

# Prince of Peace

## THE BELLS



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Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

June 14 is a day to remember the American flag. In grade school we learned that on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stating that the flag of the United States be comprised of 13 stripes, alternating red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

There are two flags in our sanctuary. One is the American flag. But what about the other flag-- the Christian flag? On September 26, 1897, while speaking on a Rally Day meeting in Brighton Chapel, Charles Overton was inspired to design a Christian flag after realizing that there was a flag that symbolized American patriotism but no flag that symbolized Christian spirituality. This prompted him to design a flag that was later produced based on his idea.

Somewhere along the way we may have heard what it stands for but may not remember what the colors and symbols represent. We can interpret the colors and symbols of the Christian flag as follows: the field is white, representing peace, purity, and holiness. The blue canton is emblematic of loyalty and truth (and possibly of heaven or the waters of baptism). The cross in the center of the blue canton is, of course, a symbol of Christ and His work of salvation; the cross is red, typical of Christ's shed blood. Taken together, the symbols of the Christian flag portray the basics of the faith: Jesus Christ, the Holy One, died on the cross to grant us salvation, and we serve Him in fidelity and holiness, as He is faithful to us.

As there is a pledge allegiance to the American flag there is also one for the Christian flag. "I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe."

When sitting in church and seeing both flags we should think about how blessed we are to live in a free country that allows us to worship and serve the One True God.  
Doug Eckstrom  
President

**WORSHIP WITH US**  
Sunday: 10:15 AM

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Willis Voland	1
Susan Ozenich	5
Twila DeThomas	7
Betty Hamara	8
Brett Lehocky	16
Helen Miller	16
Maggie Dietrich	18
Brad Weedon	18
Karol Kiessling	23
Craig Voland	23
Dan Helkowski	25

### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Beth Lehman	
Jase Wilson	2
Kyle Borgman	4
Ruthann Weedon	6
Avery Noe	6
Susan Ozenich	12
Jakob Lehman	16
Luke Mesing	21
Tanner Mesing	21
Karol Kiessling	24
Jim Nord	27
Milan Fatschel	29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Tara Dulski	6
Rich & Ethel Clayton	10
Roger & Mary Nuerge	12
Tom & Colleen Sigler	18

Congratulations to Roger & Mary Nuerge who are celebrating 50 years of marriage on June 12, 2021. Thank you for being an example of what a loving & forgiving couple looks like. Their children & extended family would like to wish them a Happy Anniversary!!! May God Bless them on this day & in years to come. We love you!!!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

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

June 6

### "Out of the Depths"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge  
When our words fail us, we find God's word of promise in the words of Psalm 130.  
(Psalm 130)

June 13

### "Clearly Christian: Good"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Many think they know what Christianity is all about, but Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, what if what they think it is, it isn't?

June 20

### "Clearly Christian: Spiritual"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God is above all, but that doesn't mean material "stuff" is somehow beneath Him. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the unique nature of Christian spirituality.  
(Genesis 1:31)

June 27

### "Clearly Christian: Judgmental"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Matthew 7:1-5)

## DRIVE-THRU STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – DESSERT ONLY

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1261 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Oakmont, PA 15139

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021  
6 – 8 P.M.



Come for an after-dinner treat!

Strawberries, Shortcake, Ice Cream  
(and cool whip).

Tell your friends and neighbors.

See you on Friday,

June 11!



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## **Pentecost's Promise**

Jesus' resurrection indeed glows with rays of love and hope. Pentecost's Promise inspires every believer with confidence that God is with us, today and forever.

Our Creator's consistency is remarkable. He formed the universe and planet for all people. His design's unmatched grandeur and beauty is evident everywhere, as is His infinite kindness. For sure, breathing life's breath in all living things proves a most compelling promise.

Perfection fashioned humans as the Crown of Creation, caretakers living in freedom. One limitation was communicated. "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The warning's intent was to keep us from the effects of disharmony, loneliness, inequity, immorality and wickedness. Human adherence to this command with every pass of the tree honored the God who had made it. Yet disobedience entered the world and with disobedience came death.

Sadly, we eat the forbidden fruit like our first parents did. Willfully disregarding the promises God gave, we fail to recognize the utter depravity in our nature. Rescue could not come from within us. Our deliverance had to be in our Savior, Jesus, given to us.

A promise of deliverance was given just as humans were banished from that temporal Paradise. Perfect Love couldn't allow His Crown (humans) to live forever in horrible conditions of death. The history of God's plan to rescue the world in Jesus is the purpose for which the universe was made.

No other God among gods entered human form to live among us, suffer the sacrifice of death to pay the price demanded of perfection gone wrong, fulfilling all prophecies and promises. Easter is documented proof that Jesus is God in flesh. His power over sin, death and the devil opened the way for us to live in the knowledge and doing of His will. That power comes to us by the Spirit.

Pentecost's Promise gives comfort that God is with us always. Pentecost's Promise gives us power from the Spirit of our Living God and the gift of faith to believe. We can now reflect His image, so others will know too. Does your life, and end of life planning, reflect Pentecost's Promise?

*Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ [robert.wirth@lfnd.org](mailto:robert.wirth@lfnd.org) or 716-863-4427 to learn how a trusted guide can encourage you to plan and direct your passion to give to loved ones and cherished ministries so others might know that the Promise of Pentecost is real.*

## Preschool News

### FOUR YEAR OLD CLASS

It has been an incredible journey for these graduating 4 year olds! They came to us as sweet and excited 3 year olds eager to learn in the fall of September 2019! How little they were when they started and how much they have grown into such smart and energetic 4 year olds ready to move on into Kindergarten! They have worked so hard and are so very excited for their next journey! We are so very proud of all of you and how they have all grown in learning! Keep up the great work! The last day of school.....the closing of one door and the opening of another. We want to thank each child for all the warmth and memories, and the endless love they have given us over the last two years. A little bit of each of you will always be with us. Always strive to be the best that you can be! To the parents we say THANK YOU for allowing us to be your child's preschool teacher. It has been a wonderful and rewarding 2 years for us! What a super job they did at graduation! I'm pretty sure they sang the loudest of any of our other graduating classes before! Great job! So proud of you all! We had a great last month here at Prince of Peace! We had a fun and exciting field trip to the Freedom Elementary and visited the Kindergarten classrooms, made a fun Pete the Cat craft and had snack in the classroom! For our end of the year party we took a field trip to Living Treasures Animal Park and we had a blast! Have a great summer and Look Out Kindergarten Here They come!

### THREE YEAR OLD CLASS

This has been such a fun year, full of wonderful memories and many more of those to come next year! Everyone has been working very hard all year and have made such great strides in so many ways!! We are so proud of how hard you have worked and how smart you all have become! We can't wait to see what you will be able to accomplish next year! So have an awesome summer and we will see you in the fall!

*Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Michelle*

## **Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's May Preschool News**

The end of the school year is in our sights! The month of May left no time to slow down. In the beginning of May we celebrated our Mothers. We rounded off our Mother's Day celebration with handmade presents and a card.

Both classes used May to recognize and celebrate all of our students' summer birthdays. Academically, we treated May as a month of wrapping up and review. Each four year old wrote a writing sample to their Mom and Dad on a special paper. The parents were super surprised! As we prepared every week for graduation, we had to remember letters A-Z, numbers 1-20 both in English and Spanish, the days of the week, months of the year, and other songs we learned throughout the year. We practiced summer safety in class. During our summer safety sessions we practiced; stranger danger, good hygiene, and wearing proper sun block along with hydrating with water.

Rounding out May were two very important events; THE END OF THE YEAR PARTY and GRADUATION! The end of the year party was held for the four year old graduating students as they get ready to embark on kindergarten. This year we traveled to Keystone Safari Zoo in Grove City for a fieldtrip for the day. We took both graduating classes and parent chaperones. We have lots of awesome photos and the students loved every minute. What a nice way to unwind after nine months of school.

Last but certainly not least; GRADUATION! Graduation was slightly different than in years past due to Covid 19 safety restrictions. We separated the classes so that we could maintain social distancing. Mrs. Shuttleworth's classes went at a different time than our classes. The three year olds graduated as super heros wearing different color capes and glasses. They looked so sweet and innocent! The four year olds had traditional caps and gowns to wear. The navy blue and silver colors filled the sanctuary in a beautiful light! The four year olds will be awesome scholars on their educational journey! It's always bitter sweet as we send yet another class on to bigger and better things. Best of Luck to Prince of Peace Graduating class of 2021!

Ms. Twila and I would like to take a moment to thank the council members and elders who assisted in the decision to allow preschool to go on this year even though we had to adjust around some obstacles. Thank you for believing and trusting us to stay open and run preschool with safety precautions in place. All families were extremely thankful as well; and due to cooperative families we never wavered on opening at any time. This past year and a half has been unprecedented for everyone but with a little bit of flexibility we feel it was 100% successful! Cheers, to a happy and healthy 2021-2022 school year next year!

WE BID THEE FAREWELL, UNTIL SEPTEMBER...!  
MANY BLESSINGS,  
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

# JUNE 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5 5:30-7 Kidz Klub
6 2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 11:30 Holy Communion	7	8 6:30 Council	9 12:00 Midweek Bible Study	10	11	12
13 3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 11:30 Holy Communion	14	15	16 12:00 Midweek Bible Study	17	18	19
20 4 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 11:30 Holy Communion	21	22	23 12:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Elders	24	25	26
27 5 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 11:30 Holy Communion	28	29	30 12:00 Midweek Bible Study			