Bible on display will be turned to the verses of the Bible verses under discussion!). Following the tour and Bible study, lunch will be served in the retreat's dining facility.

Meet in the south parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. If you plan to drive on your own, the Renewal Center is located at 5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale.

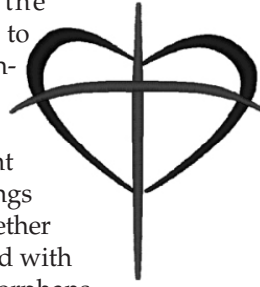
Please RSVP to June Larson, 480.948.5874.

## ***Compassion Central POP's Visitation and Care Ministry***

Throughout the Bible we are told to take care of one another. In James we are told to pray for the sick and anoint them with oil. It brings the community together with each other and with God. Make sure orphans and widows are cared for. In other words, we are to be caregivers for one another.

We are continuing to develop a ministry here at Prince of Peace to do those things. A group of people has come together and is reaching out to those who are in need of care, regardless of their situation. If you have need of care, please contact Pastor Paul at 602.740.7187 or the church office, 480.945.9537, to let us know. If you are being called by God to share your care-giving gift, please let Pastor Paul know.

Pastor Paul  
602.740.7187



Plan ahead! The Rock 'n Roll Marathon is coming - January 20, 2019! The Water Station will need volunteers!



## ***Wednesday Bible Study***

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

Note: No Bible Study on November 21 (Thanksgiving Eve).

## ***Prince of Peace... 60 Years!***

We hope you have been enjoying the pre-service slide videos of the early years of Prince of Peace. In November we will see photos from the 1970s.

### **Dates to note:**

Looking ahead to early 2019, we are bringing back the Dessert Fest on Sunday, February 10 ... and our 60th Anniversary dinner on Saturday, March 2. Mark your calendars!



## ***November Deadline for Foundation Scholarship Applications***

The Prince of Peace Foundation is accepting applications for tuition scholarship grants for the 2018/19 college year. Grants will be awarded to members of Prince of Peace who will be incoming freshmen or Prince of Peace members already attending college. The grants will be based on the information, records, grades, etc. contained in the completed scholarship application.

Forms are available in the church office and our website ([popphoenix.org/About/POP\\_Foundation](http://popphoenix.org/About/POP_Foundation)) and **must be returned to the church office no later than November 21, 2018** (mark Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee). For more information, contact Dr. Doug Beischel, Scholarship Chair (602.362.6496) or the church office (480.945.9537).

**APPLY NOW**

# ***Children, Youth and Family NEWS!***

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

## **Upcoming: Children's Ministry**

We began working on our Christmas program on October 7 during Sunday School! See Angela with any questions!

## **Save the date: 2019 Christmas Program**

"All I Want for Christmas"  
Sunday, Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m.

## **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.):

**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 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. off-site for new adventures and time to build strong faith friendships! Save these fall dates!

**November 18**

## **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](mailto:acox@poppheoenix) to be added to Youth and Family Updates!

## **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 27, March 31**

## **Milestone Ministry**

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

**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.

**November 5**

## **Youth Worship Leaders Needed** **4th-12th grade youth!**

Youth Worship Leaders help lead worship on Sunday mornings with candle lighting, offering distribution, communion serving, prayers and sending, "Go in Peace"! Please visit this sign-up genius to sign-up or talk to Audrey!

[www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084caee23a5fa7-20182019](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084caee23a5fa7-20182019)

## **Save the dates for these amazing all-congregation events happening this year!**

Feed My Starving Children	December 1, 9-11 a.m.
Church Picnic	December 2
Marathon Water Station	January 13
Preschool Ice Cream Social	February 23
Packathon	March 23
Street Fair	April 13, 4-7 p.m.
Family Camping Trip	May 3-5

# Preschool News

by Nicole Hilden, Preschool Director



**PRINCE OF PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

## Trick or Treat

Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 26, was a great success. The kids had so much fun and were able to enjoy a great evening of costumes, friends, food and candy!



## Bike-in Beer Festival

We invite you to join us for the OHSO Bike-in Beer Festival to raise money for the preschool! It takes place on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18, from 2-6 p.m. on Indian School and 49th St.

OHSO has generously partnered with local schools to create a beer competition. They invited us to brew our own special Pale Ale, "Hop, POP, & Roll." It will be on tap for all to try at the festival — the school's beer with the most votes will be awarded \$500! Prince of Peace won the competition last year and we would love to win again! Hope to see you there!



## Plan on joining us for our Preschool Christmas Programs in the sanctuary

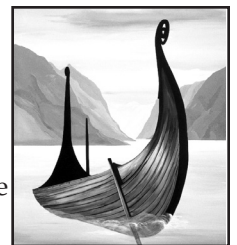
Thursday, December 13, 11 a.m.  
(Rooms 1,2,3,4,6)

Friday, December 14, 11 a.m.  
(Rooms 5,7,8,9,10)

We look forward to  
seeing you at our performances.

## Wine and Painting Night

Coming from a family of artists and teachers, Jana Peterson obtained a M.A. in Art Education and has been teaching and painting for over 30 years. Peterson invites you to have a little fun making art with YOU Pop over to ASCENSION and we'll put a brush in one of your hands, and a glass of wine in the other (just to get your creative juices flowing a bit more easily). Participants will learn how to make their own "Fram" masterpiece. You can paint it with or without the Viking Ship! All materials are included in registration — including wine and light snacks. You will go home an awakened artist — with a painting to show for it! Great gift, too!



\$40 per person includes supplies, wine, and light snacks.

Registration is limited to 30 participants! Get your ticket (and your buddy's) now! To sign up please call 480.948.6050 (Ascension Office) or 480.326.2927 (Jana).

## Wellness Committee

### Flu Season

by Beth Schneider

The 2018-2019 flu season officially began on September 30. Through October, cases in Arizona have been described as sporadic. Announcements urging everyone, six months of age or older to get a flu shot began in early September. A recent issue of the Arizona Republic had three articles on the importance of getting a flu shot early. Getting a flu shot earlier rather than later is recommended, but it is never too late.

The flu is generally unpredictable. Since it doesn't send out announcements as to which strain of the virus is going to be most prevalent in any given year, the vaccine is more effective in some years than others. This doesn't mean that one should skip getting a flu shot. Even if the vaccine doesn't protect against the virus that unfortunately targets you, the vaccine will reduce the severity of the attack. In 2017-2018 the vaccine was less effective. Approximately 80,000 people died from the flu. If that figure isn't sufficient to attract your attention, a recent segment on NPR's Morning Edition might change that. A healthy 39-year-old man, who hadn't gotten a flu shot, came down with the flu in January of this year and spent 58 days in the hospital, a week in a medically-induced coma, and three weeks in a nursing home. Now he is encouraging everyone to get a flu shot.

It is especially important that children be vaccinated. Several years ago, at a Prince of Peace flu clinic, a mother said that she wasn't having her children vaccinated because they had strong immune systems. Not a good reason. The CDC reported that last year 80,000 people, including 179 children, died from the flu, three in Arizona. Of the children, 80 percent had not received a flu shot. Children who have the flu are going to spread it. They may not share toys but they do share viruses. Not only do they share with other children but also with the adults around them. Another reason for adults to get a flu shot. Children eight or younger, need to receive two doses the first time they are vaccinated. A child nine or older requires only one

dose, regardless of whether he/she has been vaccinated before.

Getting a flu shot is easy. Besides your healthcare provider's office, almost every pharmacy offers them, and usually no appointment is required. Flu clinics are frequently scheduled in grocery stores, at churches, etc. The Arizona Department of Health Services ([www.azdhs.gov](http://www.azdhs.gov)) provides information on finding locations. The good news is that under most insurance plans, there is no co-pay.



### Roses to...

◆ Laurel Edgar and Mary Quinsler for serving on Altar Guild in October.

◆ Audrey Porter for her beautiful flute offering in worship on Oct. 14

### A Message from Your Council President

November, a time of thankfulness, a time for the stewardship drive ... thankful for the stewardship that has come before us ... thankful for the opportunities in the present and future to serve... thankful that God has been with us every step of the way! What can you do to serve? How can you help? There's a need for everyone.

With thanksgiving,  
Gwen Jacobs

### News of Members and Friends

#### DEATHS

October 24 David Steinmetz  
October 28 Wes Edgar

### Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report as of September 30, 2018

	September 2018 (5-week month)	September 2017 (4-week month)
Monthly Attendance	712	727
Monthly Offering	\$27,081	\$20,821
Monthly Offering Budget	\$25,677	\$35,570
Variance	\$1,404	(\$14,749)


### Bashas' & Fry's Programs

During September we earned \$38 from shopping at the Bashas' family of stores, including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City.

If you need a Bashas' Community Support card that is linked to Prince of Peace, please contact me. If your Fry's VIP account is not linked to our church, you can enroll at any time. For instructions, go to [www.poppheoenix.org](http://www.poppheoenix.org) and in the Serving tab drop-down menu click on Grocery Store Rebates.

Thank you for supporting our church's ministries while you shop!

Steve Crofton  
Coordinator, Bashas' & Fry's grocery store programs  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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