

# The Bells

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## Brotherly Love

Dear Friends in Christ,

You hear remarkable things on the radio. On a recent drive to visit with some of our shut-ins, I heard a "sermon" on Hebrews 13.1 "Let brotherly love abide." During this sermon, the pastor explained that if you loved your brothers and sisters in Christ it was a sign from God that you were saved. He strongly implied that if you did not love, you are not saved.

My immediate thought was, "by that definition I'm not saved. And neither is anyone in the church." Now don't get me wrong, brotherly love is important. True brotherly love is, after all, a reflection of God's love for us. He loves His people not for their attractiveness, but for Christ's sake; therefore, He loves us in spite of our ugliness and vileness. God is patient toward us (2 Peter 3:9) bearing all of our sinfulness, pardoning our iniquities, and call us to be imitators of Him and walk in love. (Eph. 5:1-2) We, too, are to love the saints for Christ's sake, in spite of their ignorance, their ill-temper, their stubbornness, and their sins.

There's a lot of things that get in the way of loving our brothers and sisters in Christ; love of self, love of the world, even our love of family so that those who are related to us by blood are more important to us than those related to us by the blood of Christ. Our pride, our self-righteousness, our thirst for gossip these are all detriments to brotherly love. One of the most serious hindrances to brotherly love is impatience.

False love is glad of any excuse, specious or true, for throwing off the love we are to walk in. We have been called to walk in a manner worthy of the grace given to us by God, with patience, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4.2). Love that withers with a few blasts of malice, or with little silence and neglect is not a love from God. God is merciful, *slow to anger* (Joel 2:13) and we are called to perfect as He is perfect, to be patient with one another in love. The most spiritual Christian on earth is full of sin and the best way of enduring them is to frequently and honestly remind ourselves that we also are full of faults and failings.

And that leads me to my second thought I had while listening to the radio, which was to praise God and give Him thanks. You see, my salvation – our salvation – is not dependent on what we do, on what we feel, or on what we think, but on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:18). He showed His love for us by dying on a cross for our sins. As God's children we are asked to show our love to our brothers and sisters by serving them, and bearing their burdens.

In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Michael

## **The President's Word "COMMUNICATE"**

I am divinely guided in keeping all lines of communication open. A large part of my job is to establish order in both personal and Church relationships by keeping our shared communication running smoothly. We can all help in this pursuit by projecting an air of friendliness and objectivity to our friends and co-workers. In this way, we know that the things that need to be brought out into the open will be discussed in a calm and rational manner.

Communication is also listening to what others have to say. I am open to everyone's ideas, for I know that God speaks to and through all who are willing to listen and communicate.

Open communication with others encourages us to become more relaxed and in harmony with those around us. So let's talk, text, email or call one another. I am here for you. Please remember "The sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." – John 10:3

God's Peace,

Allen Lee

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Most of you have heard that Dana Hankinson has submitted her resignation from Council. As disheartening as this is for our congregation, please continue to pray for peace and harmony within the leadership and membership of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Dana came to Prince of Peace in 2012 and demonstrated her love for the Lord with her voice as she led us in music during the contemporary worship services. She also demonstrated her creative talent helping with VBS and other events we hosted. Most recently, she volunteered to take over my role as Council Secretary in June. Dana's bubbly, fun personality and beautiful voice will be greatly missed in this congregation.

Thank you, Dana, for your brief, but ever delightful friendship and spiritual influence. I pray God will lead you to a loving, caring church family and grant you his grace and mercy in every aspect of your life and future endeavors.

In Christ,

Diane O'Palka

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

Jim Nord	2
Kathleen Ormiston	2
Katrina Podeszwa	2
Jeremy Osten	3
Christie Scott	6
Jeff Kerr	7
Ben Davis	10
Mirka Fatschel	11
Mary Podeszwa	16
Karen McCracken	17
Colton Blank	18
Jeff Doerr	18
Chuck Szabo	18
Nathan Taylor	19
Doug Eckstrom	20
Jase Wilson	23
Matthew Muto	23
Joshua Humphrey	26
Sophia Fatschel	28
Linda Bruce	30
Sandy Parker	31

**Baptismal Birthdays**

Amber Pushak	5
Rachel Humphrey	5
Joan Bowen	8
Ariana Gloeckner	8
Briana Dulski	10
Justin Veloski	10
Minnie Nowry	12
Amy Wilson	12
Ron Nowry	15
Katrina Podeszwa	18
Bonnie Keen	20
Joleen Mesing	20
Jeremy Osten	21
Sierrah Altenburg	22
Ben Forsyth	22
Ethel Clayton	25
Mary Dietrich	26
Patrick Jena	28
Bob Licht	28
Carole Alberts	29
Justin Mengel	30

**Servants in Ministry**

**Greeter**

- 1-OPEN
- 8-Doug/Tammy Eckstrom
- 15-Eric/Luke Bendekovic
- 22-Ed/Sandi Morgan
- 29-Don/Betty Wunnenberg

**Reader**

- 1-Faye Brockmiller
- 8-Mary Nuerge
- 15-Tammy Eckstrom
- 22-George Mesing

**Acolyte**

- 1-Cade Skuse
- 8-Noah Weedon
- 15-Matt Osten
- 22-Jase Wilson
- 29- Carrick Skuse

**Audio Visual**

- 1-D. Gunther/M. Gremer & M. Muto
- 8-S. Fatschel/D. Eckstrom
- 15-J. Ciccone/M. Gremer
- 22-L. Gunther/D. Eckstrom
- 29-M. Muto/D. Gunther & M. Gremer

**Altar Guild**

- Linda Weimer & Mary Nuerge

**Anniversaries**

Tracy & Linda Bruce	15
Brad & Jennifer Weedon	23



**Prayer Concerns**

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

- Prayers for the Shively family for the loss of dear member June Shively
- Prayers for the recent passing of Carol Helkowski's mother and renewed prayers for Carol who is still undergoing treatment for cancer
- Twila DeThomas's 12 year old niece, Khia, diagnosed with osteosarcoma
- Continued prayers of healing for Chuck Taylor, Sue Szabo, Carl Blank, Zelda Parks, Carol Helkowski and Willis Voland's sister Betty Ann
- Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, and Twila DeThomas' stepfather battling cancer.

## **The Lutheran Hour—March Sermon Schedule**

### March 1 **"The True Author of Your Life Story"**

When Christ's story becomes yours by faith, life changes. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

### March 8 **"Lifted Up"**

When sinful pride lays us low, God's grace in Christ lifts us up again. (Psalm 103:8-12)

### March 15 **"The Power of God's Enduring Forgiveness and Grace"**

Jesus offers reconciliation and restoration to those overcome by trouble and regret. (John 16:33)

### March 22 **"No Regrets? Follow Jesus!"**

In the end, forgiven sinners will not regret having followed Jesus. (Matthew 16:21-26)

### March 29 **"Show Me"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Jesus really did die and three days later He really did conquer death through His resurrection. (John 19:17-18)

## **Save the Date!**

Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship at our new event, **Potluck and Bingo Night**. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 10 at 6:30. No money involved, we are playing a few games for prizes. If you would like to join us for food and fun, there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for what you would like to bring to the event. Hope you can join us, the more the merrier.

## **50 + Dinner**

50+ dinners have resumed. We will be meeting at Atria's on Friday, March 20th at 6:00. We have a private room and a good time is had by all. If you would like to join us please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, March 15. If you have any questions you can call Joyce at (724) 591-5475 or Sandy at (724) 846- 9238.

## **Camp Discovery VBS**

Be part of Camp Discovery VBS! This year's VBS will be held **June 15-19**. God's children of all ages will discover that Jesus is at work through us at Camp Discovery VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, gives us courage, gives us His wisdom, saves us, gives us faith, and gives us His love to share through His work in us. At Camp Discovery VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "Jesus is at work through us" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Please call Twila DeThomas at 724.812.3838 or email [twiladethomas@yahoo.com](mailto:twiladethomas@yahoo.com) for more information. Join us to see how Jesus is at work through us!

## **A Letter from Rev. Christopher Ahlman**

Dear fellow baptized at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

I write you this note to thank you for your continued willingness and faithful commitment to actively supporting me in my role and work as Strategic Mission Developer for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Your support in the form of prayer, informing others of the Lord's work through us, and your financial support is always deeply appreciated and mightily assists in advancing the Lord's work of grace and mercy in Leipzig and broader Europe, making a significant, direct impact upon the lives of many people in the name of Christ Jesus.

I thank our God for the relationship that we share. May the Lord bless you as you continue in your supportive role in this vital mission effort.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,  
Rev. Dr. Christopher S. Ahlman  
Strategic Mission Developer, Eurasia

## **Concordia Lutheran Ministries 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show**

Join us on Saturday, May 2 at the Butler Country Club, with all proceeds benefiting the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund, Concordia's charity care fund.

Interested groups can sponsor the event with an advertisement in the program book. Vendor tables are available for \$50, plus 10 percent of the day's proceeds. Last year's event was sold out at 300 guests. Past gift basket themes have included: jewelry, golf, rest & relaxation, German, patriotic, pets, Steelers and many more. Baskets must be valued at a minimum of \$50 and at Concordia by Friday, April 24 for the Basket Auction Previews on the Cabot campus the week of April 27. The event will have a *Daisy Days* theme. Tickets are \$37 and include a hot lunch, valet parking and the fashion show. Fashions by Phyllis will present the style show.

For tickets or more information, contact Concordia Director of Public Relations Shirley Freyer at 724.352.1571, ext. 8266 or [www.concordialm.org](http://www.concordialm.org).

## **UUMC Food Pantry**

Non-perishable food items are still be collected to support Unionville United Methodist Church's food pantry. As a collaborative partner with UUMC we can proudly say that we are assisting in the effort to help local families put food on their table. Thank you for caring about the members of our community and supporting this mission.

## **February Preschool News ... Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Nikki**

Well it's that time of year when summer fever hits and we all are ready for the beach!! The children are having a lot of fun and everyone seems to enjoy coming to school! All the classes love story time and really got into the chapel song this month! They really enjoy singing! They are so much fun to watch too.

So if you haven't seen these little angels in action yet, you need to come to chapel and see them do their thing! Both classes had a pajama party and we all came to school in our jammies! We watched movies, played games and ate some popcorn. A good time was had by all!!!!

The Bible lesson for both classes was about Jesus walking on water. The children did a great job at chapel with their cute fishies on their heads! Kudos to Ms. Twila for a great job.

### **Three year olds**

Our lessons for the month were: Counting, Valentine's Day, and Shadows. We did some shadow matching and shadow dancing! We had so much fun dancing around with our shadows! We counted just about everything we could and they loved coming in to see what we were counting that day! We made some Valentines for our families. They are working hard and some of the things they say are so funny.

### **Four year olds**

The lesson this month was about the five senses! We had so much fun with this and the children really enjoyed it! We played a game called "egg full of sounds". I placed twelve different sounds in a dozen of plastic eggs and they had to guess the sound. Then they brought in their own "egg full of sound"! We had so much fun with this! We also played sound bingo, where they only used their ears to listen. They are doing a great job and we are enjoying them!

The four year olds went on a field trip too this month. We visited Monte Cellos in Cranberry! The kids had a blast and so did the parents and teachers! We ate pizza and subs for breakfast!!!

Each child got to make their very own pizza! We got a tour of the restaurant and saw how a pizza is made. The children loved it and Joe and Vicki Savage, the owners, were so good with the children!

**Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Nikki**

## February Preschool News ... Mrs. Smith & Ms. Twila

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. --James 1:17*

Freezing February to you all! Please pray that our boys and girls in preschool have the opportunity to complete a full week of preschool due to weather delays and cancellations. Springtime is a much-anticipated break from the weather this year. The first few delays were exciting, but by the end of the month we are all ready for a bit of a warm up.

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The month of February was spent reviewing the Bible theme; Jesus Walks on Water. The message was to trust in Christ. This month's theme was a preface leading up to Easter time, which will be devoted to the 12 Apostles, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the end of February we had our Chapel celebration with parents/guardians in the audience. The children sang the song, *Footprints on the Water*. The preschoolers made FISH headbands to wear for Chapel. Thank you to everybody who attended Chapel this month. We always try to thank the friends, families, and neighbors who attend Chapel with our students. The preschoolers feel very special when they have support from their families.

We learned three new letters this month during writing skills. We learned the letters; E, V, and I. During the letter E week we addressed an envelope to send to our valentines later in the month for Valentine's Day. Also, at the beginning of the month we watched carefully as the groundhog, Phil, saw his shadow. We even made Groundhog's Day hats to take home. During the letter V week, we held a teacher run Valentine's Day party filled with crafts, music, games, snacks, and Valentines. Students were also practicing their name recognition skills as they distributed their valentines. During letter I week, students told me where they thought Igloos could be located on a map. You should have heard some of their responses. (Florida, Pennsylvania?) Their imaginations are wonderful!

Both four-year-old classes took a very special fieldtrip in February to visit Monte Cello's of Cranberry. We had a wonderful time making our very own personal pizzas, taking a tour of the many part kitchen, and learning how they make the pizza dough and even grind the cheese for the restaurant. This fieldtrip builds a little bit of independence because they are separated from their parents and no siblings are permitted.

**Just a reminder: we are now accepting 2015-1016 preschool registrations for both three year old and four year old classes.** Please contact one of us at preschool should you have any questions or need the information for someone else. Referrals are ALWAYS appreciated!

Let's hope spring comes in like a LION, but goes out like a LAMB! I think we could all use a break from this weather.

Until Next Month  
Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

**March 2015**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion <i><b>Liturgy Bible Study</b></i> after service	2	3 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	4 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	5 7:00 Choir	6	7 6:30 Holy Communion
8 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion <i><b>Liturgy Bible Study</b></i> after service	9 6:30 Council	10 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	11 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	12 7:00 Choir	13	14 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
15 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion <i><b>Liturgy Bible Study</b></i> after service	16	17 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	18 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	19 7:00 Choir	20 6:00 50+ Dinner @ Atria's	21 6:30 Holy Communion
22 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion <i><b>Liturgy Bible Study</b></i> after service	23	24 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	25 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	26 7:00 Choir	27	28 6:30 Holy Communion
29 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	30	31 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ				