



Reflections on Pastoral Transitions (Part II)

How to Welcome and Keep Your Next Pastor

Only live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)

Paul wrote these words of encouragement to his Christian friends in Philippi after starting the church there. He was hopeful that the good ministry he helped get started would continue long after he was gone, and that the Philippians would continue their commitment to seeing that God's gospel mission went forward. The key to success, according to Paul, was that the congregation in Philippi stand together, side by side, in unity and harmony, in support of Christ's mission. That is also my prayer for the people of Prince of Peace as I take my leave at the end of December and as you prepare to welcome another Senior Pastor to lead you into God's future.

Below are ten keys that I believe will help the pastoral transition go smoothly and ensure success for the new pastor and our congregation's ministry:

1) Continue to focus on God's mission for Prince of Peace. The congrega-

tion has a five-year strategic plan in place and we've made good strides in meeting many of the objectives. Stay the course as you rebuild and strengthen your ministry.

2) Maintain healthy practices in how you relate to staff, ministry team leaders, and to one another. As

St. Paul told the Ephesians, "Speak the truth in love ... and in all things build up the body of Christ in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16) Do everything to promote unity and harmony in the congregation so that the ministry can be healthy and strong.

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Jazz Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 26

7 p.m.

***A special tribute
to honor the memory of Gerald Thornton***

Thanksgiving
Jazz
Worship



Jazz will again fill the sanctuary at Prince of Peace on Thanksgiving Eve, November 26, at 7 p.m. Headlining a jazz ensemble will be Emerson Rauscher-Laffey, member of the congregation and percussionist for a jazz quartet that performs weekends at the Hyatt at Gainey Ranch. Pastor Lou Accola will offer a Thanksgiving message. This year our Thanksgiving offering will be received in monetary gifts to help support the congregation's ministry and also in baby items being collected for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission.
(see next page)

- 3) Take responsibility for your own actions and spiritual growth. Rather than blame others for what is or is not happening, or whether or not you think you are being spiritually fed, take the initiative. Be intentional about your own faith practices: be regular at worship, prayer, the study of God's Word, and be generous in your giving.
- 4) Get involved in the life and ministry of the congregation. Volunteer! Offer to do your part and use your gifts to help carry out God's mission through the congregation and beyond.
- 5) Remember it's about Jesus and what is good for the whole community of faith. It is never just about you or I as individuals. We may have our own needs and desires, and it is good to make them known. But at the same time we also must recognize that we are part of a larger family of faith as well as the larger mission of the Gospel. We should be ready to support those decisions that are for the "greater good."
- 6) Keep in mind that your new pastor is human, too. Be patient and keep expectations to a minimum as the new pastor begins his/her ministry with you. Give the new pastor a break if there are mistakes

or missteps in the first few months of ministry with you.

- 7) Don't bombard your new pastor with a list of demands. It is tempting to want to share those things you would like to see changed or improved. Use the six-month rule and if, after the pastor has been at Prince of Peace for six months, you still think it is important to share some things, then by all means do so, but do not dump them all at once like a dump truck. Choose what is most important or a priority for you.
- 8) Affirm your new pastor. Give the new pastor a chance to share his/her unique gifts with you as well as any new ideas for ministry. Offer your support and encouragement.
- 9) Welcome your new pastor and family warmly. Practice genuine Prince of Peace hospitality — reaching out to them in Christian love and friendship.
- 10) Support your new pastor and your congregation with prayer. We believe in the power of prayer, so at every opportunity bathe the new pastor and the congregation's ministry in prayer. Pray for protection, for wisdom, for the leading of God's Spirit.

Yours in Christ's Joyful Service,
Pastor Rick Rouse

Thanksgiving Gifts to Support Lutheran Navajo Mission

This year, instead of canned goods for the local food bank (an ongoing project), we are collecting baby items to send to the Lutheran Navajo Mission. They report that there is a great need for diapers, wipes, formula, and baby bottles (new). We will be collecting these in the narthex (special cart) or the church office. There will be a special blessing of the gifts on the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 30). Check with Phyllis in the office (480/945-9537) if you have any questions.

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Ingathering of 2009 Pledge Cards

Commitment Sunday, November 16

All members are reminded to mail — or bring to worship — their financial commitments for 2009 in time for Commitment Sunday, November 16. We hope to dramatically increase the number of pledges received from 150 out of 315 giving units last year. The budget committee is currently putting together a proposed Mission Spending Plan for 2009 and needs to know the level of support that can be anticipated from the congregation in the coming year. Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex or you can request them by calling the church office. Thanks for your help.

Did you know...

that of 315 giving units who contributed in 2007, only 150 of them turned in pledge cards for 2008? This makes it difficult for the budget committee to realistically estimate offering income. We need ALL members to consider turning in their estimated giving pledge for 2009. You can mail your card to the church office or bring it with you to worship anytime between now and Sunday, November 16, when we will have a special “ingathering and blessing” of our future commitments at both worship services.

Thank you for indicating your support of God’s work through our congregation!

Special All Saints Concert

Sunday, November 2, 3 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary at 3 p.m. on All Saints Sunday for an encore performance of the renowned baritone, Charles Johnson. He will be singing classical and popular Christian music that is sure to inspire. The concert is free so bring your friends. (There will be a free-will offering received.) Johnson will also provide special music at both services on November 2.

Journey to the Heart



Small Groups are meeting and growing together in Christ at Prince of Peace. Thank you to all the leaders of our new small group ministry, “Journey to the Heart.”

Many different groups have been meeting and will still build community and care through November. It has been an amazing journey to begin this new ministry.

If you have not had an opportunity to be a part of a small group, there is a place for you. We will have a new slate of small groups this January. If there is an idea for a small group that you would like to see happen, please give Connie Rose-Kamprath a call in the church office or e-mail her at connie@aplaceofgrace.org.

Highlights of Sunday Worship in November

November 2

All Saints Sunday

(both services traditional)

Loved ones who have died in the past year will be honored, and new members will be received at both services.

Pastor Lou Accola is preaching.

Special All Saints Concert

3 p.m.

Baritone Charles Johnson featured.

November 9

Mission Sunday

Pastor Bob Jones, guest preacher. Pastor Jones, sponsored by Prince of Peace, is an ELCA Missionary in Lithuania.

November 16

Commitment Sunday

Ingathering of 2009 Pledge Cards.

Pastor Rick Rouse is preaching.

November 23

Gospel Sunday

featuring special gospel music at both worship services and WELCA annual Thankoffering.

Connie Rose-Kamprath is preaching.

November 26

Jazz Thanksgiving Eve Service

featuring a local jazz quartet including Prince of Peace’s own Emerson Rauscher-Laffey, son of Glenda Rauscher.

Pastor Lou Accola is preaching.

November 30

First Sunday in Advent

Prayer and Healing Service
Lighting of Advent candle.

Pastor Rick Rouse is preaching.

***Spiritual Fitness
begins again
in January.***

THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

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

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)

November-December Offering — "The Bible: Book of Faith".

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. 9: Special guest, Missionary Bob Jones, (sponsored by Prince of Peace) will offer a presentation in Gangsei Hall in addition to regular adult class. See photos and hear about Lutheran missionary work in Lithuania.

Nov. 16: "A 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: "A Sprint Through the Bible" (continued)

Nov. 30: "A Sprint Through the Bible" (continued)

Dec. 7: "A Sprint Through the Bible" (continued)

Dec. 14: "A Sprint Through the Bible" (continued)

Six Spiritual Practices for Today's Disciples:

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

Wednesday Bible Study

We continue to study the best known and best loved prayer in history that Jesus himself gave us, The Lord's Prayer. The study uses 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, through December 10.

Coming in December

Join Us for a Celebration of Christmas!

Sunday, December 21

- 8:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Pastor Rick Rouse, Preacher
10:30 a.m. Featuring the annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 24

- 5 p.m. A Family Christmas Worship with carols and drama
7 p.m. Traditional Service of Candlelight and Carols
10 p.m. Traditional Service of Candlelight and Carols

Thursday, December 25

- 10 a.m. Festival Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 28

- 9 a.m. (One Worship) Service of Scripture and Carols followed by annual Holiday Brunch at 10 a.m., sponsored by Prince of Peace Staff



Report from the Congregation Council

The congregation council spent much of its October 21st meeting discussing the fall stewardship campaign, reviewing finances, and adopting spending cuts recommended by the Finance Committee. If members give generously in the coming months, meet current commitments, and make strong, faithful, and inspired financial commitments for 2009, we are optimistic that we can end the year in the black, continue and grow our programs in 2009, and offer a solid financial foundation to our next Lead Pastor.

As you complete your pledge cards this month, please give prayerful consideration to how Prince of Peace and its programs fit into your own life and the life of our community. From the Joyful Kids choir to our re-energized Sunday School, from Small Group ministries to our always successful Craft Bazaar, Prince of Peace is reaching out to our community, spreading the Word and making a difference. During uncertain economic times, it is even more imperative that we place our treasures where they need to be — at a Place of Grace with people and programs that work hard to spread Christ's message of hope, love and forgiveness.

We count on returned pledge cards to plan and budget for 2009. Did you know that less than half of our giving units completed a pledge card last year? While we appreciate all financial support — pledged and unpledged — without a returned pledge card over half of our member giving must be estimated, and we must budget for the future from projections which may not always be accurate. Our 2009 budget will be more realistic and reliable if you return your pledge card on Commitment Sunday, November 16th. We never take your financial support for granted and have systems in place to make sure every dollar is carefully and prayerfully spent.

Farewell to Pastor Rick

Please mark **Sunday, December 7** on your calendar as a special day to celebrate and recognize Pastor Rick's ministry with us. There will be a special potluck luncheon following the second service. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Brad Hartman
Council President

Call Committee

The Call Committee has carefully interviewed four candidates and eliminated two. We are hoping that one of the candidates will soon come to the conclusion that Prince of Peace would provide them a great spiritual home.

If we are successful in this process of mutual discernment, we hope to announce that information soon. If not, we will ask Bishop Talmage for four more names, ask God for direction, and ask each of you for continued support and prayer.

Prince of Peace Giving Update

from your Mission Support Team

The church council, in response to concerns expressed at the annual meeting in February regarding the 2008 Mission Spending Plan, worked hard to pare down the budget in terms of both expenses and realistic income. The budget was reduced from \$784,500 to \$711,500 and this was affirmed at the June congregational meeting. Estimated offering income through September was \$324,660 compared with actual offering income of \$305,619. Since the leadership has pledged to end the year in the black, the Church Council has taken additional steps to further cut back budgeted expenses for the remainder of 2008. However, because giving is not at anticipated levels, even though we are holding the line on expenses, we are still in a "cash crunch" and need the congregation to step up to the plate to help us cover our current and anticipated bills for the remainder of the year. In the months of October, November and

December we are hoping to raise the additional income (revised 10/21/08) of \$170,000 which takes into account some members who choose to make an end-of-the-year contribution. See the thermometer comparing giving through September with what is needed to get us to the end of the year. We need your help to make our goal! Thank you for your support!





To the congregation...

Letters "We want to thank all our friends and church family at Prince of Peace for the wonderful worship and fellowship we have shared over the years. We also want to let you know that we are leaving Prince of Peace. This has nothing to do with the church itself. Prince of Peace has been a great place to raise our children and a great support to us over the years. Casey was born and raised in this church and after 49 years it is time for a change and a new adventure. We have no idea where we will end up but are confident that God will lead us on a new faith journey. Thanks again to all of you and may God continue to bless Prince of Peace."

Casey and Carol Swenson



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.

Music Ministry

by Jojo Concepcion

Our music ministry continues to find ways to enhance our worship services. Last month, we held a workshop responding to our Missional Objectives at Prince of Peace. We shared our thoughts on ways we can help our traditional and contemporary worship services be an inspiring experience. We also recognized that our music ministry is like a small group where we can find intimate community, practical help, and spiritual growth in discipleship.

We talked about learning our spiritual gifts and how to be encouraged to serve God through the use of our gifts. We have set our goals and objectives for this coming year and we are passionate about fulfilling them.

Our choir members mentioned that going through the music ministry workshop gave them a clear vision of what we are trying to accomplish as music ministers. Some of the members are happy to hear that we are moving forward and we have great things ahead of us.

Lynne McGinley shared that the workshop gives us direction and it helps us focus on tasks and be excited about our music. Dr. Allen Quie said it



was great that we have met to give music ministry members time to share their thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

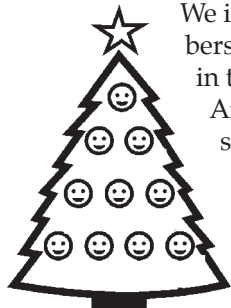
Now that we have set our goals, we are encouraging people of all ages to join our choir and our praise bands. We are expanding our choir and our praise bands and we need new members. We are forming a youth choir and band that will minister to our Spiritual Fitness Nights worship service and other special services. We will continue to have Joyful Kids Sunday where our children lead us in worship.

As we continue to enhance our music ministry, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of Prince of Peace for your support and prayers. Our hope is to bring inspiring worship to Prince of Peace so we can feel the presence of the Lord in our worship services. May God continue to fill our hearts with songs of gladness!

As the Psalmist says, "He gave me a new song to sing. It is a hymn of praise to our God. Many people will see what he has done and will worship him. They will put their trust in the Lord."

(Psalm 40:3 NIRV)

Angel Tree



We invite members to participate in the annual Angel Tree by selecting a name from the tree of a child who needs a Christmas gift. The tree

will be placed in the Narthex just before Thanksgiving. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details.

Budget Adjustments Affect Worship

Evergreens are needed for the month of December. If you have some to share, please contact Suzy Steinmetz! For November and December we are suspending our Sunday flower order and will attempt other ways to beautify the altar area, including the traditional purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas season. People who are signed up for a given Sunday in those months will still be recognized and hopefully support our alternative plans. Because of this, no flowers will be delivered to shut-ins or those hospitalized except for any poinsettias that may be delivered after Christmas. Also, we are cutting the number of bulletins in half for Sundays in hopes that everyone will share!

Prince of Peace Foundation Scholarships Awarded

Your Prince of Peace Foundation has awarded educational scholarships to the following Prince of Peace college students for the 2008-2009 college year.

Seniors Andrew Crofton, Jonathan Stone, Emily Rayes, Ryan Rockwood
 Juniors Katherine Sandstrom, Katherine Edgar, Alyssa Germeroth, Scott Nugent, Kelly Swenson
 Sophomores Kathryn Reynolds, Meaghan Behrens
 Freshmen Paul Sandstrom, Laura Stone, Walter Edgar, Annamarie Fuchs, Lindsey Stevens, Elizabeth Crofton, David Dobson

The Foundation has also awarded a \$500 scholarship to the Arcadia Music Academy to enable the Academy to offer scholarships to its students for the 2008/2009 year.

The Foundation congratulates the recipients of these scholarship awards and wishes them the best with their studies. The presentation of the awards will be made on Sunday, November 30, at both services.

Christmas Tree Hunt



The date for the annual Christmas tree hunt has been moved up to Saturday, November 22. Ben Ersland and Harry Quinsler will be heading it up along with the Reach Out Ministry Team. Individual tree

permits are available for \$15

If you would like to join the group please call Ben (480/994-3839) or Harry (480/994-8857).

Elderberries Fellowship Moves to New Location

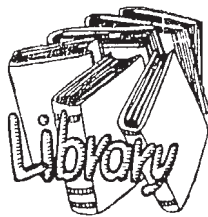
Wednesday, November 5
11 a.m.
Denny's
3315 N. Scottsdale Rd
(Osborn and Scottsdale Rd.)

The Elderberries are moving their meeting place to Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd. They will still meet at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. They have a private room reserved and everyone is welcome to this time of good food and great conversation with friends. What a way to get better acquainted! (We'd love to have men join us.)

Roses to...



- ◆ Verna Lauritsen, Ruth Stone and Marge Mayes for chairing Altar Guild in September.
- ◆ Mobile Meals drivers: Lois Godward, Glenn Ahrens, Elna Lidman and her neighbor, Noreen Merlin; Bill Small, Mary Rehfeldt, Suzy Steinmetz and her sister-in-law from Iowa; Kay Schaffroth, Jean Harney, Doris Costello, Doris Paukner, Ed Doane (substitute driver) and daughter Betsy; and Bethany Lutheran Church volunteer drivers Fran Gale, Maija Bilsens, Eileen Cook and Ethel Sheckler.
- ◆ Miss Alice and Room 10 students for miniature ships they made to remind Mobile Meals clients of Columbus Day.
- ◆ Brian Stevens for being featured as an outstanding student athlete in the sports pages of the *Arizona Republic*.



3:16 The Number of Hope

by Max Lucado

Reviewed by Grace Swanson

He loves, he gave, we believe, we live. John 3:16 is a foundation of Faith. Read it aloud to yourself. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life."

The verse is an alphabet of Grace, a table of contents to the Christian hope, each word a jewel. Read it again and again and note

the words as they get your attention and your feelings.

Max Lucado brings these words and these numbers to life. The truth of John 3:16 is life changing and his book is a compelling promise to this.

Max Lucado serves as a Minister at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. He is the author of many excellent books.

Big Thank You!

... from Ellen Schoeneman to all the helpers who made the Craft Bazaar another success. A more detailed report will be included in the December *Messenger*.

Music Ministries

Our music ministry is looking for new members to sing and play in our choir and praise bands. Regardless of your age, we encourage you to be part of our music ministry. We have choir that sings at the 8:30 traditional service, our praise band that sings and plays at 10:45 at our Celebration worship service, and we have a youth band (now in the formation process) that sings at 5 p.m. for Spiritual Fitness Nights.

On November 23, music ministry is preparing for a Gospel Sunday. We will combine our choir and praise band to sing for both services, singing songs that will lift your spirit as we shout our praises in our hearts. So be ready to sing your hearts out, clap your hands, and give glory to our God, praising the name of our Lord Jesus! Can I get a witness? Amen!

Christmas is around the corner. We will be doing a Christmas



Jojo Concepcion

Cantata for both services and need more members to help us out. Would you consider helping us this Christmas season? We are looking for new members to sing and play in the choirs and praise bands. Yes, we are encouraging you to be part of our music ministry.

If you would like to be part of our music ministry, please note the following practice times:

■ **Choir** practices on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and the **Bell Choir** (Joy Ringers) practices Sundays at 4 p.m. See or call Lynne McGinley.

■ The **Praise Band** practices after our 8:30 service (around 9:45 a.m.) and right after the 10:45 service, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

■ We are forming a **Youth Band** for Spiritual Fitness Nights. We practice from 5:10 to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays when we have Spiritual Fitness scheduled.

■ **Joyful Kids** music time happens during the 10:45 worship service, right after the Children's Message.

For more information about our music ministry, see or call Jojo Concepcion. Regardless of your age, we have music for you. Come join us and sing your hearts out to God!

Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

Sunday, January 18



Please consider volunteering to serve water for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in January 2009. It will be here before you know it! 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. If you are interested, please contact Steve Edgar or Mark Schalliol. There will be more information coming soon on sign-up procedures, but 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!

First Communion and 3rd Grade Bibles

We recognize the following youth for taking a step in their faith journey.

Those receiving 3rd grade Bibles:

Jacob Staudenmaier
Lyndon Vander-Beischel

Those receiving their First Communion:

Zane Adelson
David Martinez
Danielle Martinez

Youth News

Events for Youth

October events completed:

- ✓ October 25
We sold pumpkins and pie vouchers at the Bazaar.
- ✓ October 26
9th graders were confirmed in worship. We also sold pumpkins and pie vouchers after worship.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ November 9
Multi Church Laser Tag (Junior High and Senior High) and fellowship event at 1 p.m.
- ✓ December 7
Junior and Senior High Christmas Party, 4 to 7 p.m.

Prince of Peace youth will be selling pie vouchers for fresh pies at JB's every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. through the December holidays.

Proceeds will help fund their trip to the summer Youth Gathering.



Intern update

We have almost completed the first rotation cycle for the new Sunday school B.L.A.S.T. and are already planning for the next rotation cycle. It is truly exciting bringing new ideas, rituals, and creative styles into the Sunday School classroom.

The senior high small group, Breakfast Club, is starting to really take off. The last three weeks we have met every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 18 and we talk (unload stresses), do a devotional, eat dinner, and play games. We have done great community building while playing board games and having some laughs. There is still room in our small group if there are any high schoolers who would like to join us on Tuesday nights.

The Switchfoot/Jars of Clay/Third Day Concert was a blast. Both junior high and high school students rocked their socks off. It was also great to see that Switchfoot/ Jars of Clay/Third Day donated most of the proceeds of the concert to the ONE campaign (End World Hunger) and Habitat for Humanity. What surprised me the most was that they showed a Habitat/One



Campaign commercial in between the bands and our own ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson spoke about the amazing works of the Concert tour and its proceeds going to the Habitat for Humanity and the ONE campaign. I think this really woke the kids up to see our own church family branching out in so many ways to

serve our world.

Finally this month we begin our planning and fundraising efforts in order to go to the International Youth Gathering this summer (2009). The International Youth Gathering will consist of 36,000 teens from all over the United States as well as some international teens. The Gathering this year is in New Orleans, Louisiana, and will be service-centered. We are excited to travel and serve, just as Christ has called us to do. We're going to be working hard in our fundraising efforts so look for us selling pumpkins and pie vouchers this month. Also in the spring we will be doing more sales including a garage sale and sponsorship of participants. Hope you can help! Blessings!

Jessica Wernau

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
December	— Christmas program practices —				

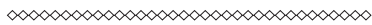
Special Opportunity

Dear Friends,

We learn from history both the horrors of how cruel we can be to each other and the deep joys of how love and friendship can overcome the worst of evils. Although the holocaust of World War II is not the only story of such evil, it will always remind us of how prejudice can infect a whole country in spite of what our minds and hearts say. Yet there were many who resisted, who said no, who tried to protect and heal. In the wake of all that happened, it is wonderful to hear how the childhood friendship of two Polish boys, one Catholic, one Jewish, paved the way for a reconciliation between Christian and Jewish communities.

Rabbi Abie Ingber is intimately acquainted with this friendship between Pope John Paul II and Jerzy Kluger and will share this powerful story. And because we don't want to ever forget, we encourage you to bring the youth of your parish. They can attend free with an advance reservation. You won't want to miss this moving story.

Rev. Jan Olav Flaaten
Executive Director
Arizona Ecumenical Council



A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People with Rabbi Abie Ingber

Thursday, November 20
7:30 p.m.

The Virginia G. Piper Center
for the Performing Arts

Xavier College Preparatory
4710 North 5th Street, Phoenix
(7th Street and Highland Avenue)

\$5 per person (Students, with prior reservations, admitted free). For reservations, e-mail or call Sister Joanie Nuckols before November 14 at jnu@xcp.org or 602/240-3103.

From Center D.O.A.R.

A new opportunity to help

We have developed an exciting new way to see who needs our help. Go to www.centerdoar.org to see the real-time "map" that lets you see homebound "neighbors" waiting for help, with symbols showing the kind of support needed. When you checkmark the type of help you wish to provide, only people needing that help appear on the map. Try it out. You need to attend one orientation to start serving. Upcoming session is **Saturday, November 15**, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Barnabas on the Desert, 6715 Mockingbird Ln., Scottsdale.

Holiday Caregiver Forum

"Surviving the Holidays," a forum for people caring for aging loved ones, will be held in the Church of the Beatitudes Lounge, 555 W. Glendale Ave., on Tuesday, November 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The seminar is free but space is limited — call 602/274-5022 to register.

From Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

Due to the instability of our economy in recent months, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) has received so many phone calls for rent and utilities assistance that they are running out of money before the end of the month. They are appealing for your help.

If 100 members of Prince of Peace, for just four days this month, would forego that special coffee drink or soda and drop that change into a soda jar, it would help a family stay in their apartment through the end of the year ... it would mean a 10-year-old, whose single mother lost her job, could finish his homework at night and take a warm shower in the morning ... a \$10 donation means a bus pass for an unemployed father to get to a job interview and have transportation until he gets his first paycheck.

Donation checks should be made out to Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest with the memo line designating the donation is for utilities and rental assistance. Please mail to LSS-SW, 1525 N. Power Rd., Mesa, AZ 85234.

24/7 F.A.I.T.H

Faith Alive In The Home

November 14-15, All Saints Lutheran Church, Phoenix

Be a Congregation on the Move!

FROM faith taught two hours on Sunday TO faith caught 24/7
FROM too busy families TO families practicing faith 24.7
FROM counting # in pews TO counting # of households of faith
FROM ages divided TO Cross+Generational ministry
FROM ministry by a few TO body of Christ using their gifts
FROM staff and leaders burned out TO staff and leaders renewed

Speakers and Presenters

Three speakers plus staff and leaders from local congregations will share their best practices and 13 years of equipping families and congregations to pass on the faith.

This is for ALL people interested in passing on the faith — church volunteer, parent, church staff, etc.

Schedule

Friday: starts at 1:30 p.m., concludes with dinner at 7 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration

Arizona Ecumenical Council
(www.aecunity.net or 602/740-3742)

Prevent Weight Gain during the Holidays

by Beth Schneider

The holidays are coming. The days between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day are filled with gatherings of family and friends, gifts, decorating, and food, lots of food. For too many, during this five- or six-week period, the turkey is not the only thing that is stuffed.

There are steps that can prevent the acquisition of the five pounds the average American gains during the holidays. These include:

- ✓ Don’t try to diet. Have maintaining your weight, not losing it, as your goal.
- ✓ Eat a light meal or snack that is high in protein, such as chicken or cottage cheese, before arriving at the party. This will help prevent over indulging on holiday treats.
- ✓ Eat slowly. Enjoy the taste of the treats you’re eating and you will eat less.
- ✓ Always drink plenty of water. Drink one glass of water before each glass of an alcoholic beverage.
- ✓ Don’t put yourself in front of the buffet table. Standing across the room will reduce the temptation to have “just one more.”
- ✓ Offer to bring a low calorie dish. That way you will know that there will be at least one healthy option.
- ✓ When you are the host/hostess, include healthier items on the menu such as fruits, vegetables, and salads. When cooking, look for healthy substitutes for ingredients. The Mayo Clinic website at www.mayoclinic.com/health/holiday-recipes/NU00645 has a variety of healthy and tasty recipes.
- ✓ Send leftovers home with guests. What isn’t in the refrigerator can’t tempt you.
- ✓ Avoid fast food. It is quick and easy when you are short on time, but it is high in fat and calories. So that you don’t resort to the closest fast food establishment when time is short, before the holiday rush begins, prepare and freeze healthy meals that can easily be reheated.

- ✓ Try to exercise at least 30 minutes per day. Exercise not only burns calories but also reduces stress which can cause overeating.
- ✓ During the holidays, think about people, not food. Catch up with family members and reminisce with friends. If you splurge one day, it doesn’t have to sabotage

your entire healthy eating plan. Simply start fresh the next day. What matters is not what you ate one evening, but the total amount and types of food eaten over several days.

Flu shots will NOT be available at Prince of Peace this year. Please look for an alternative location, and do remember to get your shot!!

Accept the Challenge! Read through the Bible in a Year

Below are daily Bible readings for November. 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>
	(Titus)	(Jeremiah)	16	11:20-40	3,4
1	2	24,25,26	17	12	5,6,7
2	3	27,28,29	18	13	8,9,10
3	(Philemon)	30,31		(James)	
	(Hebrews)		19	1	11,12,13
4	1	32,33	20	2	14,15
5	2	34,35,36	21	3	16,17
6	3	37,38,39	22	4	18,19
7	4	40,41,42	23	5	20,21
8	5	43,44,45		(1 Peter)	
9	6	46,47	24	1	22,23
10	7	48,49	25	2	24,25,26
11	8	50	26	3	27,28,29
12	9	51,52	27	4	30,31,32
		(Lamentations)	28	5	33,34
13	10:1-18	1,2		(2 Peter)	
14	10:19-39	3,4,5	29	1	35,36
		(Ezekiel)	30	2	37,38,39
15	11:1-19	1,2			

Worship in November

All Saints Sunday

November 2

Texts:

Psalm 34:1-10
Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 21:33-46

Prayer: *Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you. Amen.*

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 9

Texts:

Psalm 70
Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Prayer: *O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others. Amen.*

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

November 16

Texts:

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Prayer: *Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming. Amen.*

Christ the King Sunday

November 23

Texts:

Psalm 95:1-7a
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer: *O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made. Amen.*

First Sunday in Advent

November 30

Texts:

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Prayer: *Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day. Amen.*

Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report

as of September 30, 2008

	September 2007	September 2008
Worship Attendance		
Monthly Total	1417*	1342
Monthly Offering	\$43,314	\$35,048

* Five-Sunday total

	2008 Budget Estimate	2008 Actual Revenue
Envelope Offering for year, thru August	\$324,660	\$305,619

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 T, U and V are scheduled as Hospitality Hosts for November.

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 Oberamagau 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.

News of Members and Friends

BAPTISMS

October 19 Xander Miles
Stephens
October 26 Samuel Patrick
Sprague

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All Saints Sunday New Member Sunday Worship- 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School- 9:40 am Coffee Hour- 9:45 am Adult Forum- 10 am Charles Johnson Concert- 3 pm 2	Open Gym Night- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm 3	Firm Believers- 9 am Greeting Cards- 9:30 am Library Comm.- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm HS Breakfast Club- 6:30 pm Basketball League- 7 pm 4	Bible Study- 9:30 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Elderberries Fellowship Time- 11 a.m. Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 12 pm Senior Choir- 7 pm 5	Firm Believers- 9 am 6	Sew & Tie- 9 am 7	Quilters- 9 am 8
Mission Sunday Worship- 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School- 9:40 am Coffee Hour- 9:45 am Adult Forum- 10 am Jr. & Sr. High Laser Tag- 1 pm Joy Ringers- 4 pm 9	Open Gym Night- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm 10	Firm Believers- 9 am Greeting Cards- 9:30 am Library Comm.- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm Breakfast Club- 6:30 pm Preschool Bd.- 6:30 pm Mission Support Team- 7 pm Basketball League- 7 pm Dorcas Circle- 7:15 pm 11	Bible Study- 9:30 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 12 pm Worship Committee- 6 pm Senior Choir- 7 pm 12	Firm Believers- 9 am 13	Sew & Tie- 9 am 14	<i>Messenger</i> deadline Quilters- 9 am Habitat Build 15
Commitment Sunday Worship- 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School- 9:40 am Coffee Hour- 9:45 am Adult Forum & Pastor Bob Jones Presentation- 10 am Joy Ringers- 4 pm 16	Open Gym Night- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm 17	Firm Believers- 9 am Greeting Cards- 9:30 am Library Comm.- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm Personnel Comm.- 6 pm Breakfast Club- 6:30 pm Church Council- 7 pm Basketball League- 7 pm 18	Bible Study- 9:30 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 12 pm Naomi Circle- 1 pm Senior Choir- 7 pm 19	Firm Believers- 9 am Preschool Staff- 6:30 pm 20	Sew & Tie- 9 am 21	Christmas Tree Hunt 22
Gospel Sunday Worship- 8:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School- 9:40 am Coffee Hour- 9:45 am Adult Forum- 10 am Joy Ringers- 4 pm 23	Open Gym Night- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm 24	Firm Believers- 9 am Greeting Cards- 9:30 am Library Comm.- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm Breakfast Club- 6:30 pm Basketball League- 7 pm 25	Bible Study- 9:30 am Staff Meeting- 10:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 12 pm Thanksgiving Eve Jazz Worship - 7 pm 26	THANKSGIVING DAY 27	28	29

NOVEMBER 2008

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.

First Sunday in Advent
Healing Service- 8:30 &
10:45 am
NO Sunday School
Coffee Hour- 9:45 am
Adult Forum- 10 am
Joy Ringers- 4 pm
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