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Sunday: 10:15 AM

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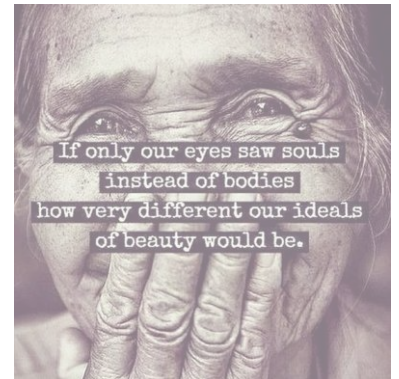
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New Eyes

Dear Friends in Christ,

There's a picture floating around social meeting of an elderly woman, covered in wrinkles, yet smiling. Over the picture is a message: "If only our eyes saw souls instead of bodies how very different our ideals of beauty would be."

Don't get me wrong, I believe the sentiment behind this meme is encouraging us to look past outer beauty – the color and smoothness of the skin, the symmetry in the features, the color of the eyes and hair, and how thin a person might be. Rather, we ought to judge a person on their character, their actions and words, how they treat others around them –especially those who are not as blessed as they are. This is a good thing, but to look upon the soul, that's not gift we should want.



We already have the ability, in part, to look upon the soul – our own. And if we're honest with ourselves, if we truly believe the Word of God when it says that "out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. (Matt. 15:19 ESV)" and whoever, "fails in one point [of the Law] has become accountable for all of it," (James 2:10 ESV) then we must confess that our souls are ugly and stained with sin.

Of course, we're not completely honest with ourselves. Sometimes we're simply unaware of the sins we commit. We just don't know when we've done wrong. "Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults." (Ps. 19:12 ESV) Other times we downgrade our sins. A popular song was said, "If loving you is wrong, I don't want to be right."

Can you imagine what our family would say, our friends and neighbors, if they were to look past our flesh and blood and into the depths of our soul? What would they say if they saw the anger, the malice, the bitterness, and the slander that stains our souls? How would they react if they could see the sexual immorality, the impurity, the evil desires and covetousness which is our natural sinful state?

"If only our eyes saw souls", thank God they don't.

There is one, of course, who can see our souls. He knows when we sit and we rise. He knows our paths and even before we speak, He knows what we're going to say. If we rise to the heavens and or sleep in the depths of hell, if we climb the mountains or go to the depths of the sea, He is there and He knows us. (Ps. 139).

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New Eyes (continued from p. 1)

Perhaps, instead of wanting to see the blackened, sin-stained souls of those around us, we should, instead, ask our heavenly Father for eyes that see as He does. Eyes that see not according to their flesh, but according to the work completed in Jesus Christ. We see those who are in Christ as new creations, holy to God. And those who are outside, they are lost and suffering. And with them we share the reconciliation of God through Jesus Christ.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

October Mission Raffle Basket

This is the final mission raffle basket and we saved the best for last!

October is potentially the only month that all three of the major Pittsburgh sports teams would play at the same time, so this box is filled with all kinds of fun things for each team! Whether you're a Pirates fan, a Steelers fan, a Penguins fan, or just love black and gold – this basket is for you!



The proceeds from the basket will go to the Unionville United Methodist Food Pantry so this month you can purchase tickets either with cash or with food! That's right – for each can, box, jar, or bottle of food that you bring in you'll get a raffle ticket.

So whether you bring cash or cans, you can support the UUM Food Pantry and have a chance to win a Pittsburgh "pride" basket. If you won't be in church the weekend of October 4-5, but would like tickets, please contact Kathleen Ormiston. Thank you for supporting the Prince of Peace missions!

50 + Dinner

October's 50+ Dinner will be on Friday, October 17th, at 6:00 PM at Atria's in Wexford. Please sign up by Sunday, October 12th if you can join us. We would love to have more people join us and that includes singles and couples!! Please use the sign up that is posted in the hall on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

Calling All Members!

We will meet to discuss a 2015 International Mission Trip at Panera in Cranberry on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. We will review the opportunities which are available in Canada, the Caribbean, and Central America. See Jennifer Ciccone for more details, especially if you cannot attend the meeting.

TRUNK or TREAT

Saturday, October 25th

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
60 Rochester Rd., Freedom PA 15042

Face Painting ★ Story time ★ Games ★ Refreshments



Must be 10 years old or younger
Costumes are optional

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Pat Bretheim	2
Cathy Goble	3
Genevieve Leonberg	3
Michael Szabo	5
Carole Alberts	9
Mark Fessides	9
Beau DeThomas, Sr.	16
Zach Eckstrom	19
Andreas Fatschel	19
Hannah Lindell	24
Sarah Nuerge	29
Robin Blank	31

Anniversaries

Joel & Heather Nuerge	4
Bob & Lisa Dietrich	9
Don & Betty Wunnenberg	14
George & Joleen Mesing	17
Bob & Pam Licht	20

Baptismal Birthdays:

Lynn Gunther	
Alice Dietrich	7
Carl Blank	10
Stephan Fatschel	11
Cora Harris	12
Sue Szabo	12
Tyler Borgman	20
Robert Blank	24
Ron Doerr	27
Cari Skuse	27
Sylvia Stedina	27
Lawrie Borgman	31

Kidz Klub

Youth Group is back in full swing. Please remember to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Our schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:30 – 6:45 Opening Prayer

6:45 – 7:05 Dinner

7:05 – 7:45 Games

7:45 – 8:15 Lesson & Closing Prayer

Questions? Contact Jennifer Ciccone or Eric Bendekovic

Servants in Ministry

Greeter

- 5-Mary Nuerge/Tara Dulski
- 12-Tom/Coleen Sigler
- 19-Bill/Becky Mallary
- 26-**OPEN**

Reader

- 5-Kathleen Ormiston
- 12-George Mesing
- 19-Faye Brockmiller
- 26-Dana Hankinson

Acolyte

- 5-Matt Osten
- 12-Jase Wilson
- 19-Carrick Skuse
- 26-Sophia Fatschel

Altar Guild

- Linda Weimer/Tara Dulski

Audio Visual

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

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- The Taylor family for the passing of Betty Happel
- The Forsyth family for the loss of David's father, Robert
- Stephanie Benkowski, daughter of Chuck & Sue Szabo, who is in severe pain & undergoing testing for a diagnosis
- Kim Singleton's sister-in-law, Sean
- Carrie (friend of Kathy Voland) who is hospitalized due to complications with pregnancy
- Prayers for continued recovery for Chuck Taylor, Sue Szabo, Carl Blank, Zelda Parks, & Carol Helkowski
- Prayers of encouragement for Lanaya, granddaughter of Joe & Karen Meinert
- Willis Voland's sister Betty Ann, health concerns
- Sandy Majors, Rose Reiley, Bill Patterson, Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, Twila DeThomas' stepfather battling cancer.

The Lutheran Hour—October Sermon Schedule

October 5 "Show Me the Money? No, Show Me Jesus!"

St. Paul urges us to get down to brass tacks, face faith facts, and trust in the Good News of God's grace in Jesus. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 4) (Ephesians 2:8-10)

October 12 "Today's the Day for God's Grace for All"

The ruins of ancient Pompeii show how life can change in an instant. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 5)(Rev. 7:9-12)

October 19 "God's Peacemakers for a Troubled World"

Jesus calls and enables us to be peacemakers who share His gifts with others in a broken world. (Phil. 4:4-13)

October 26 "Keep It Simple and Straightforward"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

The Bible's message is simple and straightforward: the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. (Romans 3:22-25)

Food Drive

No one needs an incentive to be charitable, but make your food donations on or before the weekend of October 4th-5th and you will be entered in our Missions Raffle Basket drawing.



This final Missions raffle benefits UUMC and their food pantry outreach. It will be one year since Prince of Peace has partnered in the effort of helping local families in need of food. For each non-perishable food item that you bring in before the drawing on Sunday, October 5th you will receive a raffle ticket. Details of the contents of the basket and how you can rack up the raffle tickets are on page 2. Thank you!

A Message from Altar Guild

Some of you may be aware that Ray Korash of Beaver Valley Florists recently passed away after retiring. Ray provided us with our beautiful arrangements for many years and will be missed not only by us but by all the area churches that he so lovingly served.

After considerable research we have made provisions with Engel's Florist of Rochester, who will supply us with a different flower arrangement at a similar price to what we were previously paying. We have wanted to go to one larger arrangement and eliminate the two smaller ones, for some time. So we will be doing just that. We will be getting one larger arrangement for \$15.00, as opposed to the two smaller ones we were getting for \$7.50 each. We are hoping that you will all still be as generous in your donations towards flowers on a weekly basis as it helps the church so much, and the flowers do show that we truly celebrate and take to heart the celebration of the part of the Christian service that brings us closest to Jesus Christ.

There will be a flower order list up again soon. If you wish to order flowers for a Saturday and Sunday service, just pick your date on the list, just as it has always been done. If you know of someone who desires to donate to the flower fund on the same week end, in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a family event, perhaps you can share the cost of the flowers that week end, and decide between the two of you who the flowers will go home with. There will still be room enough for two names on the signup sheet. However, a full \$15 bouquet must be ordered, as there will no longer be two arrangements. We hope this will work out for everyone. It is the best way for us to keep having flowers at the same prices.

If you have any questions, please see Kathy Volland. Thank You and God Bless You

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Nikki's Preschool News

We are off to a great start! During the month of September our Science topic was the caterpillar and the butterfly. The children were very enthusiastic about it! They asked so many questions. We had four caterpillars that took over the butterfly habitat! Here's hoping that those caterpillars will transform into butterflies soon! So far, we have released two butterflies into the world. We are waiting on our last two! Did you know that caterpillars are found on the milkweed plant?

The Bible story for this month was about Creation. Both classes learned how God created our earth. The three and four year olds will be singing about God creating our Earth.

3 YEAR OLD CLASS The three year old class started their alphabet book and **love** story time. We read Jack and the Beanstalk and planted our very own "beanstalk"! Make sure it gets plenty of sunshine and water. Everyone is working to recognize their own name. We play fun games like the "Name Game" and "Musical Names." The three year olds are getting use to all the rules of the room so they can settle into a routine and become pros just like the four year olds!

4 YEAR OLD CLASS The four year olds topics included: All About Me, Families, Where I Live, And most importantly we discussed:

"What makes us special?" —GOD MADE US!

We started counting in Spanish and are learning some words in Spanish as well! The children are picking it up fast! They love learning a new word each week. We have started our alphabet books and everyone is doing a great job!

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Nikki

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's Preschool News

Thank you to all the families of Prince of Peace who have chosen to put their trust in Miss Twila and me to teach your children, as we begin a very busy school year. Since the summer weather is over already...who can believe it's that time of year again? Our four year old classes are full again this year, but due to less three year olds we still have seats available for our three year old classes. We have been very blessed with new and returning faces of our students as we embark on our 169 day journey through this 2014-2015 school year.

The month of September has been a month all about Creation in both classes during Christian religion. We taught the students how many days it took God to create the heavens and the Earth, and that he rested on day seven. God created us and that is what makes us all special! We also celebrated during Chapel with a song from Genesis. That song and dance was nothing short of entertaining. The students enjoyed their parents, friends, and neighbors watching.

During this school year, Mrs. Shuttleworth's classes and ours will be learning the alphabet out of order, starting with the letter W. The letter W represented a WELCOME week for all classes. The other letters we focused on this month were B, F, & C. During B, week we focused on the Monarch butterflies that would soon be hatching in their classroom habitats we have provided in each class. The students are keeping close track of each chrysalis in the anticipation of another butterfly emerging soon. One class even named one of our new butterflies; Jesus. When we got to letter F, it was the first day of Fall and we created an art project using paper towels cut into leaf shapes with paint that would run together creating vibrant fall colors. The last week of September was letter C.

At the end of September, our students brought their best smiles for picture day! We are off to a wonderful start in both classes. We are looking for positive attitudes toward learning from all the boys and girls and their families. The children are full of energy and so much fun; we are learning to channel the energy for the good of the classes. Thank you for sharing these precious gifts with us each and every day.

Blessings to you and Yours,

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 11:00 Bible Study	2 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pr. Michael @ Doxology Conf. Malvern PA</div>	4 6:30 Holy Communion
5--17 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Pr. Michael @ Doxology Conf.</div>	6	7 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	8 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Council Mtg.	9 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	10	11 6:30 Holy Communion
12 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	13	14 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	15 11:00 Bible Study	16 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	17 6:00 50+ Dinner at Atria's!!	18 9:00-11:00 Mens Club 6:30 Holy Communion
19 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion Explorer's Club	20	21 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	22 11:00 Bible Study	23 9:00 Preschool Chapel 6:30 Int'l Mission Trip Meeting @ Panera in Cranberry 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	24	25 3:30-5:00 Trunk or Treat 6:30 Holy Communion
26 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	27 9:00 Pr. Michael @ Trinity Lutheran	28 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	29 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Elders Meeting	30 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	31	