POP Community News!

ONE Worship Schedule Begins Today
9:30 am - ONE Worship Service, Sunday School

Welcome Celebration for Audrey Cox Today!
Join us as we thank God for bringing Audrey to Prince of Peace. We envision this as a milestone Sunday and urge you to participate. After worship join us in Gangsei Hall for our "Pancake Bar" party!

Troop 6 Christmas Wreaths for Sale Today!
Troop 6 Boys Scouts will be selling fresh Christmas Wreaths to earn money for summer camp. You can select from decorated wreaths for $20, including hanger. A fresh decorated wreath is a great gift idea!

Children’s Christmas Program next Sunday!
Join us at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday for one of the highlights of December- This year’s children’s Christmas program is ‘A Star is Born’! Cookies and hot chocolate to follow in Gangsei Hall.

Christmas Angel Tree through December 13th!
We have adopted 21 families with 50 children from Vista Del Camino. The unwrapped gifts will be due back on December 13th. Please be sure to sign-out the angels from the list. We have volunteers that will do the shopping for you if you are unable to! If you have any questions please contact Mary Quinsler 480-994-8857 or mquinsler@cox.net.

A Taste of Scandinavia Advent Event, December 13th!
Come enjoy Scandinavian dancers, carols and a delicious smorgasbord dinner! We’ll have Scandinavian Christmas ornament making for the kids; learn the story of Sweden’s St. Lucia- its fun for the whole family! Mark your calendars for December 13th at 4 p.m. in Gangsei Hall. Tickets available in the church office: $15/person kids 6-12 $8, 6 and under free! Dressing up is welcome: sweaters, horned helmets etc.

Blessing of Families on December 27th!
On Sunday, December 27th all are invited to receive a blessing for your family as part of our worship service. Families can be defined in many ways. A single person, three really good friends, a traditional family, a same sex couple or however you define your family, come receive a blessing as we move into the New Year.

December Passion Project: "Bracelets of Love"
BUY ONE-- GIVE ONE (BOGO): GET 2 BRACELETS FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF $5.00. Keep one for yourself and give one to the hospital chapel with a special message from you and Prince of Peace. Bracelets with the symbol of the cross will be placed in the Chapel of Honor Healthcare Osborn Medical Center as a gift from us to anyone who would like one. Cards from Prince of Peace will be attached to each one with a special message. To donate to this outreach project please visit the table in the narthex.

Greeting Card Rack
The Greeting Card Rack has your Christmas cards! Come see us today as it’s your last chance to be entered when you buy a card) into the drawing to win a FREE pack of Christmas cards! We are in Gangsei Hall every Sunday after service.

Rally in the Valley at POP- “Go into the World”-February 15-16, 2016
Registration forms are available in the church office, narthex, or online at rallyinthevalleyaz.org. Speakers include Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and Daniel Speckard, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, registration fee is $75 however if eight or more from Prince of Peace register, the cost is $60/person — turn your form into the church office without your registration fee and we will collect it later when we see how many register from Prince of Peace. Questions? Contact Marge Mayes, 602-840-7715 or mmtmayes@cox.net. REGISTER EARLY!

Rock ’n Roll Water Station Needs You!
Sign up to volunteer at the Prince of Peace Water Stations for the 2016 Rock’n Roll Marathon on Sunday, January 17th. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to set up tables with water and energy drinks, hand out drinks and cheer the runners on. Clean-up is done during the last hour and may be completed by 12:30 p.m. It’s a great time of community and upbeat fun - bring the family. To sign up, or for more information, contact Steve Edgar at 602.618.3364 or sledgar@gmail.com. Or you may also sign up online at http://volunteer.competitor.com/signup.php?event_id=538&group_id=6698

Active in Worship Volunteers Needed!
We currently are in need of volunteers for: Altar Guild, Ushers, Lectors, Greeters, and Communion Servers. Contact the church office for more information.
**This week at Prince of Peace**

**Sunday, December 6**
- 9:15 a.m. Nursery Learning (2-3 yrs.), R 16
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday School & Confirmation classes
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship “Pancake Bar”, Gangsei Hall
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Education Class, R 14

**Monday, December 7**
- 5:30 p.m. AMA Recital, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 8**
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Firm Believers, R 12
- 10:00 a.m. Library Meeting, Library
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Group, Conference R

**Wednesday, December 9**
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool JAM
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Choir R
- 11:00 a.m. Men’s Brown Bag Bible Study, R 14
- 11:00 a.m. POP Staff Meeting, Conference R
- 11:30 a.m. Elderberries at US Egg
- 7:00 p.m. Voices of Praise Rehearsal, Choir R

**Thursday, December 10**
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Firm Believers, R 14
- 9:30 a.m. Rally in the Valley meeting, Choir R
- 3:30 p.m. Daisy Troop #1358

**Friday, December 11**
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Sew and Tie, R 14
- 2:45 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #312

**Saturday, December 12**
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Canyon Synod, R 12
- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, R 14

**Sunday, December 13**
- 8:15 a.m. Nursery Learning (2-3 yrs.), R 16
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service & Sunday School Christmas Program
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Gangsei Hall
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Education Class, R 14
- 1:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Merit Badge
- 2:00 p.m. AMA Guitar Recital, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Scandinavian Advent Dinner

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**Assisting in Worship**

| Altar Guild | Mary Quinsler  
| Kay Benedict |
| Lectors | LuAnn Brentlinger  
| Ushers | Ruth Stone  
| Greeters | Verne and Ellen Schoeneman  
| Communion Servers | Scott and Nancy Stevens |

**Sunday Morning Worship**
- 9:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School

**Prayers for Healing**
- December 13th and 20th

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**Partnering in Prayer**

Barbara Bichlham (Barbara Sipple’s daughter)  
Martian Ricklick  
Roland Rasmusen  
Tom and Aisha Brown (Dobson family friends)

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**Save the Dates!**
- Dec. 10/11: Preschool Christmas Programs  
- Dec. 13: Sunday school Christmas Program  
- Dec. 13: Scandinavian Dinner  
- Dec 18/19: Desert Bells Christmas Concert  
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship  
- Jan 24: Church Brunch  
- Feb 15-16: Rally in the Valley  
- Feb 27: Annual Arcadia Cares Food for Kidz Packathon  
- June 26: “Campfermation” Confirmation Camp

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**Steps of Martin Luther Tour**
Walk the steps of Martin Luther in Germany! 11 days: October 10-20, 2016. Only $3399 per person from Phoenix includes roundtrip air from Phoenix, hotel, most meals, sightseeing and much more! For more information contact Pastor Paul: 602-740-7187 or pauln48@cox.net

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**The Church office will be closed December 24 - January 3**

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**WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE**

**WORSHIP at Prince of Peace**, an ELCA Lutheran congregation, is a time for each of us, gathered in community, to meet our living Lord Jesus. We extend an invitation to all who believe in Jesus Christ to commune when we celebrate Holy Communion. If you are searching for a church home, please know you are welcome at Prince of Peace. Return and worship with us often.

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children age 4–6th grades is available every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. during the school year.
- **CONFIRMATION and SENIOR HIGH YOUTH**— Confirmation classes are every other Sunday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in room 17 for 6th - 9th graders.
- **CHILDREN are always welcome in worship.** Activity bags are available for young worshippers at the center entrance to the sanctuary. If you are in need of assistance for children through the age of three, a staffed nursery is available from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. in Room 16 in the Education Building.
- **COMMUNION NEEDS:** Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available. If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please notify an usher.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please write down your concern and place it in the offering plate and indicate if the name can be published in this newsletter or just shared with our prayer warriors through the Prayer Chain.
- **HOSPITAL CALLS:** Please call Pastor Rick directly at 408.472.0529 or contact the church office to let us know if you or a family member is hospitalized or for a pastoral visit during rehab in a care center or at home.
- **PASTORAL CARE:** If you are seeking help with baptisms, weddings, memorial services or seek pastoral counseling, please call Pastor Rick Sherill at 408.472.0529 or the church office directly.
- **PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:** By appointment. Pastor Rick, cell: 408.472.0529, email: pastorrick@popphoenix.org.  
  Pastor Paul, cell: 602.740.7187, email: pastorpaul@popphoenix.org.
- **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** To receive your monthly newsletter by e-mail, go online to www.popphoenix.org and sign up by going to the Current Happenings tab, then the Monthly Newsletters tab, or call the church office for help.
- **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Church Office: 480.945.9537.