

# Prince of Peace

## THE BELLS



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Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

As the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring? I say anticipation. Why anticipation? Because we plant our flowers and gardens and have to wait to see the fruit of our labors.

We anticipate many things in life. We know the dates of some and others we don't. We know Mother's Day will be celebrated by many on May 9<sup>th</sup> (don't forget). We plan for special events, like the last day of school, graduations, weddings, and vacations. Some of the events live up to the hype while others leave us disappointed. What we don't know is when life will get back to normal and we can see family and friends again.

This reminds me of the story of the ten virgins from Matthew 25. The wise virgins had extra oil for their lamps and the foolish ones did not. Because they waited a long time, they became drowsy and fell asleep. When the bridegroom came and the virgins trimmed their lamps, the foolish virgins had no oil. The wise virgins were ready and the foolish ones were not. This story tells us that we should be ready at all times for His return as we won't know the day or the time.

The Easter season is a time of great anticipation for Christians. When Adam and Eve sinned, God promise them a Savior.

For many years God's people anticipated and looked forward to His coming. They were disappointed as they were expecting a King who would save them from their enemies. However, Jesus lived a humble life and went to the cross to save sinful mankind. We anticipate Jesus' return. Like the wise virgins we strive to be ready for that day when we will join loved ones and friends in heaven to worship and praise our wonderful Savior and God for all eternity.

Doug Eckstrom  
President

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

- 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
- 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
- Bill Bowen (Joan Bowen's Son).
- Sue Szabo, hip replacement.



## LUTHERAN HOUR – MAY SCHEDULE

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

May 2

### "Laughed At"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance.  
(Jonah 3)

May 9

### "Seriously?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah.  
(Jonah 1-4)

May 16

### "Gain a Heart of Wisdom"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah.  
(Psalm 90:12)

May 23

### "Wisdom Knows When"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answers, and the wisdom of God.  
(Proverbs 15:1)

May 30

### "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Proverbs

## MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Luke Mesing	2
Tanner Mesing	2
Margaret Rombold	4
Milan Fatschel	9
Christopher Taylor	10
Beth Lehman	12
Allen Lee	14
Ron Lehocky	27
Brad Lehocky	28
Bob Licht	28
Trevor Mesing	31

### ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Linda Weimer	2
Twila & Beau DeThomas	10
Amy & Bob Wilson	13

### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Rich Clayton	1
Shane Parker	3
Dean Parker	5
Doug Eckstrom	11
Pam Licht	13
Christopher Taylor	31



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Lydia had been a lifelong member of her Church. You know her. She was the one who helped with every service project. During the hymns, she was singing loudly. When friends were struggling, she was at their house with food to ease their burdens. She was even known to whistle her favorite spiritual songs at times. One day, someone asked her, *"How can you be so happy all the time?"* Lydia answered, *"I'm not. I just know Jesus loves me."*

That was Lydia's story. What is your story? Certainly, there have been times that you have been dropped to your knees by the force of challenge. But other times, you have had the greatest day of your life. There have also been many days in-between. Yet from the day of your baptism, there has been one common thread. You know that Jesus loves you! That is your story. When the Lord's call removes us from the living out of these days, we long to have people know what we have known. We want them to know the love of Jesus too.

That's why we do our planning. We write a Christian testimony to place in our wills or use as a family blessing to leave behind. We order the distribution of our earthly gifts through a will or trust. We organize everything around the theme, *"I want everyone to feel loved by what God has done through my life. I want them to know Jesus."*

Life now seems to defy organization. Just about the time we put our plans in place, life changes and our plans need to be updated as well. Is it time for that review for you? Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ [robert.wirth@lfnd.org](mailto:robert.wirth@lfnd.org) or 716-863-4427 for more information.



## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR FALL**

If your marriage has had some struggles during the Coronavirus, you are not alone! The virus has put a great deal of stress on a lot of marriages, and others just need some time away to just be a couple; so now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have

been married a year or 60+ years.

The registration fee has been waived for this year, so you pay only the amount specified on the website for 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and 5 meals for each of you. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need. Simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

### **Which Weekend will work for you:**

**October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys**

**October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--an hour north of Pittsburgh**

Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the Weekend. Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) , find your chosen Weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card, or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or call: 724-325-3166.

The New Sewickley Twp. Area church luncheon in May will be canceled again this year due to the restrictions of the coronavirus.

The revised schedule will be:

- 2022 Burry's
- 2023 New Sewickley Twp. Presbyterian
- 2024 Oak Grove
- 2025 Prince of Peace
- 2026 Unionville
- 2027 Burry's

## **Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Michelle'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.

### **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.

*Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Michelle*

## 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.

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 2021-2022 preschool year. Referrals are always appreciated!

Until May, Many Blessings to one and All!

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 4 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter 11:30 Service	3	4	5 12:00 Bible Study	6	7	8
9 5 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter 11:30 Service Voter's Meeting	10	11	12 12:00 Bible Study	13	14	15
16 6 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter 11:30 Service	17	18	19 12:00 Bible Study	20	21	22
23 7 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter 11:30 Service	24	25	26 12:00 Bible Study	27	28	29
30 The Day of Pentecost 11:30 Service	31					