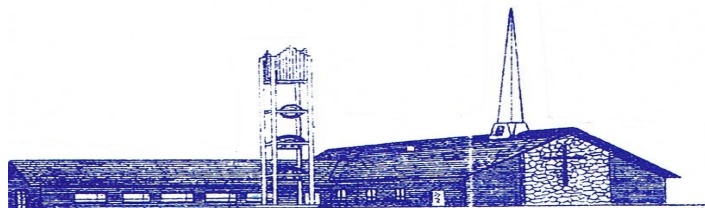


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PRINCE OF PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Volume 38 Issue 5

“Catechesis – It’s not just for kids!”

MAY 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

It’s hard to believe, but it is already May. May brings so many things to mind. There’s Mother’s Day and Memorial Day. For many at our seminaries, the first week of May contains Call Day – the day God calls second years to their vicarages, fourth years to their first parish and the ladies to their deaconess positions.

Here at Prince of Peace, May also bring the Rite of Confirmation for our young men and women. *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation* describes Confirmation as “a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians with the life and mission of the Christian community.”

That “period of instruction” ends with a public examination, which is going to be held on May 6th. Our four young catechumens will stand before the elders and myself and be asked about their faith. Recently, another pastor stated that he felt the examination was a less than useful exercise. He already knew that his students knew the catechism as did their parents.

But the Public Examination and the Rite of Confirmation are not ceremonies just for the young; they are part of our life of worship for all members of the church. They should serve as an annual reminder not to neglect the study of God’s Word.

Neglecting the study of God’s Word is not a new problem. Martin Luther warned his countrymen about it. In the preface to his Large Catechism he warns of “a shameful and insidious plague of security and boredom {that} has overtaken us.” He continues to say, “Many regard the Catechism as a simple, silly teaching which they can absorb and master at one reading. After reading it once they toss the book into a corner as if they are ashamed to read it again.”

In response to the neglect of God’s Word, Luther encourages us to study the Catechism daily, and not just that but the Psalms, the Law and the Prophets, and the Gospel as well. We must become like children, learning our ABC’s which we think we’ve already mastered.

God wants us to be faithful students of His Word. He commands us to study it, to think on them day and night. Not only to be obedient children, but even more so because “it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” (Rom 1:16 ESV) God’s Word strengthens us when we’re weak, comforts us when we’re downhearted, defends us when we’re besieged by temptation and Satan.

Catechesis is a method of learning by asking questions and receiving answers. Confirmation is not a graduation exercise. Confirmation is not an end to our learning and studies. We have only just begun!

As our newest catechumens come before the church in this Rite, I ask that you remember the day you were confirmed, the pledge you made to remain faithful to Christ and His Word and begin again “as a little child” in learning about our Lord and Savior.

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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DO COME to PITTSBURGH ZONE'S

Lutheran Women's Missionary League's

JOYSHOP

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. *Registration*

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. *Devotions*

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. *Bible Study: Beautiful Feet*

11:30 - 11:45 a.m. *Start Devotional Activity—Linus Blankets*

11:45 a.m. - 12 noon *Break*

12 noon - 12:45 p.m. *Luncheon*

AND, SPRING RALLY

12:45 - 1:00 p.m. *Devotions with offering*

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. *Business Meeting*

2:30 - 3:25 p.m. *Finish Devotional Activity*

3:25 - 3:30 p.m. *Closing Prayer*

BOTH EVENTS will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012

at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

501 North Avenue Pittsburgh (Millvale), PA 15209

Telephone: 412-821-6266

Registration for both: \$6.00

RSVP to: Christine, lwml@stjohnsmillvale.org, 412-848-2701

by Sunday, April 30, 2012

THE INGATHERING

will be a

Monetary donation or 2 yards of fleece material

for the LINUS BLANKET ministry at

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Bring good scissors if you have them!

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Luke Mesing	May 2
Tanner Mesing	May 2
Margaret Rombold	May 4
Jason Blank	May 7
Paul Nord	May 8
Matt Sigler	May 8
Milan Fatschel	May 9
Cora Harris	May 10
Celebrating 97 years !!!!	
Christopher Taylor	May 10
Zelda Parks	May 11
Beth Lehman	May 12
Conner Ciccone	May 15
Matt Durr	May 17
Matthew Gunther	May 20
Donna Lugo	May 23
Craig Rombold	May 23
Michael Podeszwa	May 24
Brandon Andrews	May 25
Tiffani Cialella	May 25
Ron Lehocky	May 27
Brad Lehocky	May 28
Bob Licht	May 28
Bill Andrews	May 30
Kaydi Dietrich	May 30
Deborah Steigerwald	May 30
Ashleen McCracken	May 31
Trevor Mesing	May 31

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Greeters:

- 6 –Milt & Christie Scott
- 13 –Darryl & Lynn Gunther
- 20 - Stephan & Mirka Fatschel
- 27 - Bill & Brandon Andrews

Readers:

- 6 - Christie Scott
- 13 - Doug Eckstrom
- 20 - Bill Mallary
- 27 - Milt Scott

Acolytes:

- 6 - Tori Muto
- 13 - Brendan Doerr
- 20 - Jane Wilson
- 27 - Jeremy Osten

Audio Visual:

- 6 –Darryl Gunther
- 13 –Lynn & Scott Gunther
- 20 –Kathleen Ormiston
- 27 - Kathleen Ormiston

Altar Flowers:

- 6 –Andy & Sandy Kostelnik
- 13 –Ciccone/Fatschel families
- 27 -Lehocky Family

Altar Guild:

- Sandi Morgan & Joyce Hewlett

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Baptismal Birthdays:

Rich Clayton	May 1
Doug Eckstrom	May 11
Ben Applequist	May 14
Bethany Parker	May 15
Michael Podeszwa	May 16
Marcy Dietrich	May 16
Kathy Dietrich	May 18
Beverly Kohler	May 19
Bill Andrews	May 23
Ben Davis	May 28
Ross Shively	May 30
Conner Ciccone	May 30
Christopher Taylor	May 31
Marissa Charlton	May 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Carol Helkowski	May 1
Larry & Linda Weimer	May 2
Darryl & Lynn Gunther	May 12
Amy & Bob Wilson	May 13
Joseph & Karen Meinert	May 18
Celebrating 40 year anniversary	
John & Betty Hamara	May 26
Celebrating 50 year anniversary	
Jeff & Joan Doerr	May 30
Celebrating 20 year anniversary	

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

- Shelly Tusick, (cousin of Will & Kathy Voland) hospitalized for eclampsia after premature birth of baby girl born April 20th
- The Olsen & Nuerge family for the passing of Sue Olsen, Mary Nuerge's sister
- June Shively & Delores Simmons, both suffering from breathing trouble
- Judy Cordell, friend of the Voland family, for medical problems
- Anne Johe, Kathy & Will Voland's sister-in-law recovering from surgery
- Edie Rice, suffering from a bleeding ulcer
- Hannah & Meghan Lindell, recovering from pneumonia
- Margaret Grasswick, Terry Koenig's sister, recovering from ovarian cancer surgery
- Brian Wolf, Kathy Osten's brother, low blood count and Kathy Osten's mother, now recovering from skin infection
- Tom Pudelski (Terri Humphrey's father) recovering at home from pneumonia and congestive heart failure
- John Krill, (friend of Sandi & Ed Morgan) suffering from leukemia, hospitalized, awaiting outcome of bone marrow transplant
- 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)
- 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.

May 6

"It's Time to Show Whose We Are!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Connected to Jesus, the True Vine, in all seasons of life, we bear fruit that blesses the lives of others. (John 15:1-8)

May 13

"Barrier-Breaking Love"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God's love is no respecter of persons. His love comes to all by grace through faith in Jesus. That love breaks down barriers and builds bridges so that others might see that love in action for them. (Acts 10:34-38)

May 20

"Now What?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

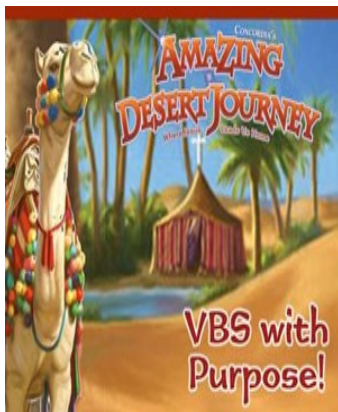
Jesus died for our redemption, was raised again to life, and ascended into heaven. Now what? We get to tell anyone who will listen all that Jesus has done for them, that's what! (Acts 1:7-9)

May 27

"Remember, Don't Forget"

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

Memorial Day weekend is a time to remember the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom. Today is also the Lord's Day; we remember our Savior Who gave Himself to free us from sin. (Ezekiel 37:3)



SAVE THE DATE PRINCE OF PEACE VBS & COMRADES FOR CHRIST VBS Amazing Desert Journey

June 24 - 29, 2012

Evenings

PRINCE OF PEACE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

When: Friday - May 4th - 10:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday - May 5th - 10:00am - 4:00pm

Where: Yard sale under the Prince of Peace pavilion

We will be setting up for the sale at 9:00 am on Friday. Each person who wishes to participate is responsible for setting up and taking down their own table. There is a \$10.00 table fee that will be donated to the air conditioner fund. For those who wish to donate items to be sold for the church we will have a table for that. The only thing we ask is that you **price all items that you are donating to the church table**. These items would also be delivered at 9:00 Friday morning. If you wish to participate please contact Joyce Hewlett at (724) 591-5475 or e-mail me at bhewlett@zoominternet.net. I need to know how many people would like to participate and a general item list. This will be advertised in the local papers, Craig's List, and other local churches. It's good excuse to clean out closets, basements and garages and have some fun at the same time!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE EASTERN DISTRICT

34th BIENNIAL CONVENTION

JUNE 8th—10th, 2012

Double Tree Willow Valley

Lancaster, PA

Questions???? Please contact Mary Lehocky 724.728.1301
or visit the district website:

www.east-dist-lwml.org/

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Tiffani Ciallela, Dana Hankinson, Eric & Allison Bendekovic and children, Luke, Ethan & Hannah and Chaz & Renee Lindell and children, Hannah & Meghan as new Prince of Peace members.

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Chris's Preschool News

Time is sure flying! It is hard to believe that our year is coming to an end! What an amazing group of children we have! We are so proud of each and every one of them. They have grown in so many ways since they first walked to through our doors, way back in September! We have had a such a wonderful time with them and are very sad to see them go. Look out Kindergarten, here they come! Although we are very happy because our three year olds will be returning for another year with us!

We have started getting ready for graduation and our Mother's Day Brunch. The children love the new songs they are learning and they just love to sing!

Three year olds

The three year old's lessons for the month included: The Easter Story, dinosaurs and farm animals. We made some dinosaur eggs, they loved this! We talked about the different farm animals and how some baby farm animals have different names than their mom's. We matched baby farm animals to their moms.

We have also been working hard on cutting and pasting and they are doing a very great job! The children have finished their alphabet books and are so ready for the four year old class next year!

Four year olds

Lesson plans for the four year olds included: The Easter Story, we learned how Jesus died and rose again for our sins. We also learned some interesting facts about dinosaurs, made dinosaur eggs, put a T-Rex's skeleton together, and matched dinosaurs with their skeletons. We even compared an ostrich egg with a dinosaur egg. Alphabet books are finished and we have started reviewing all our letters.

The four year olds took their annual trip to Big Knob Elementary School to tour the kindergarten. They even got to ride on the big yellow school bus. This is one of my favorite field trips! It is so much fun watching them! The kids are excited about starting a new adventure next year, but we are really going to miss them!

Mrs. Ward & Ms. Carrie's Preschool News

April 2012

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

Special April Birthdays
Alexandria Huselton ~ April 9th

April was truly like a whirlwind. Each month spins by faster and faster. It seems like just yesterday, we opened the door to a new year. Now, we are closing in on the last month of school. Time flies!

We had some exciting things going on at Prince of Peace during the month of April. We had our annual Hop-a-thon Fundraiser in both classes. I think the boys and girls hopped until they dropped! We presented the children with fun prizes for participating. In addition, everyone received a special hopper certificate. A special thank you goes out to the students and the parents for making this yet another success here at POP! Also, we had an Easter party for both classes. These parties are always special for the kids. Again, I would like to thank the parents for this enjoyable day! A great time was had by all!

Our four-year olds spent the month talking about Easter and the meaning of Easter. Our chapel song this month coincided with the Easter theme. We learned the meaning of the word resurrected. I am very impressed with their Christian knowledge. Parents, you should be proud...you are doing a great job! Furthermore, we talked about dinosaurs! We compared a dinosaur egg to an ostrich egg! Upon the completion of our ABC and 123 books, we sent them home. Now we are reviewing our alphabet and numbers. During the month of April, our four-year old class took a fieldtrip on the big yellow school bus to Big Knob Elementary. They took a tour of the school and met the kindergarten teachers. (Honestly, they were most excited about riding the bus!) Now, we are in the home stretch and getting ready for preschool graduation... (tear, tear!)

Our three year old class also really focused on Easter and its meaning. They really enjoyed their chapel song this month... "With a shake and a rattle, and the stone was rolled away." This month, we also talked about dinosaurs and farm animals. We made a really fun book where we matched mommy and baby farm animals. In addition, we are continuing to review our alphabet and numbers. They are so much fun and I am looking forward to spending more time with them next year! Thank you for sharing them with us!

Until next month...hold on to your seats....time is flying by!

Smiling at You,

Mrs. Ward and Miss Carrie

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MAY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Bible Study	2 9:00 Bible Study-Prayer 11:00 Bible Study-Lutheranism 101	3 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study-The Holy Spirit	4	5 6:30 Holy Communion
6 5th Sun. of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	7 6:00 St. Luke's Braille	8 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Bible Study	9 9:00 Bible Study-Prayer 11:00 Bible Study-Lutheranism 101 6:30 Council	10 11:00 Forest Hills Braille 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study-The Holy Spirit	11	12 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
13 6th Sun. of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	14 9:00 Haven Braille	15 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Bible Study	16 9:00 Bible Study - Prayer 11:00 Bible Study-Lutheranism 101 6:30 Council Planning Meeting	17 7:00 Ascension Day Service	18	19 6:30 Holy Communion
20 7th Sun. of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday	21	22 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Bible Study	23 11:00 Bible Study-Lutheranism 101	24 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study-The Holy Spirit 8:00 Elder's Meeting	25	26 6:30 Holy Communion
27 The Day of Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	28	29 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Bible Study	30 11:00 Bible Study-Lutheranism 101	31 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study-The Holy Spirit		