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PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

Dear Friends in Christ,

My grandfather had a hat; on it was written, "I'm in charge. I don't know where I'm going, I don't know where I'm at, but I'm in charge." It is a funny commentary on the perils of leadership, one that I appreciate more each day.

We, at Prince of Peace, are going through a time of change and transition. Where we should put our resources and what goals should we meet often baffle our leadership. So, in order to help us through this time our church will be gathering information to guide our decisions for the future. At the recent Voter's Meeting, we agreed to move forward with HolyCow! Consulting to help us gather that information and to plan our future.

The first step is to conduct a congregational assessment. This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. The tool we'll use is the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), which will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at Prince of Peace and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future.

We're asking all those who are "invested and able" to take the survey. A person demonstrates their investment in the future of the church through some combination of worship attendance, participation/leadership in ministry/education, and/or financial support. An able person is someone with the maturity and experience in the church to understand the importance of the assessment and who can accurately interpret the questions. They must also possess the ability to complete the assessment in one sitting.

Your response is very important. The more surveys that are completed, the more complete the picture is of the state of Prince and the direction we wish to go. We have set aside the entire month of June in order to complete the survey. The primary method of taking the survey is on-line, but paper copies will be available.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. The assessment will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Please set aside enough time to complete the survey all at one time. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Willis Voland	1
Chase O’Palka	5
Susan Ozenich	5
Ethan Bendekovic	7
Twila DeThomas	7
Scott Gunther	11
Bill Mallary	13
Ruth Rose	15
Brett Lehocky	16
Helen Miller	16
Maggie Dietrich	18
Brad Weedon	18
Karol Kiessling	23
Dan Helkowski	25
Becky Mallary	29

Baptismal Birthdays

Beth Lehman	1
Avis Miller	1
Jase Wilson	2
Chance Mercier	3
Kyle Borgman	4
Ruthann Weedon	6
Matt Sigler	9
Susan Ozenich	12
Matthew Gunther	13
Jakob Lehman	16
Michael Podeszwa	16
Bobby O’Palka	18
Dana Hankinson	26
Luke Mesing	21
Tanner Mesing	21
Margaret Rombold	24
Karol Kiessling	24
Joan Doerr	24
Jim Nord	27
Joshua Humphrey	28
Milan Fatschel	29

Servants in Ministry

Greeter

- 7-Robin/Brittany Young
- 14-Mary Nuerge/Tara Dulski
- 21-Tom/Colleen Sigler
- 28-Don/Betty Wunnenberg

Reader

- 7-Sam Osten
- 14-Bill Mallary
- 21-Peter Humphrey
- 28-Karl Borgman

Acolyte

- 7-T. Borgman
- 14-Cole Skuse
- 21-Cade Skuse
- 28-Noah Weedon

Audio Visual

- 3-D. Gunther/D. Eckstrom
- 10-S. Fatschel/M. Gremer
- 17-Lynn & Darryl Gunther
- 24-D. Gunther/M. Gremer
- 31-M. Muto/D. Gunther

Altar Guild

- Becky Mallary
- Kathy Voland &
- Linda Weimer

Anniversaries

Dustin & Stephanie Parker	1
Jeff & Tara Dulski	6
Ron & Karen Doerr	8
Rich & Ethel Clayton	10
Shane & Dana Hankinson	11
Roger & Mary Nuerge	12
Peter & Terri Humphrey	18
Tom & Colleen Sigler	18
Eric & Allison Bendekovic	23



Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- Please continue your prayers for Lynn Melberg who entered Good Samaritan Hospice last week and is unresponsive
- Ruth Miller, recently hospitalized
- Judy Riesel, friend of Bill and Becky Mallary, who recently had surgery
- Sandi Morgan’s Godchild, Authmn Barbary, for a high risk pregnancy
- Continued prayers of healing for Angel Merkle, Twila DeThomas’s stepfather and niece, Sue Szabo’s mother, Delores Ober, Chuck Taylor, Sue Szabo, Carl Blank, Zelda Parks, and Willis Voland’s sister, Betty Ann
- Prayers for those battling cancer: Rich Kardos (Tom & Collen Sigler’s nephew), Bob Greer (youth leader at Darryl Gunther’s former church), Mary Guthrie (wife of Darryl’s co-worker), Carol Helkowski, Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, and Twila DeThomas’ stepfather

The President's Word "LOVE"

We are a radiating center of our love. Love fills us and flows out from us to others. Love shines in our thoughts, lifts our hearts, heals our body and fills our life. We are divinely irresistible, for love is a magnet that draws blessing after blessing to us.

We radiate love wherever we go, whatever we do. We are a blessing to ourselves and others. Divine love is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

I love all of God's creations, seeing in each one the glory of God's spirit. I bless and encourage all who come into my life. The radiance of divine love shines in us, for us and through us to bless our world and we are thankful to God for this glorious gift of LOVE.

God's love is with me at all times and in all places. Wherever I am, GOD IS! Wherever I go GOD goes with me. Whatever I have to do, GOD is working through me to accomplish great things. Let GOD love you.

I am here for you. Have a wonderful summer.

"God said this is my commandment, that you Love one another as I have Loved You."
John 15:12

The Lutheran Hour—JUNE Sermon Schedule

June 7 - "**Life Under God's Construction**"

Do you see a "Road Construction Ahead" sign? Did God put it there? (2 Cor. 4:13-5:1)

June 14 - "**God's Great Work of Faith**"

Faith is God's work, not ours. (Mark 4)

June 21 - "**God's Ballast of Blessing**"

When the waves begin to rock your boat, is Christ in the boat with you? (Mark 4:35-41)

June 28 - "**You Aren't Perfect**"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

We aren't perfect and we can't change, but we can receive the benefits of Christ's perfection and sacrifice. (Matthew 5:43-48)

Why Charitable, Christian Planning Reflects our Faith...

The opportunity to include charitable giving in the estate planning of U.S. citizens is largely overlooked by the vast majority of people in our nation. When they pass property from one generation to another, those who take advantage of remembering charitable organizations not only give their families a firsthand example of generosity that makes the world a better place for succeeding heirs, they literally pass on a legacy that extends the Biblical calling to be a blessing.

Statistically, only 8% of U. S. estates that are documented include a charitable gift. Prince of Peace hopes to put the idea of charitable planning in the forefront of the minds of Christian people. It is expected that more people with baptismal faith should include charitable causes that align with their highest values if the idea was 'top of mind' or more prevalent when they completed their plans.

We hope that more people will continue to do in their death what they have done during their entire lives; namely share love with family members and support the work of the Lord. But such giving must be planned while one is able to plan. If a person waits until they are no longer able to make their own decisions or until they die, charitable planning is not likely to happen.

Among the benefits of charitable gift planning are conserving taxes, assuring principal and income for family members and providing the joy that comes with fulfilling the Great Commission and living outside of self, even in ones entry into eternal peace.

Charitable gift planning involves the spiritual stewardship process of looking at a person's economic situation with a trained guide who shares your faith and helps you discern relevant options, and then supports you and your advisors to identify the opportunities and planning options that work best. Contrary to popular myth, a person can witness their faith and support ministries without disinheriting their family.

In charitable gift planning, you will discover useful options that can bring blessings to your home; including beneficial options to avoid tax traps with qualified retirement account plans.

Learn more from Robert Wirth, Gift Planner and our partner, the LCMS Foundation. We can walk you through the gift planning process confidentially. robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427.



**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

CAMP DISCOVERY

June 15-19, 2015

6:00 – 8:15 pm

Ages 4 & UP!!!!

**\$5.00 Donation will be collected on Monday, June 15th
Register Now!**

Forms located in Narthex or call 724.728.3881

Sing upbeat songs

Create crafts

Play games

Participate in Bible lessons

Still looking for volunteers.

**If you can lend a hand please contact Twila DeThomas at
twiladethomas@yahoo.com**



SAVE THE DATE!!!!
PRESIDENT'S PICNIC



Sunday, August 9
Immediately following service

Menu:

Beef Hot dogs, Corn on the Cob
Pork Roast & Beef Roast



Horseshoes, Badminton, Volleyball
& Fellowship

More details in next month's issue!

May Preschool News . . . Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Nikki

Well it's hard to believe that our year has come to an end! It has been another great year and it will be hard once again to see the four year olds move on to kindergarten. We are really going to miss them. They are such a special group of kids that have once again touched our hearts! A big thank you to all the parents for all your help over the years! We couldn't do it without you!

Three year olds

The three year old topic for the month was Under the Sea! We made a jelly fish with it long tentacles. We talked about how fun it is to visit the beach and swim in the ocean! We are so excited for this class to be returning for another fun and exciting year! The three year olds graduated on May 21st. They are now officially FOUR YEAR OLDS! Thanks to all the parents for baking cookies for the graduation. They were delicious! Keep on Shining!

Four year olds

The four year olds topics for the month were outer space and Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. This is a story about all the alphabet and it's a great way to review the letters! The other topic, which was a big hit, was outer space. They really got into it. We learned that we have only eight planets...yes Pluto is now a moon. We learned that the sun is the biggest star! We made a "galaxy of stars in a jar" and made a wish upon a star as we put them in our jars! We blasted off to the moon in our balloon powered rocket ships! The four year old graduation was held on May 22nd. Look out kindergarten...here they come!!!! They all looked so cute in their caps and gowns...a few tears were shed for they all will be missed. It has been amazing watching them grow over the last two years! They have blossomed into beautiful flowers and are ready to take on the next big step...Kindergarten! Thank you for sharing them with us! Thanks to all the parents for their help over the years...it was greatly appreciated! Have a safe and blessed summer! Don't forget to stop in and see your preschool teachers when you can!!! We would love to hear all about kindergarten!

It was with a heavy heart that we bid Miss Nikki farewell. I am so very sad to see her go! She will be taking on a full time managerial position at Monte Cellos Restaurant in Cranberry. We wish her the best because she is truly THE BEST! Words could never describe how much she will be missed by me, the staff and most importantly her students.

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Nikki

May Preschool News ... Mrs. Smith & Ms. Twila

Phil 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength

The end of the school year is in our sights! The month of May left no time to slow down. In the beginning of May we celebrated our Mothers. Our four year olds paid tribute to Mom by singing "You Are My Sunshine" and "Skidder Mar inky Dink". Each Mother received a beautiful rose. We rounded off our Mother's Day celebration with pottery and cards. Our three year olds made crafts for mom in addition to a card too. The growing three year olds sang "You Are My Sunshine" too!

Both classes used May to recognize and celebrate all of our students summer birthdays.

Academically, we treated May as a month of review. As we prepared every week for graduation, we had to remember letters A-Z, numbers 1-20 both in English and in Spanish, the days of the week, months of the year, and other songs we learned throughout the year. In addition, both classes took a verbal quiz to go over summer safety. During our summer safety sessions we practiced; stranger danger, good hygiene such as wearing the proper sun block, and summer safety for example drinking plenty of water which is good for your body and it will keep you hydrated.

Rounding out May were two very important events; THE END OF THE YEAR PARTY and GRADUATION! The of the year party was held for the four year old graduating classes as they get ready to embark on Kindergarten. This year we had a barnyard petting zoo with pony rides, a bounce house, cotton candy machine, face painting, and after the activities everyone had a pizza from Monte Cello's. What a nice way to unwind after nine months of school.

Last but certainly not least; GRADUATION! Our three year olds graduation date was May 21st, and our four year olds graduation date was May 22nd. It's always bitter sweet as we send yet another class on to bigger and better things. Best of Luck to Prince of Peace Pre-School Graduating Class of 2015! WORK HARD IN KINDERGARTEN...!

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

June 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6 6:30 Holy Communion
7 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion	8	9	10 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	11	12	13 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
14 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion	15	16	17 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	18	19	20 6:30 Holy Communion
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