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# The Bells

# **Summer Studies**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The word "vacation" appears nowhere in Scripture. There's never a break from the Word of God. In fact, the opposite is true. A man prospers and bears fruit when he "meditates day and night" on the law of the Lord (Ps. 1). The Lord tells Joshua that the Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth...that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.

And so, this summer, we're not taking a break from God's Word. We will be taking a close look at Epistle of Paul to the Galatians. Galatians has been called the "Magna Carta of Christian Liberty". Because it maintains that only through the grace of God in Christ Jesus does one escape the curse of his sin and of the law and lives a new life, not in bondage or license, but in a genuine freedom of mind and spirit through the power of God.

Galatians was the cornerstone for the Protestant reformation. Luther especially loved it. He called it his Katie Von Bora, for, he said "I am wedded to it". In Luther's hands the book became a mighty weapon in the Reformation arsenal.

Listen to what Luther has to say about this marvelous letter:

"This is not because we want to teach something new or unknown, for by the grace of God Paul is now very well known to you. But it is because, as I often warn you, there is a clear and present danger that the devil may take away from us the pure doctrine of faith and may substitute for it the doctrines of works and of human traditions. It is very necessary, therefore, that this doctrine of faith be continually read and heard in public. No matter how well known it may be or how carefully learned, the devil, our adversary, who prowls around and seeks to devour us (1 Peter 5:8), is not dead. Our flesh also goes on living. Besides, temptations of every sort attack and oppress us on every side. Therefore this doctrine can never be discussed and taught enough. If it is lost and perishes, the whole knowledge of truth, life, and salvation is lost and perishes at the same time. But if it flourishes, everything good flourishes—religion, true worship, the glory of God, and the right knowledge of all things and of all social conditions. To keep from doing nothing, we shall begin again where we broke off, according to the saying (Ecclus. 18:7): "When a man has finished, he is just beginning."

So I hope you'll join me this summer as we examine this letter of light and love and learn from God what it means to be truly free in Christ.

Pastor Michael

Saturday Services will resume June 4!!

#### WORSHIP WITH US

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## **June Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### <u>Birthdays</u>

Willis Voland Chase O'Palka Susan Ozenich Ethan Bendekovic Twila DeThomas Scott Gunther Bill Mallary Ruth Rose Brett Lehocky Helen Miller	1 5 7 7 11 13 15 16 16
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Maggie Dietrich	18
Brad Weedon	18
Karol Kiessling	23
Dan Helkowski	25
Becky Mallary	29

#### **Anniversaries**

Dustin & Stephanie Parker Jeff & Tara Dulski Ron & Karen Doerr Rich & Ethel Clayton Shane & Dana Hankinson Roger & Mary Nuerge Peter & Terri Humphrey Tom & Colleen Sigler	
Tom & Colleen Sigler Eric & Allison Bendekovic	

## **Prayer Concerns**

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

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- Bill Mallary, broken leg in several places after a fall.
- For Rachel Humphrey for chronic back pain.
- Bill Hewlett for recovery.
- ✤ Gene Reddel and Margaret Cron.
- Continued prayers of healing for Twila DeThomas's stepfather and Willis Voland's sister; Betty Ann.
- Terry McCall recovering at home.
- Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Bob Greer (youth leader at Darryl Gunther's former church), Mary Guthrie (wife of Darryl's co-worker), Carol Helkowski, Pastor Michael, Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, Joan Doerr and Mary Jane Christy.
- Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

#### **Baptismal Birthdays**

Beth Lehman	
Avis Miller	1
Jase Wilson	2
Chance Mercier	3
Kyle Borgman	4
Ruthann Weedon	6
Matt Sigler	9
Susan Ozenich	12
Matthew Gunther	13
Jakob Lehman	16
Michael Podeszwa	16
Bobby O'Palka	18
Dana Hankinson	21
Luke Mesing	21
Tanner Mesing	21
Margaret Rombold	24
Karol Kiessling	24
Joan Doerr	25
Jim Nord	27
Joshua Humphrey	28
Milan Fatschel	29

#### PAPER RECYCLING!!!

Please bring unwanted papers, magazines, newspapers and junk mail to the new Yellow bin in the parking lot. Each quarter we get paid according to the number of tons of paper we have.

#### Servants in Ministry

#### **Greeter**

6/5 – Ruth Miller 6/12 – Rich/Ethel Clayton 6/19 – Beau/Twila DeThomas 6/26 – Bill/Becky Mallary

#### <u>Reader</u>

6/5 – Sam Osten 6/12 – Bill Mallary 6/19 – Karl Borgman 6/26 – Tara Dulski

#### <u>Acolyte</u>

6/5 – Cade Skuse 6/12 – Cole Skuse 6/19 – Noah Weedon 6/26 – Hannah Bendekovic

#### <u>Audio Visual</u>

6/5 – Darryl Gunther/ Mike Gremer 6/12 – Stephan Fatschel/ Doug Eckstrom 6/19 – Matthew Muto/ Doug Eckstrom 6/26 – Lynn/Darryl Gunther

#### <u>Altar Guild</u>

Bonnie Keen/Amy Wilson

#### **Prince of Peace**

# **President's word**

With God's help we release the past and live in the present and future. Today's statement is one that we accept as true for us. By accepting God's presence in our lives, we are able to release the past, rather than relive it. The past cannot control our lives because we release it now!

Holding onto hurtful memories would take us down a road that leads nowhere, so we choose a new direction. We turn from a nowhere destination to live in the here and now. We give prayerful attention to thinking positively and focusing on the present moment.

Today is a new day – a day in which we discard the baggage of old habits and limitations. We start anew with God. Following divine guidance I know how it feels to be spiritually alive and in control of my life! I am open and receptive to all of the blessings that God has to offer me. As one door closes another is opening. I say to you farewell to all bad feelings.

"Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

# The Lutheran Hour—June Sermon Schedule

June 5 "Christ's Good News" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz What is the Gospel? It's the good news of God's forgiving love for us, in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 1:11-24)

June 12 **"Not By Your Works"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz God's grace is real and it can change everything, even in our world today. (Galatians 2:15-21, 3:10-14)

June 19 **"No Longer Slaves, But Free"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz The Bible doesn't speak of Utopian dreams or dystopian fears; it delivers the reality of freedom from sin and death. (Galatians 3:23-4:7)

June 26 **"Don't Touch That Dial!"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus In Christ, we find freedom from sin, but not freedom to sin. (Galatians 5:1)

# May Preschool News ... Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Kristina

Well it's hard to believe that our year has come to an end! It has been another great year and it will be hard once again to see the four year olds move on to kindergarten. We are really going to miss them. They are such a special group of kids that have once again touched our hearts! A big thank you to all the parents for all your help over the years! We couldn't do it without you!

## Three year olds

The three year old topic for the month was Under the Sea! We made a jelly fish with it long tentacles. We talked about how fun it is to visit the beach and swim in the ocean! We are so excited for this class to be returning for another fun and exciting year! The three year olds graduated on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The 3 year olds were super Grads and went out with a bang. They did an amazing job and they are officially 4 year olds. We can't wait to see them in September!

## Four year olds

The four year olds topics for the month were outer space and Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. This is a story about all the alphabet and it's a great way to review the letters! The other topic, which was a big hit, was outer space. They really got into it. We learned that we have only eight planets...yes Pluto is now a moon. We learned that the sun is the biggest star! We made a "galaxy of stars in a jar" and made a wish upon a star as we put them in our jars! We blasted off to the moon in our balloon powered rocket ships! The four year old graduation was held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Look out kindergarten...here they come!!!! They all looked so cute in their caps and gowns...a few tears were shed for they all will be missed. It has been amazing watching them grow over the last two years! They have blossomed into beautiful flowers and are ready to take on the next big step...Kindergarten! Thank you for sharing them with us! Thanks to all the parents for their help over the years...it was greatly appreciated! Have a safe and blessed summer! Don't forget to stop in and see your preschool teachers when you can!!! We would love to hear all about kindergarten!

## Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Kristina

## Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila May Preschool News

#### Phil 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength

The end of the school year is in our sights! The month of May left no time to slow down. In the beginning of May we celebrated our Mothers. Our four year olds paid tribute to Mom by singing "You Are My Sunshine". Each Mother received a beautiful rose. We rounded off our Mother's Day celebration with hand made presents and a card. The four year olds made hand painted pottery coffee mugs. Our three year olds made crafts for mom in addition to a card too. The three year olds made MOM a beautiful necklace from their thumbprint into clay. The growing three year olds sang "You Are My Sunshine" too!

Both classes used May to recognize and celebrate all of our students summer birthdays. Academically, we treated May as a month of review, and also finishing up any loose ends in our work books. Each four year old wrote a writing sample to their Mom and Dad in the back of their homework books. The parents will be super surprised! As we prepared every week for graduation, we had to remember letters A-Z, numbers 1-20 both in English and in Spanish, the days of the week, months of the year, and other songs we learned throughout the year. We practiced summer safety in class. During our summer safety sessions we practiced; stranger danger, good hygiene such as wearing the proper sun block, and summer safety for example drinking plenty of water which is good for your body and it will keep you hydrated.

Rounding out May were two very important events; THE END OF THE YEAR PARTY and GRADUATION! The End of the year party was held for the four year old graduating classes as they get ready to embark on Kindergarten. This year we had a barnyard petting zoo with a few animals, a cotton candy machine, face painting, and after the activities everyone had a pizza from Monte Cello's. What a nice way to unwind after nine months of school.

Last but certainly not least; GRADUATION! Our three year olds graduation date was May 26<sup>th</sup>, and our four year olds graduation date was May 27<sup>th</sup>. It's always bitter sweet as we send yet another class on to bigger and better things. Best of Luck to Prince of Peace Pre-School Graduating Class of 2016!

WORK HARD IN KINDERGARTEN...!

WE BID THEE FAREWELL, UNTIL SEPTEMBER...! MANY BLESSINGS, Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

### **Prince of Peace**

## **The Bells**

## **June 2016**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Council Mtg	2 7:00 Choir	3	4 6:30 Holly Communion
5 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	6	7	8 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	9 7:00 Choir	10	11 6:30 Holly Communion
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