

MESSENGER

A Newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

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August 2019

It's Our Time Now

On June 16, 1976, an estimated 20,000 South African students in the black township of Soweto poured into the streets to protest the oppression of the Apartheid government, specifically the introduction of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction in local schools. What was designed to be a peaceful protest soon turned into a riot as police began shooting at the young protesters in an attempt to disperse the crowd. At the end of the day, roughly 176 people were killed. Images of “June 16” quickly circled the world, shocking millions and bringing down international condemnation on the Apartheid government. The 16th of June is now a public holiday, Youth Day, in South Africa, in remembrance of the events in 1976.

One of the lesser-known stories of that horrific day occurred at Regina Mundi church, Soweto's largest Catholic Church. As the riots began and chaos took hold, students fled for sanctuary to Regina Mundi. With buckets of water at the ready, they managed to douse the tear-gas canisters thrown into the church by police. Soon after, police stormed the church, firing live ammunition. Although no one was killed, many were injured and several of the church's sacred symbols were damaged, including a large statue of Jesus. In their rush to escape, a wave of children toppled the statue to the ground, shattering its hands.

In the aftermath of June 16, the missing hands were not repaired. Instead, a placard was added to the statue that reads, “Christ has no hands but ours.” This powerful image



is in reference to a prayer by Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582):

“Lord Christ, you have no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which your compassion must look out on the world. Ours are the feet by which you may still go about doing good. Ours are the hands with which you bless people now. Bless our minds and bodies, that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.”

The statue still stands, without hands.

It is our time to be Jesus' hands, feet, voice and heart, both across the street and around the world. It is our time to build Prince of Peace into a community that stands as a beacon of hope amidst the confusion all around us. It is our time to invest our lives in something more than the accumulation of wealth and the pursuit of comfort. It is our time to do great and mighty things for God.

Ten years ago, you called me as your

pastor, not to do ministry for you but to inspire and equip you to do it yourselves. For a decade I have invited you to step forth with great energy and courage, to build a powerful and prevailing church. We have accomplished some great things together. I remain fully energized and excited to dream big about what we can do next. I need you. But more importantly, your Savior needs you. Together we can...

- Continue to build worship services that are as warm as they are celebratory, where every person is greeted and known.
- Continue to build a family ministry where every child is gleefully engaged and every parent is encouraged.
- Continue to build an adult community where people share life's challenges and joys in groups both large and small.
- Continue to show radical love to those who live on the margins of society.
- Continue to answer the question, “What can we do to make our community glad that we exist?”

As long as there is darkness in our world, we will continue to bring light. As long as there is injustice in our world, we will continue to bring hope through meaningful action. As long as there is division in our world, we will continue to bring healing. Prince of Peace needs your best ideas, your courage and your energy. It has never stopped being the time to roll up our sleeves and get to work. All of us. Christ has no hands but ours.

Still in one peace,

Pastor Rick

Celebration of Education

Sunday, August 11

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 Educators

Calling all who work in the field of education! We invite you to bring yourselves to worship and we will bless you with special prayers as you start another school year.

POP Preschool Staff Commissioning

We will pray for our amazing preschool staff as they launch into a new school year. This is an excellent time to meet and greet some of the most dedicated and faith-filled people on the planet.

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

Servant Outreach Ministry

The Servant Outreach Ministry at Prince of Peace, under the leadership of Paula Sturgeon, is our newly-established ministry to support those in the local community and beyond who have needs and are dependent on outside support.

Our focus in August will be Lunches for Learning, a ministry of education for the poorest children of Honduras. It was founded in 2004 to provide nutrition to impoverished children in public schools and kindergartens who would otherwise have to leave school to seek food. The cost for a year of school is approximately \$150/child. Our hope is to raise enough money to send ten children to school for a year. Make your checks payable to Lunches for Learning and bring them to church during August.

As well, back-to-school always brings the need locally 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.

Throughout the summer we continue to receive and deliver water to Grace Lutheran Church.



Pastor John Cockram Memorial Gift

On behalf of the Prince of Peace family, we sent a \$1,000 memorial gift in honor of Pastor John to his church in Eugene, Oregon. We received this wonderful note from Tonya Cockram this past week:

*Dear Prince of Peace,
I just wanted to take this opportunity to specially thank you for your most generous memorial gift for John. I am overwhelmed with your donation. All of the monies collected will be divided between the ELCA Fund of Leaders (seminary scholarships and leadership training), ELCA Good Gifts (feeding and supporting families worldwide) and the Willamette Valley Institute for Cancer Research. It feels so good to be able to make an impact in all three of these areas. I know John would be proud and very pleased. Thank you again for your sincere thoughts and memorial gift. We truly appreciate both.
Blessings, Tonya*

Please continue to hold the Cockram family in your prayers over the coming days.

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The Luther League

Fantasy Football Ministry for Saints and Sinners



Join us for year three 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 weekly 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 to sign up is August 31.

Campus Security Update

As our world changes, so must we. Prince of Peace is striving to do all we can to make our campus safe and secure. The first step is already underway with the installation of security cameras in the preschool administration/infant and toddler care building. Within the next several months, we plan to have security cameras installed campus-wide. In addition, a team of staff and members from Prince of Peace will be attending the Southwest Church Safety and Security Summit at Scottsdale Bible Church on October 24-25. This summit will provide two days of training and networking to help us enhance our campus security and safety profile. We will learn from nationally-known experts in their respective fields who will provide us with outstanding training. This summit is designed for safety and security teams, pastors, board members and church staffs. If you are interested in attending with the POP group, please contact Maria in the church office (maria@popphoenix.org).

Prayers for Healing August 4, 11 & 25

"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!

Mary and Martha Bible Study

We are taking the summer off from our regular study group. Instead, we are doing a book study using 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 the book.

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.

Our gatherings feature delightful conversation, fresh coffee and a buffet of M&Ms! Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room.

Sunday Worship

Worship Schedule

Worship, 9:30 a.m.

August 4

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
"Relax the Right Way"
Pastor Rick, preaching

August 11

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Education
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
"Dressed for Action"
Pastor Rick, preaching

August 18

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56
"Who Cheers for You?"
Pastor Paul, preaching

August 25

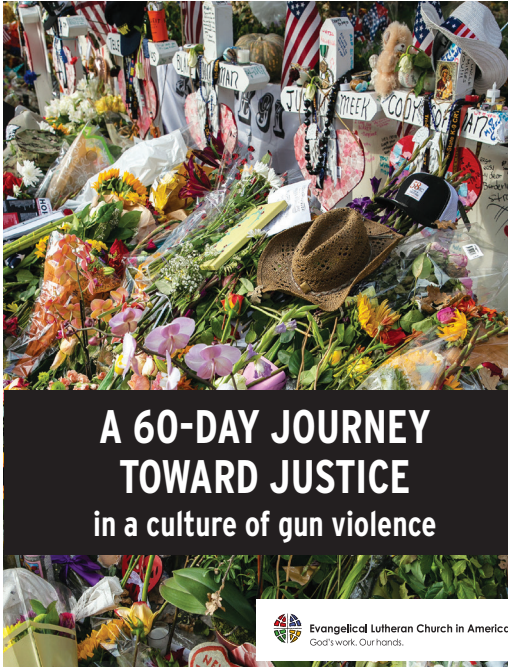
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 103:1-8
Luke 13:10-17
"Breaking Down Walls"
Pastor Rick, preaching

Pastor Rick's Open Office Hours Thursdays, August 8, 22, 29 10 a.m.-noon

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.

A 60-Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence (ELCA)

(<https://www.elca.org/60days>)



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is saddened by the all-too-frequent occurrences of gun violence in the U.S. We mourn the loss of life. We grieve for the victims and their families who often feel silenced. And we lament for those who have done violence to others and often feel removed from a community of faith.

We invite you on a journey of prayer, scripture, stories and church teachings with this resource, "A 60-Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence." Together through daily observances, it calls us to work toward the prevention of gun violence as people of God who strive for justice and peace in all the world. It may be used for individual

reflection, group Bible study, adult education sessions, and congregational daily devotions.

In 1994, the ELCA adopted the social message *Community Violence*, calling for advocacy to end the cycle of violence in the U.S. Twenty-five years later, this message is still relevant and should be considered another resource on your journey. Also available to download are an easy-to-use guide and appendix noting key documents and actions, and a gun violence litany.

Pastor Rick invites you to join him on this journey beginning September 1, 2019. To begin, go to www.elca.org/60days.

Report from Council President

Communicate the love of Christ.

Connect diverse people.

Create new ways of outreach.

by Debbie Nelson, Church Council President

Welcome to our newest council member, Brenda Johnston. Brenda is serving as Member at Large. Thank you, Brenda, for committing your time to council.

As was mentioned in the July *Messenger*, the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly revealed the Synod's new mission and vision statement. I wholeheartedly agree with the statements. Growing our POP community is my vision and goal as Council president this year. Prince of Peace is in a community with a plethora of opportunities to serve the community and grow our church family. I appreciate all the feedback, suggestions and comments that I have received from so many of you. Keep them coming! This will be made possible with everyone's help. Look for opportunities that will be made available soon. With everyone's help, we can build our POP community.

Our next Council meeting is August 20 at 6 p.m. in the conference room. The door is always open if you would like to sit in on a meeting.

Lord, help us as we focus on opportunities to strengthen and grow our ministries, church and local community. Amen.

Make a Difference during the 2019-2020 School Year!

This year's ministry calendar has been finalized and I am looking for volunteers willing to SPEND TIME with youth this year! Ministry's impact is only as wide as the amount of adults involved ... we NEED YOU! Please let me know if you are interested in helping in some way this year! Once a month, visiting ChILL on Sunday mornings, or even helping at a retreat.

What are the qualifications for helping with youth?

- Be Yourself;
- Be Kind and Affirming;
- Make Time for Them

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. I look forward to an awesome group of adults spending quality time with our young people this year!

Thank you, Audrey

Preschool News

It has been a great summer at Preschool! We celebrated the 4th of July with a parade! We also had AZ Puppet Theater visit. They put on a great puppet show!

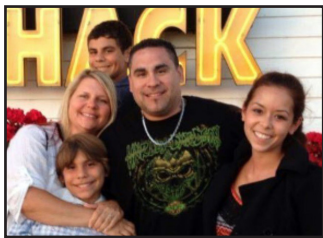


We are excited for the upcoming school year.

August 5 Meet the Teachers 9-11 a.m.

August 7 First day of school

New Assistant Director for Preschool



Jacie Ewing (on left) with her family.

After a thorough interview process and much prayer, it is my pleasure to announce that Jacie Ewing has been hired as our next Assistant Director. Jacie brings 20-plus years of experience in Early Childhood Education and has extensive experience leading in Lutheran preschools. Her first day with us was July 30. She is excited to meet our staff, families and children. Please join us in welcoming her to our school family!

In Peace, Nicole Hilden

Courtney Grenwell, previous Assistant Director, has decided to answer a call to be back in the classroom. We are so thankful for the nearly four years she dedicated to serving in her leadership role and are happy she will remain on staff, serving as a POPIT toddler teacher.



Our young people at Campformation in July.

BG's

Road Trip September 27-29

Let's go on a trip through Southern Arizona ... Kartchner Caverns, Tombstone, Bisbee, Sonoita wineries, Tubac, Mission San Xavier del Bac and more! We are trying to keep the cost for two nights of lodging, van rental and entry to the caverns around \$275. Meals, wine tasting, and shopping would be in addition. Fun, Fun, Fun . . . let us know if you can go! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex...or contact Lynne McGinley or Jana Peterson.

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 – June 24, 2020. Please contact Pastor Paul (602.740.7187) for complete information.



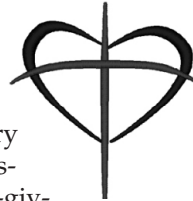
Roses to...

- ◆ **Laurel Edgar** for serving on Altar Guild in July.
- ◆ **Karen Wolfinger** for taking over as coordinator for Sunday communion servers ... and **Kay McCartney** for her many years of signing up the communion servers.
- ◆ **Jordan Lara** for being part of the winning team at Arcadia High School's Fan Favorite Award, producing a 12-15 minute film shown at Harkins Shea.
- ◆ **those who helped Mike & Gwen Jacobs** move into their new home.
- ◆ **David Mayes** for receiving an award from Doubletree Hotel in Tempe for his 13 years of employment with them!
- ◆ **Audrey Cox** for all the wonderful work she does with the young people of POP.

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 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.



Bashas' & Fry's Programs

Our quarterly rebate from Fry's Food Stores for March through May was \$56. Rebates earned from the Bashas' chain (including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City) during April through June totaled \$114.

Thank you to all the members and friends of our church who participate in one or both of these programs!!

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

Steve Crofton
Coordinator, Bashas' & Fry's grocery store programs
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News of Members and Friends

BAPTISM

July 21 Katelyn Stauff

Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report

as of June 30, 2019

| | June 2019 (5-week month) | June 2018 (4-week month) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monthly Attendance | 539 | 545 |
| Monthly Offering | \$31,956 | \$19,517 |
| Monthly Offering Budget | \$29,062 | \$23,907 |
| Variance | \$2,894 | (\$4,390) |

The POP Fall Bazaar is in need of help! If you are interested in helping and want to see the annual bazaar continue, please contact Carol Kauffman, 602.277.4769 or kauffmanfinancial@q.com, as soon as possible.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|---|---|--------|----------------|
| | <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">AUGUST 2019 AA, nightly, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Arcadia Room 12 Survivors of Suicide, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Room 1, AMA Pod</p> </div> | | | | | |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am Worship- 9:30 am Prayers for Healing Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am | Preschool Meet-the-Teachers- 9-11 am | Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm | First Day of new Preschool Year Staff Meeting- 11am | Pastor Rick's Open Office Hours- 10 am to noon | | Quilters- 9 am |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am Celebration of Education- 9:30 am Prayers for Healing Light Brunch- 10:45 am | Grant's Partners- 7 pm | Mary & Martha- 9:30 am Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm | Elderberries at US Egg- 11:30 am | September Newsletter Deadline | | Quilters- 9 am |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| CHILL Youth Group- 9 am Worship- 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am | | Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm Church Council- 6 pm | | Pastor Rick's Open Office Hours- 10 am to noon | | Quilters- 9 am |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Youth Service Project at Grace Lutheran Worship- 9:30 am Prayers for Healing Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 | | Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm | | Pastor Rick's Open Office Hours- 10 am to noon BG's (OHSO)- 5:30 pm | | Quilters- 9 am |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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Children, Youth and Family 2019-2020 Ministry Calendar



Sunday School

Age 4-6th Grade

9:45-10:30am

EVERY SUNDAY!

Special Sundays:

September 8 Sunday School Kickoff

October 13 Christmas Program

Rehearsals Begin

December 15 Christmas Program

May 17 Last Day of Sunday School

NO Sunday School:

Nov. 24, Dec. 22 & 29,

Jan. 5 & 19



High School

Youth Group

September 15th 11-2pm

Kickoff Party & Parent Meeting

Friday October 25

Saturday November 30

January 5 New Year's Party

Jan 24-26 - Winter Retreat

March 15

April 26

Community Events

Youth Sunday

August 18

Trunk or Treat

October 25

Feed My Starving Children

November 30 9-11am

Church Picnic

December 1

Marathon Water Station

January 19

Preschool Ice Cream Social

February 22

Packathon

March 21

Street Fair

April 4 4-7pm



Confirmation

7th-8th Grade

11-2pm

September 8

October 20

November 17

January 5th New Year's Party 3-6pm

Jan 31-Feb 2—Winter Retreat

February 9

March 22

April 19



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL



Youth Group

Early Release Lunches

7th-12th Grade

12:45pm—Various Locations

August 21

September 11

October 23

December 11

January 15

February 12

March 18

Ch.i.L.L.

(Church is Living Love!)

7th-12th Grade

9-9:30am EVERY SUNDAY

(Office Conference Room)

Check-in, prayer & donuts!

Stay Connected to PoP!



LIKE the Prince of Peace Facebook page! [poppheoenixaz](https://www.facebook.com/poppheoenixaz)

FOLLOW PoP on Instagram! [poppheoenix](https://www.instagram.com/poppheoenix)

VISIT the Prince of Peace website! www.poppheoenix.org

Children, Youth and Family 2019-2020 Ministry Calendar



Youth Worship Leaders!

4-12th Grade

Youth Worship Leaders help to 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 4th
at 8:30am in the sanctuary.**



Milestone Ministry

Celebration of Education—August 11

Start of Kindergarten—September 8

5th Grade Bibles—September 15

Confirmation Celebration—October 27

Driver's License—March 1

**First Communion —March 29 Class
& April 5 Milestone**

Baptismal Birthdays—May 17

Graduation—May 31



Service Opportunities

Serve Pancakes at Grace 6:30-9am

September 8

October 27

Feed My Starving Children

November 30 9-11am

Marathon Water Station

January 19

Arcadia Cares Packathon

March 21

Serve Dinner at First Church UCC

April 26



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL



Youth & Family Ministry Fundraisers

Pancake Breakfasts

August 11

December 15

February 23

May 3

Street Fair

April 4 - 4-7pm

All youth participating in youth and family ministry or attending a summer trip must help at these events as all money goes to support ministries and events for you!

Summer 2020

High School Mission Trip

Portland Oregon - Youthworks

June 12-21

Campformation

Prescott - Camp Pinerock

July 5-10

Taking Faith Home

Did you know the number 1 & 2 influences in a child and youth's faith are their parents?

How you share and live your faith with your kids is so important! Every week in the bulletin for worship, you will find a Taking Faith Home insert with resources for you & your family on how to take faith into your week! These are also available online at our website www.popphoenix.org