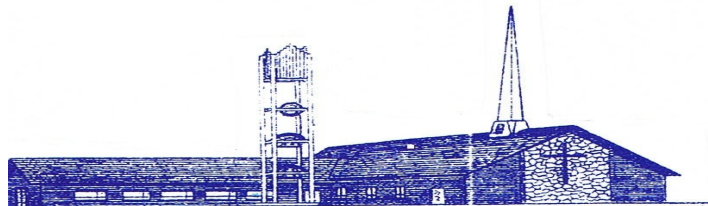


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## PRINCE OF PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Excellent Time

JULY/AUGUST 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

There's a story of a group of explorers deep in the Amazon Jungle. They have lost their compass. Their maps are torn. And they ran out of batteries for the GPS months ago. One day, one of the explorers addresses the group and says, "Well, we don't know where we are. We don't know where we are going. But the good news is, we're making excellent time."

The members of St. Peter's and Trinity had a purpose, a goal in mind many years ago; to serve the community of German immigrants here in the Freedom area, and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ according to correct doctrine. But as those goals were reached, as the two congregations became one, we started to resemble those explorers in the Amazon: sometimes we don't know where we are, sometimes we don't know where we're going, but we were making excellent time.

In order to be good stewards of the God-given gifts that our church possesses, and to help us focus on where we need to be going, the church Council recently held a planning meeting. I'd like to share with you some of the results from this session.

A couple of the things that we discussed concerned where we're at. For example, Prince of Peace is a family friendly church that is open to new members. We do both contemporary and traditional music on a set schedule. We have a preschool. The members of this congregation, over the years, have said, "This is who we are. This is what we do."

In figuring out where we going, the council agreed that we need to be more inward than outward focused at the time being. What this means is that we will have more events, more opportunities to simple "be" together – to grow as a family. We will also have more chances to serve each other within the church. But most especially, we will make sure there are ample opportunities to grow in our faith, to learn the basic principles of God and the more mature doctrines as well.

Does this mean that we're going to forego all attempts to look outward beyond the bounds of our congregation – by no means! One on the items we focused on was how to integrate our preschool with the congregation and use it as an outreach tool. Prince of Peace will always be a welcoming place for newcomers. We're also looking at opportunities in community where we can serve together, such as through Hosanna Industries or other places.

So what can you do at this time? Two things: first, pray. Pray for the wisdom and guidance of God to fall upon the leaders of this church. Pray that we might know the Will of God. Pray for all of us at Prince of Peace, that we are not discouraged by this world, but encouraged through the Word of God.

The other thing, join us. Join us for VBS and clean-up days. Join us for Bible studies and worship. Join us when it's time to mourn and join us when it's time to laugh and sing and play. But come and participate with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is an excellent time for the Christian Church on earth. It is an exciting time. Never before have we had the tools and resources to educate ourselves and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. I look forward to what God brings to 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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## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

### JULY

#### Greeters

1—Doug/Tammy Eckstrom  
8—Bill/Becky Mallary  
15—Ken/Kate McClellan  
22—Ted Fessides/Mark Fessides  
29-Kathy Volland/Rachel Eckstrom

#### Readers

1—Bill Andrews  
8—Jeff Doerr  
15—Tara Dulski  
22—Jennifer Ciccone  
29-Darryl Gunther

#### Altar Guild

Susan Volland/Kathy Volland

#### Acolytes

1—Erich Borgman  
8—Tori Muto  
15—Brendan Doerr  
22—Jeremy Osten  
29-Ruthann Weedon

#### Audio Visual

1-Darryl Gunther/Kathleen Ormiston  
8-Lynn & Scott Gunther/Mike Gremer  
15-Lynn & Scott Gunther/Kathleen Ormiston  
22-Kathleen Ormiston/Doug Eckstrom  
29-Stephan Fatschel/Kathleen Ormiston

#### Flowers

1—Delores Simmons  
8—Lehocky Family  
15—Nuerge Family  
22—Morgan Family

### AUGUST

#### Greeters

5—Wendy/Derek Mengel  
12—Rich/Ethel Clayton  
19—Ed/Sandi Morgan  
26—Darryl/Lynn Gunther

#### Readers

5—Mary Nuerge  
12—Bill Andrews  
19—Milt Scott  
26—Diane O’Palka

#### Altar Guild

Susan Volland  
Amy Wilson & Bev Kohler

#### Acolytes

5—Erich Borgman  
12—Jeremy Osten  
19—Brendan Doerr  
26—Tori Muto

#### Audio Visual

5-Jennifer Ciccone/Doug Eckstrom  
12-Kathleen Ormiston/Mike Gremer  
19-Jennifer Ciccone/Kathleen Ormiston  
26-Darryl Gunther/Doug Eckstrom

#### Flowers

5—Ciccone/Osten Families  
12—Mallary Family  
19—Ciccone Family  
26—Lehocky Family

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Borgman	1
Karl Borgman	2
Scott Lehman	2
Chuck Taylor	2
Robin Young	5
Erik Doerr	7
Barb Blank	8
John Hamara	9
Ed Morgan	9
Bryan Lehocky	12
Sierrah Altenburg	12
Ruth Miller	13
Heather Nuerge	13
Tracy Alberts-Wilde	13
Mary Lehocky	15
Linda Weimer	16
Kathy Charlton	17
Andrew Kostelnik	17
Marcy Dietrich	18
Tammy Eckstrom	21
Lorena Hamara	21
Shawn Mengel	21
Noah Weedon	24
Rachel Eckstrom	25
Helen Nord	27
Jared Rombold	28
Jeffrey Blank	30
Connie Kerr	30
Brittany Young	31

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Edna Gaertner	1
Adriana Ciccone	4
Nikolai Podeszwa	9
Milton Scott	13
Robert Blank	14
Kim Singleton	14
William Waddell	14
Kayla Marr	15
Thomas Shively	15
Carrick Skuse	15
Susan Szabo	17
Charles Coe	21
Wendy Mengel	22
Cari Skuse	26
Lisa Wallace	28
Susan Huber	29
<b>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Ron & Mary Lehocky	5
Andrew & Sandy Kostelnik	12
Terry & Karen Koenig	13
Karl & Lawrie Borgman	20
Bill & Connie Kerr	27
Chuck & Jean Taylor	27
<b>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Sam & Kathy Osten	5
Bill & Becky Mallary	11
Bill & Lisa Andrews	14
Stephan & Mirka Fatschel	15
Carl & Jennifer Ciccone	20

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

<b>JULY</b>	
Sophia Fatschel	8
Lindsay Koenig	8
Alice Davis	9
Craig Volland	12
Brad Lehocky	15
Ashleen McCracken	16
Scott Gunther	16
Zelda Parks	18
Elizabeth Nowry	20
Brett Lehocky	23
Jason Blank	25
June Shively	29
Robin Young	31
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Mary Lehocky	2
Scott Lehman	3
John Hamara	4
Helen Nord	4
Barb Blank	5
Brett Torres	11
Ruth Miller	17
Chase O’Palka	18
Bryan Lehocky	22
Shawn Mengel	22
Rachel Eckstrom	23
Colton Blank	24
Connie Kerr	28

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

- The Fessides family for the passing of Ted’s grandfather
- Twila DeThomas’ stepfather receiving chemo for lung cancer
- Bill Mallary, at home and recovering from surgery for a broken vertebrae
- Faye Brockmiller’s mother, Robbie Couch, as well as Faye’s daughter, & for Faye who was recently attacked by a dog while walking
- Tonya Schoch, friend of Bill Andrews, health concerns
- Christina Schuliger and Angela Schwab (friends of Lynn Gunther)
- LuAnn Shonk (Bev Kohler’s daughter), lung problems
- Francine (family friend of Karen & Ron Doerr), Milt Scott, Mare Miller, Connie Mannino, Alan Singleton, Joanie Gremer, Philip Forsyth, Marie Teets, battling cancer.

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# THE LUTHERAN HOUR

*Proclaiming Christ for 75 Years.*

### July 1 **"Desiring Greatness or God's Strength?"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus brings real power to weakness, real joy to sadness, real hope in the middle of despair. When we feel weak and defeated, God's grace is sufficient for us in all things.

(2 Corinthians 12:1-11)

### July 7 **"Good News...Jesus is Here!"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

When life comes at us too fast, the best news is that Jesus is here for us, even now.

(Mark 5:35-42)

### July 15 **"Truth Suffers and Serves, to Save!"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Truth suffers in this world, not just because the world is evil, but so that the evil world might be saved. (Mark 6:12-17)

### July 22 **"Capacity for Compassion"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Through Christ, God gives us a capacity for compassion--His love in action, through us, for others. (Mark 6:30-34)

### July 29 **"The Redeemer or Rationalization?"**

The Redeemer or rationalization-which one rules your life? (Mark 6:45-52)

### **INSTALLMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

The following members will be installed as Congregational Officers on  
Saturday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st.

*Doug Eckstrom...President*

*Susan Voland...Christian Education*

*Jennifer Ciccone...Stewardship*

*Bill Andrews...Church Elder*

Please remember these individuals in your prayers as they serve  
the ministries they have been elected to.

Our sincerest thanks to *George Mesing* and *Crissy Nadzam*  
for their service and contributions as former Council leaders.

# Eight Reasons Why My Anxiety Is Pointless and Foolish

### 1. God is *near* me to help me.

[Philippians 4:5-6](#): “*The Lord is at hand*; [therefore] do not be anxious about anything, but in *everything* by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

### 2. God *cares* for me.

[1 Peter 5:7](#): “. . . casting all your anxieties on him, because *he cares for you*.”

### 3. My Father in heaven *knows* all my needs and will *supply* all my needs.

[Matthew 6:31-33](#): “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and *your heavenly Father knows that you need them all*. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and *all these things will be added to you*.”

### 4. God *values* me more than birds and grass, which he richly provides for and adorns; how much more will he provide for all my needs!

[Matthew 6:26-30](#): “Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

### 5. The worst someone can do to me is to kill me and take things from me!

[Matthew 6:25](#): “Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” [I.e., you still have eternal life even if you have no food; you will still have a resurrection body even if you are physically deprived.]

[Luke 12:4](#): “Do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.”

[Luke 21:16, 18](#): “Some of you they will put to death. . . . But not a hair of your head will perish.”

[Romans 8:31-32, 35, 38-39](#): “If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? . . . For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

### 6. Anxiety is pointless.

[Matthew 6:27](#): “Which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?” [Answer: no one.]

### 7. Anxiety is worldly.

[Matthew 6:31-32](#): “Do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the *Gentiles* seek after all these things. . . .”

[James 4:4](#): “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

### 8. Tomorrow has enough to worry about and doesn’t need my help.

[Matthew 6:34](#): “Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

[Lamentations 3:23](#): “[God’s mercies] are new every morning.”



## **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.**

**Beginning July 1 through November 11, 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 308 canned items. Let's challenge ourselves to collect 1,000 items. We will be collecting food for 20 weeks. If every member donates 1 can per week we can easily reach surpass that goal.**

**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 and pie crust.**

**Packing of the baskets will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17 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.**

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Education & Fellowship Opportunities for adults 55 and older.

This year the event will be October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup> and will feature speaker, Dr. Joel Biermann.

The topic will be "One King - Two Kingdoms: Living as a Christian American".

For more info call: 314.505.7486 or e-mail: ce@csf.edu

## Stewardship

**Steward** 1. a person who manages another's property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another or others. 2. a person who has charge of the household of another, buying or obtaining food, directing the servants, etc.

... Or a follower of Christ?

Can you find these words that relate to Stewardship?

U E N Z S H T A D C P T O Q L	CARE	PRIORITIZE
P Q P A H I B T P R C O R L C	CHEERFULGIVER	SAVE
T A V E Q N O G I Y H N P E E	ENTRUSTED	SHARE
I E Q M U J E O H G E E H G R	HANDLING	STEWARD
M D E T S U R T N E E T A A A	LOVE	TALENT
E A W W N I F I I S R S N N C	MANAGE	TIME
P R Q I T E L P T M F A S A M	MINISTER	TREASURE
S T U I T D L E R Q U W L M A	MITE	WASTE NOT
X H Z S N N W A Z L L F W U H	ORPHANS	WIDOWS
D E A A A A E V T R G K O N E	OVERSEE	WITNESS
P C H R R E S S J W I D O W S		
Y S K D E X R U S F V Z C J C		
E E S R E V O T V O E V O L H		
M I N I S T E R O X R U K B A		

### BONFIRE & KICK BALL

Join the fun on Saturday July 28th, following 6:30 Worship service for games, kickball and a bonfire complete with s'mores.

Everyone is invited for a night of summer fun!!!

### MID YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

If you would like a mid-year financial statement of your givings for the first half of the year, please let me know. Either see me, put a note in my mailbox, or send an e-mail to:

[darrylg@zoominternet.net](mailto:darrylg@zoominternet.net)

Otherwise, you will only receive a statement at the end of the year.

Thanks! Darryl Gunther

### Movie Night!

Join us Thursday evening July 26th at 7:00 pm to see "Amazing Grace".

From the makers of Ray and acclaimed director Michael Apted, comes the inspiring story of how one man's passion and perseverance changed the world. Based on the true story of William Wilberforce, *Amazing Grace* follows his courageous quest to end the British slave trade. Along the way Wilberforce meets intense opposition from members of Parliament, but his minister John Newton, a reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," urges him to see the cause through.

Everyone is welcome. The film is rated PG, but it may not be a subject young children would find entertaining.

## JULY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 New Member Class 10:15 Holy Communion	2 9:00 Millvale Braille	3 7:00 Bible Study	4	5 7:00 Choir	6	7 6:30 Holy Communion
8 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 New Member Class 10:15 Holy Communion	9 6:00 St. Luke's Braille	10 7:00 Bible Study	11 6:30 Council	12 11:00 Forest Hills Braille 7:00 Choir	13	14 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
15 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion	16 9:00 Haven Braille	17 7:00 Bible Study	18	19 7:00 Choir	20	21 6:30 Holy Communion
22 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion	23	24 7:00 Bible Study	25 7:00 Elder's Mtg.	26 7:00 Choir 7:00 <b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> <b>"Amazing Grace"</b>	27	28 6:30 Holy Communion  <b>FUN NIGHT</b> <b>BONFIRE &amp; KICKBALL</b> Following Service
29 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion	30	31				Page 8



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