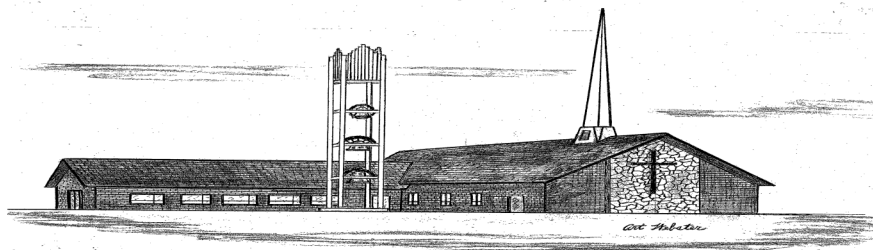


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Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, Punxsutawney Phil may have been wrong, but it looks like spring is finally here. As we enter the month of May, the temperatures finally seems to be going up and the sun seems to be shining longer. With this nicer weather comes the urge to get outside and enjoy God's re-creation nature blooms again. It also gives us greater opportunities to mingle with our friends and neighbors – at sporting events, picnics, parades, parties and even while sitting on the front porch watching the grass grow.

As we look around at the new creations that God makes each spring, we should remember that we too are new creations in Christ. As such, we have been gifted with the ministry of reconciliation; we have been called to be God's ambassadors, sharing our faith with those around us. (2 Cor. 5.17-21)

Standing and declaring our faith in Jesus can be a daunting task. However, that is what three of our younger members will be doing this May. Ruthann Weedon, Brendon Doerr, and Jeremy Osten will stand before the congregation on the third Sunday of this month and publicly confess their faith. That's what confirmation is all about, a public assertion of belief.

In the rite of confirmation, we are re-affirming our faith that was given to us as a gift by God through the waters of Holy Spirit. We are confessing to all in our belief that salvation comes only through the work of Jesus Christ upon the cross.

It can be easy to do this on Confirmation Day. The sermon notes are done; the weekly memory work is over; the public exam is in the past. Standing up on one day, in presence of family and friends who have the same confession as you, well it's not exactly bold and daring. However, Confirmation should not be seen as just a one day event, but rather the beginning of a life-long way of living so that others may see the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

On the second Sunday of May, we honor our Mothers; who fed us and clothed us and raised us, and hopefully were instrumental in teaching us the faith, as Lois and Eunice did for Timothy (2 Tim. 1:15). We give thanks to God for these who took the opportunity to share their faith with us as well as the opportunities He has given us to share our faith with others.

Imitating the example of our Lord and Savior and the faithful saints who have gone on before us, let us take the days ahead to be a light to the nations, to live boldly for our Heavenly Father who has called us to be His own.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

Tell It on the Mountain **Where Jesus Christ Is Lord**

Prince of Peace Lutheran VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & CHRIST CAMP

June 24 - 28, 2013

6:00—8:30 PM

Ages 4 & up !

*\$5.00 donation will be collected on Monday, June 24th
A light meal (optional) will be offered from 6:00 to 6:30 pm*

*Register Now!
724.728.3881 or*

Forms located on table in Narthex

*Sing upbeat songs
Create crafts
Play games
Participate in Bible lessons*

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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
Christopher Taylor	May 10
Zelda Parks	May 11
Beth Lehman	May 12
Allen Lee	May 14
Conner Ciccone	May 15
Matthew Gunther	May 20
Donna Lugo	May 23
Craig Rombold	May 23
Michael Podeszwa	May 24
Ed Melberg	May 25
Ron Lehocky	May 27
Brad Lehocky	May 28
Bob Licht	May 28
Deb Steigerwald	May 30
Ashleen McCracken	May 31
Trevor Mesing	May 31

Baptismal Birthdays

Rich Clayton	May 1
Dean Parker	May 5
Doug Eckstrom	May 11
Jeff Doerr	May 12
Bethany Parker	May 15
Michael Podeszwa	May 16
Marcy Dietrich	May 16
Kathy Dietrich	May 18
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
Allen & Shirley Lee	May 4
Twila & Beau DeThomas	May 10
Darryl & Lynn Gunther	May 12
Amy & Bob Wilson	May 13
Joseph & Karen Meinert	May 18
John & Betty Hamara	May 26
Jeff & Joan Doerr	May 30

Servants in Ministry

Reader

- 5-Christie Scott
- 12-Doug Eckstrom
- 19-Bill Mallary
- 26-Milt Scott

Greeter

- 5-Milt/Christie Scott
- 12-Darryl/Lynn Gunther
- 19-Stephan/Mirka Fatschel
- 26-Beau/Twila DeThomas

Acolyte

- 5-Connor Ciccone
- 12-Jeremy Osten
- 19-Kyle Borgman
- 26-Matthew Muto

Audio Visual

- 5-D. Gunther/K. Ormiston
- 12-S. Fatschel/K. Ormiston
- 19-K. Ormiston/M. Gremer
- 26-D. Gunther/D. Eckstrom

Altar Guild

Sandi Morgan & Joyce Hewlett

Prayer Concerns

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

- The Lehman family for the birth of their son, Jakob
- Prayers for Bob Trakoval, brother in law of Kathy & Will Volland, who suffered a stroke
- Diane Kopas, cousin of Ed Morgan diagnosed with cancer
- 88 yr. old neighbor of Eric Bendekovic dying of cancer and in extreme pain
- Kristanya Zittlow, Connie Mannino, Nancy Singleton, Milt Scott, Twila DeThomas' stepfather, and Philip Forsyth, battling cancer.

The Lutheran Hour

May 5—"Forward into God's Future"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Your life is important to God, even when it isn't going the way you hoped it would. (Acts 16:9-15)

May 12—"Prayer a Faithful Mother Would Love"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The love of a faithful mother or father reflects the deeper love God has for us in Jesus Christ. (John 17:20-26)

May 19—"What Does it All Mean?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

To get the right answer, we need to ask the right question. (Acts 2:1-21)

May 26—"God Says Remember"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

God says, "Remember Me," and people say, "We would rather forget." (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

Reaping What You Sow

In 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV) St. Paul wrote: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." In many parts of our country during this month of May gardens will be turning green as new plants spring from the ground and begin the process of producing fruits, vegetables and flowers. If you have ever planted hills of seeds, like beans or cucumbers, you probably know how true these words of St. Paul are. Plant only one or perhaps two seeds in each hill and you will not have the same results that you would have if you had planted four or more seeds in each hill. Of course, St. Paul was not writing about gardening but rather about a special offering to help the saints in Jerusalem and Judea who were suffering from a severe famine. Some may take this passage to mean that it is our motivation for giving. Those folks might even be so bold as to say that if you are stingy in your giving, you will be poorer for it, but if you are generous in your giving you will be even wealthier. But this verse does not state the motivation for giving but simply refers to information and instruction that we know to be true from experience and observation.

The true motivation for Christian giving is found in 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV): "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." God's grace in Jesus Christ is the motivation for our Christian giving. Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves, that is, save us from sin, death and everlasting condemnation. Our spiritual needs are fully taken care of in Christ, but what about our physical needs? This passage speaks to that as well when it indicates that God also takes care of our physical needs so that in all things at all times we will have all that we need so that we can abound in every good work.

St. Paul stated this so eloquently in Romans 8:32 (NIV): "He (God) who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? This question begs for the answer "yes." God does provide all that we need for our spiritual and physical welfare and he does it lavishly so that we can abound in every good work. Finally St. Paul brought the truth of Christian giving home when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV): "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (hilarious) giver." Christian giving is primarily a spiritual issue, not a financial one. When we children of God answer the question of what do I believe God is calling me to give then we respond freely and generously not because the church or any other Christian cause needs our money, but because we believe in our hearts that our giving is a consecrated response. The joy that we reap from such free and generous giving is something that brings a special sweetness to our lives that no one can ever take away from us.

Upcoming POP Events

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/GIRLFRIEND LUNCHEON

Please join us this year as we celebrate the "purse" at our annual Mother, Daughter & Girlfriend luncheon on Saturday, May 11th, at noon. The menu will be assorted croissant sandwiches (ham, turkey, roast beef, salad, chips and cake. The cost is \$7 per person. If you have young children in your party, let us know if they would prefer chicken nuggets. Signup forms will be available in the narthex area. Why not invite a friend to join you? To go along with our theme we will have "purse" games and a "purse swap". Please bring any gently used purses you would like to put in the swap. At the end of the day, any purses left over will be donated to the homeless shelter.

Please call the church office at 724.728.3881 to reserve your spot. Reservations and checks are due no later than Sunday, May 5th. Your check should be made payable to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

YOUTH FOR HIRE

Looking to get a break in the weather for some yard work? Or are you just looking for someone to GIVE you a break from that yard work? Some of our hard working teens are looking for a creative way to raise a little more money to fund their trip to the 2013 National LCMS Youth Gathering in San Antonio. Contact Mary Podeszwa if you would like a helping hand!

2013 CONFIRMANDS

BRENDAN MOYER DOERR Son of Jeff and Joan Doerr, born on November 19, 1998 in South Bend, Indiana. He was born into the Family of God by Holy Baptism at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in South Bend, Indiana on January 17th, 1999. His sponsors are Steve and Marsha Lenzi. Brendan's Confirmation Verse is Joshua 24:15. ***"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."***

JEREMY ARTHUR OSTEN Son of Sam and Kathy Osten, born on March 3, 1999 in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was born into the Family of God by Holy Baptism at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wichita Falls on March 21, 1999. His sponsors are Ken Wolf and Vicki Osten. Jeremy's Confirmation Verse is Ephesians 6:11, 16-17. ***"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."***

RUTHANN ELIZABETH WEEDON Daughter of Brad and Jennifer Weedon, born on April 30, 1999 in Lexington, Kentucky. She was born into the Family of God by Holy Baptism at St. John's in Lexington, Kentucky on June 6, 1999. Her sponsors are Lara Fatka and Jill Johnson. Ruthann's Confirmation Verse is Luke 12:48. ***"But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."***

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Chris' 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 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

The four year old lessons for the month included:

Noah's Ark was our Bible story for the month. 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 dinosaur's 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. Shuttleworth & Ms. Chris

Mrs. Ward & Ms. Twila's Preschool News

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

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!

Our four-year olds spent the month talking about Noah's Ark. Our chapel song this month coincided with that theme. 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 focused on Noah's Ark. 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 Ms. Twila*

May 2013

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5 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	6 Millvale Braille	7 AM Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Hebrews Bible Study	8 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Council	9 Forest Hills Braille 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	10	11 12:00 Mother/ Daughter Luncheon 6:30 Holy Communion
12 7th Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion Mother's Day	13 St. Luke's Braille	14 AM Braille 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ 7:00 Hebrews Bible Study	15 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	16 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	17	18 6:30 Holy Communion
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