

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



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The Victory's Won!

This month's Bells article is written immediately after the four-year-old graduation celebration. May and June are the months of graduations. As I overheard one mother say, "We celebrate three-year-old graduation, four-year-old graduation, kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, and high school graduations. No wonder why college graduations aren't a big deal anymore."

Mixed in with all these celebrations is confirmation, which you've heard me say "isn't a graduation." I fear I may say it too often, yet it is a fact of life that the Church loses members immediately afterwards.

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This is such a prevailing truth in the church, that a number of jokes have sprung up around it, "How do you get rid of mice/cockroaches/bats/ants – whatever pest there is – from the church? Confirm it and you'll never see it again."

The general feeling at any graduation celebration is that learning is over. Obviously this isn't true. Yes, we learn things in high school and college, but we continue learning throughout our lives. In regards to our faith, God wants it this way as well.

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates... take care lest you forget the LORD." (Deu 6:6-12 ESV)

Notice the progression of this passage. The Word of God shall be on *your* heart. Then, *you* teach those words to your children, repeatedly – not just one time. And do it when you sit and when you walk, in other words, all the day long. And then the focus goes back to *you, you* shall have the Word of God before you at all times, lest you forget the Lord.

Martin Luther said, "He who goes on his way thinking that he has faith and has completely mastered its meaning is in a more dangerous condition than he knows nothing about it." Or to put it another way, "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Luther confessed that he himself is "not done with" basic theology. If he does not study it daily, he says "I feel a definite loss because of this neglect. God gave the Word that we should impress it on ourselves and practice it. Without this practice our souls become rusty, as it were, and we lose ourselves."

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In order that we do not "lose ourselves," this summer we're going to study the Formula of Concord. This final confession within the Book of Concord was written to settle some theological controversies that had arisen within the Lutheran church since the death of Martin Luther. We look at how these disputes arose, how some are still affecting our church today, how our Lutheran forefathers refuted their opponents, and, of course, what the Bible has to say upon these matters.

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, I hope you will join me this summer at nine on Sunday's as we delve into this important confessional document.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Beth Lehman	
Jase Wilson	2
Kyle Borgman	4
Ruthann Weedon	6
Susan Ozenich	12
Matthew Gunther	13
Jakob Lehman	16
Michael Podeszwa	16
Dana Hankinson	21
Luke Mesing	21
Tanner Mesing	21
Margaret Rombold	24
Karol Kiessling	24
Jim Nord	27
Joshua Humphrey	28
Milan Fatschel	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Tara Dulski	6
Ron & Karen Doerr	8
Rich & Ethel Clayton	10
Shane & Dana Hankinson	11
Roger & Mary Nuerge	12
Peter & Terri Humphrey	18
Tom & Colleen Sigler	18



SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Greeter

- 4 – Kathy Voland
- 11 – Don/Betty Wunnenberg
- 18 – Milt/Christie Scott
- 25 – Darryl/Lynn Gunther

Reader

- 4 – Kathy Osten
- 11 – Christie Scott
- 18 – George Mesing
- 25 – Mary Podeszwa

Altar Guild

Bonnie Keen/Amy Wilson

Acolyte

- 4 – Ethan Bendekovic
- 11 – Skylar DeThomas
- 18 – Sierrah Altenburg
- 25 – Hannah Bendekovic

*Whoever serves me
must follow me; and
where I am, my
servant also will be.
My Father will
honor the one who
serves me.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please keep the following
members & friends in your
prayers:*

- ✚ Continued prayers of healing for Willis Voland's sister; Betty Ann.
- ✚ Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Carol Helkowski, Milt Scott and Erica Davids.

- ✚ Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- ✚ Lanaya (Granddaughter of Karen & Joe Meinert) for her mental health.
- ✚ Thomas Haffely who was hospitalized for cardiac arrest.
- ✚ Milt Scott recovering from pneumonia.

- ✚ Bill Humphrey, father of Peter and grandfather of Joshua and Rachel who is recovering from surgery.
- ✚ Barb Bishop, leukemia.
- ✚ Jim Garrett, Ethel Clayton's brother, medical concerns.
- ✚ Vicky Pawlak, Sandi Morgan's (great) niece, sudden seizure.

LUTHERAN HOUR – JUNE SCHEDULE

June 4

"Filled, to Overflow!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Isolation, distraction, and pride can lead to spiritual numbness, but Jesus fills us with life that overflows to bless others.
(John 7:37-39)

June 11

"Never Alone"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
You can be certain about the place to meet God, His plan of salvation, and His presence.
(Matthew 28:16-20)

June 18

"Look Back, See What God Has Done"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
God not only kept His side of the bargain-- He kept our side of the bargain, too.
(Exodus 19:2-8)

June 25

"What God Says"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie
Are you listening to what "they" say-- or what God says?
(Isaiah 43:1-3)

THE NEW "ARK ENCOUNTER" TOUR:

Some of the members of Prince of Peace are planning a bus trip to Cincinnati to see the full-size replica of Noah's Ark and to visit the Creation Museum. The Ark is actually built to the dimensions given in the bible. Imagine.... seeing The Ark as Noah and his family saw it! This should be an amazing experience and has been described by some as "life-changing".

This trip is planned for September 11th – 13th. The total cost is \$639 (single). A deposit of \$150 is required.

Of course, there is so much more to this trip. There will be some shopping and more importantly there will be fellowship, and when the members of Prince of Peace get together the word fellowship takes on a whole new meaning. There is love and laughter and lots of fun.

The more of us we can get to join this trip, the more of us there will be to come back and share the experience with our congregation. All are welcome to attend.

Please consider joining us. There is information out on the table in the narthex. Be sure to take a look. Don't miss this opportunity!

If you have any questions please contact Linda Weimer, 724.776.5542

ALTAR GUILD

We are desperately in need of help on Altar Guild. Setting the altar for communion is not anything to fear. It is easy to learn the set up and Pastor Mike seldom has a complaint (if ever). It takes a matter of minutes to set up before a service and to clean up after. Not to mention the joy of the personal time spent with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Time not unlike that spent in prayer and meditation on the blessing of the Lord's Supper.

Please consider volunteering to help us. It is a most rewarding effort. It does not require a college degree, nor does it require references. It involves minimal training and possibly one fifteen-minute meeting per year. No dues and no dress code. The pay is far more than monetary and the hours are of your own choosing. Not to mention the fact that your coworkers are really nice people!

If you are interested please see Kathy Volland before or after a service or call her at 412.491.9390. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!



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Christian Estate Planning Transfers Blessings

Estate planning is often avoided, even among Christians. No one wants to think about death. Many times, difficult choices need to be made and the process can be cumbersome. However, this end-of-life planning is as important of a time for the person who dies as it is for those who are left behind.

Spiritually, proper Christian estate planning protects, projects and transfers the blessings of God's abundant kindness. This kindness can be partially measured by wealth, but wealth doesn't begin to capture relationships, or the sense of meaning that other, more powerful factors quantify.

Each faithful Christian steward designs their charitable estate plan, their own **Lifetime Plan for Giving**, as if they were taking what is intangible (values or fervent hopes) and puts them into a plan that becomes tangible. This can be done today to provide blessings tomorrow for the people they love and the ministries they care about.

Whether naming trusted representatives to stand in for you, or naming exempt charitable entities or charitable trusts to avoid taxes, a Christian steward can take the time to coordinate his or her transfer of wealth in such a way as to bless rather than curse beneficiaries.

A gift to ministry in your plan says that you value God's Word and want to see it taught to your children's children. It communicates that, to you, faith is real, the one thing needful for people to enter in to the kingdom of heaven.

Transferring blessings involves so much more than wealth. It involves miracles that can be transferred to those we love. It fulfills the Great Commission until Christ comes again. For help with completing your Lifetime Plan for Giving, please contact . . . *Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner by email @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or by calling 716-863-4427.*

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Jill's Preschool News

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 25th. 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 topic for the month was outer space. 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 26th. 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. Jill

May Preschool News...Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

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" and "My Mother has a Special Name, its MOMMY". Each Mother received a beautiful rose. We rounded off our Mother's Day celebration with handmade presents and a card. The four year olds made a hand painted pottery MOM coffee mug. Our three year olds made a pot holder and a keychain. 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 wrapping up and review. Each four year old wrote a writing sample to their Mom and Dad on a special paper. The parents were super surprised! As we prepared every week for graduation, we had to remember letters A-Z, numbers 1-20 both in English and 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, and wearing proper sun block along with hydrating with water.

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 students as they get ready to embark on kindergarten. This year we hosted a live animal show. We had the opportunity to see and hear stories about amphibians and mammals. We met a legless lizard, toad, tortoise, scorpion, and a blood boa constrictor. At the end of the show we met a lemur, wolf pup, a baby bear and a male baboon named Ozzy! We have lots of awesome photos and the students loved every minute. The show ended with a questions and answer session. We went inside for pizza and drinks along with cotton candy and face painting. 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 25th, and our four year olds graduated on May 26th. It's always bitter sweet as we send yet another class on to bigger and better things. Best of Luck to Prince of Peace Graduating class of 2017!


WORK HARD IN KINDERGARTEN...!

WE BID THEE FAREWELL, UNTIL SEPTEMBER...!

MANY BLESSINGS,

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

June 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3 6:30 Holy Communion
4 Day of Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	5	6	7 11:00 Bible Study	8	9	10 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
11 1 st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	12	13 6:30 Council	14 11:00 Bible Study	15	16	17 6:30 Holy Communion
18 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	19	20	21 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders Mtg	22	23	24 6:30 Holy Communion
25 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	26	27	28 11:00 Bible Study	29	30	
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