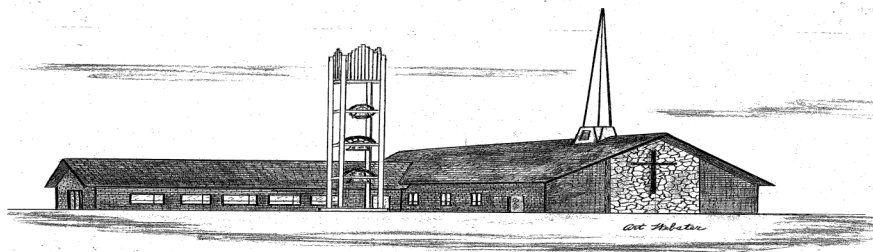


# The Bells

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## Silver & Gold

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### WORSHIP WITH US

**Saturday:** 6:30 PM Worship

**Sunday:** 10:15 AM Worship

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently a friend and fellow pastor shared this amusing story. Note that the names have been altered to protect those who are not innocent, but justified by God.

Phone rings...

Pastor: Good Morning, St. Anonymous Lutheran Church, this is Pastor.

Caller: Hi, do you help people who need money?

Pastor: I'm sorry, we're just a small country church, silver and gold we do not have, but what we do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven! (A paraphrase of Acts 3:6)

Actually, while it's true that his church is a small country church that does not have a lot of resources (like POP), what he did instead was connect the caller up with a support group in the nearest town.

His church, like many small-rural churches today have difficulties helping people in need. Sometimes, they even have trouble making the budget for the commitments they already have. But look at what Paul says about the poverty-stricken churches of Macedonia as he encourages the richer church in Corinth to imitate them: "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord." (2 Cor. 8:3 ESV)

The Macedonians didn't give because it was commanded of them, nor was Paul commanding the Corinthians to give, rather he was encouraging them to excel in this area of their faith as they did in others, that their love may be known to be genuine.

Here at Prince of Peace the majority of our budget is tied up with salaries and health care. Another large chunk of it is dedicated to our grounds and building. But a portion of our budget is dedicated to missions; items that we promise we will fund throughout the year.

But what if... what if we were to increase our charitable giving? What if the portion of our mission budget was increased so that it was equal to all the other items in the budget combined? Think about what we could do to help our neighbors in need. Imagine what we could do to spread the Gospel. We could support missionaries overseas. We could adopt a sister congregation that has greater financial distress than we do. We could..., well, the possibilities are only limited by our imagination.

How do we get to this point? To be honest, I don't know. Right now our income is slightly behind what our expenses are. And if we are to move to this point where our missions are 50% of our budget, it will take years and years of concerted effort on our part.

The first steps will be baby steps. We are going to continue with some of our off-the-books missions, like the support we give to First Trinity or the Food Drive in November. But each month, we will adopt a mission to help us recognize the needs of our neighbors and how we can help them, not only with silver and gold, but with the words of forgiveness in Christ Jesus.

I hope you'll join with me in this endeavor.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Michael

# Tell It on the Mountain

Where Jesus Christ Is Lord

## SAVE THE DATE VBS & COMRADES FOR CHRIST

*June 24 - 28, 2013— Evenings*

*Look at the VBS bulletin board across from Pastor's office for volunteer opportunities and donation requests.*

Email Twila DeThomas to get involved! [twiladethomas@yahoo.com](mailto:twiladethomas@yahoo.com)

### COUPLES DINNER

April's Couples Dinner will be at Atria's, 12980 Perry Hwy., Wexford, on Friday April 19th at 6:00 pm. Atria's takes reservations in advance so we should not have any seating problems this month. Hope you can join us. If you wish to attend please sign up by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You! Joyce Hewlett

### PIANO RECITAL AND HOMEMADE BAKE SALE



Jonathan Selling's Senior Project

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:00pm

*Donations and proceeds from the bake sale benefits  
Seneca Valley Senior High School Library  
in purchasing electronic books for student use.*



**Great music, Great food, and Great Fun!!**

# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Bethany Parker	2
Dean Parker	2
Faye Brockmiller	4
Chaz Lindell	6
Mary Palmquist	7
Carl Blank	9
Bobby O'Palka	9
Ben Applequist	14
Chance Merceir	15
Eric Bendekovic	17
Jim Lugo	19
Sean Veloski	24
Marissa Charlton	25
Sandy Kostelnik	30
Justin Mengel	30
Hannah Schrauder	30
Ruthann Weedon	30

## Baptismal Birthdays

Karen Doerr	1
Natalie Osten	1
Matthew Osten	1
Nathan Taylor	7
Larry Weimer	10
Jeff Kerr	11
Diane O'Palka	12
Mary Podeszwa	14
Genevieve Leonberg	16
Erich Borgman	18
Sandy Parker	19
Ted Fessides	23
Alicia Fessides	23
Mark Fessides	23
Madison Fessides	23
Noah Fessides	23
Crissy Nadzam	23
Chuck Szabo	24
Andrew Wallace	24
John Dietrich	25
Karen McCracken	25
Mary Palmquist	30

## Anniversaries

Crissy & Bob Nadzam –April 10  
Ted & Alicia Fessides April 27

## **Servants in Ministry**

### Reader

7-Jeff Doerr  
14-Sam Osten  
21-Tom Sigler  
28-Kathy Osten

### Greeter

7-Ruth/Avis Miller  
14-Kathy Volland/Rachel Eckstrom  
21-Eric/Luke Bendekovic  
28-Rich/Ethel Clayton

### Acolyte

7-Jeremy Osten  
14-Kyle Borgman  
21-Brendan Doerr  
28-Matthew Muto

### Audio Visual

7-K. Ormiston/D. Eckstrom  
14-S. Fatschel/M. Gremer  
21-L. Gunther/K. Ormiston  
28-D. Gunther/D. Eckstrom

### Altar Guild

Bonnie Keen & Tara Dulski

## Prayer Concerns

*Please keep the following members and friends of Prince of Peace in your prayers:*

- Kristanya Zittlow, diagnosed with breast cancer
- The Kohler/Parks family for the loss of Beverly Kohler
- Edna Gaertner's brother, Dale, still in ICU with pneumonia
- The Lindell family suffering with gluten allergies
- Diane Kopas, cousin of Ed Morgan diagnosed with cancer
- 88 yr. old neighbor of Eric Bendekovic dying of cancer and in extreme pain
- Tammy Eckstrom's mother, Pat Weston, recovering from double mastectomy surgery
- Connie Mannino, Nancy Singleton (Kim's mother), Milt Scott, Twila DeThomas' stepfather, Joanie Gremer, Philip Forsyth, battling cancer.

# The Lutheran Hour

**April 7 "The Eternal Gorilla Test"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
The disciple known as "Doubting Thomas" puts Jesus' resurrection to the Gorilla Test.  
(John 20:19-31)

**April 14 "A Resurrection Do-Over"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
In the redeeming hands of the risen Savior, your life becomes a work of art. (John 21:1-17)

**April 21 "Jesus Christ: God and Good"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
Christ is God and He is good--the Good Shepherd Who gave Himself to save the sheep.  
(John 10:22-30)

**April 28 "Dying for Sheep"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus  
What kind of shepherd dies for the sheep? (John 10:10-11)

## LADIES AREA CHURCH'S SPRING LUNCHEON

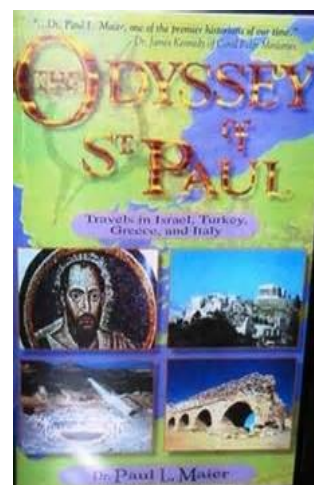
Join us on Friday, May 3rd, 2013 at noon here at Prince of Peace for lunch! Our guest presenter will be Dee Ruckert with Pastel Presentations. Make your reservations by calling the office at 724.728.3881 no later than April 26th. If you have any questions please contact Alice Dietrich at 724.775.3016. Thank you!

## Ladies Thursday Evening Bible Study The Odyssey of St. Paul

On Thursday, April 25, 2013, we will begin an 8-week class to study the journeys of Paul using a seminar on DVD presented by Dr. Paul Maier.

"Filmed entirely on location in Israel, Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, and Italy, this tour covers the life of the Apostle Paul from his birth in Tarsus to his schooling in Jerusalem and conversion on the road to Damascus. Follow all the stations on his mission journeys, as well as his arrest in Jerusalem, imprisonment, and shipwreck voyage to Rome. A running commentary by Dr. Paul Maier makes this both a visual delight and an extremely vivid learning experience."

If you are interested in participating in the exciting study, please contact Kathleen Ormiston.

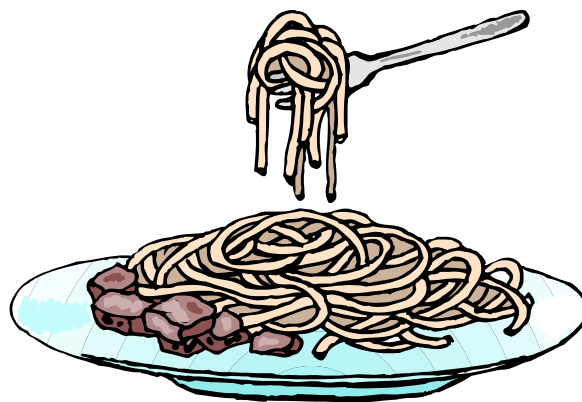


# Spaghetti Dinner

**Benefits Youth Group going to the  
National Youth Gathering**

**Where:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall

**When:** Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> — 11:30am-1:30pm



**Salad**

**Spaghetti (with or without meat sauce)**

**Rolls and Butter/Dessert**

**Beverages: Coffee, tea, lemonade, water**

**Cost: Free Will Offering**

**Call with any questions: (724)-816-6746**



## **Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Chris' Preschool News**

Is it true that spring is right around the corner? We sure hope so! The weather sure doesn't seem to be on our side! That silly ground-hog was WRONG! We have faith though and are hoping it is just around the corner! What a great month we had! It was filled with lots of fun and learning! Time is just flying by and it's hard to believe that our year is coming to an end. The Bible story for both classes was about The Easter Story. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday! We ate green eggs and ham and made our very own hat, like The Cat in The Hat! We read all of our favorite stories by Dr. Seuss too! There are many to choose from too!

### **Three year olds**

The three year old topic for the month was all about transportation. We had so much fun with this. The three year olds are doing such a great job! We started cutting and they are getting really good at it. We made a plane collage, colored a traffic light and made a traffic light that we could eat! They really enjoyed all of our activities this month! It was a lot of fun! They are also finishing up their alphabet books. We are all so ready to get outside and play so that we can release some energy!

### **Four year olds**

The four year olds topic for the month was: All kinds of weather! Some of our projects included a weather wheel and we made a kite and went outside to fly it! That was a lot of fun! We are still working hard on our alphabet books and everyone is doing a great job! Like the three's they too are very anxious to get outside. Hopefully spring is coming soon!

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Chris

## Mrs. Ward & Ms. Twila's Preschool News

"For the winter is passed. The rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up. And the time of the singing of the birds has come."

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

Our first and most important focus this month was Easter. We spent a great deal of time talking and learning about how Jesus died for our sins. We read several books to learn about the Resurrection of Jesus. We also played a gumball game! During snack time, we would talk about what Easter is all about. If the students could recall what we discussed at circle time, they got a gumball! By the end of the month, the boys and girls were telling the Easter story to us! That is an awesome feeling!

"*Oh baby, the places you'll go...*" March is Dr. Seuss month nationally. We spent some class time talking about Dr. Seuss this month and we enjoyed many of his classic books. Both classes tried green eggs and ham. This most certainly brought an uproar of giggles in the classroom. Their faces were priceless when the boys and girls were asked to taste green eggs! We also played "Dr. Dr. Seuss", (Duck, Duck Goose). The three year old class had great fun watching their teachers chase after them!

The four-year old class also focused on all different kinds of weather and St. Patrick's Day. Did March come in like a lion or a lamb? We did some great science experiments in conjunction with this topic. As a consensus, we really like the warm weather, so that we can get out to that playground! We are nearing the end of our alphabet and number books. That means it's time to start reviewing. I can't believe we are getting to that time of the year already!

The three year old class concentrated on all different kinds of transportation and St. Patrick's Day. We discussed the importance of seat belt safety and following signs, such as walk/ do not walk when crossing the street. In addition, we talked about the difference between red, yellow, and green on a traffic light. The boys and girls made edible traffic lights. Yum! As mentioned earlier, the three year old class is also nearing the end of their ABC and 123 books. We will start reviewing and continue to work on writing our letters and numbers.

Until next month...get outside and start enjoying the fresh air, new things growing, and the sound of birds chirping!

Smiling at You,  
Mrs. Ward and Miss Twila

# April 2013

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	1 Millvale Braille	2 AM Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Hebrews Bible Study	3 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	4 7:00 Choir	5	6 10:30 WMC Meeting 6:30 Holy Communion
7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion 2:00 Jonathan Selling's Piano Recital	8 St. Luke's Braille	9 AM Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Hebrews Bible Study	10 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Council	11 Forest Hills Braille 7:00 Choir	12	13 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
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