

# MESSENGER

A Newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool

“WORSHIP ❖❖❖ CONNECT ❖❖❖ SERVE”

February 2016

## Redefining Lent

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

The season of Lent is nearly upon us. Many people in our culture mistakenly think that Lent is a time to wallow in misery. The fun stops. Worship becomes more serious. Repentance tops the list of religious calisthenics. Tradition holds that we give something up in order to show how serious we are about being truly sorry for our past choices. Chocolate, soft drinks and fast food always seem to top the list of items we grudgingly kick to the curb for five weeks. Somehow that tradition doesn't work for me! Come to think of it, this entire definition of Lent doesn't work for me.

The word "Lent" originally meant "springtime," not misery. It is a time of new birth, new excitement and new challenges. Just as green leaves appear on trees and infant flowers rise to life, we can grow in faith toward God and love toward one another. The best way to experience Lent is with a passionate expectation that God will do something new. Of course, this takes work. Perhaps not hard work, but smart work. To discover the new life God promises us, we need to place ourselves in positions to see, hear and feel God's presence.

For those of you who are baseball fans, the direct analogy to spring training is hard to miss. Baseball players will descend on dozens of different fields in the Phoenix Metro area later

this month. Some are veterans and some are rookies. However, every player has something new to learn. Players work on fundamentals such as hitting, throwing and catching — skills they have worked on since childhood. Progress is expected by all. Every team has the same record (0-0) and hope abounds that this year will be a championship year.

Are you ready to get to work expanding your relationship with God and experiencing the “clean heart” that God

*Lent ... a time of new birth,  
new excitement and new challenges!*

can deliver? This can be a championship year for you. Here is the POP pathway:

### 1. Experience Ash Wednesday

(February 10). There is no better way to increase your humility and deep appreciation for God than having the remnants of a burnt-out fire finger-painted on your forehead. When we are honest about our sin before God, the cleansing process begins. This is the most authentic worship service of the year. It is gritty — literally. (See pg. 2)

2. **Participate in Prayer for Renewal (February 11 through March 27).** The POP staff have created daily prayers and scripture readings for you to ponder each day during Lent. Prayer guides are available by e-mail, online or in the narthex. Even if you are already reading the Bible daily or have your own way of doing devotions, these prayers bind our church together by focusing us in the same direction. (See pg. 2)

3. **Wednesday Worship & Lunches (Lunch begins on February 10, worship on February 17).** Each Wednesday during Lent, we will gather for a brief time of worship, prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m., followed by a lunch at 11:30 a.m. Even if you are a working person, you can make this an early lunch hour. (See pg. 2)

4. **Serve Somewhere.** There is no better way to jump start our spiritual lives than doing what Jesus teaches us to do. Find a way to serve others without expectation of reward, recognition or repayment. We have a great opportunity for you right here at POP — participate in the Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon on February 27 (See page 4). Bring your family and friends to serve with you. If you can't make it that day, another great opportunity is to sign up for a food-packing appointment at Feed My Starving Children ([www.fmcs.org](http://www.fmcs.org)).

5. **Healing Prayer (February 7 and 28).** Everybody has someone in their lives who is hurting. Sometimes that person is you. We believe God brings healing to those who suffer. You are invited to come to the altar after worship to lay your concerns before God and have someone pray with you. If you haven't done this before, take a risk! (See pg. 2)

Whatever you do during Lent, do it with the expectation that God is consistently delivering new life. It's Lent. It's spring. It's time for joy.

Peace,

*Pastor Rick*

## ***Focus on Lent***

### **Ash Wednesday Worship, February 10**

Worship with Imposition of Ashes at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### **Prayer for Renewal in Lent**

Pray us forward! During the season of Lent, you can join others in the Prince of Peace community by praying for 10 minutes a day. Prayer guides are available by e-mail, online or in the narthex.

### **Wednesday Worship Services in Lent**

**(February 17 to March 16) 11 a.m.**

Join us for an intentional time of prayer and reflection in Lent. Our worship will be centered on prayer and will include weekly Communion.

### **Wednesday Soup Lunches**

**(February 10 to March 16), 11:30 a.m.**

Join us for some delicious soup and even better conversation in Gangsei Hall. Yes, the lunches begin on Ash Wednesday!

## ***Healing Prayer in February*** ***February 7 and 28***

Are you suffering in body, mind or spirit? Is someone in your life facing a difficult situation or challenge? POP offers healing prayer at the altar directly following the worship services on Sunday, February 7 and Sunday, February 28. We believe God brings healing to all who seek it. In the past five months, we have seen some remarkable answers to the prayers we have offered. Be bold and take a risk. Come to healing prayer!

## ***Souper Bowl of Caring (POP Style)***

On Feb. 7, two professional football teams will square off in the Super Bowl in Houston, TX. On the same day, we will collect your loose change in big metal pots to give to the Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon. Bring your loose change to worship and look for the "heavy metal" laden youth who will be ready to collect it. Together we can make a difference. **This is an ESPECIALLY GOOD LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS!**

## ***Introducing POP's New Intercessory Prayer Group***

**First Meeting: Date TBD**

Under the guidance of Pastor Rick, Prince of Peace is forming a new Intercessory Prayer Group. Our goal is to meet monthly for one hour in the sanctuary to pray for the needs of the people of Prince of Peace, family and friends, our community and the wider world. You can participate in two ways:

1. **Join the group.** If you are interested in growing your own prayer life and have a caring heart, you are welcome to join us. E-mail Pastor Rick for more details (pastorrick@popphoenix.org).
2. **Give us/send us your prayer requests.** Using the "Prayer Request Cards," place them in the new box in the front of the sanctuary each Sunday. You can also send them to us electronically using the new prayer link of the POP website.

THE MESSENGER is printed monthly for the purpose of informing members and friends of upcoming events, 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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Please see the website for individual staff e-mail addresses.

# Final 2016 Pledge Program Update

by Les Holland, Annual Giving Campaign Chair for the POP Church Council

- ✓ 99 Pledge Cards have been turned in.
- ✓ There were six new pledges totaling about \$15,000/year, and there were four new automatic drafts.

	2015	2016	Variance
10% of givers gave...	\$3/week or less	\$10 per week	up 233%
10% of givers gave...	\$100/week or more	\$100 per week	no change
Middle 40% gave...	between \$15 & \$40/week	between \$20 & \$55	up 33 & 33%
Midpoint of giving	\$21/week	\$25/week	up 19%
Average giving	\$43/week	\$64/week	up 49%
Additionally, the net	increase for continuing pledges was 3.9 percent.		

## Save the Date! POP New Member Class Is March 13, 4-7 p.m.!

Note: The class scheduled for Sunday, February 7, has been postponed. Why? February 7 is Super Bowl Sunday. Who plans a church event on the afternoon of Super Bowl Sunday? Please forgive the oversight!

Have you been hanging around Prince of Peace and want to take the next step by becoming an official member of our community? Are you interested in knowing more about our values and direction? Have you been pondering, "What is a Lutheran anyway?" This is the class for you.

Join Pastor Rick and other leaders as we learn more about you and vice versa. The class includes a catered dinner. Childcare is available if you need it. Please RSVP to Pastor Rick (pastorrick@popphoenix.org).

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## Last Chance to Register for Rally in the Valley!

### February 15-16

The dates for Rally in the Valley are nearing and there is still time for you to register. 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 per person. At the time of printing this newsletter, there are not 8 registered from Prince of Peace so the cost remains at \$75. Until we have the final count, turn your form into the church office *without* your registration fee and we will collect it later when we have a final count from Prince of Peace. Questions? Contact Marge Mayes, 602.840.7715 or mtmayes@cox.net.

## Sunday Worship

### Worship Schedule

Worship and Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.  
Adult Education  
10:45 a.m.

### February 7

#### Transfiguration Sunday

"Jesus Alone"

Psalm 99

Luke 9:28-36

Pastor Paul Nelson, preaching

### February 14

#### First Sunday in Lent

"Love in Action"

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:1-13

Jean Whalstrom and Marv Kananen  
(Tanzania Missionaries)

### February 21

#### Second Sunday in Lent

"New Blood"

Psalm 27

Luke 5:1-11

Pastor Paul Nelson, preaching

### February 28

#### Third Sunday in Lent

"Love Your Enemies"

Psalm 63:1-8

Luke 6:27-36

Pastor Rick Sherrill, preaching



**Pastor Paul has free copies of *The Word in Season* daily devotional, in both regular and large print, for the first quarter of 2016.**

# Arcadia Cares: Food for Kids

## Help Hungry Kids



**Saturday, February 27**

With Valentine's Day coming up this month, what better way to warm your heart and do something good for your community than help at the **Second Annual Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon on Saturday, February 27 during the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.!**

Join us at the 2016 packathon and help fight hunger. Prince of Peace members, along with others in the Arcadia community, are invited to participate in assembly line packing of meals which will be distributed to hungry children and their families, both in our local neighborhood and internationally. **The packathon will have one-hour shifts starting at 9 a.m. in the gym.** We are hoping for more than 200 volunteers. Sign up in advance for an hour or two. All ages from three on up are welcome.



### **SPONSORSHIPS AND OTHER DONATIONS NEEDED**

To meet this year's goal of packing 70,000 meals, approximately \$10,500 is required to pay for the cost of the ingredients. A donation of at least \$25 for each adult volunteer is being requested to help cover the ingredient expenses incurred in one hour of packing. Donations can be made in advance of the packathon, or will be gladly taken at the door on February 27. No amount is too small! And if you cannot afford a donation in any amount, your volunteer efforts and giving heart will still be happily accepted and welcomed.



For more information and to volunteer for the packathon, sign up for a sponsorship or make a donation, go online to:

**[www.poppheoenix.org](http://www.poppheoenix.org)**

### **THANK YOU!!**

On January 24, a fund-raiser brunch was held at Prince of Peace featuring an overview from Jesse Ramirez of the Valley View Community Food Bank. Jesse provided information on the process for distributing the meals packed during the 2015 packathon and plans for the fruit from this year's packathon labors, including supplying desperately needed food to local homeless shelters and halfway houses. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation supporting the 2016 packathon. All donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!!



# Youth and Family Ministry NEWS!

## God's Work. Our Hands.



• During Confirmation this month, students wrote special "Good News" notes to those in our congregation who are receiving visits from Pastor Paul ... connecting generations and sharing reminders of God's love!

• The high school youth are making blankets during youth group in support of the refugee family we are helping for our January Passion Project ... remembering there are so many ways to share God's love.

**THANK YOU!!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!! Young people have been out helping in many ways over the past couple months...

• Scandinavian Dinner • POP Water Station • Packathon Brunch, and many other ways. Prince of Peace is SO THANKFUL for the generous hearts of our young people and their families who are always willing to pitch in.

### Summer 2016

6th-8th: Campfirmation, June 26-July 1  
Registration is NOW online!

9th-12th: Cultural Immersion Trip to the Navajo Lutheran Mission, May 27-June 1

## *Middle School (6th-8th)*

### February

2/7 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Confirmation  
2/27 Arcadia Cares — Food for Kidz Packathon  
2/28 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Confirmation

### March

3/13 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Confirmation  
3/13 12:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Offsite Activity

### April

4/3 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Confirmation  
4/9 POP Street Fair  
4/17 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Confirmation

### May

5/15 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Confirmation

## *High School (9th-12th)*

### February

2/21 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. High School Youth Group  
2/27 Arcadia Cares — Food for Kidz Packathon

### March

3/6 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. High School Youth Group

### April

4/9 POP Street Fair  
4/23-24 Peer Ministry Retreat

### May

5/8 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. High School Youth Group



### Faith @ Home!



Discover ways to bring faith...HOME!  
Check out the weekly newsletter and POP social media for ideas and tips for connecting with God wherever you are!



### CONNECT!



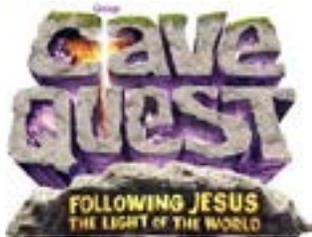
Social Media: Instagram and Facebook  
E-mail Updates:  
E-mail [acox@popphoenix](mailto:acox@popphoenix) to be added to the list for Youth and Family Updates!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Angela Sherrill

## Sunday School Service Project

Our Sunday School children spent an hour making blankets for the homeless. The kids had the opportunity to cut and tie the blankets. We have many people coming to the church in need of blankets during these cold months. Now we have 10 warm blankets ready to give!!



## Vacation Bible School

**"CAVE QUEST"**

**June 6-10**

Registration opens March 1

## Sunday School for February

February 7

9:30 a.m. (one service)

February 14

9:30 a.m. (one service)

February 21

9:30 a.m. (one service)

February 28

9:30 a.m. (one service)

**POP staff plus friends from the congregation spent the morning of January 27 volunteering at Feed My Starving Children. A fun and rewarding experience!!**



# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

## ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

### God's Work. Our Hands.



Justin, Kari & Everette Eller

Prince of Peace is sponsoring the Ellers, who are ELCA missionaries based in Buenos Aires, Argentina and also serve in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Uruguay. For 2015, Prince of Peace submitted \$1,514 to the ELCA in support of the Ellers' ministry. The Ellers appreciate our financial support of their work. We have \$500 in a dedicated account for the Ellers' travel expenses and honorarium when they visit Prince of Peace next year.

### *Staying in Touch*

To learn more about the Ellers and their mission work, check out <http://karieller.weebly.com>. Their e-mail addresses are [justin.eller@elca.org](mailto:justin.eller@elca.org) and [kari.eller@elca.org](mailto:kari.eller@elca.org).

## 2016 Fund for Leaders Golf Clinic



**March 14**

**Stonecreek Golf Club**

4435 E. Paradise Village Pkwy. S  
Phoenix 85302

The Fund for Leaders in Mission (FLIM) has been established to provide full seminary tuition scholarships for all of our 1,400 ELCA seminary students at all eight seminaries. Why is this necessary?

- Average tuition averages \$12,000 per year.
- 70 percent of seminary graduates have accumulated debt that averages \$35,000-\$45,000. Because of this, some cannot accept calls from smaller congregations.
- The ELCA wishes to expand mission activity in the U.S., abroad, and to the Latino community.

***Enjoy a fun day of golf and fellowship  
and help support the scholarship fund!***

### Schedule

11:30 a.m.	Registration & warm-up
1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Start, Scramble Format
5:30 p.m.	No Host Cocktails
6:00 p.m.	Dinner

Entry fee of \$125 includes golf, cart, tee, prizes and dinner.  
To register or for more information, call 480.473.2034.

## ***Follow in the Foot- steps of Martin Luther***

We have a unique opportunity to visit the birthplace of the Reformation, an event that changed Western history, as almost no other. Pastor Paul Nelson will lead an 11-day trip, beginning October 15, 2016, to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The tour will visit Eisenach, Luther's refuge during the stormy days prior to the Reformation; Erfurt, where Luther was ordained; Wittenburg, where Luther nailed his 95 Theses; Berlin, Leipzig, Nuremberg and Augsburg, all points in Luther's journey. The trip ends in Munich, capital of Bavaria.

You may contact Pastor Paul at 602.740.7187 or talk to him on Sundays!



## Sunday Morning Adult Education

"John has the most penetrating gaze into the eternal mysteries and the eternal truths and the very mind of God. Many people find themselves closer to God and to Jesus Christ in John than in any other book in the world." William Barclay, minister and NT scholar

All classes, led by Laura Mitchell, are Sundays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

"Come and see!" John 1:46b

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter for Study and Discussion</u>
February 7	Chapter 11: <i>Mary, Martha, and the Raising of Lazarus</i>
February 14	President's Day weekend — no class
February 21	Chapter 12: <i>An Expensive Anointing and A Grand Entrance</i>
February 28	Chapter 13: <i>Two Kinds of Washing</i>
March 6	Spring Break for SUSD — no class
March 13	Chapter 14: <i>The Promise of the Holy Spirit</i>
March 20	Palm Sunday — no class
March 27	Easter Sunday — no class
April 3	Chapter 15: <i>I am the Vine; You Are the Branches</i>
April 10	Chapter 16: <i>The Work of the Holy Spirit</i>
April 17	Chapter 17: <i>The Prayer of Jesus</i>
April 24	Chapter 18: <i>Betrayal and Arrest</i>
May 1	Chapter 19: <i>The Death of Jesus</i>
May 8	No Class
May 15	Chapter 20: <i>The Hope of the Resurrection!</i>
May 22	Chapter 21: <i>Follow Me</i>

Please bring a Bible and something to write with. Other materials will be provided.

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## Elderberries Outing to Canaan in the Desert



All are welcome to join the Elderberries on Wednesday, Feb. 3, for a visit to the prayer garden of the Evangelical Lutheran nuns. It was established in 1968 as the U.S. branch of the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary which was founded by Basilea Schlink in 1947 in postwar Germany. Pastor Rick will lead a worship service in the chapel following our walk or video tour of the stations of the cross. Then it's on to lunch at Z'Tejas Grill, 10625 N. Tatum Blvd.

Meet in the POP south parking lot to carpool, departing at 9:30 a.m. If you plan to drive on your own, Canaan in the Desert is located at 9849 N. 40th St. Please RSVP to June Larson, 480.948.5874.

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## Wednesday Bible Study Continues

Join us at Prince of Peace Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. as we gather with friends, a cup of coffee and our Bibles ... time for our weekly Bible study! We gather in the choir room and share together how God is speaking the Word to us. Here is your opportunity to share, with previously known and new friends.

## Next Theology Pub

Tuesday, February 23

7 p.m.

Kitchen 56

(3433 N. 56th St.)

Join us for a beverage and conversation centered in scripture. Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Rick (pastorrick@popphoenix.org) so he can make sure you've got a seat at the table.

## President's Report

by Craig Myrmeel

My favorite football team is the Minnesota Vikings. They were fortunate to win their division this year and advance to the playoffs. Soon the playoff winners will face each other in the Super Bowl. Many people have a big Super Bowl party each year (myself included). The largest contract in the NFL last year was with Jay Cutler of the Chicago Bears, worth \$126.7 million. The NFL surpassed \$10 billion in revenue last year and the taxpayers dished out \$7 billion on stadiums (and the NFL is a non-profit just like our church). During football season, I personally spend a lot more time in front of the TV than I do in church. It is amazing that 64 percent of all Americans watch NFL football. On the other hand, only around 20 percent attend church on a regular basis. Maybe if we all wore our favorite jerseys to church and convinced our football friends to join us as a pre-game event, our pews would be overflowing!

*Exodus 34: 13-14. "But rather, you are to tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and cut down their Asherim (for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.)"*

# Preschool News

BY Nicole Hilden



## You are invited to the Annual Preschool Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, February 20, 3-5 p.m.**  
**Gangsei Hall**



- Admission \$5 per person (children under age 2 are free)
- Ice Cream
- Bounce House and Games
- Raffles (tickets are \$2; or 11 for \$20)
- Great Silent Auction Items

This is a great opportunity to help us raise money for new toys and playground equipment for the children at POP. Join us for an afternoon of fun and ice cream and the chance to win some great prizes!

### Fall 2016 Enrollment

Fall 2016 enrollment is in full swing! We are conducting tours of the Preschool for new families throughout the month of February. Please contact the preschool office if you would like to schedule a tour. We look forward to meeting your family!

### Transportation Day

We are looking for unique forms of transportation to be on campus for a very special day on Friday, April 1. If you own or have access to a fun boat, motorcycle, bike, bus, car, golf cart, 4-wheeler, fire truck, police car, horse (or any other form of transportation), we invite you to contact Courteney at the preschool office. The south side of our parking lot will be filled with interesting forms of transportation on that morning. The children are able to get an up-close look at everything and it is an unforgettable experience for them! Thank you for your help.

### Summer Camp

We are planning for an exciting Summer Camp this year! Again, we will offer weekly enrollment to families with children ages 2-5. We have some very fun themes and our goal is to create an exciting and safe experience for your children over the hot Arizona summer. Summer 2016 registration forms will be available online or in the preschool office beginning March 1, 2016.

## News of Members and Friends

### BAPTISMS

January 10 Jayden Joseph Villalobos

### FUNERALS

January 13 Roland Rasmusen

## Roses to...



◆ Kay McCartney and LuAnn Brentlinger for serving on Altar Guild in February.

◆ Teri Traaen and her dinner guests for donating food items for the POP food pantry.

◆ Dorcas Circle for preparing and hosting the memorial lunch for Roland Rasmusen.



## Prince of Peace Street Fair

**April 16**  
**4-6 p.m.**

Proceeds go to support the Youth and Family Ministry at Prince of Peace!

## Greeting Card Rack



The Greeting Card Rack is ready for every and all special occasions that occur during the year. There are plenty of individual all-occasion cards as usual, but Valentine's Day comes this month so you will also find Valentines for your loved ones, special friends or family. Come, take a look!

# Learn the Symptoms of Heart Attacks

by Beth Schneider



February is Heart Awareness month. While it is important to take care of your heart throughout the year, it is helpful to

have a special reminder once a year. There are many topics related to heart health, but one important one is knowing the symptoms of a heart attack. Typical symptoms include:

▼ **CHEST DISCOMFORT OR PAIN.**

It may feel like a tight ache, pressure, fullness, or squeezing in your chest which lasts more than a few minutes. The discomfort may come and go.

▼ **UPPER BODY PAIN WITH OR WITHOUT CHEST DISCOMFORT.**

The pain may spread beyond your chest to your shoulders, arms, back, neck, teeth or jaw.

▼ **STOMACH PAIN.** It may feel like heartburn.

▼ **\*SHORTNESS OF BREATH WITH OR WITHOUT CHEST DISCOMFORT, LASTING 5 TO 10 MINUTES.** This often occurs before chest pain develops.

▼ **\*ANXIETY.** There is a sudden, intense sense of doom or a feeling of having a panic attack for no apparent reason.

▼ **\*LIGHTHEADED.** You are dizzy or feel like you might faint.

▼ **\*SWEATING.** You suddenly break out in a sweat with cold clammy skin.

▼ **\*NAUSEA AND VOMITING.** It is severe and comes on suddenly.

The symptoms marked with an asterisk are those frequently experienced by women.

Women are more likely than men to have silent myocardial infarctions which are heart attacks without any acute symptoms. These are only diagnosed retroactively when subsequent cardiac symptoms occur.

Most heart attacks begin with subtle symptoms which are described as "discomfort" rather than pain. It is important not to downplay any potential symptoms by attributing them to anxiety or indigestion. Although no one knows why, women are more likely to do this than men. Any of the symptoms listed above that last for more than five to ten minutes should result in an immediate trip to the ER or a call to 911. Your physician would much rather that symptoms be a false alarm than for you to wait until it is too late.

## Library News

Olive Kitteridge  
by Elizabeth Stout

Reviewed by Jeanne Knutsen



Olive Kitteridge, a retired math teacher from Crosby, ME, is the prominent character in the book. She doesn't

like the change in her small town nor does she like changes in the world at large. This book contains novelettes portraying the townspeople of Crosby as they live their lives of conflicts, tragedies and joys with Olive's insights into each one. At times you will dislike Olive and in the next instance you might like her or laugh at her perceptions of life. *Olive Kitteridge* offers profound insights into the human condition, a story worth reading.

## Bashas' & Fry's Programs

In 2015, we earned \$855 from the Bashas' chain (including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City) and \$729 from Fry's for a total of \$1,584. This was the first time in the seven years of Prince of Peace's participation in grocery store programs that Bashas' came out on top.

If you need a new reloadable grocery card for the Bashas' family of stores, please let me know. Instructions for participating in the Fry's program are posted on the church's website ([www.popphoenix.org](http://www.popphoenix.org)) under the Giving tab.

Steve Crofton, Coordinator, Bashas' & Fry's grocery store programs  
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## Monthly Attendance and Revenue Report

as of December 31, 2015

	December 2015 (4-week month)	December 2014 (4-week month)
Monthly Attendance	1362	1415
Monthly Offering	\$46,148	\$68,934
Monthly Offering Budget	\$44,246	\$45,546
Variance	\$1,902	\$23,388

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Women's Bible Study- 6:15 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Preschool Chapel- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Greeting Cards- 9:30 am Library- 10 am Communications Mtg- 11 am Knitting Group- 1 pm	Preschool Jam- 9 am <b>Elderberries Outing-</b> 9:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 11 am	Preschool Jam- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Book Club- 11 am	Sew & Tie Quilters- 9 am	Quilters- 9 am
<b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b> Worship- 9:30 am Prayers for Healing Sunday School- 9:30 am Adult Education- 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship- 10:45 am Confirmation- 10:45 am Kid's Bells- 4 pm Adult Bells- 5 pm	Dorcas Circle- 1 pm Grant's Partners- 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #6- 7 pm	Preschool Chapel- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am Library- 10 am Knitting Group- 1 pm Preschool Board- 6 pm Church Council- 7 pm	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Preschool Jam- 9 am Bible Study- 9:30 am <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Worship-</b> 11 am <b>Soup Lunch-</b> 11:30 am Men's Brown Bag Lunch- 11:30 am <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Worship-</b> 7 pm	Preschool Jam- 9 am Firm Believers- 9 am	Sew & Tie Quilters- 9 am	Quilters- 9 am
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