

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



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The Kingdom's Here!

We tend to think of entering the Kingdom of God as something that happens in the future, when we die or when we're resurrected. I believe we do that because of the way we connect words in our confessions. We confess in the explanation of the second article of the creed that Jesus has redeemed me "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. "His kingdom" and "everlasting" leads us to assume that we are referring to the age that is to come.

But we're not.

St. Peter writes, *"The end of all things is near. Therefore {you} be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, {you} love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. {You} Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* (1Pe 4:7-10)

While the "end of all things is near," the Kingdom of God is here already. And you, as His heirs, have been has given the gifts of the Spirit. No Christian is without such gifts. These gifts are **NOT** for you, but for your brothers and sisters in Christ and for the world. *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* (1Co 12:7 ESV) Called, baptized, forgiven and equipped, you were given your gifts for the care and comfort of other Christians and to further His kingdom, wherever you are.

No one is without such gifts, although they do vary from person to person. Our gifts for teaching or hospitality or doing "stewardship" – that care and furthering of God's gifts – are as varied in the service of His Church, as they are in are callings outside the congregation.

Stewardship is very much something we're constantly growing into throughout our lifetime. As we study God's Word and hear it preached to us, we "go on to maturity." Heb 6:1 ESV) As you are reading this, you are receiving further instruction in stewardship. *"Be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray."* Notice, "praying" is not considered "optional". (As you grow in the faith, you will pray. It is what a mature Christian does. *"Love each other deeply, offer hospitality to one another."* Why, because this is what Jesus taught us to do, calls us to do and showed us how to do it by dying for our sins.

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We're not all called to be pastors, teachers, treasurers and so on. But we all are called to serve one another by showing grace and extending the hand of Christian fellowship so that in our congregation and life together, we might all "go on to maturity."

"Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

This is what stewardship is all about. It's not about just putting some money into the collection plate. **You** have been the gift of faith and talents to serve Christ through that faith. "Stewardship" is all about you and how Christ uses you, His body, for His service in His kingdom which is here now, to share His Gospel in this time and place.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

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JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

Tyler Borgman	1
Karl Borgman	2
Scott Lehman	2
Chuck Taylor	2
Robin Young	5
Erik Doerr	7
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
Marcy Dietrich	18
Tammy Eckstrom	21
Shawn Mengel	21
Noah Weedon	24
Rachel Eckstrom	25
Helen Nord	27
Brittany Rodman	31

July Anniversaries

Ron & Mary Lehocky	5
Andy & Sandy Kostelnik	12
Karl & Lawrie Borgman	20
Wendy & Chuck Liston	26
Chuck & Jean Taylor	27

July Baptismal Birthdays

Brad Weedon	
Sophia Fatschel	8
Alice Davis	9
Brad Lehocky	15
Scott Gunther	16
Brett Lehocky	23
Karl Borgman	31
Robin Young	31



August Birthdays

Edna Gaertner	1
Nikolai Podeszwa	9
Milt Scott	13
Kim Singleton	14
Carrick Skuse	15
Susan Szabo	17
Charles Coe	21
Wendy Liston	22
Cari Skuse	26

August Anniversaries

Sam & Kathy Osten	5
Bill & Becky Mallary	11
Stephan & Mirka Fatschel	15

August Baptismal Birthdays

Mary Lehocky	2
Scott Lehman	3
John Hamara	4
Helen Nord	4
Ruth Miller	17
Nikolai Podeszwa	17
Bryan Lehocky	22
Shawn Mengel	22
Rachel Eckstrom	23

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- ❖ Continued prayers of healing for Willis Voland's sister; Betty Ann.
- ❖ Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Carol Helkowski, Milt Scott and Erica Davids.
- ❖ Barb Bishop, leukemia.
- ❖ Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- ❖ Lanaya (Granddaughter of Karen & Joe Meinert) for her mental health.
- ❖ Vicky Pawlak, Sandi Morgan's (great) niece, sudden seizure.
- ❖ Khia, (Twila DeThomas's niece), and Dave, (Twila's stepfather), both with recurring lung cancer.
- ❖ Mary Lou, Kathy Voland's sister, serious heart and kidney problems.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Whoever serves me
must follow me; and
where I am, my
servant also will be.
My Father will
honor the one who
serves me.

JULY

Altar Guild –Susan Ozenich

Greeters

2-Stephan/Mirka Fatschel
9-Tom/Colleen Sigler
16-Doug/Tammy Eckstrom
23-Ed/Sandi Morgan
30-Ruth Miller/Matthew Gunther

Readers

2-Milt Scott
9-Sam Osten
16-Karl Borgman
23-Tammy Eckstrom
30-Bill Mallary

Acolytes

2- Nikolai Podeszwa
9- Ethan Bendekovic
16-Skylar DeThomas
23- Hannah Bendekovic
30- Nikolai Podeszwa

AUGUST

Altar Guild – Amy Wilson

Greeters

6-Rich/Ethel Clayton
13-Beau/Twila DeThomas
20-Bill/Becky Mallary
27-Kathy Voland

Readers

6-Peter Humphrey
13-Darryl Gunther
20-Doug Eckstrom
27-Kathy Osten

Acolytes

6- Ethan Bendekovic
13- Skylar DeThomas
20- Hannah Bendekovic
27- Nikolai Podeszwa

LUTHERAN HOUR – JULY SCHEDULE

July 2

"Serving in the Power of the Spirit"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Because Christ has paid our debt, we are no longer
captive to sin but are free to live for others, in His
name.

(7:1-13)

July 9

"Living as Christ's Person in Repentance and Faith"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Life out of control? Turn to God in repentance and
faith. Let Him act before you do.

(7:14-25)

July 16

"The Power of a Spirit-Given Adoption!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
God provides for your adoption into His family,

by grace through faith in Jesus and by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

(8:18-25)

July 23

"Overcoming This World's Obstacles"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Despite all the world's brokenness, God has
something better in store for us, through Christ.

(8:18-25)

July 30

"Confidence to Face Whatever Comes Our Way "

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
No matter what life throws our way, God
promises that His eternal purposes can never be
thwarted.

(8:28-39)

THE NEW "ARK ENCOUNTER" TOUR:

Some of the members of Prince of Peace are planning a bus trip to Cincinnati to see the full-size replica of Noah's Ark and to visit the Creation Museum. The Ark is actually built to the dimensions given in the bible. Imagine.... seeing The Ark as Noah and his family saw it! This should be an amazing experience and has been described by some as "life-changing".

This trip is planned for September 11th – 13th. The total cost is \$639 (single). A deposit of \$150 is required.

Of course, there is so much more to this trip. There will be some shopping and more importantly there will be fellowship, and when the members of Prince of Peace get together the word fellowship takes on a whole new meaning. There is love and laughter and lots of fun.

The more of us we can get to join this trip, the more of us there will be to come back and share the experience with our congregation. All are welcome to attend.

Please consider joining us. There is information out on the table in the narthex. Be sure to take a look. Don't miss this opportunity!

If you have any questions please contact Linda Weimer, 724.776.5542

ALTAR GUILD

We are desperately in need of help on Altar Guild. Setting the altar for communion is not anything to fear. It is easy to learn the set up and Pastor Mike seldom has a complaint (if ever). It takes a matter of minutes to set up before a service and to clean up after. Not to mention the joy of the personal time spent with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Time not unlike that spent in prayer and meditation on the blessing of the Lord's Supper.

Please consider volunteering to help us. It is a most rewarding effort. It does not require a college degree, nor does it require references. It involves minimal training and possibly one fifteen-minute meeting per year. No dues and no dress code. The pay is far more than monetary and the hours are of your own choosing. Not to mention the fact that your coworkers are really nice people!

If you are interested please see Kathy Volland before or after a service or call her at 412.491.9390. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!



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Relational Stewardship

Relationships are a deeply cherished aspect of life for most of us. We are emotional creatures who depend on relationships to define joy or sorrow, satisfaction or want, emptiness, loneliness or fulfillment. People spend countless hours trying to master relationships (relational stewardship).

Learning how to steward relationships begins even before a child is born. It continues in the home. Children watch their parents and other family members interact. If the father protects mother and children, treating them in such a way that they flourish to be all that they were created to be, then children learn to treat others with loving kindness and forgiveness.

If a mother nurtures and cares for father and children so they can flourish to be all that they were created to be, then children will also learn to treat others so they know they are treasured.

When people treat their friends with respect, honesty and support, they are also helping them flourish and achieve their full potential.

God has created an eternal relationship with us in Jesus Christ. This relationship gives harmony, confidence and immortality. This gift makes known to the world the great depth and vastness of God's love for His creation.

Each person has a lasting opportunity to care for their relationships with family, others and ministries by developing an intentional plan to transfer their estate to others as a blessing.

Managing or stewarding relationships isn't always easy. Yet, it is one of the most important aspects of life that can be managed. Stewarding relationships helps the people you love and the ministries you care about to be all that God created them, in His love, to be! . . . *For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427.*

Installment of Congregational Officers

The following Prince of Peace members have been installed as Congregational Officers:

Vice President: Doug Eckstrom
Social Ministry: Ethel Clayton
Youth: Allen Lee
Elders: Allen Lee

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

Blessings and thanks to Milt Scott, Ron Doerr, Sam Osten and Eric Bendekovic for their service, hard work and endless contributions as former Council members.

The following positions still remain open: Financial Secretary, Church Properties, Treasurer and Stewardship. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to lead and serve in this capacity.

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 6:30 Holy Communion
2 4 TH Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion Pot Luck Dinner after service	3	4	5 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	6	7	8 6:30 Holy Communion
9 5 TH Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	10	11 6:30 Council Mtg	12 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	13	14	15 6:30 Holy Communion
16 6 TH Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	17	18	19 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	20	21	22 6:30 Holy Communion
23 7 TH Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	24	25	26 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Elders	27	28	29 6:30 Holy Communion
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