

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



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The Victory's Won!

Contrary to public opinion, but Christmas is not the chief festival of the church year, Easter is. It is Jesus' resurrection that is the cause for our celebration of Easter. This coming Sunday we will again celebrate Jesus resurrection from the dead, as we do every Sunday, for they are all "little Easters".

After Easter we enter a period of time known as the Easter season. It is a week of weeks of Easter Celebrations. Easter is our victory celebration.

The hymn "Jesus lives! The Victory's Won" (LSB 490) joyfully proclaims the victory of our Lord. The first verse begins, "Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence."

This hymn is based in part on 1 Corinthians 15: 55-57 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Death has been conquered. We no longer die. Satan has no more power over us. We have Jesus death and resurrection. We have forgiveness and eternal life. We win because Jesus won!

As we celebrate these seven weeks of Easter we will see some amazing things. We will see Jesus miraculous and mysterious post-Easter appearances, His walk with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, His appearances in the upper room. The fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday in that the readings focus on Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

And then 40 days after Easter is Jesus ascension to heaven. Jesus sat down at the right hand of God. His work is done! Our loving king has given us the victory. From there the Father and Son send the Holy Spirit.

Ten days after his ascension we will see the Holy Spirit descend upon the disciples on Pentecost Day. Some call it the birthday of the Church since this is the day the Holy Spirit comes to live with us forever.

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The work of the Holy Spirit is to show us the work of Christ, to see the Jesus' victory over sin, death and Satan. It is His work in us that helps us love one another and love God.

The Greek word for victory is "Nike", yes, just like the shoe company. As you go about your business these next few weeks, keep an eye out for the Nike swoosh. When you see it remember that Nike is victory, and the victory is Lord's and give thanks to God for He has given you this victory.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Michael

WORSHIP WITH US

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Sunday: 10:15 AM

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MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Luke Mesing	2
Tanner Mesing	2
Margaret Rombold	4
Milan Fatschel	9
Cora Harris	10
Christopher Taylor	10
Beth Lehman	12
Allen Lee	14
Matthew Gunther	20
Michael Podeszwa	24
Ed Melberg	25
Ron Lehocky	27
Brad Lehocky	28
Bob Licht	28
Dana Hankinson	30
Trevor Mesing	31

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Rich Clayton	1
Doug Eckstrom	11
Jeff Doerr	12
Pam Licht	13
Bethany Parker	15
Marcy Dietrich	16
Kathy Dietrich	18
Christopher Taylor	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
John & Betty Hamara	26



SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Greeter

- 7 – Ruth Miller/Matthew Gunther
- 14 – Rich/Ethel Clayton
- 21 – Beau/Twila DeThomas
- 28 – Bill/Becky Mallary

Reader

- 7 – Bill Mallary
- 14 – Peter Humphrey
- 21 – Darryl Gunther
- 28 – Doug Eckstrom

Altar Guild

Sandi Morgan/Joyce Hewlett

Acolyte

- 7 – Skylar DeThomas
- 14 – Sierrah Altenburg
- 21 – Hannah Bendekovic
- 28 – Nikolai Podeszwa

*Whoever serves me
must follow me; and
where I am, my
servant also will be.
My Father will
honor the one who
serves me.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please keep the following
members & friends in your
prayers:*

- ❖ Rachel Humphrey, recovering from foot surgery.
- ❖ Continued prayers of healing for Willis Voland's sister; Betty Ann. Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- ❖ Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Carol Helkowski, Milt Scott and Erica Davids.
- ❖ Lanaya (Granddaughter of Karen & Joe Meinert) for her mental health.
- ❖ Thomas Haffely who was hospitalized for cardiac arrest.
- ❖ Milt Scott recovering from pneumonia.
- ❖ Bill Humphrey, father of Peter and grandfather of Joshua and Rachel who is recovering from surgery.
- ❖ Barb Bishop, leukemia. Jim Garrett, Ethel Clayton's brother, medical concerns.

LUTHERAN HOUR – MAY SCHEDULE

May 7

"The Abundant Life of Grace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Don't leave God's grace behind! We are still sheep
who need the Good Shepherd.
(John 10:1-10)

May 14

"To Know God, Look to Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
To be saved by Jesus Christ is not religion--it is
reliance upon God's grace, God's doing, and God's
amazing love for you.
(John 14:1-14)

May 21

"Comfort in the Spirit for Our Spirits"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory
Seltz
To be the people God created us to be, we
must be connected to His power, to His
Word, by His Spirit.
(John 14:15-21)

May 28

"The Best of Things in the Worst of Times"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
As another generation comes along that
knows not the Lord or what He has done,
God enables His people to do the best of
things in the worst of times.
(Philippians 1:27)

THE NEW "ARK ENCOUNTER" TOUR:

Some of the members of Prince of Peace are planning a bus trip to Cincinnati to see the full-size replica of Noah's Ark and to visit the Creation Museum. The Ark is actually built to the dimensions given in the bible. Imagine.... seeing The Ark as Noah and his family saw it! This should be an amazing experience and has been described by some as "life-changing".

This trip is planned for September 11th – 13th. The total cost is \$639 (single). A deposit of \$150 is required.

Of course, there is so much more to this trip. There will be some shopping and more importantly there will be fellowship, and when the members of Prince of Peace get together the word fellowship takes on a whole new meaning. There is love and laughter and lots of fun.

The more of us we can get to join this trip, the more of us there will be to come back and share the experience with our congregation. All are welcome to attend.

Please consider joining us. There is information out on the table in the narthex. Be sure to take a look. Don't miss this opportunity!

If you have any questions please contact Linda Weimer, 724.776.5542

MARCH 2017 OFFERINGS

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BETTER/WORSE
Ash Wed & 3/5/17	\$4,153	\$5,115	\$962
03/12/17	\$3,353	\$1,701	\$(1,652)
03/19/17	\$3,152	\$3,746	\$594
03/26/17	\$3,353	\$2,969	\$(384)
Totals	\$14,011	\$13,531	\$(480)
First Quarter 2017	\$44,286	\$45,244	\$958

ALTAR GUILD

We are desperately in need of help on Altar Guild. Setting the altar for communion is not anything to fear. It is easy to learn the set up and Pastor Mike seldom has a complaint (if ever). It takes a matter of minutes to set up before a service and to clean up after. Not to mention the joy of the personal time spent with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Time not unlike that spent in prayer and meditation on the blessing of the Lord's Supper.

Please consider volunteering to help us. It is a most rewarding effort. It does not require a college degree, nor does it require references. It involves minimal training and possibly one fifteen-minute meeting per year. No dues and no dress code. The pay is far more than monetary and the hours are of your own choosing. Not to mention the fact that your coworkers are really nice people!

If you are interested please see Kathy Volland before or after a service or call her at 412.491.9390. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!

Evangelism Team

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to the many volunteers, the Easter Egg Hunt was a big hit again this year. Willis and his kitchen team kept things flowing, serving close to 100 hot dogs. Between the egg stuffers and hidiers, the food servers and the craft helpers, we shared the message of Jesus with children from the community. With over 1,000 eggs, stuffed with stickers about Jesus, Testa”mints” and other reminders of His love and forgiveness, we were ready for a fun-filled and action-packed time. And the kids did not disappoint. All in all, we had about 40 kids and their parents at our annual event.

Project Connect

By now you’ve probably noticed the display of Project Connect booklets just outside the sanctuary. This is a new ministry that we hope will make a difference in the lives of people we know and serve through our congregation. The booklets are written from a Christian perspective and address a variety of topics, from forgiveness and the after-life to depression and anger management.

There are many people in our community who haven’t crossed the doorstep of a church in years; in fact, some may have never been to church. Still, that doesn’t mean they won’t be receptive to the Gospel. Sharing God’s Good News in Jesus doesn’t need to be an awkward or anxiety-filled encounter. Making one-on-one contact with others is a privilege but, as we all know, that doesn’t make it easy. These booklets will provide a great opportunity to touch people in our area.

Not only do we hope that you’ll take advantage of this ministry opportunity, we hope you will consider supporting it as well. If you would like to help, please use the offering envelopes in the display rack. It’s that easy.

Save the Dates

Vacation Bible School

June 26th to 30th and the theme is “A Mighty Fortress.”

In Jesus the Victory is Won!

At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!

We’ll be sharing details about how you can plug into this important mission opportunity in the weeks to come.

Community Day 2017

July 29th at Green Valley Park. More details to come.

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Jill'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 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 program. 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!

Four year olds

The four year old lessons for the month included: We 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 almost finished and we have started reviewing all our letters and numbers!

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. Jill

April Preschool News...Mrs. Smith & Miss 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! We celebrated during our March Chapel by singing Ho Ho Ho Hosanna. Thank you to all of our parents, friends, and neighbors who attended Chapel this school year. With Easter being the last major holiday we celebrate during the school year we of course held a classroom party. 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).

This month we finished learning the last three letters needed to complete our alphabet. The students learned the R, X, and Q. In following with our class tradition both classes were asked to bring an item for show and tell. We told the parents “Good Luck” finding an item that begins with letter X. Much to our surprise the children brought in a wide variety of show and tell items. Great Job Parents!

All of our preschool classes participated in our spring fundraiser the Hop-a-thon. All donations benefit Prince of Peace Preschool as we rebuild our fundraising account for graduation, graduate yearbooks, and next year’s activities. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Now that the weather is warmer we have had a little bit of time to go outside to play. The boys and girls sure do love getting out onto the playground. During a few of the rainy days we decided to have sensory stations. We used play-doh, played board games, puzzles, chalk board activities, plus much more. If we had any free time, we prepared for Mother’s Day; since it is quickly approaching.

Rounding out the month of April we administered our spring evaluations. Each student was tested on material we have completed throughout this school year. We even compared their progress to the beginning of the year. Overall, we are very pleased with the students’ progress since early fall.

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

Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 13, 2017

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saxony Farm Lake

Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg



No entry fee

Open to all kids 14 and under

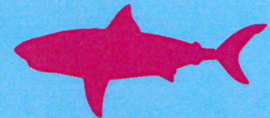
Free refreshments

Bait provided by Concordia

Prizes all day

Participants must have an adult chaperone

Bring your own fishing pole and lawn chair



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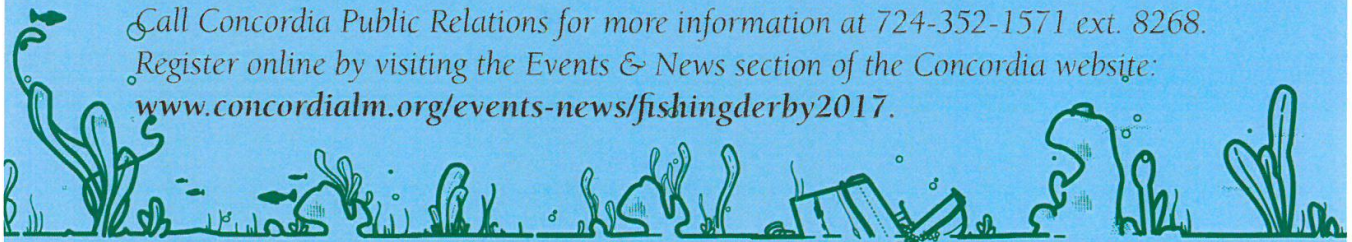
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www.concordialm.org/events-news/fishingderby2017.



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES 2017 FASHION SHOW

Butterfly Bash

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Butler Country Club
310 Country Club Lane, Butler, PA 16002

10:00 a.m.

10 a.m. - Registration, Basket Auction,
Mystery Bags and Shopping *(clothes and accessories)*

11:45 a.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - Fashion Show

\$40 per ticket Tables of 10: \$400
Valet Parking

Please call 724-352-1571, ext. 8355 to make your reservation or go online at give.concordialm.org, click GIVE NOW and select "Events." Seating is limited and available by RSVP and advance payment only. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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CLM Foundation and send to:
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Samaritan Endowment Fund, providing
charitable care to residents and patients in need.



May 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 11:00 Bible Study	4 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir	5	6 6:30 Holy Communion
7 4 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	8	9 6:30 Council	10 11:00 Bible Study	11 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir	12	13 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
14 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	15	16	17 11:00 Bible Study	18 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir	19	20 6:30 Holy Communion
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28 7 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	29	30	31 11:00 Bible Study			