

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



September 2022

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The Great Commission

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Before Jesus' ascension He gave His disciples "*The Great Commission.*" In the church we are all for baptism, but baptism is only one of three things Christ commands us to do. We are to make other disciples of Christ and teach them God's holy Word. Christian education is a life-long endeavor. We can never learn enough about God and His love for us. Yet Sunday school classes, especially for adults, are attended by very few people. Bible studies are also attended by very few people. A majority of Christians do not have a devotional life, where they read the Bible on a regular basis or an active prayer life. A fifteen to twenty minute sermon once a week is not enough to equip a Christian for the constant spiritual warfare that we continually face. It's also not enough to equip a person to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others. We give so much of our time to the world but spend so little time with our loving God. Christian education is so important to the development of healthy disciples of Christ. How can we make disciples if we ourselves don't know how to be a disciple of Christ. Or how can we be productive Christians in our communities if we do not what God commands or how He saves us. We are blessed when we spend time learning the Scriptures. We are uplifted when we learn what God has done for us.

And we are strengthened by His Spirit who works through His Word. Scripture teaches that we are to seek God while He maybe found and now is the time to seek God, hear His voice, and live in His glory. So please, make it a point this year to engage in a Bible class and spend some time in God's Word, every day. He will bless you through it.

Pastor Sean



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| Lawrie Borgman | 2 |
| Betty Wunnenberg | 4 |
| Shelby Schweikert | 5 |
| Ian Steigerwald | 13 |
| Alice Davis | 22 |
| Joslyn Justi | 25 |
| Larry Weimer | 25 |

Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|----|
| Hoby & Bonnie Schweikert | 27 |
| Ed & Sandi Morgan | 28 |
| Doug & Tammy Eckstrom | 29 |



Servants in Christ

Baptismal Birthdays

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Linda Weimer | 8 |
| Trevor Mesing | 15 |
| Ed Morgan | 21 |
| Sandi Morgan | 21 |
| Heather Nuerge | 21 |
| Betty Wunnenberg | 22 |

Alter Guild

Mary Nuerge

Acolytes

9/4
9/11
9/18
9/25

James Shibata
Noah Sweikert
Grace Shibata
Brooke Lehman

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:



Joan Bowen. Bill Waddell. Betty. Nick. Dave. Ian. Karen. John. Debbie. Jen. Jillian (Tina’s friend) Pancreatic cancer. Bonnie Nies, ongoing health concerns. Larry Weimer, health concerns. Allen Lee, healing from illness. Benny, a former preschooler awaiting brain surgery.

LUTHERAN HOUR – SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

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

September 4

"Count the Cost"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him. (Luke 14:25-35)

September 11

"Lost and Found"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. (Luke 15:1-10)

September 18

"Fresh Start"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Luke 16:9)

September 25

"Take This Personally"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus wants us to take His Word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise. (Luke 16:19-31)



Choir rehearsals start Thursday, September 15, 2022

@ 7PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

Psalm 150:6

Check out the Daily Devotion, available from Lutheran Hour Ministries (www.lhm.org):

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them [delivered right to your inbox](#), [podcast the audio devotional](#), access them on your mobile device through the [FREE app](#), or listen with [Spotify](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Alexa](#), or [Google Home](#). Seasonal Devotions for [Advent](#) and [Lent](#) are also available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.

This is a great way to be in the Word. In no more than 20 minutes each day, you will read the entire Bible in one year. How exciting is that?



Operation Christmas Child Update

A simple drive through the countryside can become something special.

Yusif*, a volunteer leader in Central Asia with Operation Christmas Child, was traveling with several team members to a ministry meeting when he spotted two shepherd boys tending their flock near the highway. Remembering that he had some gift-filled shoeboxes as well as copies of The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet with him, Yusif stopped the car. While this was not a typical outreach event, he and his team members felt compelled to pause in their travel, encourage the boys, and bless them in a special way.



Gifts to Show God’s Love

“Did you want something, sir?” asked the youngest boy in a rather grown-up tone. “Why did you stop here?” The two brothers take a break from tending their sheep to talk to Yusif on the side of the road.

Yusif explained that God wanted him to give a gift and a small book about His Son, Jesus Christ, to these two brothers, ages 5 and 7.

“Why in the world do you want to give me this box?” the younger one inquired again. Though just 5, he talked—and rode his donkey—like an adult.

“This is just a gift for you from God, who loves you and wants to show His love through this gift,” Yusif said.

The boy took the shoebox gift, pressed it to his chest, and turned to look toward his older brother who was tending the flock a distance away. Yusif noticed his concerned glance and assured him that there was a gift for his brother, too. The boy then called to his sibling who quickly came riding toward them.

Bringing Joy to Those Working Hard to Survive

Yusif grabbed a shoebox gift and a copy of *The Greatest Gift* and went to meet the older brother. Opening the booklet, he started reading to the boy and explained that the Lord created the world—including mankind—because of His great love. Yusif gave him the shoebox gift and said, “This gift is a sign of His affection to you—He loves you.”



Yusif reads *The Greatest Gift* Gospel booklet to the younger brother.

The older boy took the box and held it tight, much like his younger brother had done with his. Then, the younger one began to read the booklet as he sat atop his donkey.

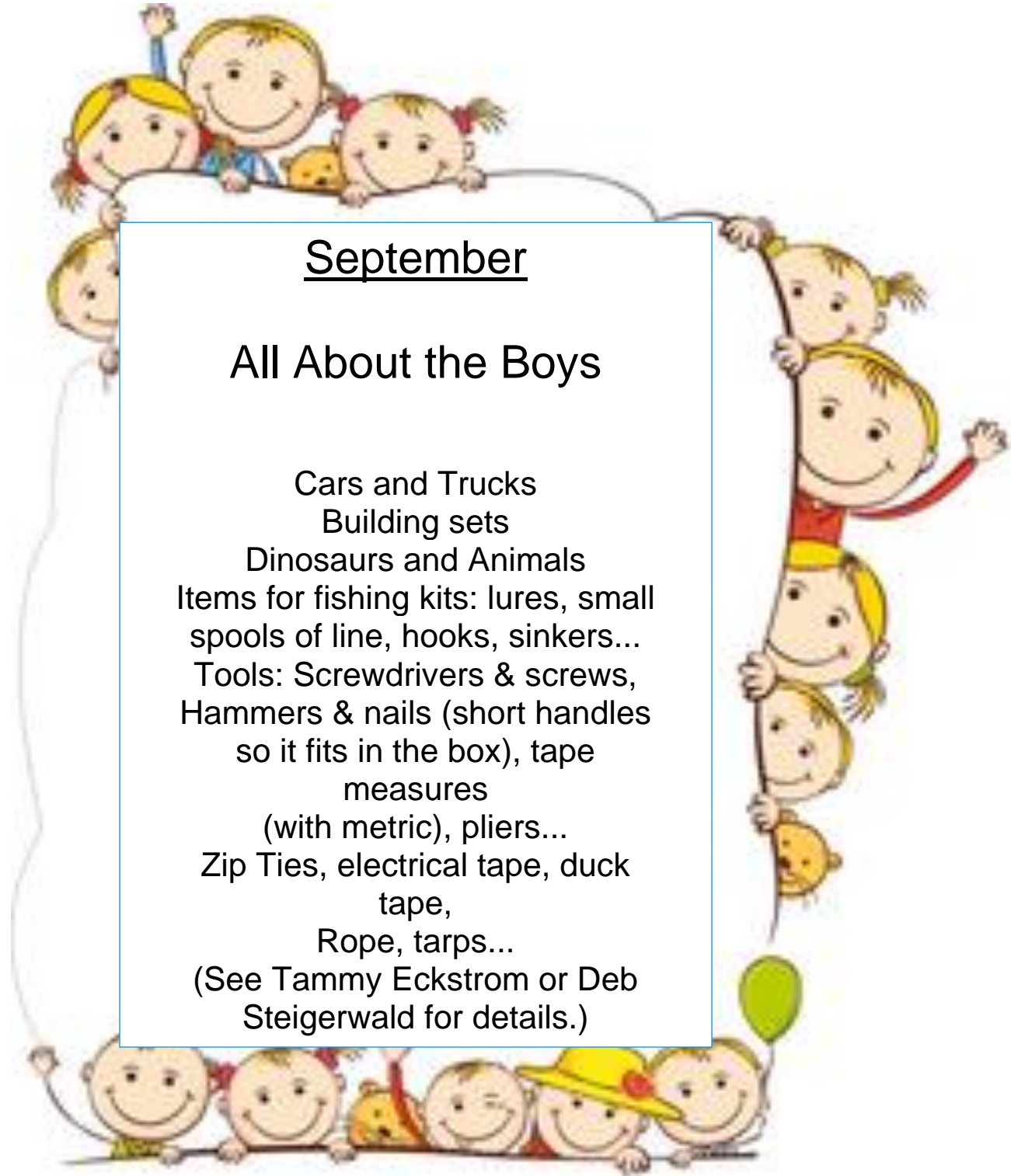
“The boys got excited because no one ever gave them gifts,” Yusif said. “In this region, even young boys have to work hard to survive.” He explained that parents expect much of their children, entrusting the care of large flocks to them, despite the threat of wild animals and people with evil intent. “The Lord sent us into their reality to say that He loves them,” Yusif said.

The team prayed over these boys as they left. Later, they prayed again that a seed was planted that would grow in the hearts of the young shepherds. Now, Yusif continues to pray that he will see the boys when he goes that way again, and he also asks God to help him drive slower so he will notice more people like them.

“Many thanks to Samaritan’s Purse for taking care of the children in need, so that they would come to know the love of God,” Yusif said. “It’s wonderful that, through these gifts and books written in the children’s heart language, they can find out how dear they are in the sight of God and that there is hope for eternal life with Him.”

Please pray for national teams worldwide, who, like this one in Central Asia, help proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in more than 100 countries. Ask God to use Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to create opportunities for even more children to hear and experience Good News and great joy.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATION REQUEST








September

All About the Boys

Cars and Trucks
Building sets
Dinosaurs and Animals
Items for fishing kits: lures, small
spools of line, hooks, sinkers...
Tools: Screwdrivers & screws,
Hammers & nails (short handles
so it fits in the box), tape
measures
(with metric), pliers...
Zip Ties, electrical tape, duck
tape,
Rope, tarps...
(See Tammy Eckstrom or Deb
Steigerwald for details.)

SEPTEMBER 2021

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 4 13 TH Sunday after Pentecost | 5 | 6 | 7 Bible Study 11am | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 14 TH Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day Sunday School 9AM Service 10:15 | 12 | 13 | 14 Bible Study 11am | 15 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM  | 16 | 17 |
| 18 VOTER'S MEETING Sunday School 9AM Service 10:15 | 19 | 20 | 21 Bible Study 11am | 22 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM  | 23  RETREAT | 24  RETREAT |
| 25 16 TH Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9AM Service 10:15 RETREAT | 26 | 27 | 28 Bible Study 11am | 29 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM  | 30 | |



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2022**

**PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE
DETAILS TO COME!**