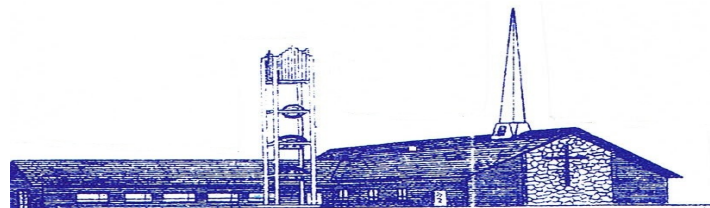


# The Bells



## PRINCE OF PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2012

### A Back to School Event You Don't Want to Miss

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the last month, you haven't been able to escape it. Whether on TV, on the radio or in the newspapers you have seen the advertising for all the back-to-school sales. Our children need their new pants, new shirts, new shoes, new backpacks, new pencils, pens and crayons. If they're old enough, we need to buy them their laptops and computers, their dorm refrigerators and fans, laundry baskets and all the other stuff they need to live away from home.

And of course, they need to buy their books – lots and lots of books. Depending on class load and they type of classes, our college students can easily shell out between \$250 and \$500 for books per semester. But we do this because education prepares our young men and women for life.

It prepares them for life in this world. But there is a world to come and a life in that world. This life is eternal, and a gift granted to us by our Heavenly Father. So how do we prepare for this everlasting life? How do we prepare for the life in the world to come?

A few weeks ago, the Gospel lesson contained these wonderful words of Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68 ESV) Life is found in the Word of God, given to His prophets and spoken to us by His Son. Luther called God's Word "the treasure that makes everything holy" and he encourages us to hear the Word and learn it. In his Large Catechism, Luther writes, "... when we seriously ponder the Word, hear it, and put it to use, such is its power that it never departs without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devotion and it constantly creates clean hearts and minds. For this Word is not idle or dead, but effective and living."

This fall, I invite you all to come "Back to School." Not the school that prepares you for this world, but the one that prepares for you for the next. Join with us in the Bible studies and Sunday School classes. Devour the Word of God with your fellow believers and grow in the faith and receive the gift of eternal life.

The best part of this back to school event is that it is 100% off. One hundred percent of your sins have been atoned for. One hundred percent of your debt to God has been paid for by Jesus Christ, who died on a cross so that you might have life.

So come. Join us on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Come and devour the Word of God – the words of eternal life.

In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Michael

#### Worship with us

Saturday: 6:30 PM Worship  
Sunday: 9:00 AM Sunday School  
Adult Bible Class  
10:15 AM Worship

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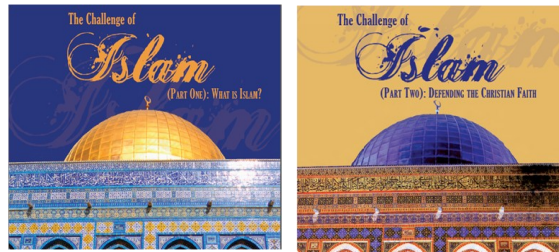
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# The Challenge of Islam

by Sam Shamoun



The Ladies' Bible study class begins Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm. This fall we will use the LHM class on Islam that the Men's Bible study group is using. Part 1 discusses "**What is Islam**" and Part 2 is about "**Defending the Christian Faith**". If you are interested in taking part in this class, please contact Kathleen Ormiston so we can have enough materials prepared.

**Overview:** To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. In recent years, this religion has emerged as a prominent -- yet misunderstood -- belief system. Listen as Sam Shamoun, an Arab-Christian, unveils some of the mystique surrounding this religion first preached by Muhammad and today practiced by more than one billion people worldwide.

**In Part One** of this two-part Bible study, the teachings of Islam are brought into focus. In addition to learning about the "Five Pillars of Islam," participants will examine what the Quran says about the role of Abraham, the Trinity, angels and jinn (genies), the attributes of Jesus Christ, the character of Muhammad, Judgment Day, and paradise.

The Quran is the premier Muslim holy book. As such, its 114 chapters are the faith-guide for Muslims everywhere. For instance, did you know the Quran claims Jesus is not God, nor is He the Son of God? Were you aware Quranic teaching says the religion of the patriarchs -- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as well as all the prophets -- is Islam? Shamoun asks, "Christians, do you see the challenge of Islam, and are you prepared to deal with this challenge?"

While Islam is a religious force to be reckoned with, it already has been dealt its deathblow through the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Armed with love and an attitude that considers Muslims -- like everyone else -- those for whom Christ died, Christians can share the same Good News that gives them salvation. As Shamoun says, "The only thing that can defeat Islam is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

**In Part Two**, Sam Shamoun, an Arab-Christian, examines key texts from the Qur'an and the Bible. Among the items he sheds light on are Islamic presuppositions concerning the priority of the Qur'an, Bible texts considered corrupt by Muslims, the sonship of believers, and Islam's position on the Trinity.

Shamoun's compelling explanation of the three phases of jihad or Muslim "holy war" is of particular benefit to users of this Bible study. This term-oft heard and oft misunderstood over the last few years is essential for the non-Muslim to understand. As delivered in the Qur'an, jihad is a three-stage process describing how Islam is to be advanced throughout the world. Whether expressed as peaceful co-existence, a defensive stance, or an offensive posture, the level of jihad depends on the prevailing social and political milieu Muslims find themselves in. The study's final lesson shows how society might be altered if non-Muslims' conduct and beliefs were subjugated to the tenets and practice of Islam. Finally, Christians are offered encouragement and talking points when encountering Muslims on faith issues and sharing the hope they have in Christ Jesus.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:**

Lawrie Borgman	2
Joseph Meinert	4
Abigail Miller	7
Mary Dietrich	10
Doris Mesing	14
Lynn Gunther	17
Alice Davis	22
Joslyn Mesing	25
Larry Weimer	25
Jennifer Rombold	26
Ron Doerr	27
Jennifer Ciccone	29

**Anniversaries:**

Mike & Joanie Gremer	3
Lisa & Scott Wallace	4
James & Helen Nord	20
Tim & Gina Bishop	25
Ed & Sandi Morgan	28
Doug & Tammy Eckstrom	29

**SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

**Greeter:**

2-Stephan & Mirka Fatschel
9-Bill & Brandon Andrews
16-George & Joleen Mesing
23-Robin & Brittany Young
30-Mary Nuerge & Tara Dulski

**Reader:**

2-Doug Eckstrom
9-Christie Scott
16-Ron Doerr
23-Tom Sigler
30-Jean Taylor

**Acolyte:**

2-Jeremy Osten
9-Ruthann Weedon
16-Brendan Doerr
23-Jeremy Osten
30-Ruthann Weedon

**Flowers:**

16-Fessides Family
23-Diane O’Palka
30-Delores Simmons

**Altar Guild:**

Susan Volland, Amy Wilson  
& Bev Kohler

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

**Baptismal Birthdays:**

Faye Brockmiller	
Brittany Young	13
Ruth Rose	14
Kathy Charlton	14
Trevor Mesing	15
Edna Gaertner	18
Jeffrey Blank	19
Lisa Wallace	25
Alyssa Applequist	26
Joshua Rombold	27
Maggie Dietrich	29
Adriana Ciccone	29

**Audio/Visual:**

2-Darryl Gunther/Doug Eckstrom
9-Stephan Fatschel/Mike Gremer
16-Lynn Gunther/K. Ormiston
23-K. Ormiston/Doug Eckstrom
30-Lynn Gunther/Mike Gremer

**KIDZ KLUB & COMRADES OF CHRIST RESUMES TUESDAY, SEPT. 11th  
JOIN US FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP!  
KIDZ CLUB @ 6:30 PM--COMRADES OF CHRIST @ 6:45 PM**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

- Prayers for the Patzer family, for the loss of Elmer “Buck” Patzer
- Erich Borgman for recent concussion
- The Kohler & Shonk families for the passing of LuAnn Shonk (Bev Kohler’s daughter)
- Richie, Tom & Colleen Sigler’s nephew, who has been recently diagnosed with cancer
- Continued prayers for employment for Chaz Lindell
- Kim Singleton’s mother and father both recuperating after hospitalization
- Twila DeThomas’ stepfather receiving chemo for lung cancer
- Faye Brockmiller’s mother, Robbie Couch
- Tonya Schoch, friend of Bill Andrews, health concerns
- Christina Schuliger and Angela Schwab (friends of Lynn Gunther)
- Milt Scott, Mare Miller, Connie Mannino, Alan Singleton, Joanie Gremer, Philip Forsyth, Marie Teets, battling cancer.

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### September 2 **"A Labor of Love"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Christ's life, death, and resurrection were a labor of love for you so that you could love the labor you provide for others in His name. (Ephesians 6:10-13)

### September 9 **"Overcoming A Sinfully, Critical Heart"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus could have picked us off but instead He picks us up. That kind of love can change a critical heart. (James 2:1-10, 14-18)

### September 16 **"Revolutionized Relationships"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Lives transformed by Christ find ways to help those who need it. (James 3:16-18)

### September 23 **"With God, There Is Great, Even Greater Grace"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

(James 4:5-10)

### September 30 **"Jesus, I Don't Love You"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Jesus said those who are not against Him are for Him, but the opposite is also true: those who are not for Jesus are against Him. (Mark 9:38-40)



We often hear the phrase "separation of church and state"—but what is the reality of the relationship between government and organized religion in the United States?

*The Intersection of Church & State*, a new television special from Lutheran Hour Ministries, addresses this tough question. Hosted by Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour** Rev. Gregory Seltz, the hour-long program explores how the First Amendment to the Constitution was crafted both to protect the church and the state *and* to provide a framework within which the two can work together for the common good.

*The Intersection of Church & State* features careful scholarship and lively commentary by experts on faith and citizenship. In addition to providing insightful educational content, the program also challenges citizens to stay alert to government activity that affects the institution of the church.

Watch for *The Intersection of Church & State* on selected networks this fall; for listing details and more information about the program, visit [www.intersectionofchurchandstate.com](http://www.intersectionofchurchandstate.com).

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## Looking for Volunteers for the Connoquenessing Creek Cleanup

### Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>—8:00 am

Prince of Peace will be helping the Allegheny Aquatic Alliance with the cleanup. This local waterway is polluted with tires, old appliances and garbage. The goal is to return this valuable, natural resource to its beautiful healthy state. There will be a celebration with music and food (dinner) afterwards. The cleanup crew will meet at the Seneca Valley High School at 8am. The celebration start time will around 3pm. Drink and snacks will be provided during the cleanup.

This is a great way for POP to help the community. Prince of Peace helpers will be provided a T-shirt displaying our name. If you are interested in helping please contact Lynn Gunther at 724-776-0259 or email [evangelism@princeofpeacefreedom.com](mailto:evangelism@princeofpeacefreedom.com). There is also a signup sheet at church on the bulletin board.

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## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT PRINCE OF PEACE

**The Prophet Amos**  
**Sunday mornings at 9:00 am**  
Begins September 16

**Leader: Bill Mallary**

**To Be Determined**  
**Sunday mornings at 9:00 am**  
Begins September 16

**Leader: George Mesing**

**An Overview of the Bible**  
**Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm**  
Begins September 5th

**Leader: Pr. Podeszwa**

Gain a better understanding of the accuracy and reliability of the text we use today as the inspired Word of God. Learn why certain books were included in the Bible and why others were not. Learn how to read and interpret Scripture, how to recognize false teaching and how to deal with the variety of translations that are out there.

**Romans Part I**  
**Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am**  
Begins September 12th

**Leaders: Ron Doerr & Pr. Podeszwa**

A study of how those who are right with God by Faith in His Son have been freed from the penalties we deserve. *(Bring a lunch and enjoy the fellowship after the study period.)*

**“What is Islam” and “Defending the Christian Faith”**

**Leader: Kathleen Ormiston**

**Thursday evening Ladies Bible Class at 7:00 pm**  
Begins September 6<sup>th</sup>

Two part Bible study that brings the teachings of Islam into focus. See page 2 for a detailed overview.

**“What is Islam”**

**Leader: Pr. Podeszwa**

**Second Saturday morning Men’s Bible Class at 9:00 am**

Two part Bible study that brings the teachings of Islam into focus.

***Please call 724.728.3881 if interested in signing up!***



## NEW CASTLE CITY RESCUE MISSION NEEDS YOUR HELP



It is never too early to plan for the Holidays. Especially when planning involves helping those less fortunate.

When we think of Thanksgiving we think of turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce, vegetables etc., all food items familiar to a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner and how thankful we are to enjoy such a feast. But there are hundreds of families in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties who would not be able to enjoy all those traditional Thanksgiving foods if it weren't for the food baskets prepared by the New Castle City Rescue Mission.

Beginning July 1 through November 11, Prince of Peace will once again begin collecting various items to help provide a Thanksgiving meal to these less fortunate families in our county and the surrounding counties. A box will be placed in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Last year we collected 308 canned items. Let's challenge ourselves to collect 1,000 items. We will be collecting food for 20 weeks. If every member donates 1 can per week we can easily surpass that goal.

The following items are needed: **Large and small cans of pumpkin, canned turkey gravy, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, boxes of stuffing and pie crust.**

Packing of the baskets will take place on Saturday, November 17 at the Beaver County Christian School in Beaver Falls. Please contact Diane O'Palka at 724-709-8332 if you or your group would be interested in helping to pack baskets.

**MISSION UPDATE: WE ARE UP TO 79 CANS!  
PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 1,000 CANS BY NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

### **RALLY DAY**

**SUNDAY, September 9th**  
**Following 10:15 a.m. Worship Service**

- MEET THE POP PRESCHOOL TEACHERS & AIDES
- ENJOY BALLOON ART WITH GIGGLES THE CLOWN
- EAT SOME YUMMY FOOD
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- GET REGISTERED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & ADULT BIBLE STUDIES.  
(See page 5 of newsletter for a list of classes!)

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR MAILBOX AND ON NARTHEX TABLE.**

### **LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2013**

**Theme: "Live Love(d)"**  
**July 1-5, 2013**  
**San Antonio, Texas**

POP is hoping that our Youth will join the 30,000 Lutheran Youth from all over the world in Texas next summer.

Please support our upcoming fundraisers and attend our informational meetings.

Check out: [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com) or [www.facebook.com/lcmsyq](http://www.facebook.com/lcmsyq) for more information.

### **DINNERS FOR 8**

"Dinners for 8" gives the members of our congregation an opportunity to get together and meet new people, be with old friends and get to know other people we may not get a chance to see often. The hostess/host will provide the main part of the meal, for example Bar-B-Q, lasagna, doesn't have to be anything fancy, and the other guests would bring side dishes such as salad, rolls, or dessert. It gives us a chance to get together at someone's home and an opportunity to get to know each other better over a good meal. There is no obligation to be a host/hostess later if you are a guest. Should more than 8 sign up a second list will start. If there is less than enough for two groups the names on the bottom will go to the top for the next month. I will kick it off on Sept. 15th at 6:00 pm and be hostess for the first group. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

**Any questions, see Joyce Hewlett.**

### **ZUMBA**

We are starting an exercise program at POP for anyone interested in improving their health and shedding some pounds as well. Beginning in September we will be meeting Mondays at 9 AM-10 AM (excluding Labor Day), Thursdays at 6 PM-7 PM & Saturday mornings at 9 AM-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The first few weeks will be focused on learning basic dance steps. Come join us and have some fun!

**Any questions, see Jean Taylor or Sandy Kostelnik.**

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### **First Trinity Homeless Ministry needs your assistance!**

Our family recently visited First Trinity Lutheran Church in Shadyside and we were made aware that cuts in government assistance and increases in public transportation costs are bringing more people to First Trinity Homeless Ministry than ever before. They are beginning to run out of some supplies and would greatly appreciate the following:

- Shampoo - they are totally out of it.
- Deodorant—all gone
- Foldable, umbrella style baby stroller that can be taken on a bus; other types are prohibited and Moms must carry parcels and bags
- Adult diaper/Depends/Poise pads for people over 125 pounds; sometimes people are giving these away when no longer needed. Try to get these for FTHM
- Disposable baby diapers size 4 and 5
- Sensible, serviceable shoes for men and women
- Men's trousers and shorts, not jeans; specific request for waist size 42
- Clothing and underwear for a man that wears 3x; always need larger sizes 16 & up
- Bar soap, especially Dove, and body wash
- Toilet paper, people also for facial tissue
- Disposable razors, shaving cream, toothpaste
- Clothing and coats for men, women, children and babies of any size and type blankets, bedcovers, sheets
- Small toys for children
- Fruit cups, drink boxes or Capri Sun drinks, individually wrapped snacks

Donations can be dropped in the collection box located in the narthex or pick ups can be arranged. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to First Trinity Lutheran Church Homeless Ministry.

**Thank you for your prayers, time, and assistance.**

**Andreas and Milan Fatschel**



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**CAMP PIONEER  
GOLDEN AGERS RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2012**

Theme: "Someone Dial 911-We've Got A Crisis"

**Scripture:** "In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart!  
I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Overnight and day only options available.

Come & join us as we pray, study, work and fellowship together!

Day only Cost: \$60

Overnight Cost: \$170

See Bulletin Board for details or call 716.549.1420,

Email: [info@pioneercamp.org](mailto:info@pioneercamp.org) or see website: [www.pioneercamp.org](http://www.pioneercamp.org)

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**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS**

WHEN: BEGINNING 9-6-2012 @ 7:30 PM

WHERE: NEW SEWICKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
101 BIG KNOB ROAD  
ROCHESTER PA 15074

*Nicotine Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women helping each other to live free of nicotine. There are no dues or fees. The only requirement for membership is the desire to be free of nicotine.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 6:30 Holy Communion
2 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost 10:15 Holy Communion	3 Labor Day	4 8:30 Braille 9:00 Preschool Orientation 7:00 Bible Study	5 9:00 Preschool 1st Day-4 yr. olds 11:00 Bible Study	6 9:00 Preschool 1st Day-3 yr. olds 6:00 ZUMBA 7:00 Ladies Bible Study "What is Islam?" 7:00 Choir	7	8 9:00 ZUMBA 9:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
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