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# The Bells

## WORSHIP WITH US

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Sunday: 10:15 AM

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## Do Something!

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a fondness for the old vaudeville routines. I remember watching some of the greats of that area, Laurel & Hardy, the Three Stooges, the Marx Brothers. Invariably, one of the routines that they all did was to have a crisis situation, and someone yells out, "Just don't **do** something, **stand** there!"

If the Three Stooges had been there on Ascension Day, I think the angels would have been tempted to use that line.

Acts 1 tells us all about the ascension; how 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead, He took His disciples out to the Mount of Olives and, in their sight, ascended into the clouds. And the disciples just stood there, craning their necks, watching the place from where Jesus had been taken from their sight.

It seems to me that the disciples could be allowed a little bit of time to stare into space. After all, you don't see somebody fly away every day. But suddenly, two angels appear, and they remind the disciples of the work to be done, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?" – Just don't **stand** there, **do** something!

It's as simple as that: Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Now get to work.

We come to worship, as Martin Luther says, with empty sacks. And God fills these sacks with His mercy, love, and forgiveness. And then we are sent out into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are sent out to speak His good news that His love is for all. And we empty our sacks, sharing the mercy, love, and forgiveness we've received with others. On the next Sunday, God calls us back to worship and fills our empty sacks again.

Simple as that, but too often, we don't do anything, we just stand there.

So in this month of May, let's encourage one another through the faith we've been given. Remind one another, day after day, Sunday after Sunday that Jesus died and rose again; that in Him we have victory over death and the devil. Remind one another that the Holy Spirit has been poured out on each of us in our baptisms. And that "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Eph 2:10 ESV)

In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Michael



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
& CHRIST CAMP

**June 23 – June 27**

**6:00 – 8:15 PM**

**Ages 4 & UP!!!!**

\$5.00 Donation will be collected on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

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](mailto:twiladethomas@yahoo.com)

**Birthdays**

Luke Mesing	2
Tanner Mesing	2
Margaret Rombold	4
Jason Blank	7
Paul Nord	8
Matt Sigler	8
Milan Fatschel	9
Cora Harris	10
Christopher Taylor	10
Zelda Parks	11
Beth Lehman	12
Allen Lee	14
Conner Ciccone	15
Meghan Lindell	16
Matthew Gunther	20
Donna Lugo	23
Craig Rombold	23
Michael Podeszwa	24
Ed Melberg	25
Ron Lehocky	27
Brad Lehocky	28
Bob Licht	28
Dana Hankinson	30
Ashleen McCracken	31
Trevor Mesing	31

**Baptismal Birthdays**

Rich Clayton	1
Dean Parker	5
Doug Eckstrom	11
Jeff Doerr	12
Pam Licht	12
Bethany Parker	15
Marcy Dietrich	16
Chaz Lindell	17
Kathy Dietrich	18
Ben Davis	28
Ross Shively	30
Connor Ciccone	30
Christopher Taylor	31
Marissa Charlton	31

**Anniversaries**

Dan & Carol Helkowski	1
Larry & Linda Weimer	2
Allen & Shirley Lee	4
Twila & Beau DeThomas	10
Darryl & Lynn Gunther	12
Amy & Bob Wilson	13
Joseph & Karen Meinert	18
Dan & Pat Bretheim	21
Chaz & Renee Lindell	25
John & Betty Hamara	26
Jeff & Joan Doerr	30

**Servants in Ministry****Altar Guild**

Sandi Morgan & Joyce Hewlett

**Greeter**

4-Milt/Christie Scott  
 11-Darryl/Lynn Gunther  
 18-Stephan/Mirka Fatschel  
 25-Beau/Twila DeThomas

**Reader**

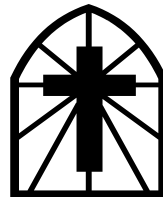
4-Christie Scott  
 11-Doug Eckstrom  
 18-Tammy Eckstrom  
 25-Milt Scott

**Acolyte**

4-Matthew Muto  
 11-Jase Wilson  
 18-Kyle Borgman  
 25-Matthew Osten

**Audio Visual**

4-D. Gunther/D. Eckstrom  
 11-S. Fatschel/K. Ormiston  
 18-K. Ormiston/M. Gremer  
 25-D. Gunther/K. Ormiston

**Prayer Concerns**

- Carol Helkowski, recuperating at HealthSouth from broken femur
- Robert Borgman, Karl's father, recuperating from heart attack
- Tom Rownd friend of Ron and Karen Doerr, who is suffering from complications after knee replacement surgery
- Prayers of encouragement for Lanaya, granddaughter of Joe and Karen Meinert
- Prayers for June Shively for recent surgery
- Speedy recovery for Tom, Betty Haffley's son, recovering from ankle surgery
- Chuck Taylor, recuperating from back surgery
- Willis Voland's sister Betty Ann, recent fall;
- Monica Grunnagle, Sandy Majors, Rose Reiley, Bill Patterson, Margaret Rombold, Kristanya Zittlow, Milt Scott, Twila DeThomas' stepfather, Philip Forsyth, battling cancer.

## **The Lutheran Hour—May Sermon Schedule**

May 4 "**Live Life, Traveling Well**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

When God makes a way possible where there is no way, you can trust Him that you will finish the journey well. (1 Peter 1:17-25)

May 11 "**Doing Good**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God calls us to be good-doers, rather than do-gooders. (1 Peter 2:19-25)

May 18 "**God's Presence + God's Promise = God's Peace**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Seltz

God's presence in Christ plus God's promises through Christ equals God's peace with Christ, forever. (John 14:1-14)

May 25 "**Remembering**" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

As we remember those who died to preserve our freedom, we remember the Savior who died and rose to save us from eternal death.

## **Voters Meeting**

The Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 1, immediately following service. In addition to our regular meeting the election of officers will be held. The offices that need to be filled are President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Parish Fellowship, Christian Education, two Elders and one year left on Property and Grounds. If you have any questions about these offices see Doug Eckstrom who has a copy of the job duties as stated in the by-laws or see the person who is currently in the position. With your help and leadership Prince of Peace can and will continue to grow as we do God's Work.

## **Food Drive**

Please continue to support our partnership with the Unionville United Methodist Church Food Pantry by bringing in your non-perishable food items such as cereal, soup, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Mission Trip**

We will be traveling to the Buffalo area for a mission trip the weekend of August 1-3. This trip is open to ages 13 and up. Sign up is posted on the bulletin board. A deposit of \$20 will be due by May 15th to hold your spot. See Jennifer Ciccone for information.

## **Reading the Bible-Again? Still**

Yes, that's what the Ladies' Thursday evening Bible study is planning to do again, (still) starting the Thursday after Easter. This time we're using a program developed by Charles Swindoll with "Insight for Living" called "God's Master Work." Each week we will listen to a survey of a different book of the Bible. While we recognize that this is not an LCMS sponsored program, most of Mr. Swindoll's teaching agrees with what we believe. Where we find differences will be good points for discussion. Please consider joining us, if not for the whole class, then maybe just for a particular book (or two) you'd like to learn more about. Here is the reading/ discussion schedule for the first few weeks.

**May 1 – Genesis May 8 – Exodus...May 15–Leviticus ...May 22 – Numbers...May 29 – Deut.** The schedule for subsequent books will be announced as we work our way through the program. Please contact Kathleen Ormiston if you are interested in joining this class.

**April Preschool News ... Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Nikki**

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 through our doors, way back in September! We have had 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:

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. Nikki**

**April Preschool News . . . Mrs. Smith & Ms. Twila**

*He is Risen, Let us Rejoice and be Glad*

Spring has finally sprung! We welcome all the warmer weather and the gift of new life in our neighborhoods. The month of April held a very important holiday this year. All the preschool classes prepared to celebrate the Easter holiday with Bible lesson, song, and décor. Both classes focused on the days leading up to the death of our Savior Jesus Christ. We taught that he was buried only to rise again on the third day. What a MIRACLE! As always we celebrate Chapel at the end of every month. This month our Chapel song was a repetitious rendition of Hosanna in the Highest. This month's song was short and sweet. Thank you to all of our parents, friends, and neighbors who attended Chapel this month.

This month we finished learning the last two letters needed to complete our alphabet. The students learned the letters **X** and **Q**. In following with our class tradition both classes were asked to bring an item that started with the letter of the week. We told the parents "Good Luck" finding an item beginning with the letter **X**. Much to our surprise the children brought in a wide variety of show and tell items. Great job parents!

Both the three year old and four year old classes participated in some fun activities during this month. In the beginning of the month we entertained them all with a movie day, featuring the new hit Disney movie FROZEN! What a joy to see the looks on the children's faces when we watched that one. We also had some fun the following days with a "Crazy Hat Day". The purpose of breaking from our routine was to administer the spring evaluations on a one on one basis. Each student was tested on material we have completed throughout this school year. We even compared their progress to the beginning of the year evaluations we administered back in October. Overall, we are very pleased with the students' progress since early fall.

Of course leading up to the Easter holiday the homeroom parents could not forget the last class party before their children get ready to graduate preschool. The Easter party run by the parents was a huge success. Thank you to all involved in planning and executing the activities. We even had a special visit from the Easter Bunny, herself (wink, wink)!

Rounding out the month we participated in many sensory activities within the classroom. We used play-doh, played board games, puzzles, chalk board activities, plus much more. During some of our "free" time we even began to prepare for Mother's Day, which is quickly approaching.

Last but certainly not least, all the classes participated in a fundraising Hop-a-Thon benefiting Prince of Peace Preschool. All the children really hopped into school during those days. This fundraiser was done to help offset the cost of a graduation yearbook, which all of our four year old graduates will receive the day of graduation. This was built as a keep sake to hold their preschool memories for years to come.

The end of the school year is so bitter sweet! We look forward to watching yet another class graduate from Prince of Peace ready to embark on their next thirteen years of schooling. We can only hope we have prepared them for Kindergarten and many more years of becoming a lifelong learner.

**Until May, Many Blessings to one and all!  
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila**

**May 2014**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	2	3 6:30 Holy Communion
4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	5 9:00 Preschool Mother's Day Program	6 9:00 Preschool Mother's Day Program 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	7 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	8 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	9	10 9:00-11:00 Mens Club 6:30 Holy Communion
11 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	12	13 6:30 Mtg. w/ Rev. Wicher 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	14 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Council	15 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	16	17 6:30 Holy Communion
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25 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	26	27 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	28 9:00 Preschool End of Year Party 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	29 9:00 3 yr. old Preschool Graduation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	30 9:00 4 yr. old Preschool Graduation	31 6:30 Holy Communion