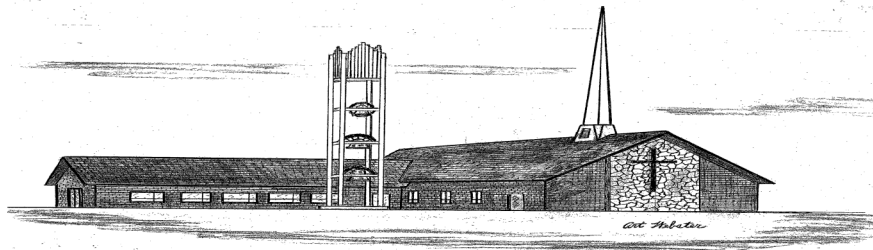


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Purposeful Prayer

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Saturday: 6:30 PM Worship

Sunday: 10:15 AM Worship

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Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the highlights of the Synodical Convention is the chance to see and speak with former classmates, professors and their wives. At the ice cream social, I had the opportunity to speak with Mrs. Gibbs, the wife of one of my exegetical professors.

Now there's something you should know about Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs – they get involved with the seminary students. They were frequent participants at the Friday Night Barbeques – socializing with the Seminary students and their families.

In the course of our conversation, Mrs. Gibbs asked after Mary. And when I told her that Mary wasn't with me, she said, "Well, let her know I'm praying for her." I was a little surprised, after all it's been three years since I graduated – there must be another 150 seminary students and wives who have gone through the Sem. I didn't think she and Mary had been especially close. Why is she praying for Mary?

And so I asked. Mrs. Gibbs said, "Why on Thursdays I pray for all the pastors and their wives." Consider that Dr. Gibbs was called to the Seminary in 1992, that's twenty-one years of seminary students and their families.

I was little stunned, and more than a little humbled as well.

Prayer is a **fundamental** aspect of a Christian's life. We pray not only because God commands us but out of a joyful response to the gifts God has given us. He has promised to hear our prayers. Yet, some of us struggle with developing a regular life of prayer, and that's true for pastors as well. We get caught up in the busyness of life, our families, our friends, our careers and we that time we set aside to pray slips by far too often. So I would like to offer some tips, which I think might prove helpful.

First, set aside time to pray. One of the oldest traditions dating to the 1st century was to pray the Lord's Prayer three times a day. The main principle for doing this is simple: if one assigns hours for prayer, one will pray daily and regularly. This is actually an ancient practice of the church dating to around AD 215, called the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

The Liturgy of Hours is a daily remembrance of the world's story. The rhythm of prayer in the Liturgy is associated with the Passion of Jesus (at 9 a.m. when he was nailed to the tree, at 12 p.m. when darkness fell, and at 3 p.m. when He died). That is the basic, 3-times a day prayer. As you grow in your faith, the Church Fathers suggested you add three more times to pray, at sunset, sunrise and before bed. Sunset signifies the death of Jesus, and sunrise signifies when He rose. The prayer before bed helps us to remember the last things. It reminds us of the "sleep" we have in death in hopes of the resurrection in the morning.

Second, after establishing a daily prayer routine, fix a weekly prayer one. As an example, Mrs. Gibbs prays each Thursday for pastors and their families. On page four of this issue of the Bells, I've included the suggestions from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*.

As we begin this new school year, I hope you join with me walking in faith, and increasing in prayers for others and ourselves.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

Kidz Klub

&

Comrades Of Christ

coming...

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

6:30—8:10 PM

September Menu

September 3

Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad & Sliced Fruit

September 10

Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Cold Veggie Tray, Watermelon Slices

September 17

Chicken Nuggets, Steamed Veggie, Cookies and Ice Cream

September 24

Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Lawrie Borgman	2
Joseph Meinert	4
Betty Wunnenberg	4
Abigail Miller	7
Mary Dietrich	10
Alicia Fessides	14
Doris Mesing	14
Timothy Nord	15
Lynn Gunther	17
Alice Davis	22
Joslyn Mesing	25
Larry Weimer	25
Jennifer Rombold	26
Ron Doerr	27
Jennifer Ciccone	29

Anniversaries

Mike & Joanie Gremer	3
<i>Celebrating 25th Anniversary</i>	
Lisa & Scott Wallace	4
James & Helen Nord	20
Tim & Gina Bishop	25
Ed & Sandi Morgan	28
Doug & Tammy Eckstrom	29

Baptismal Birthdays

Faye Brockmiller	
Carol Helkowski	
Linda Weimer	8
Brittany Young	13
Ruth Rose	14
Erik Doerr	14
Kathy Charlton	14
Trevor Mesing	15
Edna Gaertner	18
Jeffrey Blank	19
Edie Rice	21
Betty Wunnenberg	22
Lisa Wallace	25
Joshua Rombold	27
Adriana Ciccone	29
Maggie Dietrich	29

Servants in Ministry

Greeter:

1-Stephan/Mirka Fatschel
8-Doug/Tammy Eckstrom
15-George/Joleen Mesing
22-Robin/Brittany Young
29-Mary Nuerge/Tara Dulski

Reader:

1-Christie Scott
8-Doug Eckstrom
15-Ron Doerr
22-Tom Sigler
29-Mary Nuerge

Acolyte:

1-Jeremy Osten
8-Ruthann Weedon
15-Kyle Borgman
22-Brendan Doerr
29-Matthew Muto

Flowers:

8-DeThomas
22-Helkowski
29-Eckstrom

Audio Visual:

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

Altar Guild:

Linda Weimer & Amy Wilson

Prayer Concerns:

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- Erich Borgman, concussion
- Shawn Lopez, nephew of Chrissy Nadzam fighting wildfires in Utah
- The friends and family of Dayton Rose who passed away last month
- Margaret Cron, recovering from serious neck, shoulder injuries
- Bill Patterson (Lawrie Borgman's father) recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer
- Sharon, Bill & Becky Mallery's son-in-law's mother, for serious health issues
- Jim Norton, low platelet count
- Bob Trakoval, brother in law of Kathy & Will Volland
- Diane Kopas, cousin of Ed Morgan, Kristanya Zittlow, Milt Scott, Twila DeThomas' stepfather, and Philip Forsyth, battling cancer.

If you would like to receive emails with information on our Prince of Peace prayer chain please call 724.728.3881 or email Rose DeWeese at popluthsecy@comcast.net

The Lutheran Hour

September 1 "**Lean Living**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God frees us from selfishness and challenges us to lead a new way of life, in His name. (Heb. 13:1-11)

September 8 "**God Says, 'Come Home!'**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God calls you to come home to a life He has already made possible for you, a life you can live abundantly by His grace. (Deut. 30:15-20)

September 15 "**Finders Keepers**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Losers and weepers rejoice when Jesus is the Seeker who finds the lost. (Luke 15:1-10)

September 22 "**Keep Calm and Pray On**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God invites us to pray to Him at all times because He hears us and His promises are sure. (1 Tim. 2:1-15)

September 29 "**You Say Either, I Say Either**"
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus (Ephesians 4:10-13)

Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

In the prayers "for others and ourselves," the following suggestions may be used to establish a pattern of daily and weekly prayer.

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons and deaconesses, for missionaries, and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

PRINCE OF PEACE SUNDAY SCHOOL & RALLY DAY

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 8th following the 10:15 AM Worship Service. We will enjoy our annual Pot Luck under the pavilion. The main course and refreshments will be provided, we are asking for salads, side dishes and desserts. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the water fountain, Please indicate what dish you would like to provide on the sign-up sheet that is posted on the bulletin board near the water cooler.

Come join us Sunday mornings starting on September 15th at 9am for a new year of Christian learning and fun!!!

Please return completed registration forms to Church mailbox marked Christian Education, or send an email to jeffdoerr@zoominternet.net

We have the following classes for all ages:

Kids Classes

Name & Age/Grade In School

4 & 5 Year Olds
(Pre School/Kindergarten)

1st & 2nd Grade

3rd & 4th Grade

4th & 5th Grade

7th & 8th Grade (Confirmation)

High School Teens

Adult Classes

Name

Angels Part 2
Leader – George Mesing

Subject (To Be Decided)
Leader – Bill Mallory

Classes begin at 9 am and end at 10 am on Sunday mornings before church service. Church service begins at 10:15 am. On Sunday September 15th we will meet in church first, and then go to our classrooms.

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Doerr at 724-316-0915 or email jeffdoerr@zoominternet.net

We look forward to seeing you!!!!

NEW CASTLE CITY RESCUE MISSION NEEDS YOUR HELP

It is never too early to plan for the Holidays. Especially when planning involves helping those less fortunate.

When we think of Thanksgiving we think of turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce, vegetables etc., all food items familiar to a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner and how thankful we are to enjoy such a feast. But there are hundreds of families in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties who would not be able to enjoy all those traditional Thanksgiving foods if it weren't for the food baskets prepared by the New Castle City Rescue Mission.

Through November 17, Prince of Peace will once again begin collecting various items to help provide a Thanksgiving meal to these less fortunate families in our county and the surrounding counties. A box will be placed in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Last year we collected 897 food items. Let's challenge ourselves to collect 1,000 items. We will be collecting food for 20 weeks.

The following items are needed:

- Large and small cans of pumpkin
- Canned turkey gravy
- Evaporated milk
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Boxes of stuffing
- Pie crust

Packing of the baskets will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Beaver County Christian School in Beaver Falls. Please contact Diane O'Palka at 724-709-8332 if you or your group would be interested in helping to pack baskets.

Thank you for your support.

Financial Peace University

**Coming to POP
Tuesday, September 17th
6:45 —8:30 PM**

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks.

If you would like to order a book to be used in this course, please make your \$93.00 check payable to Prince of Peace (only 1 book per household is needed) and remit to Jennifer Ciccone. Be sure to hold your spot by signing the form posted on the bulletin board across from Rose DeWeese's office or call the office at 724.728.3881.

For more information please visit www.daveramsey.com

Lutherhostel 2013

**Education and Fellowship Opportunities for Adults 55 and Older
"Joyfully Aging"
October 5—8, 2013
Concordia seminary St. Louis, MO**

Register by September 13

Details posted on bulletin board across from Pr. Michael's office or go to www.csl.edu for more information.

September 2013

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 15th Sunday After Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion	2 Millvale Braille	3 AM—Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	4 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	5 7:00 Choir Practice	6	7 6:30 Holy Communion
8 16th Sunday After Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion RALLY DAY <i>following service</i>	9 St. Luke's Braille	10 AM—Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	11 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Council Meeting	12 Forest Hills Braille 7:00 Choir Practice	13	14 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
15 17th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Bible Study 10:15 Holy Communion	16 Haven Braille	17 AM—Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 6:45 PM Financial Peace University	18 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	19 7:00 Choir Practice	20	21 6:30 Holy Communion
22 18th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Bible Study 10:15 Holy Communion	23	24 AM—Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 6:45 PM Financial Peace University	25 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 7:00 Elder's Mtg.	26 7:00 Choir Practice	27	28 6:30 Holy Communion
29 19th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Bible Study 10:15 Holy Communion	30					