

# The Bells

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a beautiful time of year to be living in Western PA! The fall foliage is really stunning as I make the drive from my home at Conneaut Lake to Prince of Peace and back. This is just another example for me of the wonders of God's creation. It's hard for me to imagine that anyone could really believe that all of this just happened by chance without a Designer (God). I know about chlorophyll and how the leaves change color; I learned that in second grade. The bigger question is **WHY** do they change color? What "evolutionary" advantage is there for some trees to have their leaves change color and fall vs. other trees that stay green all year? Is it all so that the squirrels can have maple seeds to eat in the spring and acorns in the fall and pine cones in the winter? I don't know the answer to that question, but it looks a lot like Someone designed it that way; ...and the squirrels are glad He did. I thank God for all the beauty and the intricate workings of His creation (even after the Fall into sin and the Curse). I can only imagine how awesome it will be to see His perfect creation in heaven.

As I write this we are preparing to celebrate the Reformation of the Christian church begun by Dr. Martin Luther. He restored the most basic Biblical teaching of salvation by Grace alone through Faith alone in Christ alone, which we know through Scripture alone. God inspired prophets and evangelists to write down His plan of salvation for all people. He told us everything we need to know for our salvation, for how He expects us to live, and for our mission in life. Dr. Luther went to great lengths to make the Bible, God's Word, available to common people in their own language. Today anyone can have their own Bible and many families have a lot of Bibles; but how many of us actually pick them up and read them regularly? The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens faith in us, but He works through means: He speaks to us through the conduit of God's Word. That's how He communicates with us. If we don't open and read our Bible, it's like having our phone disconnected ("off the hook" for those who remember land lines). One of the best indicators of the health of a Christian congregation is the percentage of adults involved in Bible study. Ironically, that's an area in which most Lutheran churches need to grow.

Finally, as I've talked with some of you, it seems to me that Prince of Peace would be blessed by some Biblical teaching on Reconciliation and Peacemaking with materials developed by Ted Kober. He is an LCMS lay leader and founder of Ambassadors of Reconciliation, "a non-profit, international ministry founded to equip Lutherans and their churches for living, proclaiming, and cultivating lifestyles of reconciliation. [Their] approach is based upon the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Learn more about us at [www.HisAoR.org](http://www.HisAoR.org)."

Shalom, the Hebrew word for peace, is the deep abiding peace that is rooted in the peace with God earned for us by Jesus on the cross. That kind of peace is missing in the lives of so many people in our world these days. And that is what people are trying to find when they go looking for a church home. People don't want to come to church on Sunday to be part of a conflict. They get enough of that all week at work. Prince of Peace is one of the names the Bible gives to Jesus. By God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we learn to live our lives to reflect our namesake, The Prince of Peace.

See you in church! Bring a friend!—*Pastor Fred*

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

November 1

### **"Who Do You Think You Are?"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Don't just look up, down, or around-look to Jesus Christ for life and salvation.

(Isaiah 51:4-6)

November 8

### **"Do You Know THIS Jesus?"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

If you think Jesus is just one of those very good and capable people who show us a better way to treat others, you haven't really captured who Jesus is.

(Hebrews 9:24-28)

November 15

### **"Readied for That Time"**

Our most advanced technology soon becomes worthless and obsolete, but God has a life for you in Jesus that lasts forever.

(Mark 13:1-13)

November 22

### **"Our Heart-Song of Thanks"**

Heart-songs of praise are sung by those who realize the Lord loves the unlovable and saves those who thought they were beyond saving.

(Ephesians 5:18b-21)

## **Concordia Hosts Vendor Sale**

*Jefferson Twp., Pa.* – Concordia at Cabot will host a Vendor Sale on Wednesday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Haven I Dining Room located at 112 Marwood Road in Cabot (entrance 2A) on the Concordia Lutheran Ministries campus. The sale is open to the public.

The products for sale include crochet jewelry and scarves, recycled fork jewelry, Thirty-One Gifts products, door wreaths, alpaca merchandise, Premier Designs jewelry, baked goods, jelly, salsa and mustards. The Vendor Sale is a fun and easy way to get some holiday shopping out of the way.

Table fees will be donated to Concordia Haven resident activities. Checks, cash and credit cards are acceptable methods of payment. For more information about the Vendor Sale, call Haven Event Coordinator Chantelle Sweeney at 724-352-1571, ext. 8251.

**November Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

Carol Helkowski	3
Christina Noe	4
Tara Dulski	7
Darryl Gunther	7
Pamela Licht	10
Peter Humphrey	13
Dustin Parker	14
Joleen Mesing	16
Betty Haffely	18
Brendan Doerr	19
Avery Noe	20
Gene Reddel	22
Joan Coe	28
Matthew Parker	28
Beau DeThomas, Jr.	30
Joan Doerr	30
Kaitlyn Schultz	30

**Baptismal Birthdays**

Jennifer Ciccone	
Carol Helkowski	
Dan Helkowski	
Rich Clayton	
Hannah Bendekovic	1
Ethan Bendekovic	1
Luke Bendekovic	1
Tom Shively	1
Abigail Miller	1
Cathy Goble	4
Lorena Hamara	8
Joslyn Mesing	12
Tammy Eckstrom	16
Christina Noe	24
Karl Borgman	20
Carole Alberts	27
Tara Dulski	28
Betty Haffely	30

**Anniversaries:**

Ben & Michele Davis	4
Bob & Barbara Blank	21
Charles & Joan Coe	21
Ross & June Shively	26
Milt & Christie Scott	30

**Servants in Ministry**

**Greeter**

- 1- **OPEN**
- 8- Ruth/Avis Miller
- 15- Kathy Voland/Rachel Eckstrom
- 22- **OPEN**
- 29- **OPEN**

**Reader**

- 1-Mary Podeszwa
- 8-Darryl Gunther
- 15-Doug Eckstrom
- 22-Jeff Doerr
- 29-Kathy Osten

**Acolyte**

- 1- Nikolai Podeszwa
- 8- Cade Skuse
- 15- Cole Skuse
- 22- Noah Weedon
- 29- Hannah Bendekovic

**Altar Guild**

- Amy Wilson & Jean Taylor

**Audio Visual**

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

**Prayer Concerns**

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

- Zelda Parks, recovering after a stroke.
- Gene Reddel recovering at home.
- Continued prayers of healing for, Twila DeThomas's stepfather and niece, Willis Voland's sister; Betty Ann and Andy Kostelnik.
- Prayers of comfort for Theresia Olmstead.
- Terry McCall, a preschooler's uncle, who is on life support for an undiagnosed medical condition.
- Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Rich Kardos (Tom & Colleen Sigler's nephew), 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 and Joan Doerr.



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## **So Many Options So Many Reasons**

Charitable giving offers a surprising frontier of options that help express generosity in our hearts. Being generous is what Christians have done for millennia.

The process of gift planning isn't new. However, many people haven't considered how it can help them experience joy in life.

You may be a person who loves supporting the Lord's mission because it gives joyful satisfaction. You may find it challenging to accomplish generous thoughts because it seems like an either-or proposition. How can giving benefit your life or your family's? Perhaps you welcome more thought on ways to give to your family in an appropriate way, that helps them rather than hinders. How is this best designed?

You may look to support specific ministries or to contribute your fair share. In these cases, it may be helpful to know the various avenues available to make this fun and efficient.

Gifts can be given from various assets that haven't been considered. Some trigger tax benefits that enhance a person's position. Appreciated assets can be given with less cost than cash. Portfolio property can be turned into a plan for generosity in ways that bring about surprising financial benefits as well.

The Government has established gifting methods that can allow donors to give away assets that are highly appreciated and avoid the tax on the appreciation. In addition, such gift plans can be established to 'split the interest' or pay income to a donor for a term or for lives. These 'give it twice' agreements offer donors a way to create income and then retain the ultimate distribution to family and ministry.

Gifts can be given and controlled to fund our generosity once our earthly lives are complete and we no longer depend on the property.

Want to explore more joy? Consider a conversation with *Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner* @ [robert.wirth@lfn.org](mailto:robert.wirth@lfn.org) or 716-863-4427.

# Candy For Our Troops

Not sure what to do with your extra Halloween candy? Donate it to our troops overseas. Along with other donated items, care packages will be shipped to men and women serving overseas in all branches of our armed forces.

## **In addition to candy, our troops request the following items:**

Black and white crew socks	Powdered drink mixes	Travel baby wipes
Toiletries/hygiene items	Microwave popcorn	Cup of Noodles
Granola/protein bars	5 Hour Energy Drinks	Books/magazines

Please add notes/letters/pictures of thanks and appreciation with your donations. Our troops love any and all correspondence!!!

## **Donations can be dropped off at the following locations from Nov. 1st-30th**

English Lutheran Church, Zelienople  
Siri's School of the Performing Arts, Harmony  
Caring Place in the Cranberry Township Municipal Bldg  
X-Cel Gymnastics, Cranberry  
Hope Lutheran Church, Cranberry  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Freedom  
Family Sports Center, Butler  
Butler Gymnastics, Butler

## **All ages are invited to join us for packing night!**

**December 4, 2015 6:00 PM**

**English Lutheran Church**

**200 E. Grandview Ave.**

**Zelienople, PA 16063**

Please consider sponsoring 1 care package for our troops. They are \$15.90/package to ship overseas. At an average of 150-200 packages per year, cost is the largest hurdle. Checks can be made payable to English Lutheran Church with CFOT in the memo field and mailed to the church at 200 E. Grandview Ave., Zelienople, PA 16063. For more information, or to learn how you can help, please contact Jennifer Kaufman at 724-766-0817 or [mjkilk@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjkilk@zoominternet.net)

[Like and follow the project on Facebook: Candy For Our Troops](#)

## Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Kristina's Preschool News

Happy Fall to everyone! The leaves are falling and we all know what that means...winter is on its way! We are not ready for the snow at all! All the children have settled into a daily routine and are keeping us very busy! Time sure does fly! We are having so much fun with them and they are all very eager to learn! Although their favorite time of the day is of course SNACK TIME!!!

**3 YEAR OLD CLASS** The three year olds are also working hard on their alphabet books. They love story time and circle time when we sing our songs. We talked about: Growing pumpkins, Fall changes and the many shapes of Halloween! The firemen from Big Knob came for a visit and talked about fire safety. We got to ride in a fire truck too!

We are having such a great time with these young threes. They are so innocent! I love that!

**4 YEAR OLD CLASS** The four year olds topics for the month were: Fire Safety, Growing Pumpkins, Fall changes and Halloween!! We are working hard on our alphabet books and number books. We are also trying to master our cutting skills. It is only October and everyone is doing a great job! They will have it mastered by January. The four year olds took a field trip to Big Knob Fire Station! We learned all about fire safety and got a tour of the station. Lots of neat stuff! Then we went on a ride in a fire truck with sirens and horn in full force! It was awesome!

*Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Kristina*

## Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's Preschool News

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*All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. –Isaiah 54:13*

Welcome Fall!! The month of October was chocked full of teachable moments. First, we celebrated Fire Safety week. Our three year old class received a special visit from Big Knob's own Fire Chief and his fire engine to learn some fire safety tips. Our four year old classes took a field trip to visit the Fire Department and learn fire safety. The highlight of the visit was meeting the department's mascot, "Hydro" a 14 month old Dalmatian dog.

We added three new letters to our writing skills this month; A, O, and H. During letter A week, we focused on Autumn and the changes occurring outside. We also talked about the many kinds of apples and how they taste. Letter O week was a discussion about October as we started creating Halloween arts and crafts. Our four year old class did a fun science experiment with pumpkins. We tested whether a pumpkin will sink or float in water. We made a hypothesis and then followed through to find our actual answer. No matter how big or small a pumpkin is, it will always float in water. In addition, all the preschool classes took a field trip to Yeck's Farm and enjoyed a hayride as well as choosing a pumpkin to take home. Finishing out the month we focused on the letter H. The letter H represented Halloween and the fun costume party we had just in time for trick or treat. A special "Thank you" goes out to the wonderful parents for making this a fun and safe time for our students.

During our Bible study this month we continued to talk about Creation. We asked the kids what God created. Wow, some of the answers were colorful; but helpful to give us an insight as to what we need to teach next. God created everyone equal and beautiful! God gives us rainbows and animals, which are students' favorite answers. When the children participate in the question and answer sessions during class we try to provide a little treat to entice their minds. Lollipops work wonders!

We are always looking for packs of stickers to use in class that coincide with our holidays and special days. If you would like to donate anything to the preschool please purchase packs of stickers for us to use daily!

Until Next Month, May God Bless each and every one of you!  
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

# November 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 All Saints' Day 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion Council Mtg	2	3	4 11:00 Bible Study	5 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	6	7
8 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	9	10	11 11:00 Bible Study	12 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	13	14
15 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	16	17	18 11:00 Bible Study	19 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	20	21
22 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	23	24	25 11:00 Bible Study	26 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> 	27	28
29 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	30					