

January 2009

*The Church Council has announced that Pastor Craig Geiger has agreed to serve as part-time contract pastor during the upcoming transition while the Call Committee continues its search for a new Senior Pastor. Pastor Geiger retired from Mt. of Olives Lutheran Church (Phoenix) at the end of December and will serve at Prince of Peace three days a week, starting in January, as part of our pastoral team along with Pastor Lou and Connie.*

## CIAO!

As we enter the New Year, and in particular the season of Epiphany, I would like to propose a new greeting that not only sums up the awesome mystery of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, but is also an excellent greeting or farewell for any day of the year.

It's not a new salutation but a very old one, used for centuries by Italians. If you have ever traveled in Italy or even seen European films, you will likely be acquainted with the term "ciao," pronounced "chow." Today it is widely used throughout the world both as a greeting and a farewell between friends. The word comes from the dialect of Veneto, the region of northeast Italy around the area of Venice. It was the habit of the citizens of that city to greet and take leave of their friends with the respectful phrase, "Schiavo vostro." In the local dialect it was pronounced "s-ciao" and eventually shortened to "ciao."

"Schiavo vostro" literally means "I am your slave." While the Gospel writers did not record the first words of the baby Jesus, I can guess what they were. The original utterance of the infant of Bethlehem must have been something like "I am your servant." If the incarnation of Christ means anything, it means that God not only became flesh but also came to serve everyone as humbly as a slave. At his Last Supper, Jesus performed

the duties of a slave when he washed his disciples' feet. He told them that he was giving them an example, that they should likewise become slaves to one another. As the message of the Good News spread to Greece and Italy, the term "slave" was often considered to be offensive, and so it was changed to "servant." Today, the title "slave" remains a very negative one, considering that it has been only about 200

years since African American persons were slaves in this country. And even the title "servant" does not have a ring of nobility for most people. But true service is not the same thing as passive submission to the whims of another — Jesus, in fact, often defied the religious leaders of his day. Rather it involves seeking what is truly good

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## *Reflections on a New Year Resolution*

*by Pastor Lou Accola*

I want to challenge each member in our Prince of Peace family — adults, youth and children — to make and act out a New Year Resolution as partners with me:

### **Resolution:**

#### **"Each One Reach One!"**

We are each called to be evangelists:

- to tell Jesus' story to others
- to invite outsiders into that story
- to reflect Jesus' story through our own stories as they unfold one day after another
- to bring friends and outsiders into the Gospel family, Jesus' Church.

A leading researcher on churches in America, George Barna, has

found that on any Sunday 25 percent of unchurched people in the United States would willingly attend a church service if a friend would invite them. That means 15-25 million adults each Sunday could have been involved in a worship celebration if "the Body of Christ" had taken the responsibility of sharing Jesus' story more intentionally and enthusiastically.

We are to be stewards of the Gospel and the gospel-way seen in and taught by Jesus. **We are to be a community of evangelists. How about inviting someone to come with you to church at Prince**

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for another person and being willing to sacrifice toward that end. There is great nobility in that kind of service. Thus, one of the most beautiful names of the bishop of Rome isn't the title of authority, "Pope," but rather "The Servant of the Servants of God."

If we want to make this New Year something more than what has been accomplished in years past, we might begin to greet our friends and members of our families with the expression "ciao!" Imagine what would happen to the average home if each person who dwelled there became a slave for the others. And imagine what the world would be like if every disciple of Christ became a true slave for the world. Imagine what changes would occur among the

poor, the hungry and the homeless if we greeted them with a genuine "ciao."

But the consequences of taking such a greeting seriously would not only make each of our homes — if not the world — a totally different environment, it would require a radical change in us. So perhaps, considering the high cost of such a true New Year's greeting, we should stick to "Happy New Year" or even "Have a nice day." These greetings are safe and neutral and they do not personally cost us anything.

As for me and my household we will trust in the promise of the Word made flesh that dwells among us.

Ciao,  
*Pastor Craig Geiger*

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**of Peace next Sunday?** (Yes, even in this transition time! Show your joy in this place of grace, your confidence that this is a good place to be and worship even while the Call Process proceeds!)

**As part of your stewardship covenant with God and yourself in 2009, I invite and encourage you to practice this resolution throughout the year: Each One Reach One!**

A survey of 200,000 Sunday worship attenders were asked, if they had invited someone to Church during the past year, to say why they did so. They gave five reasons. If their five reasons are true for you, then to practice this 2009 Outreach Resolution frequently throughout 2009 should be a meaningful and joy-filled challenge.

**Reasons for Inviting Others**

1. They were enthusiastic about their faith.
2. They were enthusiastic about their church.
3. They were enthusiastic about their staff.

4. They were expected to invite people of all ages!
5. They knew visitors would receive a gracious and friendly welcome.

While each of these reasons influences how frequently we personally invite someone to attend worship, fellowship events, and ministry activities, the habit of inviting is to a great extent just that — a habit! Some church members invite many people (including our youth and children) to church because they get into the habit. Others who do not invite because they never formed the habit of one or more of the above reasons are a block to the joy of invitational outreach.

Some addictive habits are good! In vital, alive, celebrative and growing churches, members regularly invite friends and strangers (new neighbors and work associates) to visit, and visitors feel welcome enough to want to return and even to become members!

Yes, some addictions are keepable! Invitational outreach is a worthy habit! It is a Gospel-habit! Practice this habit with me!

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## Call Committee

The Call Committee continues to search for a pastor with the ability to communicate with all age groups, the dynamic leadership skills to encourage greater faith and participation from all of us, and the desire to consistently improve worship at Prince of Peace.

In the last several weeks we have interviewed four candidates. We have also had the opportunity to listen to sermons from these pastors. More extensive interviews for the two most outstanding individuals are scheduled for January. Your patience, prayers and support are appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Darrell Wadas  
Call Committee Chair

**Pastor Craig Geiger is available to the congregation each week Sunday through Wednesday noon. You may also contact him on his home phone, 602/354-3715 or his cell phone, 602/320-8309.**

## Coming in February

**SPECIAL OPEN FORUM:** Members of the congregation are invited to an Open Forum on **Sunday, February 1** in Room 11/12 for the purpose of answering questions about the proposed 2009 budget and to hear updates from the Call Committee.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** is coming on Sunday, February 1. Bring your cash and checks for our annual special offering collected for ELCA World Hunger Appeal and local food banks.

**ANNUAL MEETING** — February 8, between services.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 25 and special Communion services with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. This will kick off our mid-week Lenten series. A light lunch will be served following the 11:30 a.m. worship and a light supper will precede the 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship.

## Regular Sunday Schedule at Prince of Peace

8:30 a.m. — Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m. — Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. — Adult Forum

10:45 a.m. — Celebration Worship

## Highlights of Sunday Worship in January

### Sunday, January 4

Pastor Lou Accola is preaching.

### Sunday, January 11

Pastor Lou Accola is preaching.

### Saturday, January 17

#### Runner's Worship with Communion

5 p.m.

Peter Rose-Kamprath, preacher

All runners and volunteers are invited to celebrate life on the eve of the Rock 'n Roll Marathon.

### Sunday, January 18

Peter Rose-Kamprath, preacher.

### Sunday, January 25

Pastor Lou Accola is preaching.



# THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

PRAY DAILY † WORSHIP WEEKLY † READ THE BIBLE  
GROW IN RELATIONSHIPS † GIVE GENEROUSLY † SERVE OTHERS

## ***CENTER FOR DISCIPLESHIP PRESENTS...***

### ***Adult Course Offering***

#### ***Sunday Adult Forum***

*Every Sunday at 10 a.m. (normally in Room 11/12 unless otherwise noted)*

- ▼ Pastor Craig will offer a collage or kaleidoscope of  
“These are a few of my favorite things” ...
- Personal mission statement
  - Meditation practices
  - Tai Chi
  - Haiku
  - Daily journal of Thomas Merton
  - Red Vines
  - and more.

In February, the Adult Forum will look at Lenten disciplines, including The Book of Faith initiative.

### ***Wednesday Bible Study***

The Wednesday Bible Study will resume January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 11/12 with a study of the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. The class is led by Pastor Lou Accola. Plan to make Bible study a priority in this new year!

## ***Journey to the Heart***



The Small Group Ministry had a successful start last fall. If you were not part of a small group before, we hope that you find a place in a small group this winter. Many of the small groups that began last fall will continue in January. We have also had members step forward to lead new groups. Sign-up will be January 4, 11 and 25. While a variety of groups will be offered, there is room for additional groups. Please consider volunteering to lead a group.

### **New Groups**

- **Diet/Bible Study** – Judi Paffenbarger
- **Parenting** – Karen Crofton
- **Movie Discussion Group** – Laurie Peterson

### **Continuing Groups**

- **Marriage Groups** – two current groups are full; leaders required to begin additional groups
- **Breakfast Club** – Jessica Wernau
- **Women’s Bible Study** – Connie Rose-Kamprath
- **Men’s Bible Study** – Peter Rose-Kamprath
- **Grief Small Group**
- **Prayer Group** – Laura Mitchell
- **What’s Happening In Our World Today Discussion Group** – Alice Fuchs

Additional information on the small groups will be available at sign-up. Questions? Call Connie Rose-Kamprath (480/298-4379) or Bonnie Rockwood (602/952-0738).

## ***Spiritual Fitness/Confirmation Resumes in January***

The whole family is invited to Prince of Peace’s Spiritual Fitness Nights, beginning January 4 and continuing on January 11 and 18, February 8 and 22, and March 1. Join us now and build up your heart and spiritual muscles.

- 5-5:30 p.m. Family meal in Gangsei Hall  
5:30-6 p.m. Youth-led worship in the sanctuary  
6-7 p.m.
- Confirmation Classes for grades 6-8
  - Activities for elementary-age kids

- **“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat!”** a weekly reflection journey series on our experience of God and God’s guidance in our lives. Applying Peter’s step of faith in Matthew 14 and John Ortberg’s best-selling book on the theme title, this class will help you discover the skills of “water-walking” — how to discern God’s call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. Starts Sunday evening, January 18, and continues on four Sunday evenings. Class, led by Pastor Lou Accola, meets in the choir room. (Class is open to ALL adults, not just Confirmation parents.)

Childcare is available from 4:45 to 7 p.m. in Room 1 of the Preschool.



*This column is designed to highlight the various ministries, staff and volunteers of Prince of Peace that are supported by your mission dollars to the congregation.*

### **Navajo Lutheran Mission School**

In times of financial unrest everywhere, there is still an outpouring of love to the many who need it. As inventory was being taken of goods collected for the Navajo Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, it was apparent that here at Prince of Peace Church and Preschool the mission is still going strong. A praise of thanksgiving to all the Preschool families and members of the congregation who gave so generously. As weather permits there will be a group delivering the donations to the school in northern Arizona. Stay tuned for more to come — hopefully we will have some pictures!

#### **Items Donated:**

- Diapers and wipes — 49 boxes
- Formula, liquid and powder — 124 containers
- Blankets — 13
- Toiletries — 10 units
- Shoes — 13 pairs
- Clothing — 68 various outfits
- Baby Bottles/cups — 37
- School binders — 5
- Beanie Babies — 60

Thank you all for your generosity!

## ***Rally in the Valley XIV***

***February 16-17, 2009***

***“And Grace will lead me home ...”***

It's time for Rally in the Valley XIV. The Lutheran Senior's Assembly will begin Monday morning, February 16 and continue until Tuesday afternoon, February 17, at La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church in northern Scottsdale.

Speakers Dr. David Tiede, Dr. Walter Wangarin, Jr. and his son, Matthew Wangerin, Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty and others will explore the theme, “And Grace Will Lead Me Home”; Bible Study Leader will be Dr. David Tiede, retired President of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Musicians Jerry, Karin, and Joy Gunderson of All Saints Lutheran, Phoenix, will lead the singing.

#### **Discount available**

Discounts are available for groups. If you would like to sign up with others attending from Prince of Peace, call Phyllis in the church office (480/945-9537). Registration forms are also available online at [www.lutheranseniors.org](http://www.lutheranseniors.org).



## ***Centennial Singers to Visit Prince of Peace***

The Centennial Singers from Augsburg College consist of men from various walks of life, drawn together by their love of singing. The group was formed in 1993 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first gospel quartet from Augsburg College to sing in Norway. The Singers have presented concerts in Norway twice, Florida, and most recently are presenting a series of 10 concerts in the Southwestern United States. Their director, Al Reesnes, received a BA degree from Augsburg and his MMusED. Degree from MacPhail College of Music. He has done further studies with Fred Waring, Robert Shaw and Roger Wagner. He directed high schools in Minnesota for 33 years, developing organizations noted for high quality performance and literature.

The music for the 2008-09 concert season includes spirituals, familiar hymns and gospel songs, selections from the classical repertoire, and a barbershop tune or two.

Prince of Peace will host a meal for the singers — please call Jojo Concepcion, 623/229-6902, if you are able to help.

## ***Root Family Update***

An approximate total of \$4,000 was collected at the Sunday Holiday Brunch on December 28 to help support the Root family during their time of health issues and job loss. This will be matched with \$2000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The Roots have sent this note to the congregation:

*“We cannot begin to thank you all for the prayers and donations you have offered our family. Thank you seems so little to say for so much being done. You are all in our prayers and may God bless you all!”*

# *Council Report for January*

**Happy New Year to our Prince of Peace friends and family.**

## **Welcome, Craig Geiger**

The new year brings new opportunities and challenges to Prince of Peace. We are blessed to have Pastor Craig Geiger joining us on a part-time basis to handle some of the senior pastor responsibilities. Craig retired from Mount of Olives Lutheran Church at the end of 2008. Craig's wife, Renee, also retired in 2008 as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Phoenix. Welcome, Craig, and thank you for your willingness to serve the Prince of Peace community while we continue the call process.

Thanks, also, to Pastor Lou and Connie for taking on some additional responsibilities and workload during this interim period. Please pray for and uplift these servants in their ministry at Prince of Peace. Please also continue to offer your prayers and support for our Call Committee and next Senior Pastor, as they work to discern God's will for Prince of Peace.

## **2009 Budget**

Pastor Craig joined our Council meeting in December where we spent a great deal of time discussing the first draft of the 2009 budget. Although our final 2008 numbers are not yet available, based on the giving trends in 2008, pledges received for 2009, and concerns about the overall economy, our income projections for 2009 will be lower than we had hoped. Lower anticipated income means spending must be cut. The first draft budget showed a \$70,000 gap between income and expenses that must be filled, even after eliminating the church business administrator position and taking into account the fact that we will likely not have a full-time senior pastor for a few more months.

The council recognizes the importance of keeping our key ministries and programs intact and we will use our five-year strategic

plan as a guide in making cuts. Otherwise, nothing is off the table and no expense or staff position is immune. At the same time that we look for ways to make major cuts, we are also looking at ways to improve our income through better utilization of our facilities. There will be a special Council meeting in early January devoted exclusively to budget discernment. Please offer your prayers and support to the Council members, trusting that they will make correct budget choices in the best interest of the entire congregation and its ministries.

I would be remiss if I did not close by making a final appeal to the congregation for additional financial support in 2009 to help

close the \$70,000 gap. Additional giving — either through new or revised pledge commitments or special giving above and beyond the norm — would enable us to maintain all of our current programs, ministries and staff, and provide the solid financial foundation we want and need for our next pastor. Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know is able to help us this year. The Council must finalize the budget in mid-January for distribution before the annual meeting on February 8th. There will be an open forum on the budget between services on February 1.

In His Service,  
*Brad Hartman*  
Council President

## ***Are you interested in serving on the Nominating Committee?***

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee to be elected at the February 8 Annual Meeting, please contact Brad Hartman at 602/212-8547 or at [bhartman@stinson.com](mailto:bhartman@stinson.com).

The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying candidates to serve on the Church Council and Preschool Board. The nominated Council and Preschool candidates will be presented in May.

***All ministry team leaders  
are asked to turn in to  
Phyllis in the church office  
their information for the  
Annual Report no later than  
January 16!***



## ***A Special Thank You to Prince of Peace***

“We are so grateful for all of the cards and good wishes from our Prince of Peace family on the occasion of my retirement and during this holy season. Thank you to those who contributed to the Wartburg Seminary scholarship fund in honor of my 36 years of ordained service in the Lutheran Church. Special thanks to Brad Hartman and Laurel Edgar and all who helped plan the brunch celebrating our ministry together these past three years. We have been richly blessed by all of you!

“Holding you in our hearts and our prayers. With love in Christ,”

*Pastor Rick and Beth*

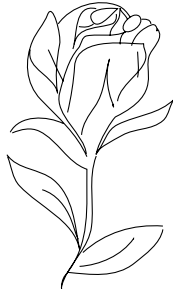
## ***C.D. Singers Present January Concert***

C. D. Singers will present Parts V and VI of Bach's Christmas Oratorio on Sunday, January 18, 7 p.m., at Prince of Peace. This concert is the final performance in a series, completing the presentation of this magnificent oratorio in its entirety. The Singers are directed by Daniel Durand and will be joined by a professional chamber orchestra.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students and seniors. They may be purchased at the door or in advance from Glenda Rauscher, 480/947-8523.



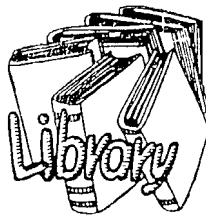
## ***Roses to...***



- ◆ **Suzy Steinmetz, Helen Hollowell and Myrna Edgar** for chairing Altar Guild in December.
- ◆ **Brad Hartman, Phyllis Schilling, Mid Wolfswinkel, Herman Vergara, Myrna & Wes Edgar, Barb, Aubrey & Carson Gardner, Gail Andrews, the Quinsler family, Casey Rockwood and Roger & Dorothy Roach** for their help in setting up and cleaning up for Pastor Rick's farewell brunch — and to all the **cooks, bakers and salad choppers** who brought the great food!
- ◆ **Dan Nostdahl** for designing the flower chart in the narthex, as he has done for many, many years!!
- ◆ **Jean Harney, Doris Costello, Lois Godward, Glenn Ahrens, Elna Lidman** and her neighbor, **Noreen Merlin, Suzy Steinmetz, David Mayes, Kay Schaffroth, Jim & Alma Boge, Bob Coutts, Verna Lauritsen** — plus **Fran Gale, Maija Bilsens, Eileen Cook and Ethel Schekler** from Bethany Lutheran Church, for delivering Mobile Meals.
- ◆ **Teacher Alice (Fuchs) and her Preschool students** for the pine cone centerpieces they made to share with Mobile Meals clients.
- ◆ **Stacy Greene** for being named one of 13 Scottsdale teachers to become nationally certified.

## ***Congratulations to Nicole Hartman***

Nicole Hartman is the newest member of the Cronkite Alumni Hall of Fame. Nicole graduated from the Cronkite School in 1991 and was named to the Republic's No. 2 newsroom position earlier this year. At age 40, she is one of the youngest executive editors of a major metropolitan newspaper. As the 41st member of the Cronkite Alumni Hall of Fame, she joins ABC sportcaster Al Michaels, Washington Post Assistant Managing Editor Don Poedesta, Wall Street Journal correspondent Pamela Sebastian, FOX 11-Los Angeles anchor Christine Devine, ABC News correspondent Bill Redeker and USA TODAY travel reporter Jayne Clark, among others. Congratulations, Nicole!



## ***My Sister's Keeper***

*by Jodi Picoult*

*Reviewed by Grace Swanson*

*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult is a wonderfully written story of two sisters, their relationship to each other and to other members of their family. One girl was conceived to save the life of her sibling. This book will have a profound effect on your emotions.

# ***Update from Jojo Concepcion, Director of Equipping Ministries***

## **Angel Tree**

Special thanks to Helen Voight for coordinating this year's Angel Tree and to the congregation who generously bought gifts for the children of Vida Nueva Mission Church. The gifts were delivered on December 17. Pastor Blanco, on behalf of Vida Nueva, expressed her appreciation to Prince of Peace's Christians in Action Angel Tree ministry and to all who made it happen. The ministry made 51 children experience another happy Christmas!



**Jojo Concepcion**

## **Sound System Upgrade**

Many thanks to the Prince of Peace Foundation for their support in upgrading our sound system. The new processor and amp were installed the first week of December. The sound booth was included in the upgrade. We have installed three new antenna distribution systems, dressed the wiring, and re-hung and re-positioned the speaker clusters. We are positioned to be able to hold live band concerts in the future and to have our Sanctuary be an option for neighboring churches and ministry events.

## **Celebration Worship Service**

Our Celebration (Contemporary, 10:45 a.m.) Worship Service is taking on a new and more specific mission as part of the vision of Prince of Peace. In Psalm 118: 24, the psalmist writes: *"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."* I say this new year is a "new 365 days" that the Lord has made, so let us REJOICE and be GLAD!

In January, as we plan the worship services for February through Easter, we will give an identity to our Celebration Worship — to be consistent for those who prefer a contemporary style of worship. We will continue to support the Missional Objective #1 — to make our worship service inspiring. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our planning and in our worship services. Amen!

## **Prince of Peace Ministries**

As we continue to gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ during this time of transition, we are blessed that God continues to give us a future full of hope. Although we do not have a Senior Pastor, our ministries will remain intact and we will continue to serve one another. We are blessed to have Pastor Craig as our Bridge Pastor. Pastor Lou, Connie, our staff and

volunteers are working together to maintain our current ministries. As Director of Equipping Ministries, I am blessed to work with all of you. I am touched and encouraged by the many who are willing to coordinate and volunteer in our ministries — and most of all, for stepping up in faith to support and commit to holding our ministries together in this time of transition. We are blessed to have strong leaders who are doing their best to serve the congregation. May God continue to bless our ministries and may we find joy in serving the Lord.

Please continue to keep one another in prayer. My hope is that we, as a congregation, will find passion to serve in our ministries. In Hebrews 3:13 it says, *"Build one another up every day..."* Let us support and build one another as we continue to support our ministries.

God Bless!

*Jojo Concepcion*

Director of Music and  
Equipping Ministries

## ***More from Jojo as Director of Music***

Happy New Year in the Lord! Most of us have probably made a New Year's resolution or resolutions. I hope that one of them is to get involved in our music ministries. We need more choir members, instrumentalists, singers and song leaders. We are enhancing our worship services and your time and talents are needed and appreciated!

Our Spiritual Fitness Youth Band will resume January 11. We are looking for teens who would like to participate in playing/singing during these services.

We plan to sponsor contemporary concerts as part of the vision and mission of our contemporary

service. We hope we can attract new members by sponsoring these concerts at Prince of Peace.

Special thanks to the Prince of Peace Foundation for funding the new sound system. We have eliminated the buzzing and the cracking sounds we have had in the past. Please be patient as we continue to adjust the new system. We are now capable of holding concerts, workshops, and seminars for outside ministries, including those of other churches. This will generate income for Prince of Peace and at the same time give us exposure to other churches, neighborhoods, and ministries.

# Youth News

## Events for Youth

- ✓ **January 4**  
Spiritual Fitness/  
Confirmation
- ✓ **January 11**  
Spiritual Fitness/  
Confirmation
- ✓ **January 18**  
Rock 'n' Roll Water Station,  
followed by a movie at 6 p.m.

## Lutheran College Fair

**Saturday, January 10**

Students and their parents are invited to a Lutheran College Fair at Chaparral Suites Hotel, 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, on January 10. Events include workshops on College and Career Planning and Financial Aid, plus opportunities to meet with representatives from individual colleges.

2:15 p.m. Registration begins  
2:30 p.m. Financial Aid Seminar  
3-4 p.m. College Fair



## Intern Update

The Christmas season has passed and now I am excited about all the new opportunities for January.

▼ **Spiritual Fitness** will jumpstart on January 4th. The theme will be "How to Build a Computer — Fruits of the Spirit."

▼ We will begin another fun-filled **B.L.A.S.T.** Sunday school rotation starting January 11th.

▼ The Junior High kids will be attending **Youth Quake** in Carefree the weekend of January 9-11. Youth Quake is a great opportunity for kids to hear inspirational speakers, awesome Christian Rock Bands, relax, have fun, and explore their faith.

▼ In January we also have the **Rock 'n' Roll Marathon water station** in which the entire Sunday school will take part. Following the marathon, the Senior High will be going to the movies on Saturday, January 17, at 6 p.m!



**Jessica Wernau**

▼ On **Super Bowl** weekend, the youth will be collecting money for the hungry. Look for the Souper Bowl sign and pot to donate pocket change or anything you are able to give.

Christ's Blessings,  
*Jessica Wernau*

## POP's B.L.A.S.T.

The third five-week centers begin on Sunday, January 11. Here's the schedule:

1st thru 8th Grade	ART SHACK	POP CINEMA	CAFÉ JESUS	JERUSALEM	GAME CENTER
Jan. 4	— Veggie Tale Movie (with popcorn!) —				
Jan. 11	3	4	5/6	7/8	1/2
Jan. 18	— Serve at Rock 'n' Roll Water Station —				
Jan. 25	4	5/6	7/8	1/2	3
Feb. 1	5/6	7/8	1/2	3	4
Feb. 8	7/8	1/2	3	4	5/6
Feb. 15	— President's Day Weekend/NO Sunday School —				
Feb. 22	1/2	3	4	5/6	7/8

# Prince of Peace Adopts a New Missionary

Dear friends at Prince of Peace,

Mary and I are concluding our sixth year of mission work on the island of Guam in the Western Pacific. Guam is a small island in the Micronesian island group. Some of the veterans in your congregation will know of Guam since it was a strategic spot during the fight against the Japanese during WWII.

We are a tropical island. We never get as hot as Phoenix, however. Our temperatures are usually in the mid to high 80s and sometimes into the low 90s. Our lowest recorded temperature was 72 degrees. We have a lot more humidity than Arizona, however. It's often sticky.

Our economy revolves around two things: the U.S. military and tourism. There is a large Air Force base and a large Navy base on Guam. In a couple of years, the Marine Corps will also relocate from Okinawa to Guam, so there's a lot of construction going on in anticipation of the increased military presence. Our tourists come mostly from Japan but there are growing numbers coming from Korea and China.

Guam is a U.S. Territory. Consequently, there are many familiar things here: U.S. currency, U.S. postal service, U.S. telephone service (just dial 1-area code-number, as you do.) English (along with Chamorro, the local people/language) is the official language. We have K-Mart, KFC, McDonald's, Home Depot and Macy's. Please don't think of us living "primitively" here. While conditions are not up to mainland standards, Guam is very developed.

This being said, Guam is also a very foreign place. Only 10 percent of the population is haole (white). About 30 percent of the people are Chamorro (similar to AZ's native people); 30 percent are Filipino and 20 percent are "other Asian," mostly Korean, Chinese, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Japanese. You hear multiple languages spoken each day, although almost everyone speaks some level of English. Micronesians are very laid-back while most Asian people are very aggressive so people are quite different in their regard for 1) being on time; 2) emphasizing education/work; 3) planning for the future; etc. It's a culturally rich place to live.

Because Guam was colonized by the Spanish, 80 percent of the population is Roman Catholic. Guam has 23 large Catholic congregations — and one smallish Lutheran congregation. Most of the other Protestant bodies are represented on Guam, but none of these congregations are large like Prince of Peace. There isn't a lot of goodwill between the Catholic and Protestant churches, sadly.

The Lutheran Church of Guam began as a Lutheran Servicemen's Center in 1962, during the Vietnam War and became the Lutheran Church of Guam (LCG) in 1969. Forward-thinking leaders early secured our prime beachside location. As we worship, we look through glass windows behind the altar to the sea. Mary and I live in the parsonage, above the sanctuary on the second story, so we, too, have a beautiful view of the sea. In the early '70s an educational wing was built and has become home to Tender Shepherd Pre-School & Childcare Center, considered to be the best pre-school on the island. In the last several years, we have been working very hard to have our congregation reflect more of the demographics of the island. For most of our 40-plus-year history we have been military and white. I'm happy to say that now 50 percent of our membership is civilian, with about half of that number "local." When Mary and I came here six years ago we averaged 40-60 at worship. Today, thank God, we are averaging close to 150 at two worship services.

My ministry is similar to Pastor Rouse's in many ways: I plan worship, preach, teach, counsel, teach Confirmation, visit new members, attend meetings, baptize. My ministry is probably different from Pastor Rouse's in that LCG is a very transient congregation. Our military folks are here for three-years maximum and many of our civilian members come and go frequently, too. We are a young congregation. Most of our folks are in their 20s, 30s and 40s. There are very few of us in our 50s or older. (I think because health care is less than excellent here, older people tend to move back to the States or to the Philippines.) I have conducted three funerals for church members in the six years I've been here. I do a fair



**Pastor Jeff Johnson**

number of weddings — and lots of baptisms, usually in the sea!

In addition to her role as the pastor's wife, Mary has a ministry of her own. She works full-time as the Asia Pacific Regional Resource for ESL (English Second Language) for the ELCA. Mary is an experienced educator (former English professor at NAU) with graduate degrees in teaching ESL and linguistics. For the first five years we were on Guam, she put her education and experience to good use by teaching and administrating at the Pacific Islands Bible College here on Guam. She was the entire English Department! Last year, Mary accepted new work, supervising about 30 missionary-teachers whom the ELCA sends out to Japan, China, Hong Kong and Indonesia. Most of these missionary-teachers are just out-of-college teachers with no cross-cultural experience. Mary travels quite a bit. For example, she's been to Hong Kong several times helping the Lutheran Seminary there establish an ESL program for the many students coming there. This is all to say that Mary is a very busy missionary herself!

Mary and I have four grown children (our youngest, Andrew, age 26. recently moved from Hawaii to live with us) and six grandchildren. The toughest thing about serving as missionaries here is the distance from our kids and grandkids. We love our life and our ministry here on Guam but look forward to our annual visits with our family.

We are excited over our new partnership with y'all. Maybe even Prince of Peace will send a mission team to Guam sometime, as some of our other sponsoring congregations have. Please know of our joy in including you in our work here in the Pacific.

With anticipation,  
*Pastor Jeff*

*(Pastor Jeff was previously campus pastor at NAU in Flagstaff.)*

## Remember the Foundation

Remembering is important in our lives. Remembering a special event, an important date, a gift received, or a gift given — all these things remind us we are loved as we love. Remembering God's church on earth through a gift to the Prince of Peace Foundation helps fund many ministries at Prince of Peace. We will be remembered by many things in life, among them our charity, our faithfulness, our devotion to our church, but most of all the love returned for our love given to God. We do this in remembrance of Him.

## Rev. Robert Jones writes...

*Dear Friends at Prince of Peace,*

*"This year has been so full and diverse that it is hard to summarize. Concluding my two years with the International Church of Vilnius and the Lithuania Evangelical Lutheran Church is something I will never forget. I want to say thank you to my friends who have supported me in this ministry, including you at Prince of Peace.*

*"After leaving Lithuania, I did some biking across Europe, biked in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Iceland as I crossed the Atlantic. Upon my return to the U.S. I took 'Basic Interim Ministry Training' and am in the process of interviewing with Call Committees for either traditional pastoral ministry or Interim Ministry.*

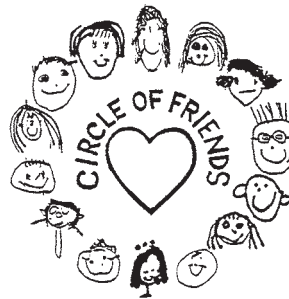
*"I am currently enjoying some 'down time' in my home congregation in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Please keep me in your prayers as I seek a new call as a pastor here in the United States."*

*Rev. Robert Jones*

(Prince of Peace has helped sponsor Rev. Jones in his ministry in Lithuania.)

## Fall 2009 Preschool Enrollment Opens

Church members and Prince of Peace Preschool families currently enrolled may sign up for the 2009-2010 preschool year. Registration begins on January 5 and runs thru the 31st of January. Registration forms will be available at the preschool reception desk. On February 2, registration opens to the public and classes fill up quickly, so turn your forms in before that date. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour of the preschool, please contact them at 480/947-5645.



## From Center DOAR

### Let's Talk ... Generations Making Decisions Together

How many adults want to be parented? That's how it can feel to elders when adult children make decisions without their input. It's something no one wants, but few do anything to keep that from happening.

There is a better way. Families need to clearly talk about a variety of topics, including some on the sensitive side. Beatitudes Center DOAR has planned a conference for people age 40, 100 and everywhere in between about a whole range of decisions that need to be made and how to get the conversation going.

Join in this important conference! Cost (\$35, or \$60 for two from a family) includes breakfast, lunch, and materials. "Let's Talk" takes place on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at First Christian Church, 6750 N. 7th Avenue. Call Beatitudes Center DOAR at 602/274-5022 for a registration brochure or visit [www.centerdoar.org](http://www.centerdoar.org).



## Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

- We have two large receptacles behind Gangsei Hall. One is for trash. One is for RECYCLE materials — specifically OFFICE PAPER, CARDBOARD and ALUMINUM according to the sign on the container.
- The round containers on the access way north of the property are for use by the homes on the other side of the fence.
- There is a box in the workroom in the office building for donations of gently used items to be given to Interfaith Cooperative Ministries.

Please use the proper container when you dispose of unwanted items.

## Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

ON THE RUN — IN THE RACE — FOR LIFE

Sunday, January 18



The race is here this month! There will be a special runners and volunteers worship service at 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 17. After the service we will gather in Gangsei Hall for a short coordination meeting, and hand out T-shirts. We have had great participation from the church and the surrounding Arcadia neighborhood for the past two years. It is a fun day to serve the runners, and a great outreach event for the church.

A link has been set up for online registration at the Prince of Peace website, [aplaceofgrace.org](http://aplaceofgrace.org). There is a link to the volunteer registration forms, and you can sign up to serve at our water station. Please provide all the information requested. A confirming e-mail will be sent to you. We will also have sign-up sheets available Sunday mornings.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Steve Edgar (602/468-5722) or Mark Schalliol (480/946-3297). Please put the date on your calendar now. We need you and your friends. What a great way to introduce people to our church and what we do to help the community!

**A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY EVENING AT 5 P.M. FOR RUNNERS AND VOLUNTEERS. THE SERVICE WILL INCLUDE COMMUNION AND A MESSAGE BY PETER ROSE-KAMPRATH. COME CELEBRATE LIFE ON THE EVE OF THE MARATHON!**

## A New Look at Coffee



A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

She fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages where it indeed says ... "HEBREWS"!!

## Marathon "Runner's Worship" and Map of Road Closures

On January 18, during the P.F. Chang Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, a number of streets that provide access to Prince of Peace will be closed, beginning about 7:30 a.m. These streets include Camelback, Indian School, Scottsdale Rd., 44th, 47th and 48th Streets, Oak and McDowell. For more specific information on these closures, check the marathon map to the right, go to the marathon's website at [www.rnraz.com](http://www.rnraz.com).

Prince of Peace will have a "Runners Service" with communion which will be open to the community at 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 17. This will offer a way to worship for those whose access to the church is cut off by the marathon route. In addition, it will be a celebration worship to acknowledge both those running and those who are serving as volunteers. The regular Sunday morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m., as well as activities during the educational hour, remain scheduled as usual.



## *Now is the Time to Prepare for Winter's Cooler Temperatures!*

by Beth Schneider

Living in the Valley of the Sun one needs to be cautious when talking about winter. Friends and family in Minnesota, Illinois, and other Midwest locations have little sympathy when we complain that temperatures in the 40's and 50's are cold. However, even though winter in Phoenix lasts only a relatively short time and is comparatively mild, in these days of concern over energy and the economy there are steps that should be taken to prepare our homes for the colder temperatures.

At some point cooler temperatures will require that the furnace be turned on. Before doing so, have it professionally inspected and the ducts cleaned. Stock up on filters and change them monthly. In addition to installing smoke detectors, attach carbon monoxide detectors near the ceiling and regularly check the batteries. To save energy, consider replacing the existing thermostat with a programmable one. This will allow you to wake up and come home to a warm house without heating an empty house.

Space heaters can be a more efficient means of heating one room than turning up the thermostat for the entire house. However, the safe use of space heaters requires that certain precautions be taken. Select only those with an enclosed heating element and which have been approved by an independent testing organization such as Underwriters Laboratory. Read the instructions to determine where the heater may be used. Many space heaters are not designed to be used in bathrooms, laundry rooms or other areas where there may be high levels of moisture. Do not place space heaters near curtains or other flammable materials.

Fireplaces provide a cozy atmosphere but require regular maintenance. If not done previously, screen the top so that rodents and birds can't move in. Fireplaces should be cleaned periodically to remove soot and creosote. Inspect the damper to ensure that it opens and closes properly and

check the mortar between the bricks and if necessary, tuck-point. Firewood should be stored in a dry place away from the exterior of your house.

To reduce your heating bill and save energy, prevent heat from escaping through the attic by installing adequate insulation. Weather stripping doors and windows also can stop warm air from heating the outside. To check for drafts, hold a candle up to the spot in question. If the flame waivers, there is work to do. To prevent drafts from coming in under exterior doors, install a draft sweeper. These are lightweight aluminum strips that attach with screws to the

bottom of the door. An alternative is to purchase one of a variety of stuffed creatures that can be placed in front of the door.

Usually at least once during the winter months Phoenix experiences a few days of freezing temperatures. Before freeze warnings are issued, close the interior shut-off valve of any exterior water faucets and drain any remaining water from the exterior faucet. Also disconnect and drain any hoses.

A little work now can make life more comfortable and eliminate costly repairs when winter does arrive.

### *Join the POP Team for a new year of exciting ministry!*

## *2009 Volunteer Ministry Opportunities*

YOU are invited to partner with us in God's mission through Prince of Peace in the new year. There are several leadership positions that you can choose from and that are vital to our ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jojo Concepcion, Director of Equipping Ministry, at 623/229-6902 or e-mail him at jojoconcepcion@cox.net.

- 1. Christians in Action Ministry Team Coordinator:** This person heads a team of volunteers who work with various community service projects including the Christmas Angel Tree, Care Packages for the Troops, Habitat for Humanity, Navajo Mission School Kits, etc.
- 2. Habitat for Humanity Team Captain:** This person is the Prince of Peace representative to the Sun Valley Lutheran Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and helps recruit volunteers for house building projects in the greater Phoenix area.
- 3. Worship & Music Ministry Team Coordinator:** This person

chairs a team of volunteers and staff that plan and coordinate our worship at Prince of Peace.

- 4. Altar Guild Chair:** This person oversees the Sacristy and works with a team of volunteers that prepare for communion and baptisms as well as preparing the altar for various seasons.
- 5. Usher Team Captain:** This person coordinates a team of volunteers who serve as ushers for Sunday and special worship services.
- 6. Community Life Ministry Team Coordinator:** This person works with staff and volunteers in planning congregational fellowship events as well as Sunday morning coffee fellowship, etc.
- 7. Celebration of Life Coordinator:** This person is part of our pastoral care ministry team in providing comfort to those who have lost loved ones by coordinating a team of volunteers who serve a simple lunch or coffee and dessert following funerals at Prince of Peace.

## Worship in January

### Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4

**Texts:**

Psalm 147:12-20  
 Jeremiah 31:7-14  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

**Prayer:** *Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. Amen.*

### Baptism of Our Lord

January 11

**Texts:**

Psalm 29  
 Genesis 1:1-5  
 Acts 19:1-7  
 Mark 1:4-11

**Prayer:** *Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18

**Texts:**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]  
 Corinthians 6:12-20  
 John 1:43-51

**Prayer:** *Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25

**Texts:**

Psalm 148  
 Isaiah 61:10—62:3  
 Galatians 4:4-7  
 Luke 2:22-40

**Prayer:** *Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## Monthly Hospitality Hosts

Each month we need a Sunday Hospitality Host to oversee volunteers and goodies for coffee time (our custodian, Herman, makes and cleans up the coffee) and any special events for that month.

Families with last names beginning with the letters A and B are scheduled as Hospitality Hosts for January.

## To the congregation...



*Letters*  
 "I want to thank everyone for all you have done for me while I have been going through the healing process. I didn't know broken legs took so long to mend. All of your prayers, cards, meals and good thoughts have meant so much to me. A special thank you to Pastor Lou for bringing me communion each week. I still have a few weeks to go and am looking forward to seeing you all again."

God's peace to all of you,  
 Mary Ann Schaff

## Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report

as of November 30, 2008

	November 2007	November 2008
Worship Attendance		
Monthly Total	1,121	1,281
Monthly Offering	\$31,430	\$36,485
	<b>2008 Budget Estimate</b>	<b>2008 Actual Revenue</b>
Envelope Offering for year, thru November	\$394,419	\$373,652

## News of Members and Friends

### WEDDINGS

Dec. 27 Karla Lundgren and  
 Jim Myers

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship- 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School- 9:40 am Coffee Fellowship- 9:45 am Small Group Sign-up- 10 am Adult Forum- 10 am Spiritual Fitness- 5 pm	Preschool Enrollment for 2009 Opens Open Gym Night- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Library Comm.- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm Women's Ministry- 2 pm Basketball League- 7 pm	Bible Study- 9:30 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Greeting Cards- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 12 pm Senior Choir- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am  Firm Believers- 9 am  Firm Believers- 9 am	Church office is closed	Quilters- 9 am
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# JANUARY 2009

AA meets nightly  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 11/12  
 Survivors of Suicide meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. in Room 17.

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