



Reflections on Pastoral Transitions (Part I)

The Lord told Samuel to go to the town of Bethlehem because a man named Jesse lived there, and he had a son that the Lord had chosen to be Israel's new king. When David, the youngest of Jesse's eight sons, came before Samuel the Lord said: "He is the one I have chosen! Get up and pour olive oil on his head."
(1 Samuel 16:12)

Even while Saul was still King, God had decided who would succeed him as the next ruler of the nation of Israel. Just so, God has a plan of who will be the next spiritual leader for Prince of Peace. The Call Committee, led by Darrell Wadas, is currently working with Bishop Steve Talmage of our synod in discerning who that pastor will be; they have begun interviewing selected candidates in the hopes of finding the next shepherd for Prince of Peace. As that process takes place and I begin winding down my ministry among you in these few short months prior to the end of the year, I'd like to share some reflections on this time of transition as you prepare to welcome your new pastor.

What is different about this time of transition? Those who were here three years ago when I accepted the call to come to Prince of Peace as the new Senior Pastor may remember that

the congregation had gone through many months of turmoil and discouragement and a long interim period of over two and a half years. This time should prove to be a shorter and smoother transition with the hopes of having a new pastor on board in early 2009. We have a gifted staff in place that will keep ministry going strong and dedicated lay leaders who are committed to moving our mission plan forward. These can be exciting times as the congregation looks forward with anticipation to what God

has in mind for the next chapter at Prince of Peace.

What changes might be expected? While change is always inevitable and can be a positive thing, there will not likely be many changes to program or staff in the immediate future, at least not until the new pastor has had a chance to get better acquainted with the parish family. Priorities will continue to be on providing inspirational worship and training of disciples

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Celebrate the Reformation on Sunday, October 26

Reformation Sunday is the day we commemorate the reform of the church by Martin Luther and others that began in 1517 with the posting of the 95 theses (against indulgences) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Prince of Peace will observe this in several ways:

- ▼ 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. **Festival Worship** at both services featuring choir and musicians.
Seven confirmands will affirm their baptism at the 10:45 worship.
- ▼ 3 p.m. **New Member Dessert** in Gangsei Hall. All prospective members are invited to meet with their sponsor families, staff, and key ministry leaders at Prince of Peace.

— children, youth, and adults — as well as offering good fellowship, service opportunities and pastoral care. New programs this fall such as “Journey to the Heart” Small Group Ministry and BLAST! Sunday School are likely to inject new energy into our mission of making disciples. And the addition of Director of Equipping Ministries to Jojo Concepcion’s portfolio should result in a boost for increased volunteers needed for our ministry together.

What will Pastor Rick be up to? These fall months are especially busy for the pastoral staff. In addition to my regular pastoral duties of preaching, leading worship, and pastoral care, I am busy teaching confirmation, facilitating a Small Group on Grief and Loss, and leading several

new adult forum classes on Sundays. I continue to provide support and guidance for our staff and key lay leadership. I anticipate that I will still be going strong when I wind up my ministry here at the end of December, my last Sunday being December 28. I understand that plans are underway for a Celebration of Ministry for Beth and me on Sunday, December 7, so watch for more details. My plans are to enjoy and celebrate these precious remaining months of our life and ministry together.

[Note: Next month in *Transitions Part II*, I will focus on the things members of Prince of Peace can do to get ready for their new pastor.]

Yours in Christ’s Joyful Service,
Pastor Rick Rouse



From Your Mission Support Team **Stewardship Update**

October marks the beginning of our congregation’s annual fall stewardship campaign. We are excited about this year’s theme which is *Gratitude Café — An Invitation to Abundant Living by Responding to God’s Generosity*. During the months of October and No-



Five cups of Blessings

ember, you will hear personal testimonies from our fellow members on the topics of faith, hope, love, joy, and grace. We hope you will read the various bulletin inserts, newsletter articles, and mailings coming your way on this important area of our discipleship.

There is both “good news” and “not-so-good news” to share about our congregation’s finances. In June, the congregation passed a revised budget that was leaner, balanced, and determined to be more realistic. The good

news is that because of the hard work of staff and leadership, we are holding the line and below our spending guidelines for the year. More good news is that we made it through the lean summer months in good

shape, largely due to the generous extra-mile giving of some members. The challenge is that we are approaching the fall \$10,000 behind estimated envelope giving for the year with the hope that members will be conscientious and generous in their support of our ministry this fall so that we can reach our goal of ending this year in the black!

We thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

GRATITUDE CAFÉ is the theme for this fall’s Annual Stewardship Emphasis and 2009 Pledge Drive. We are focusing on five cups of blessings from which we drink every day that include: faith, hope, love, joy, and grace. Commitment Sunday is planned for **Sunday, November 16**. Watch for special mailings and announcements from the Prince of Peace Mission Support Team.

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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First Communion Workshop ***Saturday, October 18***

Prince of Peace welcomes baptized Christians of all ages to participate in Holy Communion. According to the policy and practice of the ELCA, parents are encouraged to determine when they believe their child is ready to receive the Sacrament. We offer a workshop every fall for elementary-age children (kindergarten through 6th grade) who have not yet received their first communion. In addition, our pastors are available to meet privately with parents and children (of any age, including preschool). The next workshop for children and their parents will be Saturday, October 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 11/12. "First Communion Sunday" for those who wish to participate as a group is planned for the 10:45 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 19.

Spiritual Fitness Nights

The whole family is invited to Prince of Peace's Spiritual Fitness Nights, continuing through October 19. 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
 - **"Wrestling with Angels,"** a six-session video enrichment and discussion series, led by Pastor Lou Accola in the choir room. Through moving testimonials and the commentary of noted authors, some of the most troubling questions of faith and ethics are wrestled with and given helpful insights. (Class is open to ALL adults, not just Confirmation parents.)
 - **Couples Group** for 20, 30 and 40-something couples, led by Jojo Concepcion at the home of Gail Andrews and Geno Foreman, 5506 E. Calle Camelia, 602/955-9286.

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

Highlights of Sunday Worship in October

October 5

New Member Welcome Service and Fall Stewardship Kickoff

Pastor Rick is preaching.

October 12

Third Grade Bible and CLU Sunday

Professor Guy Erwin from CLU is preaching.

October 19

First Communion celebrated at 10:45 worship

Pastor Rick Rouse is preaching.

October 26

Reformation Sunday with Festival Worship at both services featuring choirs and musicians.

Affirmation of Baptism celebrated at 10:45 worship.

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Small Groups

Small Group Sunday was a great success! The groups will meet through October and November. Please keep the small group ministry in your prayers. Look for more opportunities for service, community and spiritual growth in the beginning of the new year.

Thank you to

- Bob and Nancy Hawthorne for their wonderful hospitality — the sandwiches were wonderful and the decorations were fantastic!
- all these folks for their hard work in making this such a special day: Mary Quinsler, Bonnie Rockwood, Barb Johnson, Doris Costello, Ben & Kathy Ersland, Miriam Walker, Connie Rose-Kamprath and Nancy Stevens.
- the small group task force for all their hard work putting together this new ministry at Prince of Peace. The task force met weekly to vision and design this ministry of opportunity to grow in faith and to grow with one another. Task force members include Mary Quinsler, Nancy Hawthorne, Fred Moore, Tracy Wadas, and Bonnie Rockwood, task force leader.



Schedule of groups and times of meeting:

- **Grief Study**, Sundays, 4 p.m. in the choir room; Pastor Rick, leader
- **Prince of Peace Prayer Team**, Sundays, 9:45 a.m., choir room; Laura Mitchell, leader
- **Men's Small Group**, Sundays, 9:45, Conference Room; Peter Rose-Kamprath, leader
- **Parents' Current Events Group**, Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Preschool Building; Alice Fuchs, leader
- **Quilting Group**, Saturdays, 9 to noon, Room 13/14; Carol Kauffman, leader
- **Couples Group**, Sundays, 6 p.m., home of Gail Andrews and Geno Foreman; Jojo Concepcion, leader

THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

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

Prince of Peace Center for Discipleship presents...

FALL ADULT COURSE OFFERINGS

Sunday Adult Forum

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

Oct. 5: *“What Lutherans Really Believe: The Lutheran Course (Part II).”* This is a fun video series hosted by Pastor Rick that reviews some of the major tenets of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Featuring top Lutheran scholars who share their wit and wisdom.

Oct. 12: *The Lutheran Course* (continued)

Oct. 19: *The Lutheran Course* (continued)

Oct. 26: *The Lutheran Course* (continued)

Nov. 2: *“Introduction to the Bible (Part I): The Amazing Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls”* with Pastor Rick Rouse in Room 11/12.

Nov. 9: *“Introduction to the Bible (Part II): How Did We Get the Bible We Have Today?”* with Pastor Lou Accola in Room 11/12.

Nov. 16: *“Sprint Through the Bible”* is a five-week overview of the Old and New Testaments. Get the highlights of the Biblical story and a new perspective on how the story of salvation unfolds. Led by Pastor Rick Rouse in Room 11/12.

Nov. 23: *“Sprint Through the Bible”* (continued)

Nov. 30: *“Sprint Through the Bible”* (continued)

Dec. 7: *“Sprint Through the Bible”* (continued)

Dec. 14: *“Sprint Through the Bible”* (continued)

Wednesday Bible Study Continues to Meet

We are studying the best known and best loved prayer in history that Jesus himself gave us, The Lord’s Prayer. The eight-week study will use a resource by Walter Wangerin, Jr., *The Lord’s Prayer: Entering into God’s Country*, that will uncover new meaning and light on what the Lord’s Prayer reveals about God’s nature and our own nature and how we should live in relationship with God and one another. The course will rekindle in you an enthusiasm for the Lord’s Prayer and Jesus’ way of praying! Led by Pastor Lou Accola, 9:30-10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. If you aren’t already attending, it’s not too late to join the group!

New Members to be Welcomed at Prince of Peace

All those who are interested in joining the congregation are invited to attend the new October Sunday Adult Forum, “The Lutheran Course.” New member application forms (available through the church office) should be returned by October 5. A New Member Orientation Dessert is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. New Member Sunday is planned for Sunday, November 2 (All Saints Sunday). For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Rouse at rwrouse@comcast.net or call the church office 480/945-9537.

Six Spiritual Practices for Today’s Disciples:

1. Prayer
2. Worship
3. Bible Study
4. Encouraging Others
5. Service
6. Giving

Call Committee

The call committee appreciates your prayers. We have received information on four pastors who appear on paper to be excellent candidates. We have had the opportunity to listen to sermons from several of the candidates. The interview process is now beginning. We hope to narrow the list of candidates in the next few weeks, and make a final choice to present to the Church Council, and later to the congregation, in the next few months. If all goes well the process will be completed by the end of the year. Pastor Lou has graciously agreed to remain available as needed for the short term, so there will likely be no need for an interim pastor. Please help the Call Committee members maintain the confidentiality necessary to make this process as fair as possible.

With God’s help, great things can happen!

Darrell Wadas

Music Ministry

The main goal in our music ministry is written in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

May the word of the Lord be on our lips as we sing our songs and the word of the Lord be present in our lives, giving thanks to our God for all our gifts and talents. One of our objectives is not to perform the songs but to sing the songs from our heart. Another objective is to teach and admonish one another with love and with the word of the Lord. Another is to play skillfully for the Lord, create sounds and visuals to give glory to our God — and more. Let us come together and sing our songs with gladness, let our hearts be filled with joy, peace and love of the Lord.

Come and join our Choir or our Praise Band today! Come see Allen, Lynne or Jojo after service and they will be happy to assist you.

What is Joyful Kids Ministry?

Joyful Kids Ministry is our children's ministry during the 10:45 service, gathering our children to the choir room after the children's message. Our leaders help the children know more about our Lord Jesus through fun activities. The children are also learning action songs to lead the congregation on our Joyful Kids Sunday. Come and bring your children to the 10:45 service to be part of our Joyful Kids Ministry and see your kids share their action songs at our next Joyful Kids Sunday!

What is Joyful Kids Sunday?

It is becoming a norm that our children lead us with songs one Sunday a month. Joyful Kids Sunday is a Sunday where our children share the songs they learn from Joyful Kids Ministry. Our next Joyful Kids Sunday Celebration will be on October 19 at the 10:45 Celebration Worship. We invite all our children to come and join us!



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

Youth Ministry

by Jessica Wernau

Prince of Peace is leading the way in Youth Ministry. Youth are really starting to take ownership in their talents and how they can be used here at Prince of Peace. We see this in the youth leading during worship. We also see this as Brian Stevens is an active member on Council, and Alex Paffenbarger is on the Call Committee. Being involved helps youth learn about the functions of the church and sets the environment as a welcome place for all ages. Furthermore, youth being involved in the ministries and leadership of the church gives

the youth ownership, pride, and responsibility. In turn, this will help strengthen their faith and help them continue their faith journey long after they graduate. In addition, many activities are planned, including sending care packages to college youth, a concert, "The Breakfast Club" small group, and Monday night basketball. "A Dream Team" of youth and adults is being organized to lead the charge. This is only the beginning of great things to come here at Prince of Peace.

Advent Devotional

We plan again to compile a booklet of devotionals for the Advent season, written by members of Prince of Peace. The theme of this year's devotional is "Joy to the World." Each week of Advent will have a theme based on one of the verses of the familiar hymn; writers may choose to write on that theme or on the scripture verse for the day which is taken from the daily lectionary.

In order to have the devotional ready for the first Sunday in Advent (Nov. 30), the writings need to be in by Nov. 12. Call the church office (480/945-9537) or send an e-mail to Marge Mayes (mtmayes@fastq.com) and we will help you choose a day with theme and scripture.

The book is always well-received and we appreciate your cooperation in sharing a devotional with the congregation.

Divorce Recovery Program

Valley Presbyterian Church (Paradise Valley) is offering a Christ-centered program to help those going through a divorce. The program begins Wednesday, October 1, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., and will continue for eight consecutive nights. Information and a registration form are available by calling the course facilitator, Mary Ulick, at 480/991-5424, ext. 120.

A Letter from the Bishop

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you... Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you...."

(Isaiah 43:1-2,4a)

As I write, yet another hurricane is threatening the Gulf Coast. This one is only the latest in a seemingly endless series of storms that have brought hardship, destruction, fear and even death to brothers and sisters in the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean, especially Haiti. The relentless destruction reminds us that the rebuilding of lives continues in other areas that have been affected by floods, tornadoes, fires and other disasters.

I call on you to respond in the midst of danger and loss. While some are preparing for storms yet to come, others are fleeing from storms, and still others are rebuilding in the aftermath of disasters. I ask you to respond with your prayers, your generous gifts of time and money, your volunteer hours and skills, the open doors of your homes and churches, and your commitment to a sustaining presence for the long haul. Visit ELCA Disaster Response for updates and for ways to make contributions online.

These expressions of our faith remind us that we are called by name and are bound together by our baptisms into community with those who suffer. Thank you for your generous and sustaining response in the midst of the disasters. God's work. Our hands.

*The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America*

Advocacy Newsletter

Federal Focus

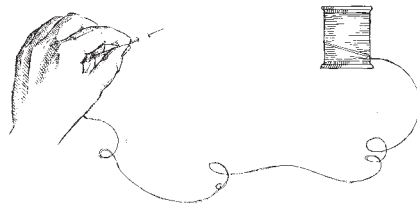
Last week, Bishop Talmage and I were on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. speaking to as many of the elected officials from Arizona and Nevada as possible about the pressing issues of border control, immigration and health care reform. In addition, we sought further detail on the status of their work and the work of their staff members on all issues of concern in our country at a federal level. We were a part of the annual Bishop's Briefing process that includes a total of about 40 individuals from throughout the various Synods in the U.S. Using the Social Statements produced by our Churchwide organization, in this way we take action on an ongoing basis in terms of our responsibility to be a 'public church' and work well beyond the weekly efforts within our local congregations so that the voices of details about what it is to be a Lutheran Christian are heard.

Local Focus

Let's turn to the incredible efforts by our congregations that are beginning to bear out here in Arizona. One of our congregations, American Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tucson, is in the process of forming a strategic visioning group as well as seeking assistance from other Arizona congregations to realize a dream of outreach and service to their community and neighborhood. This church is 55 years young and is worshipping approximately 55-65 people on an average Sunday. They are the recipients of two residential properties located adjacent to their church campus which are in extreme need of repair, so that the congregation's goal of forming a campus of care for homeless parents in transition can be realized. Can you and your congregation provide assistance of any kind? Would this effort translate to future work projects for your youth group? If you can help in this effort, please contact Rick Firth at rwfirth@cox.net or Pastor Kim Taylor at revkrt@aol.com.

*Sincerely,
Teri Traaen*

Sew & Tie Resumes in October



Ever wonder what Sew and Tie is? Plan ahead and join us Friday mornings beginning October 10, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 14 as we make quilts for those in need.

We are looking for more people to help in sewing quilt tops, in assembling the quilts, and in tying them. Sew-

ing skills are greatly appreciated, but not necessary. It's a great way also to share in some fellowship and friendship. We'd love to see you there! Donations of fabrics and used sheets are welcomed as well. Contact Esther Wiebke (480/994-1274) or Suzy Steinmetz (480/945-2569) for more information.



CRAFT BAZAAR

Save the date of October 25 for the annual craft bazaar and bake sale. There will be 45 tables full of a wonderful variety of items. Breakfast and lunch will be served ... and our usual wonderful homemade goodie bake sale will be featured along with the quilt raffle. Just come and see how creative these people are and you may even find something different to purchase as a gift for someone!

Hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the quilt raffle at 2 p.m. We'll see you there!

Ellen Schoeneman

Bake Sale

The annual bake sale will be part of the bazaar as usual. Men and women, get your cookbooks out and help make this year's sale the best ever! Bring your baked goods to the church on Friday, October 24, or the morning of the sale. All monies raised will be spent for improvements at Prince of Peace. (Money donations are also accepted.)



The Diving Bell and the Butterfly

by Jean-Dominique Bauby

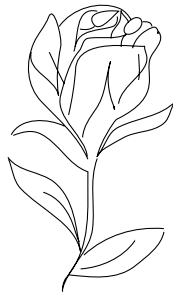
Reviewed by Ron Swanson

A very short book of exceptional courage. The author, an editor of a French publication, suffers a massive stroke that leaves him completely paralyzed with the exception of one eye. He is completely aware of what is going on around him; however, he can only communicate by blinking one eye. He proceeds to write this

book, using an alphabetical system he developed, by a process of dictation with his one eye.

It is difficult to comprehend that a person can have such a strong will and spirit in a body that is dead. The ability he has in relating with his family and caregivers is very admirable.

Roses to...



- ◆ **Verna Lauritsen, Ruth Stone and Marge Mayes** for chairing Altar Guild in September, and **Carol Swenson, Kate Behrens, Elna Lidman, Doris Paukner and Laurel Edgar** for delivering flowers to the shut-ins.
- ◆ You'll notice new directional signs in the parking lot. Thanks to **Jim Decker** who made the frames, **Mike Jacobs** who installed them, and the **Prince of Peace Foundation** for providing the funding.

Help Needed for Annual Christmas Tree Hunt



It's time to begin thinking about the annual Christmas tree hunt in the Payson area over Thanksgiving weekend. But first we need someone who is willing to coordinate this family outing. If this is something you would be willing to coordinate, please call the church office, 480/945-9537. **If no one volunteers, this event will not take place this year.**

(This invitation comes from Cathy Wilson, special guest at our September 14 Adult Forum.)

Rosh Hashanah Schmooze

Wednesday, October 1, 7-9 p.m.

**Chapel/Scottsdale Bible Church
7901 E. Shea**

(1.5 blocks east of the main church campus)

- ❖ Join us as we wish the Jewish Community a Happy New Year - 5769 - with apples and honey and other "nosherai"*
- ❖ Rikude Tikvat Yisrael/Israeli dance troupe will be dancing
- ❖ And — we might dance!
- ❖ We will definitely schmooze!
- ❖ Invite your friends for this informal fun gathering! All are welcome: Jews and Gentiles
- ❖ Questions? Contact Cathy Wilson, 480/699-6957.

* Yiddish for "snack foods"

Report from the Congregation Council

Your Congregation Council met on September 16 and enthusiastically approved entering into a new agreement with Pastor Lou Accola to continue his ministry at Prince of Peace. We are grateful for Pastor Lou's presence and ministry with us. Pastor Lou will continue to focus his efforts on pastoral care and spiritual formation through adult education classes, baptism and First Communion classes, counseling, and other teaching programs. Pastor Lou has agreed to continue his part-time ministry at least until a new full-time pastor joins us.

The council affirmed Linda Edgar as a new member of the Preschool Board to complete the term of Karin Szymanski, who is now working as a preschool teacher. We are still looking for one more Preschool Board member and a congregation member to serve on the Personnel Committee. If you are interested in learning more about these service opportunities, please call the church office (480/945-9537) to get in contact with Tracy Wadas (preschool) or Teri Traaen (personnel).

Our finances and budget are on track for 2008 thanks to members who have met their pledge commitments, careful monitoring of spending, and second-mile giving. As we begin our fall stewardship campaign, I would like to express the council's gratitude to congregation members who have met their pledge commitments for 2008 and extended additional financial support to our ministry through second-mile giving.

We recognize that there is a climate of economic uncertainty, and so we thank you for continuing your financial support and meeting your commitments to our church and its ministry. Prince of Peace has been serving our community at the corner of 56th Street and Indian School through 50 years of economic ups and downs. With your faith, trust and stewardship, together we can meet our 2008 financial plans and present our new pastor with a 2009 ministry budget that (a) demonstrates our steadfast support for this enduring Place of Grace and (b) provides the financial stability needed for him or

her to uphold and uplift our congregation and its ministries in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Brad Hartman, Council President

Arcadia Music Academy

The first Arcadia Music Academy recital this year will be held Monday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for this concert.

A Letter from our New Director of Equipping Ministries

I now wear two hats! As a new Director of Equipping Ministries, I would like to express my appreciation to all volunteer leaders and members of various ministries for all the great things you have done for the Lord. Our core ministries wouldn't be able to fulfill our mission without all your help.

I began meeting with various ministry leaders and members to discover their concerns, comments, and suggestions. I am aware that some of our current ministries need a chairperson, coordinator, and/or members. Many of our leaders and members are involved in several different ministries because we do not have enough volunteers. I am also aware that most of our volunteers have been faithfully serving in the ministry for many, many years. I am very grateful for that yet I am concerned that they may get burned out and stop serving at one point or another. I have ideas but I want to hear from you. If you have signed up and we have not gotten in touch with you, please let me know. I would love for you to be part of our teams.

As I stated, many leaders are multi-tasking and we need your help. I would like to invite you to please pray and ask the Lord today: "Lord,



Jojo Concepcion

where do you want me to serve so I can give glory to You?" It is written in 1 Cor. 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Here's one of my ideas, see if this will work: if you can serve one task, yes, one task in one month, would you consider helping out?

For example, if you can serve as an usher one Sunday (at one service) would you be willing to serve? Could you (and your family) come in early one Sunday morning to greet and welcome people outside the church as they come in? Would you help light the candles? Would you help assist in preparing the altar? Would you bring/remove the flowers to/from the altar? Would you pray for the sick? Would you read as a Lector? Would you sing in the choir/praise band? Would you help serve communion? Would you help schedule volunteers, etc...?

I believe that if many of us consider this, our ministry will flourish and our volunteers will not get burned out. This is our church, our ministries; let us help one another. Let us come together and give glory to God in everything we do. I am looking forward to meeting you.

God bless you!
Jojo Concepcion

Preschool Is Off to a Great Start!

The preschool is off to an exciting start! We have 220 students enrolled for the 2008-2009 school year. Our new Director, Chris Thiele, started in July and our new Assistant Director, Laura Van Klaveren, started in August. There are many new procedures in place and the preschool has gone "high tech," as we now have two touch-screen monitors in the preschool office for family check-in and check-out. In addition, the perimeter gates are locked for children's safety and our faculty and staff all wear visible name badges. If you have an opportunity, please stop in the office and welcome Chris and Laura to our Prince of Peace family.

The installation of our preschool teachers at Preschool Sunday was a huge success. We welcomed five new teachers to our preschool: Karin Szymanski and Melissa St. Clair (Room 2, 2 year olds); Jenny Heathcote and Jennifer Cardew (Room 1b, 2 year olds); Jackie Roscoe (Room 4, 2/3 year olds); and Nicole Hilden (Room 9, 4 year olds). We also are very blessed to have Susan Keller back in Room 3 with our 3 year olds.

Our Book Fair in September was a huge success! Thank you to Logan Wilson for all she did to organize the event and coordinate the volunteer moms. Thank you to all the moms who volunteered their time.

The Preschool Board and staff would like to acknowledge and thank

the following members for their help this summer and in September, with preparing for the new school year ... Fred Moore for his computer expertise, Verne and Ellen Schoeneman for their carpentry skills, Steve Edgar for painting the preschool lobby and classrooms, Ron and Grace Swanson for scrubbing all the classroom chairs (outside in 100 degrees and 100 percent humidity), Marge Harper for cleaning all the tables in the 10 classrooms (2-3 tables per classroom), MacKenzie Cardew for scrubbing and labeling all the nap cots (75 in total) and her extraordinary office skills (making teacher badges and labeling the file folders for each child), and Cathy Nugent for being a friendly face to new families on the first day of school, wiping lots of tears (both moms and toddlers) and rocking the little ones to sleep at naptime during the first week of school.

Here are the events we have slated for October: Fire Safety Day, "Trunk or Treat" and Fall Festival where our church youth will be selling pumpkins!

We are looking forward to this school year and hope you will join us in the many activities and fundraisers we have planned.

Yours in Christ,
Tracy Wadas
Preschool Board President

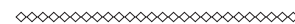
Preschool Expresses Its Gratitude to Tracy Wadas

The Preschool Community would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Preschool Board President Tracy Wadas for her commitment and hard labor over the past five months to keep our school running smoothly during our transition. Tracy has done everything from painting walls to recruiting and hiring our new staff, along with maintaining a positive attitude of service and compassion. She is not one to take credit for all that she has done, but the list was long and the work load was enormous. Please thank her when you see her. She has dedicated her summer and her heart to us and it is evident in our improvements. Laura and I would also like to extend our gratitude to her for helping us transition into our positions and welcoming us with such enthusiasm. Thank you, Tracy! You have made a great difference and words cannot adequately express our true gratitude.

Chris Thiele, Director

Firm Believers

Firm Believers is an exercise group that meets at Prince of Peace. We exercise to keep or improve flexibility, strength and balance. There is a devotion during each session. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Room 11/12 of the education building. Due to the time that we meet, the majority of people in the class are retired, some recently, some for quite some time. Some people attend regularly, some occasionally. There is a one-time \$30 fee to join the group, and then you are in for as long as there is a group! It's the best deal in town. There are approximately 20 Firm Believers, but about 8 to 12 people participate each day, one gentleman, the rest women. There is room for you if you are interested. Just stop by on a Tuesday or Thursday morning and see if this group is for you!



Movie Night

**Saturday, October 18
6 p.m.**



It's "movie night" for Prince of Peace and the community on Saturday, October 18 at 6 p.m. We are showing the movie "ET" and are hoping families will join us on the lawn for this event. We are serving free popcorn — the

youth are selling soda and candy with proceeds going to support their trip to the National Youth Gathering next summer.

Invite your neighbors and friends to this fun evening!



Youth News

Confirmation Classes/ Spiritual Fitness Nights

Confirmation Classes and Spiritual Fitness Nights continue on October 5, 12 and 19. Confirmation Sunday is October 26 at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Six young people will affirm their Baptism.

Kirsten Fuchs

Penny Sandstrom, mentor

Matt Jacobs

Harry Quinsler, mentor

Peter Johnson

Kathy Ersland, mentor

Randie Rockwood

Judy Edmondson, mentor

Carley Stevens

Paula Watkins, mentor

Amber Ziemann

Mary Quinsler, mentor

Blessings and congratulations to all of you!

Intern update

This month is very busy for the youth! B.L.A.S.T. Sunday school had a great kickoff and is thriving. Spiritual Fitness (Confirmation) on Sunday nights has a new theme this year called "Who Am I." This subject is a good way for the Junior High kids to find out who they are and who God is calling them to be. The Senior High (Breakfast Club) small group started meeting September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Borders bookstore. Our first meeting consisted of brainstorming for ideas on what to study, when to meet and where to meet. The Senior High youth also attended the



Switchfoot/Third Day/Jars of Clay concert on Thursday, September 25th at 4 p.m. Proceeds from the concert go to the ONE Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. Other activities include a cookie bake for the Senior High on Saturday, September 27th from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The Senior High will bake cookies and make care packages

for the students away at college. This way the students get a nice treat and extended love from their church family. Finally, in October the youth will be selling pumpkins as a fundraiser toward the National Youth Gathering next summer.

Jessica Wernau

friend!

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

The second five-week centers begin on Sunday, October 26. Here's the schedule:

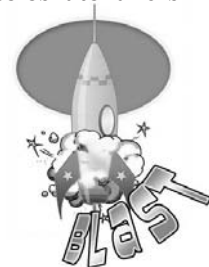
1st thru 8th Grade	ART SHACK	POP CINEMA	CAFÉ JESUS	JERUSALEM	GAME CENTER
Oct. 26	1/2	3	4	5/6	7/8
Nov. 2	3	4	5/6	7/8	1/2
Nov. 9	4	5/6	7/8	1/2	3
Nov. 16	5/6	7/8	1/2	3	4
Nov. 23	7/8	1/2	3	4	5/6

Sunday School (Grades 1st through 8th) BLAST!

Bible Game Sunday October 19

Ya'll join the fun in Gangsei Hall on Sunday, October 19, from 9:40 to 10:30 a.m. We will have Bible games, crafts and treats.

Come celebrate and bring a



Wellness Committee

Help Keep the Kitchen According to Code

by Beth Schneider and Helen Harrison

Did you know that Prince of Peace’s wonderful kitchen in Gangsei Hall is rated as a commercial kitchen? As such, it is under the supervision of the Maricopa County Health Department, which periodically drops in for unannounced inspections. The last visit was May 19, 2008 and several infractions were found. The first time an infraction is discovered the kitchen receives a warning; the second time constitutes a violation.

Observing the following rules will help prevent Prince of Peace from being cited.

1. Whenever food is prepared in the kitchen, a certified Kitchen Manager must be on the premises and those preparing the food and cleaning up are required to have an easily acquired Food Handlers Permit from the County Health Department.
2. Cleanliness is essential. Counters and the floor must be kept clean. Spills must be cleaned up immediately, including any in the refrigerator. Microwaves must be thoroughly cleaned after each use. Dirty dishes may not be left on the counter and must be washed before cleanup is completed.
3. Once food has been served to the public, leftovers must be taken home or thrown away. Leftovers may not be returned to the refrigerator or freezer.
4. Food packages (bags of chips, bags of candy, boxes of crackers, etc.) cannot be left on the shelf once they are opened.
5. Consumable items (napkins, paper plates, paper cups, etc.) are to be stored in their plastic bags or other closed containers.
6. Personal items are not to be stored in the same location as food for the public.

For more information on becoming a certified food handler, please contact Helen Harrison or ask at the office.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have made Prince of Peace hospitality so successful.

Elderberries Fellowship

Wednesday, October 1
11 a.m.
Village Inn
6940 E. Indian School Rd.

Christians in Action

- ✓ Thank you to all of you for the generous donations to the Back to School Drive supporting the Navajo Mission School. The items will be delivered to the school on September 27.
- ✓ Habitat is looking for volunteers for Saturday, November 15, to help with drywalling. This is actually a build for the West Valley Lutheran Coalition but they could use the help and are asking the NE Lutherans to take one build day. The location is 8075 W Cherry Hills Drive, Peoria. The NE Lutherans Coalition build is anticipated to start in January.

Accept the Challenge! Read through the Bible in a Year

Below are daily Bible readings for October. You may also purchase a special “read-through-the-Bible” edition in the church office for only \$10.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
	(Ephesians)	(Isaiah)	17	5	50,51,52
1	4	11,12,13		(2 Thess.)	
2	5:1-16	14,15,16	18	1	53,54,55
3	5:17-33	17,18,19	19	2	56,57,58
4	6	20,21,22	20	3	59,60,61
	(Philippians)			(1 Timothy)	
5	1	23,24,25	21	1	62,63,64
6	2	26,27	22	2	65,66
7	3	28,29			(Jeremiah)
8	4	30,31	23	3	1,2
	(Colossians)		24	4	3,4,5
9	1	32,33	25	5	6,7,8
10	2	34,35,36	26	6	9,10,11
11	3	37,38		(2 Timothy)	
12	4	39,40	27	1	12,13,14
	(1 Thess.)		28	2	15,16,17
13	1	41,42	29	3	18,19
14	2	43,44	30	4	20,21
15	3	45,46		(Titus)	
16	4	47,48,49	31	1	22,23

Worship in October

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 5

Texts:

Psalm 80:7-15
Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Prayer: *Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them. Amen.*

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 12

Texts:

Psalm 23
Isaiah 25:1-9
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-4

Prayer: *Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace. Amen.*

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 19

Texts:

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Isaiah 45:1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-32

Prayer: *Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours. Amen.*

Reformation Sunday

October 26

Texts:

Psalm 46
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Prayer: *Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace. Amen.*

Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report

as of August 30, 2008

	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>August 2008</u>
Worship Attendance		
Monthly Total	859	795
Monthly Offering (5 Sundays)	\$44,355*	\$38,879**
* Includes \$16,325 pledge prepaid for '08 and '09		
** Includes Extra-Mile Giving		
	<u>2008 Budget Estimate</u>	<u>2008 Actual Revenue</u>
Envelope Offering for year, thru August	\$282,283	\$271,863

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 letter S are scheduled as Hospitality Hosts for October.

This is a wonderful and effective way of serving here at Prince of Peace ... a place that has a very friendly reputation in Arcadia! If you enjoy this type of ministry, please feel free to sign up as often as you would like.

Pastor Rick to Lead Faith-Based Travel Seminars

Pastor Rick has been leading inspirational study tours to the Middle East and Europe for over 20 years. He and his wife, Beth Lewis, are offering two upcoming travel opportunities:

✓ **"The Journeys of St. Paul," September, 2009:** The group will retrace the missionary journeys of St. Paul as they travel to Italy, Greece, and Turkey. (Includes a Mediterranean cruise of the Greek Islands.)

✓ **"A Taste of New Wine," September, 2010:** Travel from Munich through the wine regions of France to Paris on this pilgrimage of faith to the famous Oberamgau Passion Play. The group will also worship with the Taizé Community and at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

For more information and a brochure, contact Pastor Rick Rouse at rwrouse@comcast.net or 480/945-9537.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1 style="margin: 0;">OCTOBER 2008</h1> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="margin: 0;">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.</p> </div>						
Worship- 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School- 9:40 am Coffee Hour- 9:45 am Adult Forum- 10 am Joy Ringers- 4 pm Grief and Loss Group- 4 pm Spiritual Fitness- 5 pm Couples Bible Study- 6 pm 5	Arcadia Music Academy Recital- 6:30 pm Open Gym Night- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm 6	Firm Believers- 9 am Greeting Card- 9:30 am Library Comm.- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm HS Breakfast Club- 6:30 pm Mission Support Team- 7 pm Basketball League- 7 pm 7	Bible Study- 9:30 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 12 pm Personnel Comm.- 5:30 pm Worship Committee- 6 pm NO Senior Choir 8	Firm Believers- 9 am 9	Sew & Tie- 9 am 10	Quilting Small Group- 9 am 11
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