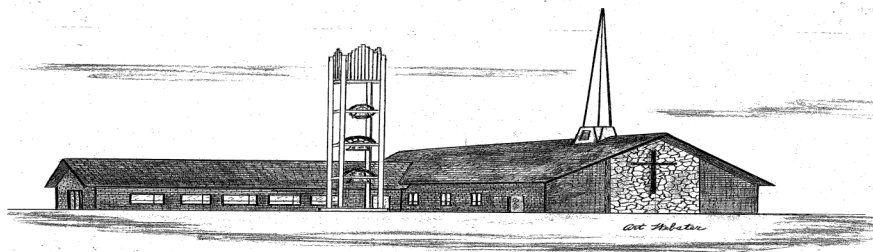


# The Bells

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## Buried with Jesus?

In Christ Jesus,

It's a little earlier than normal, but Easter is already upon us. And while each Sunday we focus on the good work that Christ has done in His suffering and death on the cross, Holy Week narrows our focus. We look at those last days, those last hours in greater detail than at any other time of the year.

The Apostle John says that Jesus "is the propitiation for our sins." (1Jo 2:2 ESV) Propitiation is not a word we use in day-to-day usage. It means to "appease or mollify the wrath of God." We earned the wrath of God by our sins. And Jesus was put forth "to make propitiation" for us by His blood. That's the story of His life. That's the Gospel message, that we were reconciled to God by the blood of His Son shed on the cross.

But that's not the only way to look at the death and resurrection of Jesus. We can also look at it through the lens of our Baptism. Paul says in Romans 6:3, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" (Rom 6:3 ESV) Christ's death on the cross is our death on the cross. It is our sins that He died. He paid the penalty for our sins by His death. In Baptism, Christ's work is applied to us.

But there's more. Paul goes on to say in verse 4, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism..." (Rom 6:4 ESV) Just as Jesus was covered by the earth in His burial, we are buried in the waters of Holy Baptism. Christ's rest in the tomb on the Sabbath is also our rest in the tomb.

But wait! (as the commercials say) there's still more. Verse 4 concludes, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Rom 6:4 ESV) Our death and burial through baptism concludes with our resurrection through faith. Just as God raised Jesus from the grave, He will also raise us from the grave as well.

It's for this reason that Christians don't grieve as others do. For most of those outside Christianity, death is it. There is no tomorrow. For those with an afterlife, there is no guarantee that you or your loved ones will actually make it there. But for those in Christ, we have God's sure and certain promise and we have Jesus as proof that our Heavenly Father will keep His promises.

As we enter into Holy Week this year and reflect on Christ's death on the cross, rest in the tomb and resurrection, let us remember that His death, His rest and His resurrection are ours through faith by the promise delivered in our Baptism.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Michael

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### WORSHIP WITH US

**Saturday:** 6:30 PM Worship

**Sunday:** 10:15 AM Worship

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## EASTER SERVICES AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Please join us with us for our upcoming Easter Services:

Thursday, March 28th	Maundy Thursday — 7:00 pm
Friday, March 29th	Good Friday Service — 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 30th	Easter Vigil — 6:30 pm
Sunday, March 31st	Cemetery Service — 6:30 am
	Easter Dawn Service — 7:00 am
	Feast of the Resurrection — 10:15 am

## COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

The community is having a fundraising benefit for the Vince Wolf Family of Freedom who has recently suffered four family losses leaving two children behind. You can help out to support this cause by stopping by on **Saturday, March 23rd** from 2:00-8:00 pm at the Freedom Sons of Italy, 8th Avenue Freedom. All the wings, fries, and drinks for \$15.00 along with auction baskets and D.J.'s including our own singer Christian Beck. Tickets will be sold at the door.

All donations will go to the family and are greatly appreciated.

Mary Lehocky

## COUPLES DINNER

The next couples dinner will be Friday, March 15 at 6:00 P.M. We will be meeting at the Log Cabin Inn, 430 Perry Hwy, Harmony, PA. In order to make sure we have reservations if you plan on going could you please sign the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by March 10. They have a diverse menu and I think their prime rib dip is to die for! Hope you can join us.

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!!**

# March Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Jim Nord	2
Kathleen Ormiston	2
Katrina Podeszwa	2
Jeremy Osten	3
Christie Scott	6
Jeff Kerr	7
Ben Davis	10
Mirka Fatschel	11
Mary Podeszwa	16
Karen McCracken	17
Colton Blank	18
Jeff Doerr	18
Charles Szabo	18
Nathan Taylor	19
Doug Eckstrom	20
Jase Wilson	23
Joshua Rombold	24
Joshua Humphrey	26
Sophia Fatschel	28
Linda Bruce	30
Sandy Parker	31

## Baptismal Birthdays

Amber Gremer	5
Rachel Humphrey	5
Joan Bowen	8
Rory McCracken	8
Ariana Gremer	8
Justin Veloski	10
Minnie Nowry	12
Amy Wilson	12
Ron Nowry	15
Katrina Podeszwa	18
Jared Rombold	18
Sandi Morgan	19
Bonnie Keen	20
Joleen Mesing	20
Jeremy Osten	21
Sierrah Altenburg	22
Ben Forsyth	22
Ethel Clayton	25
Mary Dietrich	26
Patrick Jena	28
Bob Licht	28
Jennifer Weedon	28
Ruthann Weedon	28
Brad Weedon	28
Carole Alberts	29
Justin Mengel	30

## Anniversaries

Tracy & Linda Bruce	15
Brad & Jennifer Weedon	23

## **Servants in Ministry**

### Reader

3-Faye Brockmiller
10-Mary Nuerge
17-Bill Mallary
24-George Mesing
31-Joleen Mesing

### Greeter

3-C. Nadzam/Madi Daubenspeck
10-Doug/Tammy Eckstrom
17-Eric/Luke Bendekovic
24-Ed/Sandi Morgan
31- OPEN

### Acolyte

3-Kyle Borgman
10-Brendan Doerr
17-Matthew Muto
24-Connor Ciccone
31-Ruthann Weedon

### Audio Visual

3-K. Ormiston/D. Eckstrom
10-L. Gunther/K. Ormiston
17-S. Fatschel/M. Gremer
24-D. Gunther/D. Eckstrom
31- J. Ciccone/K. Ormiston

### Altar Guild

Carol Helkowski/Mary Nuerge
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## Prayer Concerns

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

- Brianna Michelle Dulski, new baby girl of Jeff & Tara Dulski
- Tammy Eckstrom's mother, Pat Weston recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- The family of members, Kenneth and Katherine McClellan, for their recent passing
- Bonnie Keen and family for the passing of her mother, Leona Schauer
- Faye Brockmiller and family for the passing of her mother, Robbie Couch
- The Nadzam/Norton family for the passing of Marlene Norton (Crissy Nadzam's mother)
- The Teets family for the passing of Marie
- Dan Helkowski recovering from knee surgery
- Jean Taylor's mother, hospitalized with pneumonia
- Beverly Kohler healing from ruptured appendix
- Madisyn, daughter of friends of Sandi Morgan, for upcoming cranial surgery
- Connie Mannino, Nancy Singleton; Milt Scott, Joanie Gremer, and Philip Forsyth, battling cancer.

# The Lutheran Hour

## March 3 **"Great Escape? No, Great Rescue!"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

If you feel imprisoned by any aspect of your life, God can open the doors of faith that bring forgiveness, freedom, and joy. (1 Corinthians 10:1-11)

## March 10 **"God's Search and Rescue for the Lost"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

If we care about finding lost things, especially precious things, God cares infinitely more. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

## March 17 **"Be Like Jesus"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Be ready to love and care for the people God sends into your life. In this, we can be like Christ. (Philippians 2:5-11)

## March 24 **"The Death of Death"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Pastor Ken Klaus delivers a eulogy for the funeral of Death itself. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

## March 31 **"The Living Among the Dead"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus is alive today and so are all those who trust in Him for their salvation. (Luke 24:1-8)

# 2013 Lenten Devotions

**"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord,  
I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me."**

*Micah 7:7*

Copies of the Lutheran Indian Ministries Lenten 2013 Lenten Devotions are on the table in the Narthex Area. The Lutheran Indian Ministries shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native North American Nations encouraging them to proclaim Christ's Kingdom to their own and to others.

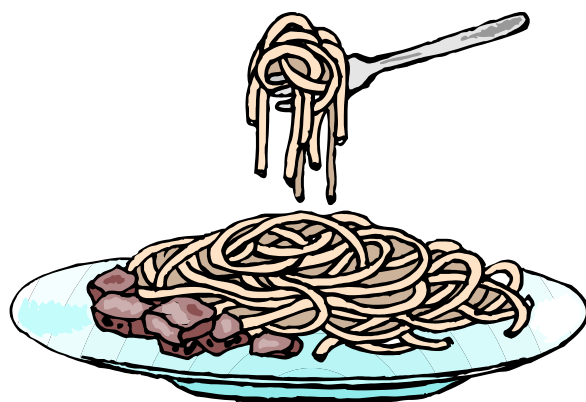
For more information go to: **LutheranIndianMinistries.org** or  
**Facebook.com/IndianMinistry.**

# 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**

Well it's that time of year when summer fever hits and we all are ready for the beach!! The children are having a lot of fun and everyone seems to enjoy coming to school! All the classes love story time and really got into the chapel song this month! They really enjoy singing! They are so much fun to watch too.

So if you haven't seen these little angels in action yet, you need to come to chapel and see them do their thing! Both classes had a pajama party and we all came to school in our jammies! We watched movies, played games and ate some popcorn. A good time was had by all!!!!

The Bible lesson for both classes was about God's Great Big Love! (Ephesians 3:18-19). After all, February is all about love! We talked about how we love one other in many different ways. Both classes had a visit from local dentist, Dr. Sharpless. She talked about how important it is to take care of our teeth and she had games to play also.

### **Three year olds**

Our lessons for the month were: Counting, Valentines Day, and Shadows. We did some shadow matching and shadow dancing! We had so much fun dancing around with our shadows! We counted just about everything we could and they loved coming in to see what we were counting that day! We made some Valentines for our families. They are working hard and some of the things they say are so funny. For example a quote from a previous class: I was talking about the dentist coming in and I told them her name...I said what do you think Dr. Sharpless might do? After some thought Andrew replied...well I think she sharpens pencils!!! Priceless! We are ready to get outside and play....keep thinking spring!!!!

### **Four year olds**

The lesson this month was about the five senses! We had so much fun with this and the children really enjoyed it! We played a game called "egg full of sounds". I placed twelve different sounds in a dozen of plastic eggs and they had to guess the sound. Then they brought in there own "egg full of sound"! We had so much fun with this! We also played sound bingo, where they only used there ears to listen. They are doing a great job and we are enjoying them!

The four year olds went on a field trip too this month. We visited Monte Cellos in Cranberry! The kids had a blast and so did the parents and teachers! We ate pizza and subs for breakfast!!!

Each child got to make their very own pizza! We got a tour of the restaurant and saw how a pizza is made. They children loved it and Joe and Vicki Savage, the owners, were so good with the children!

**Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Chris**



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

*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.*

*Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in him. - 1 John 4:16*

I just love the month of February! It feels like you can almost taste the crispness of spring in the air and smell the tulips that are thinking about sprouting! Speaking of tasting and smelling, that is just what our four year olds focused on this month- the five senses!

We had a busy month, needless to say. The four year old class learned all about touch, taste, sound, smell, and sight. The boys and girls brought in some items from home that made noise and had a smell to share with their classmates in conjunction with our theme! We also participated in a simple activity where you use all five senses. We made popcorn! In addition to learning about the five senses, our four year old class went on a fieldtrip to Monte Cello's restaurant in Cranberry Township. The students made their very own pizzas! They had a fantastic time!

Our three year old class focused the month on shadows, counting, and tracing. We did some great activities for Groundhog's Day to go along with our shadows theme! We also played number bingo! Our three year olds just love games... (And even more, they like picking a treat from the treat jar when the game is over)!

Both classes had a pajama party AND a Valentine's Day party! A very special thank you goes out to all of the parents who assisted in the planning and completion of the party. The boys and girls had so much fun!

As always, and most importantly, we are continuing to work on our ABC and 123 books! Until next month, may you be patient...spring is right around the corner (says the groundhog)!

Smiling at You,

Mrs. Ward and Ms. Twila

# March 2013

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