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Relax, God is in control

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Jesus told His disciples about the "End Times." He didn't tell them in order to scare them into believing that He was the Christ. Jesus told them, and now us, so that we will not be afraid or think that evil has the upper hand. God is still very much in control over everything. All the trouble that we see in our world today, as Jesus said, "must happen." The bad things in the world must take place before Jesus returns on the "Last Day." We are living in the "End Times" and have been ever since Jesus ascended to the right hand of God the Father. The time is coming when Christians will have to endure suffering. Suffering is like a refiner's fire; it will separate the real Christians from fake Christians. Anyone can call themselves a Christian just like standing in the garage and calling yourself a car, what you call yourself doesn't make it so. Living out your faith daily, through suffering and death is the way of a true Christian, this is the cost of being a follower of Christ. Jesus said, "**Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.**" (Mt 10:38-39) And again, "**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.**"

(Mt 16:24-25) The cross is a symbol of great suffering and death. Jesus tells His disciples this before He was crucified. The apostle Peter gives us these words of encouragement when it comes to suffering for Christ's names sake, "**Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.**

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Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Pt 5:6-11) Our faith only grows through adversity and suffering. If the time comes for you to suffer for Christ’s names sake, look to Christ and He will give you strength to endure suffering in this sinful, fallen world and He will guide you to life everlasting in the world to come. Amen.

Your Servant in Christ
Pastor Sean

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Nord	2
Joyce Hewlett	4
Mirka Fatschel	11
Karen McCracken	17
Chuck Szabo	18
Doug Eckstrom	20
Jase Wilson	23
Matthew Muto	23
Sophia Fatschel	28
Sandy Parker	31

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Joan Bowen	8
Briana Dulski	10
Amy Wilson	12
Bonnie Keen	20
Joleen Mesing	20
Sierrah Altenburg	22
Ethel Clayton	25
Bob Licht	28
Carole Alberts	29
Justin Mengel	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Brad & Jennifer Weedon 23



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- ✚ Dave (Twila’s Stepfather), with recurring lung cancer.
- ✚ Zachary Weldon for health concerns.
- ✚ Tony Mannino (Sallie’s son).
- ✚ Joan Bowen.
- ✚ Bill Hewlett, health concerns.
- ✚ Betty.
- ✚ Nick.
- ✚ Dave.
- ✚ Ian.
- ✚ Karen.
- ✚ John.

- ✚ Sue.
- ✚ Debbie.
- ✚ Jen.
- ✚ Bill Waddell (Joan Bowen’s Son).
- ✚ Tammy Eckstrom’s nephew, Craig, recovering from a car accident.
- ✚ Tammy Eckstrom’s cousin, Rhonda, recovering from a head injury.
- ✚ Brian Ellison, friend of Liz’s (preschool teacher).

LUTHERAN HOUR – MARCH SCHEDULE

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

March 6

"One Thing Needful"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Bible is not a Magic 8-ball; it's a portal into a new world.
(Luke 10: 38-42)

March 13

"No Room for Demons"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Why did God allow evil? The Bible doesn't answer that question. The question it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?"
(Luke 11:14-28)

March 20

"Everything I Have Is Yours"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good.
(Luke 15:1-32)

March 27

"TBD"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

Thank you to all of you who have donated items for the shoeboxes. I wanted to share this picture of children receiving their boxes. Here's the post on Facebook:

The details are good, but the greatest gift is Jesus | Today all of our children received their first discipleship class "The Great Adventure" thanks to [Samaritan's Purse](#) & [Operation Christmas Child](#) for blessing the children, through this many children received Jesus as their Savior.



As promised, we are providing a list of items for purchase in March. But remember that if you find a great deal on something – don't leave it at the store just because it's not on this month's list! Many of these items cost less than \$5 so you can buy more than one. If you would like to participate but can't get out to shop for any reason, you can also give \$5 to Tammy Eckstrom or Deb Steigerwald and they will shop for you.

As you shop, bring items in and give to Tammy or Deb or place on the table in the Fellowship Hall.





March

Inside Play

- Travel size board games
- Card games
- Marbles
- Dominoes
- Slinky
- Yo-Yo
- Jacks
- Balloons
- Spinning tops
- Puzzles
- Building sets (lego, blocks...)
- Lacing Cards / beads
- Rubber Ducks / other small animals
- Stuffed animals, Puppets

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Michelle's Preschool News

Three year olds

Our lessons for the month were: Counting, Valentine's Day, and Shadows. We did some shadow matching and shadow dancing! We had so much fun dancing around with our shadows! We counted just about everything we could and they loved coming in to see what we were counting that day! We made some Valentines for our families. They are working hard and some of the things they say are so funny.

Four year olds

The lesson this month was about the five senses! We had so much fun with this and the children really enjoyed it! We played a game called "egg full of sounds". I placed twelve different sounds in a dozen of plastic eggs and they had to guess the sound. Then they brought in their own "egg full of sound"! We had so much fun with this! We also played sound bingo, where they only used their ears to listen. They are doing a great job and we are enjoying them!

Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Michelle

PRESCHOOL BIBLE LESSON

This month our theme was "Jesus Loves Me". During class we read stories of how much Jesus loves the children.

We also discussed when the disciples tried to send the children away because they thought Jesus was much too busy for them. However, Jesus stopped the disciples right away! "Let the children come to me," he said. "God's kingdom is made up of his children. Unless someone comes to God as a child does, trusting and believing in him, he will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The 3-year-olds sang "Jesus Loves Me" at chapel while the 4-year-olds sang "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

There will be no Chapel in March but there will be towards the middle of April. This month we will begin teaching the events of Holy Week, one of the most important stories these children may ever hear.

God's Blessings,
Ms Twila & Ms Michelle

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's Preschool News

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above –James 1:17

February weather has been brutal this year! Is Spring almost here? Springtime will be a much-anticipated break from the crazy, snowy weather.

We learned three new letters this month during writing skills. We learned the letters; E, I and V. February is dental health month. We all practiced brushing our teeth and quizzed the kids about good and bad foods for our teeth. During letter E week we touched on the different kinds of animals that started with letter E. Elephant was the most popular! Also during letter E week we learned to address an ENVELOPE and send "someone special" a Valentine. During letter V week we drew and colored a valentine and we also completed our writing skills books. During letter I week we talked about and tasted different kinds of ice cream. WOW, were we busy!

Our four year old classes are really getting ready to head off to kindergarten in the fall. The students did a math lesson using valentine conversation hearts. They come in a variety of colors. We each got a heaping handful of hearts and had to count them and chart the colors they received. At the end of the lesson they had a special treat and were allowed to eat them. Yummy!!

The four year old classes are finally getting back to some normal. We took a field trip to Urban Air in Cranberry Twp. Because one of our grandparents works there and sponsored a field trip. We had lots of physical activity while we were there and even finished off the day with pizza!

Just a reminder: we are now accepting OPEN enrollment for the 2022-2023 preschool year for both the three year old and the four year old classes. Referrals are always appreciated!

Let's hope Spring comes in like a LAMB!!

Until Next Month, Many Blessings,
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

MARCH 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 11:00 Bible Study 5:30 Fish Fry 7:00 Midweek Service	3 7:00 Choir	4	5 5:30-7:00 Kidz Klub
6 1 ST Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Holy Communion	7	8 6:30 Council	9 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	10 7:00 Choir	11	12
13 2 ND Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Holy Communion Voter's Meeting	14	15	16 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	17 7:00 Choir	18	19
20 3 RD Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Holy Communion	21	22	23 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	24 7:00 Choir	25	26
27 4 TH Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Holy Communion Pastor Walters' welcome dinner	28	29	30 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service	31 7:00 Choir		