

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



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Dear Members of Prince of
Peace,

As we look forward to
celebrating the resurrection
of our Savior this Easter
season, many of us also
have concerns about the
future on our minds.

Just like the followers of Jesus were
afraid and wondering what they would
do when their teacher and leader was no
longer physically with them, we wonder
as well. Many questions come to mind
as we continue our call process. How
much longer will it take to find a pastor?
What will he be like? Will members
continue to worship and give faithfully?
These are all worldly concerns.

However, we must remember that Jesus
is always with us and that His Word is
still being preached at Prince of Peace.
Naturally, we prefer that services be
conducted by a pastor and that we
continue to commune regularly. But the
Elders, who will be leading the services,
will be guided by the Holy Spirit to
ensure that the true Word of God is still
the center of our worship services.

The Elders are working on finding a full-
time vacancy Pastor or a Pastor willing
to do some of the services during the
month. We may need to change the
time or even the day that we hold our
worship service.

In an informal vote
taken at the last Voter's
meeting, those who
attended indicated that
they would be willing to
be flexible with service
times and day. We will
keep you posted if the
9:00 a.m. Sunday
service needs to
change.

Please keep our Elders,
Call Committee, our
preschool teachers and
families, and fellow
members of Prince of
Peace in your prayers as
we continue to grow in
God's Word.

Yours in Christ,
Doug Eckstrom
President

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Bethany Parker	2
Dean Parker	2
Faye Brockmiller	4
Tobias Wacker	11
Jakob Lehman	22
Bill Hewlett	28
Sandy Kostelnik	30
Justin Mengel	30
Ruthann Weedon	30

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Weedon	1
Robert Wacker	2
Allen Lee	10
Matthew Muto	10
Larry Weimer	11
Erich Borgman	19
Sandy Parker	20
Chuck Szabo	24
Karen McCracken	25

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave (Twila Stepfather), with recurring lung cancer. • Zachary Weldon for health concerns. • Tony Mannino (Sallie’s son). • Jim Happel (Jean Taylor’s Brother), heart issues. • Kristan (Jean Taylor’s Niece), serious reaction to medication. • Joan Bowen • Spencer (Tammy Eckstrom’s Nephew), suffering from seizures. • Maureen Dow (Sandi Morgan’s friend) • Bill Hewlett, health concerns. • Lee Kornick. • Betty • Howard • John | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick • Mary Ellen Lukas (Robert Wacker’s Grandma) • Caleb • Don • Dave • Ian • Jean Taylor’s Family • Glen’s Wife • Karen • John • Sue • Debbie • Jen • Rachel Eckstrom • Ruth Miller • Katie Wacker and unborn child • Bill Bowen (Joan Bowen’s Son). |
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LUTHERAN HOUR – APRIL SCHEDULE

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

April 4

"Fear...Like Onions, You Know?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Why end a good news story on a note of fear? St. Mark's Gospel wants us to see human fear as evidence that God is at work.
(Mark 16)

April 11

"What It Means to Be a Family"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gerard Bolling
Loving, caring, and sharing--it's what we do as God's family, His Church.
(Acts 4:32-35)

April 18

"One Greater Than Mrs. McCalliter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
"When you start to see God, the

undaunted, determined, dead serious love of God in Jesus, by faith you start to see Him everywhere else, even when it feels like the world is against you. Perhaps no one learned this better than the prophet Jonah." Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Jonah 1)

April 25

"Replace or Repair?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
"God wants you to function as He designed you. He wants you to build a good reputation with your neighbors, to be known as someone who is faithful and truthful. But your reputation isn't the source of your worth. God is, and He will be that for you, even if your reputation is destroyed." Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Jonah 2)

Altar flowers: Do you miss having live flowers in the sanctuary? I do. We received permission to start having having them again. Please consider sponsoring a week, to give glory to God, honor a loved one, or for a special event (anniversary, birthday, etc.) There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. The cost is \$20 a week. Make checks payable to Prince of Peace and place the payment and info in the Altar Guild mailbox. Thank you. Contact Linda Weimer at 2xlweimer@gmail.com or 724-584-7327 with any questions. The flowers are yours to take after the service.

Altar Guild needs your help. We are going to start up again. For those who have helped in the past please consider taking a month or two or signing up as an emergency fill in. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. We have lost members over the past year, and need some additional help. It takes a little time before and after church to set up communion and clean up. Please consider helping us. We're happy to work with you until you feel comfortable. Contact Linda Weimer with any questions at 724-584-7327.



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How much is too much control?

The LCMS Foundation encourages God's people to respond to the presence of God's gifts in one's estate by putting together a gift plan that looks to bless the family we love and the ministries that are close to our hearts. Without planning, such desires are only wishes and may not happen unless they are spelled out in wills/trusts or detailed in beneficiary designations for investments, IRA's, insurance contracts or even one's house.

The two most important questions you want to answer are:

- 1) How do I want this gift (inheritance) to bless family members? Starting from that goal, you can construct a plan of blessing.
- 2) How do I want this gift (bequest) to bless the ministry or ministries I care about? You might think of placing restrictions on how those gifts will be used.

There is a fine line between Godly planning and trying to become God ourselves. We don't want family to waste God's gifts. We want to make sure that future needs of family are addressed. We want to make sure that gifts to ministry will do more than purchase new bushes for the parking lot. But how do I know when I am getting too restrictive about the gifts I am planning, either withholding family gifts well into the future that could really jumpstart an education or career today, or planning gifts for ministry that reflect values that are not widely held by others in that ministry, potentially orphaning my gifts with too many restrictions?

There is no easy answer to these questions. The process begins and ends with prayer, with prayer throughout, as we seek God's will. In a perfect world, a family inheritance will include discussion with children, grandchildren or other heirs. Planned ministry gifts will include discussion with ministry leaders to gain a clear vision for future ministry plans. Connecting gifts with those plans will maximize their effectiveness.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be helpful with all of this, asking you the right questions in your quest to put together the right plan for family and ministry. Most of all, we desire this process to recognize throughout that all of these gifts are the Lord's gifts. Our questions center around the theme: "How can these gifts of the Lord bless others in the best way?" For help with this journey in faith, contact *Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner* @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427.

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Michelle's Preschool News

Is it true that spring is right around the corner? We sure hope so! The weather sure doesn't seem to be on our side! That silly groundhog was RIGHT! We have faith though and are hoping it is just around the corner! What a great month we had! It was filled with lots of fun and learning! Time is just flying by and it's hard to believe that our year is coming to an end. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday! We ate green eggs and ham and made our very own hat, like *The Cat in The Hat*! We read all of our favorite stories by Dr. Seuss too! There are many to choose from too! I'm pretty sure they all have spring fever. Teachers included! We are hoping the weather warms up and we can go outside!

Three year olds

The three year old topic for the month was all about reading and Dr. Seuss! We had a great time reading our favorite stories by Dr. Seuss and we did some fun activities and crafts. We graphed fish for *One Fish, Two Fish*, made our own *Cat in the Hat* hat and had green eggs and ham. Everyone but a few loved it. We had so much fun with the Dr. Seuss stories. We also talked about dinosaurs and how big they were! We made an awesome flying dinosaur Pteranodon! We are still working hard on our alphabet books too!

Four year olds

The four year old topic for the month was: reading and Dr. Seuss! We did some fun activities and crafts with some of our favorite Dr. Seuss books. We made scary pale green pants with nobody inside them, our very own *Cat in the Hat* hat to wear and we added and subtracted with *One Fish, Two Fish* with colored Swedish fish. We talked about dinosaurs, made dinosaur eggs to eat and some dinosaur fossils. They loved it! That was a lot of fun! We are still working hard on our alphabet books and everyone is doing a great job! Like the three's they too are very anxious to get outside. Hopefully spring is coming soon!

Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Michelle

PRESCHOOL BIBLE LESSON

The month of March was spent with the kids learning all about Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection! The students were really in to this lesson and enjoyed learning the true meaning of Easter as much as we enjoyed teaching it! Our 4 year old classes were so upset with Judas!

While things have looked differently this year, we are so blessed to be able to still teach the students all about Jesus' love for us. The rest of the school year we will review all of the stories we learned this year and continue to play our Bible Trivia game.

Have a Blessed Easter and Spring,
Ms. Twila & Ms. Michelle

March Preschool News...Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in him. -1 John 4:16

The month of March arrived a bit confused! We want to welcome Spring!! March 2nd was Dr. Seuss' birthday. Both classes celebrated by "hitting the books". Dr. Seuss books that is...The three year old class favorite Dr. Seuss book was One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. The four year old class's favorite Dr. Seuss book was Green Eggs and Ham. The four year old class enjoyed a snack of eggs and ham made on our griddle. We even used a little bit of food coloring to color the eggs green. The majority of the class LOVED the breakfast treat! We decorated the classroom with rainbows and shamrocks. The four year olds enjoyed some gold glittered shamrocks hanging with the student's names hanging around the room. Once the classroom was festively decorated, all we had to do was WAIT! We waited to see if the book we read, Luckiest Leprechaun would come to life. Each class had a surprise during snack time on the school days surrounding St. Patrick's Day. The Luckiest Leprechaun spread glitter around our classroom and we even went outside for a walk to look for glitter. PESKY LEPRACHAUN...!

During the month of March we learned four new letters during writing skills. Letters, Mm, Gg, Kk, and Rr were our focus. During letter Mm week we focused on Mother Nature. We asked Mother Nature to bring us spring weather. Letter Gg is always fun to shape during our writing skills lessons. The students talk about a fish hook is in the lowercase G. The week of letter Kk the students learned a short song "Let's Go Fly a Kite". Spring is a great time to go outside and learn to fly a kite. Next month we will finish up our writing skills books. All year long we composed the writing skills books and will gift them to the student's families at graduation.

At the end of the month we really jazzed up our language! We focused on Spanish words. The classes learned to count from 1-20 and also added the months of the year. We showed the boys and girls how to say "hello" in Spanish too. The students were excited to go home and show their parents how they could talk in a different language. Well.....a little!!

As our time with the classes is coming closer to graduation, we are pleased with our enrollment so far for next year. We are now accepting all 2021-2022 registrations for both three year old and four year old classes. Please contact one of us at preschool should you have any questions or need the information for someone else. Referrals are always appreciated!

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

APRIL 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 Easter Sunday 9:00 Service	5	6	7 12:00 Midweek Bible Study	8	9	10
11 2 ND Sunday of Easter 9:00 Service	12	13 6:30 Council	14 12:00 Midweek Bible Study	15	16	17
18 3 RD Sunday of Easter 9:00 Service	19	20	21 12:00 Midweek Bible Study	22	23	24
25 4 TH Sunday of Easter 9:00 Service	26	27	28 12:00 Midweek Bible Study	29	30	