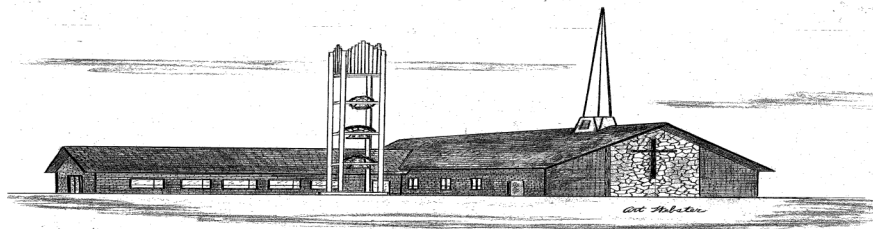


# The Bells

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## Building Bridges

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I had this dream. My family and I were traveling somewhere, but couldn't get there. The bridges were out. One was packed with traffic due to an accident, nobody was moving for hours. With another, entire sections of the bridge were missing. Our GPS couldn't direct us to the next bridge. I woke up feeling very frustrated.

Living in Western PA, there are two things you learn about bridges; the first is that they are absolutely necessary. As you travel around, there is no where you can go without going over or under a bridge. It might be a short bridge to get you over a creek; it might be a bridge to get you over another road or highway. It might be a long bridge to get you over the one of the mighty rivers, but without a bridge, be it short, long or in-between; you cannot get around Western PA without one.

Bridges are built with the express purpose of getting us over obstacles; roads, bodies of water, and even valleys. Bridges connect people together who are separated by these obstacles, who have no other way to be physically present with each other.

We all know that Jesus was a carpenter; but did you know that He is a bridge builder too? He is the great high priest of our confession (Hebrews 3.1) The ancient word for priest meant "bridge-builder". The priest built a bridge between God and man. Jesus did this by dying on a cross, overcoming the obstacle of our sin, that we might be reunited with our Heavenly Father. This is the purpose for which he came, to seek and save the lost.

We too are called to be bridge-builders, not between God and man that work is done in Christ Jesus, but between man and man. We are called to be a "Royal Priesthood" – Royal bridge-builders. First, we bring the good news of the bridge of forgiveness built by Jesus that brings mankind over the obstacle of sin, then we build bridges between each other.

It's not an easy process; more often than not we end up burning bridges, tearing them down, or just putting more obstacles in each other's way. We do it when we say things without thinking, when we say things in anger, when we let our pride control our actions instead of humbly submitting our will to God's.

Yet, in spite of our sins and trespasses, God reconciled the world to Himself, through Christ. And for His sake gave us the ministry of reconciliation. It's a process we are called to work on every day of our lives, even though we'll do it imperfectly, even though there will be days when God has to tear us down and rebuild us again.

And that goes to the other thing you learn about bridges while living in Western PA; they're always under construction.

In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Michael

### WORSHIP WITH US

**Saturday:** 6:30 PM Worship

**Sunday:** 10:15 AM Worship

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## THANK YOU

On behalf of the congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, I want to thank the families, teachers, aides and our Christian Education Committee for their outstanding support in our efforts to provide non-perishable food items for the Unionville United Methodist Church Food Pantry. To date, the preschool collected over 190 items. Their reward for this outstanding job was a pizza party November 25 and 26. Great Job!!

In addition, our own congregation has collected 693 food items since July. THANK YOU one and all.

But don't stop there. Prince of Peace will continue to support the UUMC Food Pantry indefinitely. Just drop off your donations of non-perishable food items at the display outside the fellowship hall. They will be gathered up and delivered to UUMC on a monthly basis.

There are so many families in our surrounding communities who have a tough time making ends meet. Unionville United Methodist Church obtains a list of people in the Beaver County community that needs help on a short term basis and finds ways to help them. Sometimes it is with household goods, clothes, food items or house repairs. Easter and Christmas parties are held for the children and the parents are given Easter baskets and Christmas presents for the children.

If you are interested in helping the UUMC in their mission outside this food collection, visit their website at <http://www.unionvilleumc.org/> or contact Jo Shane at 724-843-2113.

## COUPLE'S DINNER

November's Couple's Dinner will be at Atria's on Friday, Nov. 15th at 6pm. We always have a private room and a good time. Hope you can join us! If you wish to attend please put your name on the sign up located on the bulletin board across from the office by Nov. 10th.

## UNITY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY MISSION

You are cordially invited to Unity Lutheran Community Mission's 27th Annual Harvest Home Festival celebration in Word, song and praise on Sunday, November 17th at 2:30 PM.

This year's inspirational theme will be ... "Give thanks in everything!" ... And Rev. Reholma McCants will be delivering the divine message.

Following this special worship service, we insist that you stay and fellowship with us in the banquet hall by partaking of a home cooked meal, prepared by the women of Unity, as well as your own covered dishes/desserts.

Please call the church at 412.731.2811 to RSVP no later than Thursday, November 12th to confirm your attendance.

# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Carol Helkowski	3
Tara Dulski	7
Darryl Gunther	7
Cindy Nowry	7
Pamela Licht	10
Peter Humphrey	13
Dustin Parker	14
Joleen Mesing	16
Jake Daubenspeck	17
Betty Haffely	18
Brendan Doerr	19
Joan Coe	28
Matthew Parker	28
Beau DeThomas, Jr.	30
Joan Doerr	30
Noah Fessides	30
Kaitlyn Schultz	30

## Baptismal Birthdays

Jennifer Ciccone	
Carol Helkowski	
Dan Helkowski	
Rich Clayton	
Tom Shively	1
Abigail Miller	1
Cathy Goble	4
Lorena Hamara	8
Jesse Dietrich	8
Joslyn Mesing	12
Tammy Eckstrom	16
Karl Borgman	20
Carole Alberts	27
Tara Dulski	28
Betty Haffely	30

## Anniversaries:

Ben & Michele Davis	4
Bob & Barbara Blank	21
<i>Celebrating 43rd Anniversary</i>	
Charles & Joan Coe	21
<i>Celebrating 54th Anniversary</i>	
Ross & June Shively	26
<i>Celebrating 64th Anniversary</i>	
Milt & Christie Scott	30
<i>Celebrating 45th Anniversary</i>	

## Servants in Ministry

### Greeter

3-OPEN
10-Ruth Miller/Avis Miller
17-K. Voland/Rachel Eckstrom
24-Ted/Mark Fessides
30-OPEN

### Reader

3-Mary Podeszwa
10-Joleen Mesing
17-Doug Eckstrom
24-Jeff Doerr

### Acolyte

3-Jase Wilson
10-Kyle Borgman
17-Matthew Osten
24-Connor Ciccone

### Flowers

3-Carol & Dan Helkowski
10-Jennifer & Carl Ciccone
24-Twila & Beau DeThomas

### Audio Visual

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

### Altar Guild

Carol Helkowski
Crissy Nadzam
&
Madi Daubenspeck

## Prayer Concerns:

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

- Jenny Rae, (Kathy & Will Voland's granddaughter) recent surgery
- Kathy Hoelzel Kathy & Will Voland's niece) for emotional issues
- Betty Happel, (Jean Taylor's mother) hospitalized for heart attack and receiving dialysis
- Prayers for Tim Rodman's (Brittany Young's fiancé) mom who is starting chemotherapy
- Prayers of thanks for the healthy delivery of Joan Bowen's grandson, Richard Brennan Waddell born on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Zelda Parks and her family for the loss of her son Jim Parks
- Sharon, Bill & Becky Mallary's son-in-law's mother, for serious health issues
- Daine Tomako (friend of Lynn Gunther), lung cancer, Rose Reiley (friend of Sallie Mannino), Bill Patterson (Lawrie Borgman's father), Kristanya Zittlow, Milt Scott, Twila DeThomas' stepfather, Philip Forsyth, battling cancer.

## The Lutheran Hour

November 3—**"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus invites us to pray, His way, and in His Name. (Luke 11:1-2)

November 10—**"Dear Father, Hear My Prayer"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

We can call God our Father only because Jesus has made that relationship possible. (Matthew 7:7-12)

November 17—**"The Power, Protection, and Purpose of His Name"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Believers are blessed with royal power, protection, and purpose because they bear the name of the King of kings and Lord of lords. (John 17:6-12)

November 24 —**"Giving Thanks Because We Need To"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Give thanks to God because it's the right thing to do and because others need to hear it, too. (Luke 17:15-16)

## Lutheran Indian Ministries Sunday

**An offering will be taken after service on Sunday, November 10th for the Lutheran Indian Ministries. 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. We invite you to partner in this ministry by:**

- **Praying for our staff, for present and future Native students in theological training programs, and the communities we serve.**
- **Give generously to help proclaim the Gospel to Native communities in North America. To give, visit our website: [LutheranIndianMinistries.org](http://LutheranIndianMinistries.org).**
- **Help personally bring Christ's Kingdom to Every Native American Nation by volunteering to serve. For more information and an application, visit our website: [LutheranIndianMinistries.org/volunteer](http://LutheranIndianMinistries.org/volunteer).**

# “Anti”-Social Media

by Tammy Eckstrom

Before there was Facebook, MySpace, texting and Twitter, all was good in the land. Let's face it, people actually conversed with one another. Even on a phone call, there was the advantage of intonation. I mean, when someone screams “I'M SORRY”, it's pretty clear that they mean just the opposite. Convinced that social media was keeping kids from developing conversational skills, like the kids in Russian orphanages who had no physical contact with anyone during their early years, I considered social media evil and refused to partake.

So why did I become a Facebooker? Well, a couple of years ago, my dear sister told me that I should be on Facebook so I could “monitor” my kids' posts. That definitely piqued my interest and I signed up. Fast forward to today and I would say that I'm a Facebook junkie, addicted to keeping up with my friends and my kids and their friends, my brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, former coworkers, yada, yada, yada.

While it may seem like a sickness to those who don't “get it”, I'm going to say that it's the greatest thing since sliced bread (pardon the cliché). My beliefs were confirmed when I went to the Regional Outreach Conference (R.O.C.) in Cleveland. Reverend Mark Zehnder from Omaha, Nebraska, talked about outreach and he said something that I thought was pretty profound —“if you're going to be effective [as a Christian] it's impossible to have a meaningless conversation with anyone!!” It got me thinking about a recent “conversation” on Facebook and a light bulb went off. Why just last night, my sister-in-law was rather “chatty.” When I saw her chat, I wanted to “ignore” it because I was pretty tired after a long week and just about ready to turn in for the night. But I could tell that she just wanted me to “listen.” She had just lost her mother to cancer. Her father had passed away a few years ago. As an only child she was feeling pretty alone. She wanted to know if it was OK that she missed her Mom even though “Mom” had had a good long life. Of course it's OK to miss her mom for the rest of her life and I told her that I would pray that God would get her through this difficult time. After all, that's what she really wanted to hear. I'm glad I could be “there” for her.

This makes me think of what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, ***“<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings.”*** In other words, we need to meet people where they are. While there's no substitute for a face-to-face conversation (except, perhaps through Skype), there are many times when the opportunity just doesn't present itself. So maybe it's time to shift the “conversation” paradigm. If it's through social media, then I'm there.

## Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Nikki's Preschool News

Happy Fall to everyone! The leaves are falling and we all know what that means...winter is on its way! I am not ready for the snow at all! All the children have settled into a daily routine and are keeping us very busy! Time sure does fly! We are having so much fun with them and they are all very eager to learn! Although their favorite time of the day is of course SNACK TIME!!!

We are happy to report that all six of our caterpillars turned into beautiful Monarch butterflies and each class got to set them free! The kids were so excited to watch this amazing transformation take place!

Our Bible lesson was "Big, Bold Powerful Good!" The kids loved the song. They rocked it out with the microphones and guitars.

**3 YEAR OLD CLASS** The three year olds are also working hard on their alphabet books. They love story time and circle time when we sing our songs. We talked about: Growing pumpkins, Fall changes and the many shapes of Halloween!

We are having such a great time with these young threes. They are so innocent! I love that!

**4 YEAR OLD CLASS** The four year olds topics for the month were: Fire Safety, Growing Pumpkins, Fall changes and Halloween!! We are working hard on our alphabet books and number books. We are also trying to master our cutting skills. It is only October and everyone is doing a great job! They will have it mastered by January.

**Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Nikki**

## Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's Preschool News

**All your children shall be taught by the Lord,  
and great shall be the peace of your children. –Isaiah 54:13**

Welcome Fall!! The month of October was chalked full of teachable moments. First, continuing on from last month, both classrooms were thrilled to welcome the Monarch butterflies in their classroom habitats, which were released into the wild right outside our door.

October was Fire Safety month. Our three year old classes received a special visit from Big Knob's own Fire Chief and his fire engine to learn some fire safety tips. Our four year old classes took a field trip to visit the Fire Department and learn fire safety. The highlight of the visit was meeting the department's mascot "Hydro", a four month old Dalmatian puppy.

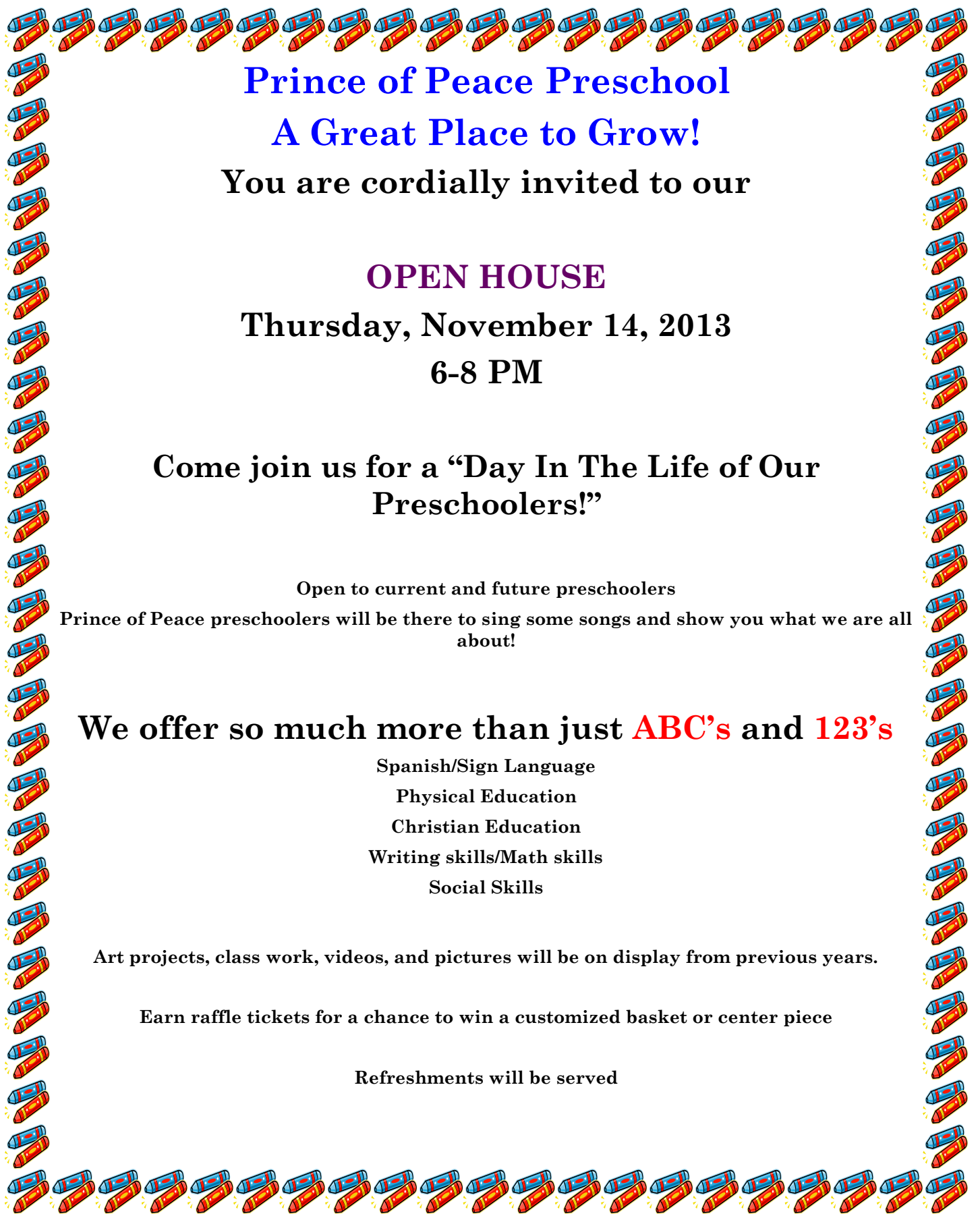
We added three new letters to our writing skills this month; A, O, and H. During letter A week, we focused on Autumn and the changes occurring outside. Letter O week was a discussion about October as we started creating Halloween arts and crafts. In addition, all the preschool classes took a field trip to Yeck's Farm and enjoyed a hayride as well as choosing a pumpkin to take home. Finishing out the month we focused on the letter H. The letter H represented Halloween and the fun costume party we had just in time which took place on October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. A special "THANK YOU" goes out to the wonderful parents for making this a fun and safe time for our students.

All the preschool staff here at Prince of Peace would like to wish you and your families a safe and fun Halloween.

Our Bible lesson during the month of October was borrowed from VBS here at Prince of Peace. "*Big, Bold, Powerful God*" was the upbeat song all the classes performed during our mornings at Chapel. The students sure rocked this song because we supplied them with inflatable guitars and toy microphones. We had lots of parents, friends, and neighbors come to watch Chapel this month. Thank you to all who attended. During class time we taught the students that God is our "ROCK". All things are possible with a strong foundation and believing in our one true God. God is a strong force and through him; all this are possible.

We are having a very positive reaction to learning which does make our job easier. We love the inquiring minds of each and every blessing in our classes.

**Blessings to you and yours,  
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila**



# Prince of Peace Preschool

## A Great Place to Grow!

You are cordially invited to our

### OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 14, 2013

6-8 PM

Come join us for a “Day In The Life of Our Preschoolers!”

Open to current and future preschoolers

Prince of Peace preschoolers will be there to sing some songs and show you what we are all about!

We offer so much more than just **ABC's** and **123's**

Spanish/Sign Language

Physical Education

Christian Education

Writing skills/Math skills

Social Skills

Art projects, class work, videos, and pictures will be on display from previous years.

Earn raffle tickets for a chance to win a customized basket or center piece

Refreshments will be served



# November 2013

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<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b>  <b>PRINCE OF PEACE CHRISTMAS DINNER:</b>  <b>IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE</b>  <b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd</b></p>						1	2
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<p>26th Sunday After Pentecost                      9:00 SS/Adult Bible Study                      10:15 Holy Communion  <b>VOTER'S MEETING</b>  <i>Immediately following service</i></p>	<p>Haven Braille</p>	<p>AM—Braille                      6:30 Kidz Klub                      6:45 Comrades of Christ</p>	<p>11:00 Midweek Bible Study                      7:00 Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>9:00 Preschool Chapel                      7:00 Ladies Bible Study                      7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>9:00 Preschool Chapel</p>	<p>6:30 Holy Communion</p>	
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<p>Last Sunday of the Church Year                      9:00 SS/Adult Bible Study                      10:15 Holy Communion</p>		<p>AM—Braille                      6:30 Kidz Klub                      6:45 Comrades of Christ</p>	<p>11:00 Midweek Bible Study                      7:00 Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>		<p>6:30 Holy Communion</p>	