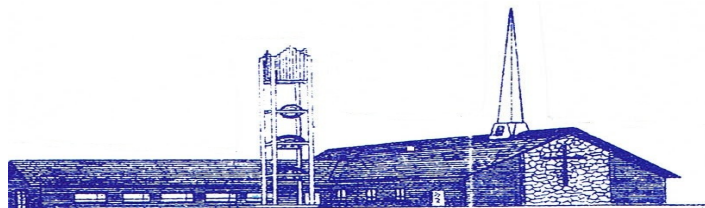


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BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD

Dear Friends in Christ,

As some of you know, I have a fondness for science fiction and fantasy, especially comic book creations. I enjoy being caught up in a world where men and women have powers and abilities beyond that of mere mortals.

One of the principles for this type of literature is that the names and nicknames of characters tell you a lot about who the character is, or what their function is in the story. "Superman", for example, has the nickname "The Man of Steel". From these two descriptions of the character, we assume a lot about his power, might and invincibility.

"Batman" is "The Dark Knight" and "The Caped Crusader." From these names, without ever seeing a picture of the character, we can form an image of who he is, a man who dresses up like a bat, with a big cape – a man who crusades for justice and honor, who puts the needs of others ahead of his own.

I could go on with other characters like "Dr. Doom," "The Human Torch", "Magneto" and "Spiderman". But did you know that this same attribute of literature can be found in the Bible. Names there have meaning. "Noah" means "rest". "Joshua" means "The Lord is my Salvation". "Isaiah" means "the Salvation of Yahweh". We could go one with many of the people in the Bible, but I'd like to go on to the names and titles of God and Jesus.

God is called the "Ancient of Days" and "Everlasting", "The Alpha and the Omega". These names describe God's eternalness, how He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God is also called the "Most High", "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords." These titles place God above every name in heaven and on earth. There is no one greater than He. God is also called "The Lord of Hosts" and "The Almighty", names that reflect the power, majesty and glory of the creator of the universe.

These titles that are ascribed to God are also given to Jesus himself. But Jesus also has unique names. At Christmas, we spoke of "Emmanuel" – "God with us" – a name that comforts us with the very presence of God. Jesus is also called "Logos" – the Word – and here we see that He is the Word of God made flesh. Jesus is "Lord" and "Master", "Light of the World" and "Son of God." In Revelation, He is the "Lion of Judah." These names invoke the power and majesty of God. They imply never-ending strength. They show Jesus to be king and ruler.

But what are we to do with "Lamb of God"? What a strange title - "Lamb of God." Lambs aren't strong or powerful. They're not smart or clever animals. For the man who carries this title, the image is of one who is weak, and powerless.

I invite you this Lenten season, to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at Prince of Peace as we look at the Lamb of God. Beginning Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday night services will look at different aspects of what it means for us and for Jesus to be "The Lamb of God". I hope you will join us.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Michael

Worship with us

Saturday: 6:30 PM Worship
Sunday: 9:00 AM Sunday School
Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM Worship

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SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

ATTENTION: There will be a special Voter's meeting on Sunday, February 26, for the second review AND approval of the Constitution and By-Laws. Final comments will be received at this meeting and a vote to accept the final

A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Hello everyone. It has been a while since I have written anything for *The Bells*, so I thought I would send a note out to the congregation with a few things I'd like to communicate.

First, financial statements for 2011 have been placed in your mail slots at church. Please pick them up, if you have not already done so.

Second, contribution envelopes have also been placed in your mail slots. (It's nice to have big enough mail slots that can actually fit a box of envelopes.) Most of you have already picked those up, but if you haven't, please do so. To cut down on our costs, over the years I have eliminated some people from receiving contribution envelopes, either because you have asked me to do so, or because you have gone a number of years without using your envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes this year, but would like to have some, please talk to me, send me an e-mail (FinancialSecretary@PrinceofPeaceFreedom.com), or place a note in my mail slot at church, and I will provide those to you. We have extras, so I would rather give them out than have them sit in the closet taking up space.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has faithfully given a portion of their treasures to Prince of Peace. Your contributions are what make it possible to continue our ministry, and they are also pleasing to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, as was mentioned at our last Voter's Assembly Meeting, we have seen a decrease in giving from 2010 to 2011. Giving through our envelope offerings decreased by over \$5000 last year, and overall income was \$12,000 below our budget. Because of a surplus that we have in savings accounts, we are still able to pay our bills, but we can't keep doing that forever. Please consider an increase in your giving. Even a few dollars per week can add up to a significant amount. Thank you, Darryl Gunther

NEW PRINCE OF PEACE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you need to send an e-mail message to Pastor or anyone on Council, we have set up new e-mail addresses to make this easier. New addresses (or groups of addresses) have been set up for everyone on the Council, for Pr. Michael, Rose DeWeese (church secretary), the preschool, and for our Elders. These are all xxx@PrinceOfPeaceFreedom.com addresses (upper/lowercase does not matter). They are set up to forward e-mail sent to them to the person's personal addresses, so you don't have to know a person's e-mail address to send them a message. All you have to know is their **position** at Prince of Peace. The following addresses are defined for Council members (each with an @PrinceofPeaceFreedom.com extension):

AudioVisual; ChristianEd; ChurchProperties; Evangelism; Fellowship; FinancialSecretary; HeadElder; Pastor; President; SecretaryCouncil; SocialMinistry; Stewardship; Treasurer; VicePresident; YouthMinistry.

These e-mails get forwarded to the appropriate person's personal e-mail, for example, if you send a message to President@PrinceofPeaceFreedom.com your message will forward to George Mesing's personal account. Then, when we elect a new President we just switch the address that [President @ PrinceofPeaceFreedom.com](mailto:President@PrinceofPeaceFreedom.com) is forwarded to. It should make it easier for everyone, because you don't have to know what anyone's personal e-mail accounts are.

Rose has a separate address – **SecretaryPOP**. In addition, there are a few groups that have been set up. These are: **AllCouncil; AllElders; Preschool**. **AllElders** gets forwarded directly to all elders that have an e-mail account. **AllElders** does **NOT** include Pastor. **AllCouncil** includes all of the above Council addresses, so to send an e-mail to everyone on Council, just send one message to AllCouncil@PrinceofPeaceFreedom.com. Preschool works the same.

Hopefully, that explains how to use the new addresses. If you have questions, let me know. Thank you.
Darryl Gunther

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries:

Scott & Beth Lehman 19

Birthdays:

Bill Kerr 2
Roger Nuerge 2
Avis Miller 3
Jean Taylor 4
Elizabeth Nowry 8
Brett Torres 11
Ben Forsyth 12
Joel Nuerge 12
Justin Nuerge 12
Ariana Gremer 13
Lisa Dietrich 14
Amber Gremer 14
Beverly Kohler 15
Matthew Osten 16
Ronald Nowry 17
Madison Fessides 18
Putri Mesing 19
Minnie Nowry 20
Rich Clayton 21
Madi Daubenspeck 21
Morgan Blank 24
Megan Steigerwald 25
John Dietrich 28
Kyle Borgman 29

SERVANTS

Greeters:

5-George/Joleen Mesing
12-Robin/Brittany young
19-Mary Nuerge/Tara Dulski
26-Tom/Coleen Sigler

Readers:

5-Jennifer Ciccone
12-Darryl Gunther
19-Mary Nuerge
26-Kathleen Ormiston

Acolytes:

5-Brendan Doerr
12-Jane Wilson
19-Jeremy Osten
26-J.P. Humphrey

Audio Visual:

5-Darryl Gunther
12-Kathleen Ormiston
19-Lynn Gunther
26-Jennifer Ciccone

Altar Flowers:

5- Karol Kiessling/Lehocky Family
19- Osten Family

Altar Guild:

Carol Helkowski/Mary Nuerge

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Voland
Tom Sigler
George Mesing 2
Sarah Mannino 5
Jason Bruce 7
Shane Dietrich 7
Jean Taylor 9
Joan Coe 14
Mary Nuerge 15
Joanne Alberti 17
Karen Koenig 20
Kim Singleton 21
Roger Nuerge 22
Kim Caruso 22
Brooke Lehman 22
Lisa Dietrich 24
Jason Mengel 24
Becky Mallary 25
Megan Steigerwald 26
Joel Nuerge 26
Justin Nuerge 26
Karen Meinert 28
Shawn Nowry 28
Jane Wilson 28

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

- Lorie Voland's father, Harvey Ducharme, for his recent passing
- Francine, family friend of Karen & Ron Doerr, battling ovarian cancer
- Jim and Jan, brother & sister in law of Jean Taylor, for recent surgery
- Carl Blank recovering from recent surgery
- The Alberts family for the passing of Ken Alberts
- Minnie Nowry recovering from stroke
- Cliff Teets hospitalized for stroke
- Kim Singleton's uncle & family for support during difficult situations
- Leslie, co-worker of Darryl Gunther for health concerns
- Christina Schuliger and Angela Schwab (friends of Lynn Gunther)
- LuAnn Shonk (Bev Kohler's daughter), lung problems
- Mare Miller, Connie Mannino, Alan Singleton, Joanie Gremer, Philip Forsyth, Marie Teets, battling cancer.
- Buck Patzer



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THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Proclaiming Christ for 75 Years.

February 5 **"God Is Faithful. Get Busy And Wait On The Lord"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

We can wait on God-joyfully, expectantly, hopefully-because we can trust Him.
(Isaiah 40:28-31)



February 12 **"You Can't Muzzle True Joy"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Joy is rooted in a relationship with God. You can't muzzle joy when that joy is connected to Jesus.
(Mark 1:40-45)

February 19

"A Resurrection Glimpse to Empower Your Faith"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Can you fathom what it means that it required the sacrifice of God's own Son in order that you might live, forgiven and redeemed?
(Mark 9:2-11)

February 26—**"Repent"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES



Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? NOW is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended. The spring 2012 Pennsylvania Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are: **March 16-18 at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center, State College, PA** (peaceful resort located in the center of the state) and **Apr. 20-22 at Park Inn by Radisson-Sharon, West Middlesex, PA** (a lovely hotel featuring king beds and in-room hot tubs --1 hour north of Pittsburgh.) Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday afternoon around 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee; plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. If the spring weekends don't fit into your schedule, the two fall Weekends are: September 14-16 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA -- 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA; and October 19-21 at The Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA -- just off Interstate 80, two hours north of Philadelphia. Many say the Weekend was the most fantastic and moving experience of their lives. Registrations are limited, so sign up today to ensure your first choice. To sign up, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register online using your credit card. Or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with a registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



Valentine's Day Dinner with Music & Dancing

Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday, Feb. 11, 5:30 PM

Appetizers at 5:00 PM

Why: Benefits Comrades of Christ Youth Group!
2013 Youth Gathering

The menu is as follows:

Mixed Appetizers / Salad / Chicken / Mashed Potatoes/Rolls and Butter

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Water/ Dessert

Prepared by the renowned chef: WILLIS VOLAND.

BRING YOUR OWN WINE!!

\$15 per person

Babysitting will be provided for your convenience

Donations appreciated.

Tickets are required!! Get your tickets at the Church or call the church office at 724-728-3881 to reserve your tickets.

All reservations must be in by February 5th.



Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Chris's Preschool News

Preschool News

Well it is that time of year again, when we get the snow suits out and dress children over and over again! I love a good snowball fight and making snow angels in the fresh fallen snow! Winter is definitely here! The children are all busy working on their alphabet books and their number books. They have grown in so many ways since the beginning of the school year. You should be very proud! We are! I will say that I do believe that they have spring fever and the teachers do too!!! They have a lot of energy to run off so we have been doing just that. We have been playing musical snowflakes and playing in the fellowship hall with many balls and some hockey nets. Boy they have been enjoying that!!! It's also great exercise for the teachers.

Three year olds

The three year olds lesson for this month was Nursery Rhymes. I was glad to see that some of them knew some! We did some fun activities too. Mitten Matching, Mitten Measurement, Musical Snowflakes, and in honor of the Three Little Kittens, we had some pie—Peanut Butter Pie! Wow did they like that! We even wished upon our own stars! This is such a fun unit to do with them. We had a lot of fun with the kids. Thanks for sharing them with us.

Four year olds

The four year olds lesson for the month are hibernation and rhyming words. Once they caught on to the rhyming, they had a lot of fun with it! We even made up silly rhyming words, like Dr. Seuss is known for! The children had so much fun with this! We discussed the many animals that sleep for the winter and how other animals prepare for the winter and we talked about how we prepare for the winter too. We are still working hard on our number and alphabet books. We have started printing our names in upper and lower case letters. Everyone is doing a great job and time is sure flying.

Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Chris

Mrs. Ward & Ms. Carrie's Preschool News

Special January Birthdays:

Lila Houy ~ January 16th

Jordan Delon ~ January 23rd

Happy 2012!!!!

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. — Psalms 127:3

January was a fun and exciting month at Prince of Peace Preschool! The boys and girls jumped right back in after Christmas break! January flew by and we are gearing up for a very busy February!

The four year olds focused on hibernation for the month of January. We talked about what hibernation means and what animals hibernate for the winter. We read a lot of great stories in conjunction with this topic! We also made a bird feeder! We touched on the winter weather. The boys and girls made edible snowmen and played musical snowflakes! As always, we are continuing to work on our ABC's and 123's in preparation for kindergarten! This month, we discussed rhyming. The children had a fantastic time rhyming words! It's just the little things in life that make us happy.

The three year olds spent the month of January learning about nursery rhymes. We learned all the rhymes, but the three's particularly liked "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "Little Miss Muffet"! They too made edible snowmen! Yum! In addition, we played a mitten matching game. The boys and girls had a great time. They are such a joy to have in class! The three's are continuing to work hard on their ABC's and 123's.

We focused our Bible theme this month on *Obedying the Lord*. The children learned all about what it means to do what the Lord would joyfully want them to do! Until next month....may you stay warm as winter is here! Hurry spring!

Smiling at you!

Mrs. Ward & Ms. Carrie

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 God is in the Laundry Room Bible Study 11:00 <i>Lutheranism</i> 101	2	3	4 6:30 Holy Communion
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 SS/Adult Bible Classes 10:15 Holy Communion	6 7:00 God Loves Moms Bible Study	7 6:30 Kidz Klub 7:00 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Bible Study	8 9:00 God is in the Laundry Room Bible Study 11:00 <i>Lutheranism</i> 101	9 7:00 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Choir	10	11 9:00 Men's Club 5:30 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Dinner</i> ♥♥♥ 6:30 Holy Communion
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 SS/Adult Bible Classes 10:15 Holy Communion	13 7:00 God Loves Moms Bible Study	14 6:30 Kidz Klub 7:00 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Bible Study	15 9:00 God is in the Laundry Room Bible Study 11:00 <i>Lutheranism</i> 101 6:30 Council	16 7:00 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Choir	17	18 6:30 Holy Communion
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