

# MESSENGER

A Newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

“WORSHIP ❖❖❖ CONNECT ❖❖❖ SERVE”

June 2019

## *Let the Children Come*

*Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 14:19)*

Sometimes God gives us a pathway forward that involves creating something new. On May 19, we celebrated the formal dedication of our new Infant and Toddler Care Center, affectionately nicknamed POPIT. On June 3, we will open the doors for the first time and begin a new chapter in our congregation as we partner with families to provide excellent care for their little ones. On August 6, by God’s grace, we will begin operating POPIT at full capacity (36 children). Almost every spot is filled and some age groups have long waiting lists. I am amazed that we are here. There are so many people to thank. Some worked in a specific stage of the project and some for the entire time.

This journey began with a simple question over beer and sandwiches at OHSO. One day in the spring of 2014, I had the pleasure of spending time with Bishop Steve Talmage and members of the Church Council to discuss future ministry. The bishop encouraged us to ask our community what it needs most. So, we did. After hundreds of conversations, a clear need emerged: infant and toddler care for working parents. It just so happens that this community need lined up closely with our gifts and experience as a congregation. A dream was born.

When Nicole Hilden was hired as preschool director in December 2015, her job description included “explore the feasibility of infant and toddler

care.” So, she did. I want to thank Nicole, Courteney Greenwell (Assistant Preschool Director), Val Kainass (Preschool Advisory Board Chair) and the entire Preschool Advisory Board. Together they asked the question, “Is this possible?” They visited preschools that featured infant and toddler care, talked to state regulators, and put together a preliminary business model. Also, special thanks to Jim Schmidlin who did the first “proof of concept” work on remodeling two of our buildings. They moved the dream forward.

Under the leadership first of Gail Andrews and then Gwen Jacobs, the Church Council began to seriously consider the dream by asking the question, “What would it take to do this?” I am extremely grateful that Gail, Gwen and the entire Church Council invested so much energy in forming the dream into a workable plan. Also, a special thank you to Jack Ranby who encouraged us to explore the concept from many different angles and compiled an extensive document outlining questions and answers.

At this point three things happened that changed the question to “Why wouldn’t we do this?” First, Drew Goodman stepped forward and volunteered his professional expertise in project management. Drew put together preliminary architectural drawings and helped us compile a detailed and realistic budget. Drew then walked with us through every major step moving forward and gave so much of himself to the project. Without his

efforts we simply wouldn’t be here. Thank you, Drew.

The only remaining question was how to pay for the project. Almost immediately, Jeff and Sharon Stevens stepped in with a gift of \$700,000. This gift was given to honor their parents, Gene and Jan Stevens, and their love of God and Prince of Peace. Thank you, Jeff and Sharon. In addition, the POP Foundation heard about the project and believed in it so much they contributed \$100,000 that they had set aside for another purpose. Thank you, POP Foundation.

With huge pieces in place, the Church Council voted to move forward and the congregation overwhelmingly approved the project in May 2018 (almost exactly one year ago). The Preschool Expansion Team was formed to manage the project and are still working to bring all the last-minute details to completion. What an incredible bunch of “doers.” Special thanks to Steve Edgar, Janet DeJonge, Scott and Nancy Stevens for joining me in a solid year of work, including one if not two meetings nearly every week.

Also, special thanks to our staff who went above and beyond their job descriptions to make major contributions. Maria Renovato and Keri Herding invested countless hours in thousands of crazy details and interior design. Audrey Cox and Paul Nelson filled in to help me with my existing

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workload so I could invest time in the project. On the preschool side, Nicole and Courtney tapped Angela Sherrill, Yvonne Scaramella and Tracy Snyder to help create the program — including registering new families, hiring teachers, setting classroom standards, creating a volunteer program and so much more. Thank you all.

A special thank you to the countless groups who lived through the disruption of the construction phase over the past eight months (forced flexibility) — including Sew & Tie, Quilters, POP Youth, Nursery, AA, Tai Chi, Boy Scouts, Arcadia Music Academy, and all of you who navigated dumpsters in the parking lot. And another special thank you to the “Spring Cleaning” group that met every Thursday for five months to clean out, organize and reorganize numerous rooms on campus and, in some cases, preserve 60-years’ worth of the history of Prince of Peace.

This project has been an incredible example of a congregation coming together. So many of you have contributed your labor, your encouragement and your prayers. Thank you. Finally, we thank God for walking with us from beginning to end. There have been so many moments when divine inspiration was the only thing that kept the train rolling forward.

Now we begin a new chapter in the life of Prince of Peace. Now we welcome children and their families in a new and exciting way. Now we give thanks that God’s dreams may be difficult but are always good. Our work has only just begun!

Blessed summer.

*Pastor Rick*

## ***Mary and Martha Bible Study***

We are taking the summer off from our regular study group. Instead, we are doing a book study using three different books which give us a look at faith through the lens of others. ALL are encouraged to attend, whether you have or have not read each book.

- June 11** *The Hiding Place* by Corrie TenBoom. A deeply moving and inspirational retelling of Corrie’s survival in a Nazi concentration camp.
- July 9** *The Shack* by William P. Young. One man’s storytelling featuring unique characterizations of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).
- August 13** *The Faith Club* by Rayna Idliby. The true story of three women (a Muslim, a Jew and a Christian) who come together in post-9/11 New York City to understand and grow from the different faiths.

## ***Prayers for Healing*** ***June 9 & 30***

*“O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.” Psalm 30:2.*

Whatever you are dealing with, prayer can help. The simple act of turning your worry and pain over to God is wonderfully powerful. 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!

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.



## Father's Day Celebration

June 16

Join us for a special worship service honoring the fathers in our lives. Special gifts for dads will be given.

### Servant Outreach Ministry

I am Paula Sturgeon and I am so delighted to have returned to the Prince of Peace family. My faith truly took flight within this community and so it feels right to be back and fully involved. In addition to leading the Women's Tuesday morning M&M Bible Study, I am focusing on the vitality of our Servant Outreach Ministry. In May we gathered water for the Respite Ministry of our brothers and sisters at Grace Lutheran Church. We will continue to receive and deliver water to Grace throughout the summer.

Let me share with you some of the upcoming opportunities to extend support to other ministries:

#### ▼ June — Alleluia Lutheran Church's Diaper Ministry

This important ministry supports low-income working women with a portion of their monthly need of disposable diapers. Children must have disposable diapers in order to be placed in daycare. Alleluia researched this need and secured solid direction from a variety of agencies in order to best serve the working poor. Our ingathering, in support of them, will include: disposable diapers (all sizes), wipes and gift cards to Walmart. Gift cards will be used by the program coordinators to purchase diapers. You may also give a cash or check contribution. (Checks payable to Alleluia Lutheran Church with DIAPER written on the subject line.)

#### ▼ July — Personal Care Items for Homeless and Transitioning Veterans

Items must be FULL SIZED. We will pack items into gallon-size ziplock bags. We will have the bags and the list of items to place in them available in the narthex beginning June 30. This is a wonderful way to thank those who help us keep the liberty celebrated on July 4th.

#### ▼ August — Lunches For Learning

A ministry of education for the poorest children of Honduras. Details to come shortly. As well, back-to-school always brings the need for school supplies. When shopping for your own children, please consider adding additional items for other children. We will share our collection with the children of Vista del Camino.



### Goodbye to the Crissmans

We are sad to say goodbye to the Crissman family who are moving to the Washington D.C. area later this month. Jonathan came to Prince of Peace in 2015 as our guitarist and has provided wonderful music for our worship services. The entire Crissman family (Jonathan, Angel and then-baby Juniper) became members in 2017. We have loved getting to know all of them, especially watching Juniper grow into an energetic three-year old. They recently welcomed baby Alden to their family. We rejoice that Jonathan has secured the teaching position he has been seeking and wish them well on their new adventures on the East coast. We will miss you, Crissman family.

### Sunday Worship

#### Worship Schedule

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

#### June 2

7th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 16:16-34, John 17:20-26  
"Mighty Prayers"  
Pastor Rick, preaching

#### June 9

Pentecost Sunday  
**WEAR RED!**  
Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-1  
"Distinctly Clean Energy"  
Pastor Paul, preaching

#### June 16

1st Sunday after Pentecost  
(Trinity Sunday)  
Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15  
"Triple Goodness"  
Pastor Paul, preaching

#### June 23

2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39  
"Radical Change"  
Pastor Paul, preaching

#### June 30

3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62  
Pastor Rick  
"Incredible Focus"  
Pastor Rick, preaching

### Pastor Rick's Open Office Hours

Tuesdays,  
10 a.m. to noon  
(except June 20)

Stop by for a bottle of water and relaxed conversation about anything under the sun. If you want to come by another time, please contact Pastor Rick to make an appointment (pastorrick@popphoenix.org) or call the church office.

## Grand Canyon Synod Assembly

June 14-15

Love of Christ Lutheran, Mesa



2019 is a year of transition for the Grand Canyon Synod as they are served by a new Bishop, Rev. Deborah K. Hutterer, and seek to redefine their strategic vision, mission and goals. They embrace this transition with a sense of excitement, adventure and hope for the future. This year's theme, *Sing to the Lord a New Song!*, will premier new music created especially for the assembly by Pastor Dave Drach-

Meinel of Christ the Servant Church, Henderson, Nevada.

Pastor Rick is slated to attend together with three POP delegates. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Pastor Rick.

## Compassion Central

### POP's Visitation and Care Ministry

All of us have been given gifts, by God, for the well-being of the Body of Christ. I invite you to take an inventory of the gifts that you have been given. Are you one who enjoys visiting others? If you are being called by God to share your care-giving gift, please let Pastor Paul know. If you have need of care, please contact Pastor Paul (602.740.7187 or the church office (480.945.9537) to let us know.



## Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report

as of April 30, 2019

|                         | March 2019<br>(4-week month) | March 2018<br>(5-week month) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monthly Attendance      | 658                          | 1078                         |
| Monthly Offering        | \$50,858                     | \$27,182                     |
| Monthly Offering Budget | \$31,084                     | \$47,727                     |
| Variance                | \$19,774                     | \$75                         |

## A Message from Council President, Debbie Nelson

Brrr! It's May 20th and I'm sitting outside writing this and I can honestly say that I'm chilly! Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful spring weather you've given us!

The Church Council met on April 16 for our monthly meeting. It was a time to welcome new members and recognize former members. Then it was on to business. Following are highlights from the meeting.

- The dates for future council meetings were established through April 2020. Generally, council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room. I welcome you to join us at a meeting sometime.

- Prince of Peace financial numbers are solid and look great, as do those of the Preschool and AMA.

- Currently, the Sunday cleaning team has been performing as a full-time crew since Herman's departure from POP. The POP staff is evaluating the exact needs around the campus so that they can efficiently hire a replacement.

Steve Edgar is working on filling a new Personnel Committee.

As many of us are busy with end-of-school activities, graduations, vacation planning and perhaps feeling a little stressed, let's not forget the words from the uplifting video seen during worship on May 19, "Lean on Me." God will see you through. Safe travels to all who are traveling this summer!

Blessings,  
Debbie

**Theology Pub is on summer break! Our next session will be in September.  
Stay tuned and have a great summer.**

# ***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.

## **Ch.I.L.L is Every Sunday for 7th-12th Grade!!**

ChILL is in our new office conference room (where the old youth room was)! Every Sunday from 9-9:30 a.m., we meet for check-in time, prayer and of course...donuts! **There will be no ChILL on Sundays, June 16, 23 and July 7.**

## **Upcoming Milestones**

Graduation—June 2

## **Campfirmation 2019 — July**

Register online at [www.lutherancampformation.com](http://www.lutherancampformation.com) for Camp Pinerock in Prescott, July 7-12. A week of camp fun (outdoor adventures, cabins with new friends, music, Bible exploration, campfires, swimming, high ropes and more!)

6th-9th Grades\* — Campers

10th Grade\* - G.A.P. Camp (Camper and Leadership Experience)

\*Grade applies to the grade students will be in in fall of 2019

## **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.poppheo.org/children-youth/parents-and-family](http://www.poppheo.org/children-youth/parents-and-family)

## **Keep Up on POP Ministry**

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

## ***Congratulations Graduates!***

### **Samantha Ayala**

Graduating from Arcadia High School, will attend Northern Arizona University to pursue a degree in Elementary and Special Elementary Education.

### **Jared Lara**

Graduating from Saguaro High School, will attend Los Angeles College of Music to pursue a degree in Audio Production and Engineering.

### **Lauren Pineda**

Graduating from Arcadia High School, will attend the University of Arizona to pursue a degree in Engineering and Theater Production.

### **Grant Quinsler**

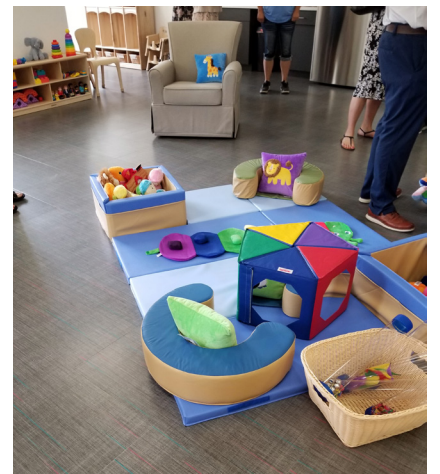
Graduating from Coronado High School, future plans are TBD.

### **Kevin Wooden**

Graduating from Arcadia High School, will attend Grand Canyon University to pursue a degree in cyber security and later a masters degree in business integration.



# The Grand Opening of The Infant and Toddler Care Center!





## ***Drug Disclaimers***

*by Beth Schneider*

Have you ever read or heard an advertisement that included the following language: "These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. These products are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease?" Lately, there seem to be more and more products containing the disclaimer. Although it is sometimes obvious from the claims made, have you ever wondered why such a disclaimer is necessary?

One of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) primary responsibilities is protecting the public health by ensuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products and medical devices. Because of this duty, only drugs can claim to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent disease. Advertisements for FDA-approved drugs contain health claims which specifically refer to how an ingredient(s) impacts a disease or health condition. There are two types of health claims. Authorized health claims are based on a consensus in publically-available scientific information on the matter. The FDA publishes a list of authorized health claims.

Qualified health claims are validated by a significant amount of scientific evidence. To prevent consumers from being misled, the amount of scientific evidence must be made clear in labeling and advertising.

However, claims made by products containing the disclaimer are known as structure and function claims, which are not reviewed by the FDA. Structure/function claims refer to how ingredients impact the structure or function of the body. These claims are very different from health claims made by prescription or over-the-counter drugs. The structure/function claims are not necessarily false, but remember the old adage that if something sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Before purchasing any product (even one with a money-back guarantee) that includes the disclaimer "these statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration, do some research and check with your healthcare provider to verify that scientific evidence supports the claims made. These products may not harm you but they may not help.

## ***Medical Student Seeks Temporary Housing***

Louis Nelson is a 4th year medical student, applying to be a surgeon. He is also a good friend of Tom Doody. Louis will be doing a rotational residency at Maricopa Medical Center from 10/20/19 through 11/18/19. He is originally from Bloomington, MN and attended medical school at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. Louis is seeking an open room, guest house or other property he could rent for the month he is in Phoenix. If any member of the church family would be willing to open their doors to Louie on a short-term basis, please contact Tom Doody (Thomas.Doody@edwardjones.com) or the church office.



## ***Roses to...***

- ◆ **Sherrye Smith & Mary Quinsler** for serving on Altar Guild in May.
- ◆ **Harry Quinsler & Phil Fish** for coming to the aid of the church office on several handyman projects.
- ◆ **Janet DeJonge** for the pictures of the POPIT opening on pages 6 & 7.
- ◆ **David Mayes** for his role of Brother David in Detour Theatre Company's production of *Mamma Mia*.

## ***Travel Opportunity***

There are a few spaces available for an exciting trip to Eastern Europe that will be highlighted by attendance at the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. This is a once-a-decade event and you surely want to be a participant. The trip is May 25, 2020 – June 2020. Please contact Pastor Paul (602.740.7187) for complete information.

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

### **BIRTH**

May 17 Alden Chrisman

### **BAPTISMS**

May 26 Samuel David Pierce  
Violet Mae Pierce  
Austin Edward Pierce

### **DEATH**

May 23 Pastor John Cockram  
(in Oregon)



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                             | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                    | SATURDAY                              |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship w/Graduation<br>Milestone- 9:30 am<br>Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am   | Summer Service Day<br>8:30 am-6 pm | Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm   | PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP<br>Monday-Friday  |          |   | Quilters- 9 am<br>1<br>Quilters- 9 am |
| 2  | 3                                  | 4  | 5   | 6        | 7   | 8                                     |
| <b>Pentecost Sunday</b><br>CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship/Recognition of graduates- 9:30 am<br>Prayers for Healing<br>Bumped-Up Brunch- 10:45 am | Grant's Partners- 7 pm             | Mary & Martha- 9:30 am<br>Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm<br>Church Council- 7 pm | PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP<br>Monday-Friday<br>Staff- 11 am<br>Elderberries at<br>US Egg- 11:30 am |          | GRAND CANYON SYNOD ASSEMBLY<br>June 14-15 | Quilters- 9 am<br>15                  |
| 9  | 10                                 | 11   | 12  | 13       | 14  | 15                                    |
| <b>Father's Day</b><br>CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship- 9:30 am<br>Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am  | July Newsletter Deadline           | Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm   | YOUTH ROCK 'N WATER TRIP<br>June 15-22  |          |   | Quilters- 9 am<br>22                  |
| 16   | 17                                 | 18   | 19  | 20       | 21  | 22                                    |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship- 9:30 am<br>Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am   |                                    | Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm   | PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP<br>Monday-Friday  |          |   | Quilters- 9 am                        |
| 23   | 24                                 | 25   | 26  | 27       | 28  | 29                                    |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am<br>Worship- 9:30 am<br>Prayers for Healing<br>Coffee Fellowship- 10:45<br>POP Adult Bells-4 pm                               |                                    | Library- 10 am<br>Knitting Group- 1 pm   | PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP<br>Monday-Friday  |          |   | Quilters- 9 am                        |
| 30   | 24                                 | 25   | 26  | 27       | 28  | 29                                    |

**JUNE 2019**  
AA, nightly, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Room 11/12  
**Survivors of Suicide,**  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Room 11/12



We are so excited for the opening of our Infant and Toddler program at Prince of Peace. We are starting a volunteer program to help with the infant and toddler rooms. We are looking for volunteers, to read stories, help with classroom needs and of course hold some babies.

### Infant and Toddler Care Volunteer Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Over the Age of 18: \_\_\_\_\_

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

| Days of the Week Available to Volunteer |           |             |        |
|---|-----------|-------------|--------|
| Day                                     | Time Slot |             |        |
| Monday                                  | 9 –10:30  | 10:30- Noon | 1-2:30 |
| Tuesday                                 | 9 –10:30  | 10:30- Noon | 1-2:30 |
| Wednesday                               | 9 –10:30  | 10:30- Noon | 1-2:30 |
| Thursday                                | 9 –10:30  | 10:30- Noon | 1-2:30 |

| Volunteer Class – Must attend a class before you can become an approved volunteer |       |
|---|-------|
| Wednesday June 26 at 11:00 am:  | _____ |
| Sunday June 30 at 11:00 am:   | _____ |
| Sunday August 11 at 11:00 am:   | _____ |
| Wednesday August 14 at 11:00 am:  | _____ |

**Please bring proof to your Volunteer Class:**

1. Fingerprint Clearance Card : <https://fieldprintarizona.com/>
2. Whooping cough Immunization
3. TB Screening
4. Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (during flu season Sept-April)

Please return you application to Angela Sherrill either in the Preschool office or by email:  
angela@popphoenix.org

# Sponsor a Student for Rock-N-Water!

**Where?** Rock-N-Water

**When?** June 15-June 22

**Who?** 28 - 6th-12th Grade Youth and 4 Adult Mentors!

**What?** Our group will be immersed in the beauty of God's creation for a week of faith exploration, nature, friendship, and adventurous challenges! All week, youth will experience character development and the joy of God's Living Word that will help each individual grow in both character and spiritual intimacy with God.



*Rock-N-Water's primary goal is that youth and adults might come to know Jesus and pass on God's love with excitement.*

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## Sponsorship Levels



### Life Vest Sponsorship

**\$30**

*28 Needed*

*Life Vest Sponsors will receive a postcard from their student!*



### Paddle Sponsorship

**\$100**

*14 Needed*

*Paddle Sponsors will receive a postcard and group picture!*



### Raft Sponsorship

**\$300**

*10 Needed*

*Raft Sponsors will receive a Postcard, group picture & T-shirt!*

**You can mail a check with a note "Youth Sponsorship" or see Audrey after church for more information!**

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