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THE BELLS



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Goodbye?

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was told that I had to write one more article for the Bells, and that it ought to make people cry. I don't think that's right. I don't like to make people cry. And when I started thinking about it, I realized that crying isn't really Christian.

Now, don't get me wrong, there's a lot of crying and weeping in the Bible. Jacob wept, Joseph wept. There's the weeping

that is caused by repentance. There's the weeping caused by persecution. There's the weeping caused by death. There's the weeping caused by grief. Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and over the death of Lazarus. God Himself grieves. He grieves over the sins of the people, over the hardness of their hearts. And that's the source of all our weeping, our lamentations, our moaning and wailing – sin.

In the Bible though, weeping and grief is only eternal for those cast into the outer darkness. It is for those "see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God" but are themselves cast out. (Luk 13:28 ESV) They will weep because they will know fully the grace and love of God, and yet be eternally separated from Him because of their own unrighteousness.

For Christians, "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Psa 30:5 ESV) Whether it is grief caused by our own sins, by the sins of others; whether it is the mourning caused by death, or simply by loved ones moving away – we know these feelings are temporary. They will not last. There will be an end to them.

For those who believe, who are the Children of God, we have a promise. We have a promise of a new dwelling place for us and for God: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Rev 21:3-4 ESV)

There will be an end to them, because there will be an end to sin, and end to unrighteousness. These things will pass away. And we, we will be raised on that Last Day, together will all believers to feast at the Wedding banquet of our Lord.

When I took German many, many years ago, I learned that when parting, Germans say, "Auf Wiedersehen" – until we see you again. The French say "au revoir" – until we meet again. As Christians, when we say "goodbye" we really mean it in the ancient sense "God be with you, until we meet again."

As you read this, I'm no longer the pastor at Prince of Peace. God has called me to a new congregation. But I know that if you remain steadfast in the faith which you have been called to, we will see each other again.

May our Lord and Savior who is ever faithful, keep you in His care,

Pastor Michael

WORSHIP WITH US

Saturday: 6:30 PM

Sunday: 10:15 AM

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MAY SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

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

Greeters

- 5 – Beau/Twila DeThomas
- 12 – Bob/Pam Licht
- 19 – Kathy Voland
- 26 – Doug/Tammy Eckstrom

Acolytes

- 5 – Katya Podeszwa
- 12 – Jason Mengel
- 19 – Beau DeThomas
- 26 – Shawn Mengel

Readers

- 5 – George Mesing
- 12 – Doug Eckstrom
- 19 – Mary Podeszwa
- 26 – Tammy Eckstrom

Altar Guild

- Sandi Morgan/
- Joyce Hewlett

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
Michael Podeszwa	24
Ron Lehocky	27
Brad Lehocky	28
Bob Licht	28
Trevor Mesing	31

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Rich Clayton	1
Shane Parker	3
Dean Parker	5
Doug Eckstrom	11
Jeff Doerr	12
Pam Licht	13
Tobias Wacker	17
Christopher Taylor	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Linda Weimer	2
Allen & Shirley Lee	4
Twila & Beau DeThomas	10
Amy & Bob Wilson	13
John & Betty Hamara	26



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- ❖ Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, Hodgkin’s lymphoma.
- ❖ Erica Davids, recurrence of cancer.
- ❖ Dave, (Twila’s stepfather), with recurring lung cancer.
- ❖ Zachary Weldon for health concerns.
- ❖ Chuck Taylor.
- ❖ Cora Harris, who has entered hospice care.
- ❖ Jim Pagenhardt, suffering from advanced COPD, father of Shannon Dietz, good friend of Sandi Morgan.
- ❖ Larry, friend of Rich and Ethel Clayton, stage 4 cancer.
- ❖ Brian, malignant brain tumor.
- ❖ Ellie Wingerson, friend of Sandi Morgan, the return of cancer.
- ❖ Mary Beglin, Pam Licht's mother, at home and healing.

LUTHERAN HOUR MAY SCHEDULE

The Lutheran Hour can be heard on channel 1320 WJAS On Sunday Mornings at 7:00 am

May 5

"The Good Fisherman"

Guest Speaker: Ryan Tinetti
Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd; He's the Good Fisherman, who draws the fish and fills the nets.
(John 21:1-14)

May 19

"Up Close and Personal"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
You can't get to know a person from a distance. The same is true for knowing God.
(John 15:26-16:4)

May 12

"Home"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy
With Jesus, we have a home. That's the good news for today.
(John 14:1-7)

May 26

"Sculptor Spirit"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Holy Spirit is the Sculptor. Our lives are His medium. The image of Jesus is His goal.
(John 16:7-15)



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In the Glow of Resurrection

The Resurrection truth glows with the Power of God's love. Like the waters in Cana's wedding vessels, we, who worship the God who rescued us, see our Lord's face and blush at such radiance.

The afterglow of Christ's resurrection offers hope to all who sit in darkness. Notice how ancient prophecies reference wealth as a gift of the Spirit. *"In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel."* Isaiah 19: 18-19

Many stewards respond to God's gift and live in the glimmer of Creations' First-Fruits. They make life's decisions as living icons, seeing the blaze in the empty tomb's grace, and are compelled not to keep it to themselves. (2 Cor. 6:1)

Yet none of us can withstand life's temptations like our Savior did. Fears and lack of confidence turn us inward, as if the world beyond our homes loses priority. Yet through Word and Sacrament God's Spirit stokes eternity's embers within us. When it ignites, our lives reflect God's light near and far.

Many hearts are bound by despair. Yet compelling news promised through Isaiah speaks directly to our despair. *"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert."* Isaiah 35:5-6.

The resurrections' glow enables we who are poor in spirit to exult the One who redeems and reconciles slaves. A freedom brought by the giver of life tastes so sweet to people who formerly confessed spiritual slavery. As the flames of God's victory over death shine in a captive heart, its miracle of release turns the captive into a light bearer to the world.

The glow of resurrection offers a light to our path of fruitful service. It guides our journey and illuminates good works to honor and glorify 'Our Father'. In this Glow, His will is done on earth, even as it is in Heaven.

Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427 to learn how a fellow believer can help you plan and direct your passion to give to your loved ones and ministries you care about through your estate and financial gift plans.



Save the Date!

Saturday, May 18th, 2019
1:00 p.m.

“An Elegant Tea”

Admission: \$10.00

We will have a typical “tea” menu

Tea, coffee and punch

Wearing of hats and pearls would be fun, but not required

However, there will be a “best hat” contest

You will be finding invitations in your mail slots as of the first week in April, please RSVP
as soon as possible.

Your responses can be put in Sandi Morgan’s mail slot.

Please don’t miss this event. It will be a time for fellowship among women, some tasty
treats, and, oh yes, **elegance!**

(being a tea drinker not absolutely required)

PRESCHOOL BIBLE LESSON

For the month of April, we continued our story of Jesus’ journey to the cross. The students learned about the crucifixion & the resurrection of Jesus Christ! The kids enjoyed learning about the TRUE meaning of Easter. For Chapel, our 3 year olds sang Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna and our 4 year olds danced about while sing The Mighty Resurrection Day! There is no bible lesson for the month of May as we will be preparing for graduation. Until next year.....

Blessings,
Ms. Twila & Ms. Jill

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.

Three year olds

The three year old lessons for the month included the Easter Story and under the sea. We had so much fun with this theme. Our ocean in the bottle was a big hit. The preschoolers went fishing for capital letters to match lower case letters. It was a great way to practice matching upper and lower case letters. We made a hermit crab with our handprints. We went scuba diving into the deep with our masks and snorkels that we colored. The 3 year olds have started to print their names in upper and lower case letters and they are working hard and doing a great job. We only have one letter left and then our alphabet books will be done!

Four year olds

The four year old lessons for the month included the Easter Story and outer space. These were fun lessons and I have to say that some of these preschoolers knew way more about space than I do! We made a galaxy of stars in a jar (Gatorade bottle) and it actually glowed in the dark. We made floating astronauts on our ceiling along with our 8 planets. Some other fun crafts were galaxy slime with stars and galaxy play-doh with glitter. The 4 year olds have started printing their last names. Everyone is working hard and doing a super job. Some of these kids have 9 to 10 letters in their last names. We only have one letter to go in our alphabet books and we will be all done!

Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Jill

EASTER EGG HUNT

A great big thank you to everyone who came out to help make our annual Easter Egg hunt such a huge success. We couldn't do it without your help.

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! 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 (wink wink).

This month we finished up our writing skills books. The students learned the letters K, 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; a Bike-A-Thon. All donations benefit Prince of Peace Preschool as we refill our fundraising account for graduation, graduate yearbooks, and big art activities. Thank you to everyone who participated. The children benefit the most during their four year old year of preschool.

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.

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.

We have a few spots left to fill in both our three year old and four year old preschool classes. Please send parents our way to register soon for the 2019-2020 preschool year. Referrals are always appreciated!

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

MAY 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4 6:30 Holy Communion
5 3 RD Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11 6:30 Holy Communion
12 4 TH Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	13	14 6:30 Council	15	16	17	18 1:00 Elegant Tea 6:30 Holy Communion
19 5 TH Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	20	21	22	23 9:00 3 Year Old Preschool graduation	24 9:00 4 Year Old Preschool graduation	25 6:30 Holy Communion
26 6 TH Sunday of Easter 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	27	28	29 6:30 Elders	30	31	