



“Seven Keys to a Healthy and Faithful Congregation: Part Four”

Pastor Rick has been sharing some Biblical insights on how the people of God can live in community together in healthy and faithful ways. Last month we looked at the importance of encouraging each other and working together as a team.

Key No. 4: “Always Giving Thanks”

Easter is my favorite Sunday and season. We celebrate our Lord’s victory over sin and death. After a night of mourning comes the dawn of rejoicing. We are reminded of the truth that suffering and even death are not the end, but rather the doorway to joy and eternal life with God. What can get us through a crisis or difficult time — whether in our personal lives or in our life together — is remembering to give thanks to God at all times and in all circumstances. In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul reminds us:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

“I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

(Philippians 4:4-6, 11-13)

Giving thanks may seem like a difficult thing to do, especially when we are in the midst of a difficult or hurtful situation. Yet this scripture reminds us to keep things in perspective. We can know that God is with us in the midst of our problems and disappointments and times of want. We are to trust that God will work everything together for good, as well as give us the strength we need. And most important, we can find a reason to rejoice and give thanks even in time of trouble. Why? Because God loves us and God wants only the best for us and our future.

A friend of mine who is a Christian physician spoke at a conference about the importance of giving thanks, of having an attitude of gratitude. I will never forget what he said. “Our thanks and praise to God is the window we open so that heaven can shower blessings upon us.” While it is appropriate to share our concerns with one another and find solutions, we must at the same time resist becoming negative or cynical. Let us practice offering our thanks and praise to God in all circumstances and in our life together.

Yours in Christ’s joyful service,
Pastor Rick

Congregational Meeting, May 7

All confirmed members of the congregation are urged to attend the “annual meeting” of the congregation on May 7. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m., with food and activities for kids provided in Gangsei Hall. Three agenda items for action include:

1. Election of new council and preschool board members. *(See names of nominees on page 3.)*
2. Affirmation of a new five-year Strategic Plan for Prince of Peace. *(See insert)*
3. Extend a Letter of Call to Connie Rose-Kamprath as an Associate in Ministry.

Worship Notes and Summer Schedule

▼ May is a continuation of the Easter season. In fact, every Sunday is and should be a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. During May and the summer months we will be using Marty Haugen's *Feast and Celebration* service of Holy Communion at our 9 a.m. Sunday worship.

▼ The last Sunday in May (Memorial Day weekend), our Sunday education hour will begin a summer recess and will be replaced with a 10:15 a.m. Sunday brunch and fellowship for the whole family.

▼ Pastor Rick was in Madison, WI on Sunday, April 30, preaching at an ELCA congregation whose church was destroyed by an arson fire last fall. The pastors, a husband and wife clergy team who are graduates of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, had requested that Pastor Rouse come and share his experiences with the church fire and arsonist in Seattle, and also

lead his workshop on *The Healing Power of Forgiveness*. Pastor Rick was in Dubuque for the Intern Supervisors meeting and seminary Board of Directors meeting. Special thanks to Pastor Jerry Ebinga who filled in on April 30.

▼ A new Sunday Evening Worship option will be offered during the summer months, beginning Sunday, June 11, from 5-6 p.m. "FIESTA & CELEBRATION WORSHIP" will be an informal service for all ages in a contemporary or blended music style. The message will be a Bible Study based on Ephesians on the theme "Celebrating God's Love and Call to Discipleship." On the last Sunday of each month over the summer, we'll have a **Family Fiesta** — at 6 p.m., following worship, enjoy a potluck meal and movie night for the entire family in Gangsei Hall.

Grand Canyon Synod Assembly

"Becoming Disciples for the Sake of the World" is the theme for the 2006 Grand Canyon Synod Assembly to be held May 24-26 in Tucson. One of the important items of business this year will be the election of a new synod bishop. In addition to Pastor Rick and Connie Rose-Kamrath, Prince of Peace will be represented by Mark and Marilyn Schalliol and Wally and Helen Voight.

Sunday Adult Forums for May ***May 7 and 14***

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe: The Theology of C.S. Lewis" will be a two-session class offered by Pastor Rick Rouse and Pastor Jerry Ebinga on the first two Sundays in May. Join us at 10:30 a.m. in Room 11/12.

New Members to be Received on May 7



Our Prince of Peace family continues to grow. We are blessed to welcome about 12 new family units into our church family on Sunday, May 7 at the 9 a.m. worship service. Please join us for a special reception with cake in Gangsei Hall, following worship, to welcome our new members.

Special thanks to all who are serving as sponsor families and to Cathy Nugent who chairs our hospitality team and coordinates this effort. A complete listing of new members will appear in both the May 7 bulletin and the June newsletter.

THE MESSENGER is printed monthly for the members and friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the purpose of informing them of the upcoming events of the month, 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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Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, composed of Wally Voight, Chair; Jeff Jorgenson, Doug Rayes, Ellen Schoeneman, Dinky Snell, and Casey Swenson, offers the following slate to be voted on at the May 7 congregational meeting. The new Council and Preschool Board members will be installed at the May 21 worship service.

CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS

Terms are for two years, with the exception of Bonnie Miller and Carol Dobson, whose terms will be one year.

President Marilyn Schalliol

Marilyn joined Prince of Peace 20 years ago with her husband, Mark. Since then Marilyn has served on the Education Committee, taught Sunday School, worked at VBS, and served on Council. Currently she sings with the Praise Team and is on the Mutual Ministry Team.

Vice President Brad Hartman

Brad's family joined Prince of Peace in 1974. During his youth he was President of the youth group, taught VBS, and played bells in the choir. After out-of-state college and law school, he rejoined Prince of Peace in 1999 with his wife, Nicole. Among other activities he has been an Alpha small group leader and presently serves as President of the Prince of Peace Foundation and Chair of the Mutual Ministry Committee.

Secretary Bonnie Miller (1 year)

The Miller family joined Prince of Peace in 1999. As a new member, she was asked to assist with the capital fund drive for our present building. Following this, she served on the Nominating Committee, was a small group leader for 3 or 4 Alpha classes, was the Council person and team leader for Christians in Action, served on the Spiritual Gifts ad hoc committee and the summer POPCORN planning committee, and was a confirmation mentor. At present, she frequently leads the Firm Believers exercise class and is on the Reaching Out and Christians in Action teams.

Treasurer Dave Kauffman

Dave has been a member of Prince of Peace since 1980 and has served two times as treasurer, three years as Financial Secretary, and has been a member of the Stewardship Committee. He has his own accounting and tax service and is an accounting and financial consultant to the Grand Canyon Synod.

At Large

Carol Dobson (1 year)

Carol has been a member of the Church Council for two years, serving as Secretary; she will now move to member-at-large, with one year left on the Council. She has attended Prince of Peace for four years and has helped with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and sung in the choir.

PRESCHOOL BOARD

Terms are for two years.

Brad Amico

Brad has been a member of Prince of Peace for two years and has served as an usher. He and his wife have a three-year-old son, Austin, who attends the preschool. Brad is a sales manager for EMC Corp.

Laurel Edgar

Laurel has been a member of Prince of Peace for over 40 years. Over the years she has served as President of Luther League, member of the youth choir, League sponsor while in college, Sunday School teacher, served on the Altar Guild, ushered, and counted offering money on Sundays. She is the Revitalization Manager for the City of Scottsdale.

Matt Engstrom

Matt joined Prince of Peace four years ago. He and his wife have a four-year-old son, Evan, who attends the preschool and another son, two-year-old Chase, who will be enrolled in the fall. Matt was involved in the bathroom remodeling project and with the Christmas tree hunt; he is the son of Wally and Helen Voight.

Jami Swankey

Jami is a new member, joining Prince of Peace on May 7. She and her husband have twin sons, Trent and Connor, who will be two on May 8; they will start in the preschool next September. Jami is from Colorado and has lived in Phoenix since the mid-90s.

Prince of Peace Leadership Retreat ***May 19-20***

All congregational leaders are urged to attend the annual Church Leadership Training Event to be led by Pastor Rick on Friday evening, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. This is for all incoming and outgoing council members, as well as others who head up various ministries in the congregation. We will be meeting at the Franciscan Renewal Center (located on Lincoln Ave. at about 60th St.). The retreat begins with dinner on Friday at 5:30 pm and also includes lunch on Saturday. Please mark your calendar now and RSVP to the church office (at 480-945-9537) no later than May 15th.

Getting to Know Connie Rose-Kamprath a Little Better

It has been six months since I received an invitation by Pastor Dale and the Church Council to help with ministry at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. I was excited about the new pastor that was coming and to be part of a new and grace-filled future at Prince of Peace. It has gone by so fast and I have seen God's Spirit move throughout the Church. I have been impressed by the entire congregation and their quality of youth and the care they have for one another.

Together with adults and youth we have ignited youth and family ministry programs at Prince of Peace. These ministries are in High School Youth, Confirmation and Junior High Youth, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.

I came from Hope Lutheran

Church in Toledo, Ohio where my husband and I were on the pastoral staff for eight years. Before Ohio we had calls in Cottonwood, Arizona and Brighton, Michigan. I have been sharing youth and family ministry with congregations for over 20 years.

I graduated from California Lutheran University and became a youth director at Faith, Grace and Augustana Lutheran Churches in Phoenix. With encouragement and prayer I followed God's call to seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. There I met my husband, Peter, and we were married on internship. We both graduated and were sent off to our first calls in Michigan.

I am what the Lutheran Church calls an Associate in Ministry (AIM).

We are rostered and called to congregations much like a pastor. We are called to do Word and Service in Lutheran congregations. My husband Peter and I have three children — Joel, 13, Caleb, 11 and Johanna, 9. We live in Scottsdale across the street from the house in which I grew up. My parents still live there and we are having a great time sharing our children with them.

I look forward to the amazing things that God has planned for Prince of Peace. Thank you for making me and my family feel welcome. May God bless the future of Prince of Peace with the hope that comes from God's never-ending grace.

In Christ,
Connie Rose-Kamprath

Estate Planning Workshop

May 21

Peter Rose-Kamprath, Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will present a program on Estate Planning during the Sunday School hour (10:15 a.m.) on May 21. This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about available options for planning your estate and to have your questions answered.

Big Thank You!

Thanks to the Senior Choir, Joy Ringers, Praise Team, Lynne Merkle, Andrew Sandstrom and Allen Quie for their musical contributions during Lent and Easter Sunday! Their hard work and dedication was most appreciated. If you would like to share your musical talent during the summer months, give Allen a call at 480/503-1018.

Intern Pastor Assigned

If you haven't heard, Prince of Peace will be getting an intern pastor who arrives in July and will share in ministry with us for one year. We are fortunate to be welcoming a very gifted student from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA by the name of Dallas Debeck. Dallas is from North Bend, Washington (near Seattle), in his mid-twenties, and currently single. He has served as a youth director, is a runner, and plays the guitar.

Dallas will be involved in all areas of our ministry at Prince of Peace as he prepares for full-time ministry as a parish pastor in the Lutheran church. Pastor Rick, who has served as an intern supervisor for Wartburg Seminary in the past, will mentor and supervise him.

In addition, an Internship Committee is being formed to provide Dallas with feedback and support during his year with us — the committee is composed of Andy and Judi Paffenbarger, co-chairs, Lindsey Stevens, Catherine Diamond, Mark and Brittany Burchard, and Craig and Madeleine Myrmel.



Internet Evangelism Day

Sunday, May 7

On Sunday, May 7, Christians around the world will focus on the potential that the Web offers to communicate the Good News. Please take time to look at the Internet Evangelism Day website, and find how God is using this new medium. You may have the gifts to be involved in web evangelism yourself — and surprisingly, you do not need to be technical!

www.InternetEvangelismDay.com

At Prince of Peace, we are looking to form a new “Digital Ministry” team that will focus on a new-look web site and use of technology and media in worship. You may have seen some previews of worship possibilities during Holy Week and Easter. You can see a preview of a possible new Prince of Peace web site by visiting...

www.aPlaceOfGrace.org/newplace

We are looking for people to help in this new ministry, with varied interests and gifts — from artistic gifts (drawing, photography, computer art), to technical skills (web site, audio/visual equipment), to writers, organizers, and more. If you have an interest in any aspect, please contact Andrew_Sandstrom@yahoo.com.



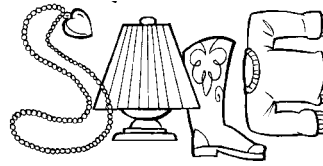
Annual Rummage Sale May 19 and 20

BRING YOUR DONATIONS!

We need your treasures to make the sale a success. Clothing, shoes, toys, sports equipment, tools, books, household items, dishes, hardware, furniture — we can use it all. Anything left after the sale will be donated elsewhere. Nothing will be wasted.

COME TO SHOP! Tell your friends and neighbors or pick up fliers in the office to post at your grocery store, barber shop, or favorite hangout that allows community notes to be posted. Spread the word. The more, the merrier.

The goal is to raise \$5000, plus matching funds from Thrivent, to purchase an Ark from Heifer International. This means two of all the animals that Heifer provides to people who are working to make a better life for themselves and their communities. Heifer provides the



livestock plus ongoing training and support. Those receiving animals from Heifer are required to “pass the gift on” to others in their community

when their animals reproduce. In this way, with your help, Heifer makes lasting, positive change in impoverished communities in the United States and the world.

Bring donations to Gangsei Hall on...

- **Wednesday, May 17**, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 18**, from noon to 8 p.m.
- **Friday, May 19**, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

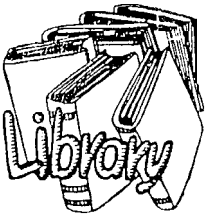
Sale dates: Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The sale will be held in Gangsei Hall. Please call Bonnie Miller, 480/970-5373, with questions and to volunteer to help with set-up or with the sale.

Roses to...



- ~ **Laurel Edgar and Suzy Steinmetz** for serving on Altar Guild in April and **Doris Paukner, Marge Mayes, Gloria Heckl, Dinky Snell and Helen Harrison** for delivering flowers to the shut-ins.
- ~ **Suzy Steinmetz** for embroidering the crosses on our baptismal napkins.
- ~ **Elizabeth Paffenbarger and Rachael Munkacsi** for their selection in the Arcadia Choir Ensemble for next year.
- ~ **David Mayes** for dishwashing duties during Lenten Soup Lunches and Dinners and the Saturday Worship Workshop breakfast.
- ~ **Leo Langland and D.K. Harrison** for assembling the Visitor Center.
- ~ **Lois Godward, Bill Small, Suzy Steinmetz, Mary Rehfeldt, Elna Lidman, Noreen Merlin, Marge & David Mayes, Dennis & Mary Ann Schaff, Kay Schaffroth, Bob Hawthorne, Jim & Alma Boge, Fran Gale and Doris Paukner** for delivering Mobile Meals in March.
- ~ **Dinky Snell and Ellen Schoeneman** — plus the many workers — for chairing the Seder meal.
- ~ **VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BASHA FAMILY** for their donation of the pork and rice for the Seder meal.



Letters to Malcolm (Chiefly on Prayer)

by C.S. Lewis

Reviewed by Cliff Petersen

This is a short treatise in the form of 22 brief letters to an imaginary colleague; but, though short, it is one that deserves careful reading. Lewis, a giant among intellectual, informed, and believing lay Christians, discusses many aspects of Christian faith as he addresses the subject of the dialog between man and God. There is no table of contents, no index, and no chapter titles to enable using the 124-page book as a reference to his views on any particular subject. So I indicate here the general substance of each chapter, identified by page number.

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Some thought Lewis expressed herein

- ◆ The perfect church service would be one of which we were almost unaware; our attention would have been on God. It would be one where, through long familiarity, we wouldn't have to think about the procedure.
- ◆ God created time and it applies to the world. However, He enjoys an "infinite present" where nothing has passed away and nothing is still to come. In other words, He sees the whole picture and can look at it all at once or at His leisure.
- ◆ On heaven: Now we can recall and tell others, though inadequately, about the "fields of our youth"; but the day may be coming where we can take a walk through them. The pleasures will be restored and the faces of our friends will laugh upon us with amazed recognition.
- ◆ On Jesus: God the Son took the body and soul of Jesus into His own being.
- ◆ Our pleasures are shafts of God's glory as they strike our sensibilities.
- ◆ There is no "right" moment to pray; do it with or without words.

I highly recommend this book and think you will enjoy getting inside the mind of a greatly respected Christian educator.

Christians in Action



Somali family

We have reached our goal for Abdullahi's car. He is working on getting his permit to drive, signing up for driving lessons, and saving money for his insurance and car maintenance fund. We will begin driving with him once he has taken a few lessons, at which time we will begin the search for a car. If anyone knows a used car dealer please call Judi at 480/949-1522. In addition, our Somalian mother (Fatuma) and daughter (Amran) have moved to North Dakota due to Fatuma's asthma. They are living with a cousin at this time.

Habitat Banks

Please continue adding to your Habitat banks during the rest of the Easter season. We will plan a "Habitat for Humanity Ingathering" for Pentecost Sunday, June 4, at which time all the banks will be collected. People can, of course, bring them to the office anytime before or after that date.

The Elderberries

Monday, May 8

Potluck, 12 p.m., Room 11/12

**TAKE A TRIP TO GERMANY
with music, food and program**

We invite you to bring your favorite German food with you ... or any other dish to share. We will feature Pastor Rick and a program he presented in Germany this past fall on the 60th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. He has researched the unique experience of German prisoners of war in America during WW II and has prepared a powerpoint of the art work of Thomas Naegele, a American Jew who painted images of this little known chapter in German-American history.

News from the Church Council

April 18 Meeting Highlights

- ✓ Affirmed the Vision for Mission 5-Year Strategic Plan and commended the work of the Vision Task Force led by Steve Crofton.
- ✓ Approved a proposal from the Personnel Committee to extend a Letter of Call to Connie Rose-Kamprath as Minister of Youth and Family, effective July 1, and to enroll her in the ELCA pension and medical program beginning August.
- ✓ Approved updates to staff job descriptions and personnel policy manual.
- ✓ Discussed proposal from Personnel Committee to enter into a six-month contract (part time) with a retired pastor to assist Pastor Rick with pastoral care, new member visitation and classes, pulpit supply, etc. Council will take action on this at the May Council meeting.

A final message from Wally...

Dear Friends and Fellow Christians,
 The time has come for a new President to take over the helm of Prince of Peace Church Council. The new slate of officers, council members and preschool board will be presented for your approval at the congregational

meeting on May 7. I wish all the new members the very best, having had the privilege of representing the congregation and working with the pastors.

In the past two years we have shared some tough times and some good times. All seems good now that we have a leader, Pastor Rouse. We have the excitement that we have lacked for some time. We are growing and seem to have a positive attitude that I so much wanted for our church family. Praise God for this!

During these past two years I have made many friends and grown to know many of you better. I am thankful for that! I will cherish the time spent as your president.

We are a church family and we need to continue growing in this direction. Many of you have volunteered in positions in which you may feel strange. But, all too soon you will know that we all have the same interest in mind. We are a place of grace and I pray we will continue to develop as one big family.

I thank all of my council for their support and you the congregation for your support, too. To the new council I wish you the best.

God Bless,
 Wally Voight, President

May Youth Events

Confirmation

- ▲ Classes start up again in May. On Sundays, May 21 and June 4, the young people and their adult mentors will gather for lunch in Gangsei Hall at 11:30 a.m., followed by classes in Room 18. May 21 class will begin at 11:30 a.m. and June 4 class at 10:15 a.m.
- ▲ Confirmation Summer Service Camp is scheduled for June 18-23 in San Diego. Get your registration forms and deposits in to Connie Rose-Kamprath immediately. It is going to be a life-changing week!

High School Youth

Cosmic Nerd Bowling on Saturday, May 13. Get your high-water pants and your thick glasses out for some bowling fun. We will meet at Prince of Peace at 10 p.m. at Room 18 and return to church by 12:30 a.m. Bring your nerdy friends and \$15.

National Youth Gathering

Meet on Sunday, May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 18. The Gathering is getting close so we have to talk about last minute details. Bring \$2 for pizza. See you in church!

First Communion Students and Parents

The following young people participated in First Communion on Sunday, April 23:

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| Mac Adelson , son of Steve and Shelley Adelson | Cody Paar , son of James Paar and Dianne Roth |
| Matt Anderson , son of Tom and Vicki Anderson | Hayley Pachman , daughter of Robert and Beth Pachman |
| Abigail Diazcadena , daughter of Carlos and Corliss Diazcadena | Greg Quinsler , son of Harry and Mary Quinsler |
| Kenny and Rick Edmondson , sons of Richard and Judy Edmondson | Alexandra Smith , daughter of Thomas and Sherrye Smith |
| Leonardo Fischer , son of Roland Fischer and Ruth Ruiz | Kate Staudenmaier , daughter of Bill and Heidi Staudenmaier |
| Joseph Johnson , son of Brian and Joyce Johnson | Casey Stone , daughter of Bill and Maree Stone |
| Quinn Levario , son of Mike and Heather Levario | Carson Weber , son of Scott and Laurie Weber |
| Matthew Lucero , son of Rudy and Suzi Lucero | Hannah Wiebke , daughter of Karen Wiebke |
| Emily Manning , daughter of Robert and Susan Manning | Katie and Amber Ziemann , daughters of Robert and Kris Ziemann |

Let's Party!

Thursday, May 4th

Celebrate the 8th birthday of the Red Hat Society and the third anniversary of Tres Cher Chapeaux

11 a.m., Room 11/12

Bring: a salad or dessert, donations for Food Pantry and a \$1 wrapped gift exchange

This invitation is open to ALL Red Hatters and anyone who wants to be a "Red Hatter for a Day." Food, games, fun, prizes and celebration.

Reservations are requested. Please call Barb Langland (602/840-0468) or Elna Lidman (480/946-8763) with questions or RSVPs.

Tidbits from the Archives

by Cliff Petersen



Help from the Seminary

As we await a young preacher from the seminary to help Pastor Rick, I am reminded of our first seminarian who assisted Pastor Gangsei for one year starting in September 1962. His name was Don Haines and he was sorely needed. Our small first sanctuary was 30 feet wide and 60 feet long, accommodating perhaps 150 folding chairs. In early 1962 we started having three services each Sunday to seat the many worshipers. Conducting that many services was quite a tribute to Pastor Gangsei's stamina. It helped when Don Haines arrived in September. By February 1963 Sunday attendance reached 500.

Don Haines was succeeded by one-year terms of Roger Gordon (yes, he was then in the seminary) and Peter Hovland. We can be thankful for this program that gives the young preachers good experience and helps churches like ours, at a reasonable cost, at a time when we can't afford a large ministerial staff.

Help Wanted

Do you enjoy books and reading? Could you help in the library on or two Tuesday mornings?

If the answer is yes, call Grace Swanson, 602/952-0629.

Ascension Lutheran Church Sponsors Summer Camp

Ascension Lutheran Church in Paradise Valley is planning a summer program, *Cultures Around the World*. Each day's program will travel to a different country with movies, music, fun and art projects, stories, play, exercise, journals, and tastes of international food. The purpose of the classes is to provide an education and rewarding program. Countries to be visited include Spain, Mexico, Italy, Greece, France, Scandinavia, Germany, Israel, Guatemala, South America, Russia, Africa, the Orient and more. Classes are taught by artists, dancers and teachers.

Classes for ages 3-5 are Tuesday through Thursday mornings, and for ages 5-13, Monday through Friday afternoons. Camp dates are July 3-7, July 10-14, July 17-21, and July 24-28. Sign up for one or more weeks. Fee is \$135 per week which includes art materials, snacks, journals, and more.

For more information contact Jana Peterson, 480/326-2927, or Ascension Lutheran Church, 480/948-6050.

Food Pantry Needs Your Help



Our food pantry and the food we donate to Augustana Lutheran for distribution to the homeless are getting low. We especially need tuna fish, baked beans, canned pasta, soup, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, and any other non-perishables. Please leave your donations in the narthex (church entryway). Thanks for anything you are able to donate.

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Wellness Cabinet

Elder Abuse

The elderly are the fastest growing segment of the population. They are more active and more visible than at any other time in this country's history. Unfortunately, the increase in the number of elderly is accompanied by an increase in the incidence of elder abuse. Elder abuse is the one aspect of aging that no one likes to think about, but it is very real to many seniors. Each year an estimated 2.1 million older Americans are the victims of elder abuse. As astounding as this number seems, the actual number may be much higher because many cases of elder abuse are not reported.

There are different types of elder abuse, including: physical, neglect, emotional or psychological, and financial or material exploitation.

Physical abuse is the most publicized form. It is the use of physical force that may result in the infliction of physical injury or pain or physical impairment. Physical abuse is the most easily recognizable form of abuse because the bruises, black eyes, welts, sprains, broken bones, and open wounds that are the results of the abuse are obvious. Neglect is a form of physical abuse. It occurs when one who is responsible for providing care to an older person refuses or fails to provide that person with food, water, clothing, shelter, medicine, or other items considered to constitute the necessities of life. Neglect also has visible signs such as malnutrition, dehydration, untreated health problems, and unsafe and unsanitary living conditions.

Lesser known but just as devastating are emotional and financial abuse. The National Center on Elder Abuse defines emotional abuse as the infliction of anguish, pain, insults, or distress through verbal or nonverbal acts. Verbal assaults, insults, threats, intimidation, or humiliation can each constitute abuse. Non-verbal actions such as isolating an elderly person from family and friends, giving an

older person the "silent treatment" and enforced social isolation are also forms of abuse. Emotional abuse may be much more difficult to ascertain because there are no physical manifestations. Frequently the abused person will not report the abuse because she (and most victims are women) depends on the abuser for social and financial support and assistance with the activities of daily living. Tolerating the abuse is a lesser evil than living alone.

Financial abuse is the illegal or improper use of an elderly person's funds, property or assets. The victim of financial abuse may be quite wealthy or living below the poverty level. Arizona statutes require that for there to be a legal cause of action for financial abuse, the elderly victim must be incapacitated. However,

through emotional abuse, a competent person can be persuaded to sign over her house, bank account, or other assets to her abuser, and this is financial abuse. Financial abuse may be even more difficult to detect than emotional abuse. Unexplained withdrawals of large sums of money from bank accounts or

through the use of the victim's ATM card, the inclusion of additional names on the elder's bank account, or abrupt changes in her will or other financial documents may go unnoticed as routine business transactions. Once an elderly person loses his/her financial assets, for whatever reason, because of the age and the fact that most are no longer employed, it is very difficult for them to replace the financial security they have lost. The long term implications may be devastating.

There are extreme cases of elder abuse, the cases reported in the media, but most often abuse is subtle. It is a very fine line between normal interpersonal stress and abuse. Cases of abuse occurring in nursing homes are widely publicized, but most abuse occurs in the home. Abuse is brought

about as a result of changes in living situations and relationships resulting from the older person's growing frailty and dependence on others for companionship and for meeting basic needs.

Health care providers and other professionals are required to report suspected abuse. If, as a family member, friend, neighbor, etc., you suspect abuse, report your suspicions. Eldercare Locator, sponsored by the Administration on Aging, at 1-800-677-1116, will refer you to the appropriate state agency if you supply an address and/or zip code. Reports can also be made to Adult Protective Services. Confronting a suspected abuser directly should be avoided unless you can provide a safe place for the elderly person because confrontation may place the suspected victim in an even more vulnerable position. Other resources on elder abuse include the National Center on Elder Abuse, 1201 15th St., NW, Suite 350, Washington D.C. 20005, www.elderabusecenter.org, 202/898-2586. The local Area on Agency can also assist by offering a variety of referrals and resources. The Phoenix office is at 1366 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix, 85014, 602/264-2255.

Each year it is estimated that 2.1 million older Americans are victims of abuse.

Buy Your Wrapping Paper from WELCA!

WELCA's wrapping paper project is moving along well. By the time you read this we will have had our big sale at the Preschool Ice Cream Social. Our next big sale will be at the church rummage sale in May.

It's also time to begin planning our Fall Craft Bazaar so we are always busy. If anyone would like to become involved with WELCA, we would welcome a new face and new ideas. Give Ellen Schoeneman a call at 480/947-9240.

Worship in May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7

Texts:

Psalm 23
Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Prayer: *God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding. Amen.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14

Texts:

Psalm 22:25-31
Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Prayer: *O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found. Amen.*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21

Texts:

Psalm 98
Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Prayer: *O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them. Amen.*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28

Texts:

Psalm 1
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Prayer: *God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love. Amen.*

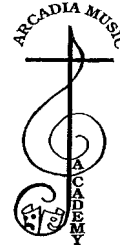
Financial Report

Total receipts for March	\$46,544
Total receipts year to date as of 3/31/2006	\$127,181
Total receipts anticipated by 12/31/2006	\$573,807
Total expenses for March	\$54,792
Total expenses year to date as of 3/31/2006	\$164,922
Total expenses anticipated by 12/31/2006	\$693,807

(These figures do not include Preschool and AMA.)

<u>Average Sunday Attendance</u>	January	February	March
9 a.m. service	185	271	245

Arcadia Music Academy Recitals



Saturday, May 6
1 p.m.

Monday, May 8
6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to these final recitals of the year.

Please check with the church office before posting any signage on the campus.

News of Members and Friends

BAPTISMS

April 16 Lars Rowan Beischel
Cole Burke Bramini
April 23 Cody James Paar
Leonardo Fischer
Alexandra Gabrielle Smith

TRANSFERS

April 3 Carrie Cummings, to All Saints Lutheran
April 4 Pastor Ray & Laurel Stiffler, to Faith Lutheran
April 5 Sandy Newton, Andrew and Sarah, to Christ Lutheran
April 9 Don Wahl, removed per request

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Library Comm.- 1 pm Knitting Group- 1 pm Women's Ministries-2 pm Basketball League- 7 pm	Bible Study- 9:30 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 11:30 am Senior Choir- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Red Hat Society- 11 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Spanish Ministry- 7 pm	Sew & Tie- 9 am Stretch & Be Fit/ Seniors- 10:30 am	Yoga- 8:30 am Quilters- 9 am AMA Recital- 1 pm
Internet Evangelism Day Worship with Holy Communion/New Members- 9 am Coffee Fellowship- 10 am Sunday School- 10:15 am Adult Forum- 10:30 am Congregational Meeting- 11:30 am Joy Ringers- 3:30 pm	Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Elderberries Potluck- 12 noon Yoga- 5:30 pm AMA Recital- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Library Comm.- 1 pm Knitting Group- 1 pm Personnel Comm.- 6 pm Church Council- 7 pm Basketball League- 7 pm Dorcas Circle- 7 pm	Bible Study- 9:30 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 11:30 am Worship Comm.- 6 pm Senior Choir- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Mutual Ministry Committee- 6:30 pm Spanish Ministry- 7 pm	Sew & Tie- 9 am Christian Women's Breakfast- 9 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am	Yoga- 8:30 am Cosmic Nerd Bowling/ Senior Hi- 10 pm
Worship with Communion- 9 Coffee Fellowship- 10 am Sunday School- 10:15 am Adult Forum- 10:30 am Joy Ringers- 3:30 pm	Messenger deadline Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Library Comm.- 1 pm Knitting Group- 1 pm Basketball League- 7 pm	Bible Study- 9:30 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 11:30 am Naomi Circle- 1 pm Senior Choir- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Spanish Ministry- 7 pm Internship Ministry Team Orientation Meeting- 7 pm	Sew & Tie- 9 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Leadership Retreat May 19-20 PRINCE OF PEACE RUMMAGE SALE	Yoga- 8:30 am Quilters- 9 am
Worship with Communion/Church Council, Preschool Board Installation- 9 am Coffee Fellowship- 10 am Sunday School Breakfast with Jesus- 10:15 am Estate Planning- 10:15 am Confirmation- 11:30 am Youth Gathering Mig- 5:30 pm	Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Library Comm.- 1 pm Knitting Group- 1 pm Basketball League- 7 pm	Bible Study- 9:30 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 11:30 am Senior Choir- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Spanish Ministry- 7 pm Grand Canyon Synod Assembly May 24-26	Sew & Tie- 9 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am	Yoga- 8:30 am
Worship with Communion- 9 Brunch and Fellowship- 10:15 am	Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Yoga- 5:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Firm Believers- 9 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Library Comm.- 1 pm Knitting Group- 1 pm Basketball League- 7 pm	Bible Study- 9:30 am Stretch & Be Fit/Seniors- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 11:30 am Senior Choir- 7 pm			

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Meet the newest members of Prince of Peace!

Judy Edmondson

480/947-0317

Kenny and Ricky

887 N. Roosevelt Circle, Scottsdale 85257



Judy is an Administrative Assistant in the Scottsdale School District, working at Hohokam. She moved here 26 years ago from Herscher, Illinois. Her main activities now involve her children. Kenny, 12, is a student at Supai and Ricky, 10, attends Hohokam. (Her husband, Richard, joins them in the picture.)

Leo & Barbara Langland

602/840-0468

4228 N. 45th St., Phoenix 85018

Leo is a retired engineering geologist — he worked with ADOT and the Bureau of Reclamation. Barbara is a retired



activity coordinator at Scottsdale Village Square Retirement/Care Center. The Langlands moved to Phoenix in 1962 from Iowa. Barbara's hobbies are many, including playing the organ and piano, oil painting, writing, poetry, crafts, and planning parties and outings. She has already been busy at Prince of Peace, planning the outing to the

Organ Stop and the Breakfast at 9 Club. Leo is a rockhound, a museum volunteer, and enjoys philosophy and history.

Stephen & Cynthia Morgan

602/955-3872

3842 E. Elm St., Phoenix 85018

This is a picture of the Morgan family — Steve and Cynthia Morgan with Steve's daughter, Stacey Morgan and her son, Kurtis.

Steve works with Horizon; was formerly a Vice-President at Motorola. He attended the U of A and then ASU where he started the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity chapter there, and then played pro-football with the NY Jets and Joe Namath, the year of the infamous "Heidi Bowl"! Cynthia is the owner of Ventura Television Productions; she was a former TV producer and on the Dean Martin Show in 1971-1974. She has spent many years working with children and adults with disabilities, now teaching children at the Performing Arts Center in Scottsdale. The Morgans both enjoy reading, movies, cards, travel and socializing while Steve's special interests are cooking, bridge and sports and Cynthia's are theater and music.



Stacey Morgan

602/237-5928

Kurtis

4127 E. Indian School #16, Phoenix 85018

Stacey and Kurtis, age 4, are pictured above, with the family.

Sally Wilson

480/949-6865



Sally has worked as a dietary aide and in the fast food market; she currently works at home as a caregiver. She comes from the midwest (Illinois and Wisconsin). She enjoys reading, freelance writing, sports, scrapbooking, animals and responding on the phone to talk radio. She is

looking forward to making use of Prince of Peace's Bible studies, Music Academy and gym, and participating in worship services. She hopes to teach Sunday School in the near future.