

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



April 2023

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16 Words that Changed the World

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24:1-6a

Throughout history there have been people who have said some pretty profound or amazing things in tough situations that are quoted today. Patrick Henry is noted as saying, "Give me liberty or give me death!" Which signaled the coming of the American Revolution. And Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." When giving tribute to the sacrifices of the British Air Corp. to win air superiority over England. But in all of human history it was an angel who spoke sixteen words that turned the world upside down. Those sixteen words are, "*Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*"

An innocent Jesus was murdered on the cross and was buried in a brand new tomb by sinful men, by you and me. Jesus died for our sins, giving us life and salvation. And Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death for us, giving us eternal life. I don't think we fully understand or even grasp the power behind those sixteen words nor what it means to be Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. We somewhat get that in Christ we are forgiven of all of our sins because He paid for them, in full, on the cross. But the guarantee of our resurrection from the dead on the last day, like Jesus did

is somewhat of an enigma to us. An awesome mystery that can't be unraveled at this time.

Yet God is so awesome to raise us from the dead on the last day regardless of our understanding of the resurrection. Jesus said, "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*" (Jn 20:29b) We are blessed when we believe in Christ and His resurrection even though we have not seen it with our own eyes. We just know it to be true. As Christians we shouldn't fear death because death is nothing more than a peaceful sleep that we will awaken from when Christ returns. The grave couldn't hold Jesus and because Jesus is in you and you are in Jesus, the grave can't hold you either. D.L. Moody once told his congregation that one day they will read in the paper that he had died. But he told them not to believe it. He will never have been more alive. The day is coming when you too will have real life, true life, eternal life. So take comfort in those sixteen awesome words, because they have changed everything.

Pastor Sean

WORSHIP WITH US
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Worship Service 10:15AM

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

Arlene, Emma’s Mom, recovering from car accident. **Skylar**, health issues. **Bill Hewlett**, **George Shibata**, diagnosed with colon cancer, **Joan Bowen**. **Larry Weimer**, **Patrick Donnelly**, stroke, friend of Hoby. **Kevin Mahoney**, brain cyst. **Angie**, friend of Pam & Tammy, recently diagnosed with cancer. **Darryl**. **Katarynia**, recovering from ankle surgery. **Carmie**, Kayla’s aunt, health issues. **Debbie**.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Dean Parker	2
Angela Walters	21
Jakob Lehman	22
Bill Hewlett	28
Sandy Kostelnik	30
Ruthann Weedon	30



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY FOR APRIL

ACOLYTES

- 4/02 Grace Shibata
- 4/09 Brooke Lehman
- 4/16 James Shibata
- 4/23 Noah Schweikert
- 4/30 Grace Shibata

READERS

- 4/02 Mary Lehocky
- 4/09 Karl Borgman
- 4/16 open
- 4/23 Bob Licht
- 4/30 Tammy Eckstrom

ALTAR GUILD

- Mary Lehocky

LUTHERAN HOUR –APRIL SCHEDULE

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

April 2

"Hell: No One Has to Go There"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination.

(Matthew 26:20-29)

April 9

"He Is Risen, Indeed"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Christ's resurrection affects everyone—even those who don't believe it happened.

(Matthew 28)

April 16

"Raising the Praise"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#)

Easter may be past--but it isn't over! Learn how we can bring the hope and glad good news of Christ's resurrection into the lives of those we meet.

(1 Peter 1:3)

April 23

"The Man Who Will Be King"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Anticipation, preparation, and action are the traits that make great leaders--and great followers of Christ, the King of kings.

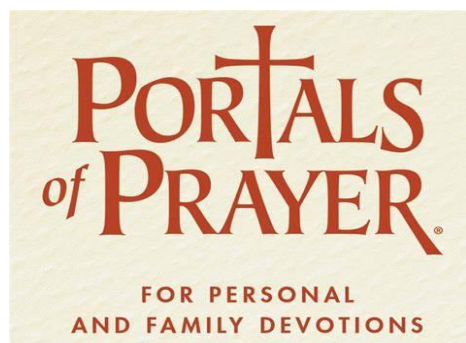
(1 Peter 1:13)

April 30

"Bridge Builders"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

(1 Peter 2:11-12)



Portals of Prayer Booklets for July-September will be placed in the Narthex area the last week of June. Thank you!

The Walk for Life is a fun and easy way to BE Pro-Life and to make a real difference in the lives of women facing unplanned pregnancies. When you Walk for Life you are walking for those who cannot walk or speak for themselves. You are truly making a difference through your efforts to raise money for Choices.



The donations given through the Walk for Life go directly to services offered to save precious lives, serve others, and share Jesus. Would you consider getting your church families involved to help raise \$100,000 for Choices Pregnancy Services? **Participants can register one of 3 ways.** 1. Individual Walker 2. Register as a family, OR 3. Create & join a team comprised of walkers from the church, small groups or youth group. Join us on May 13th as we walk together to celebrate LIFE and praise the Lord for all that He has done to save and change lives in our community! Visit the website below for more details.

<http://www.walkformylife.org/>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023
JUNE 26-30 6:00 - 8:15



Woosh, in the blink of an eye February is out of here and March has come in like a lamb! March is always such a fun month for all of the kiddos. We start out the month celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with two full weeks of different Dr. Seuss books, learning activities and crafts! Then straight onto Saint Patrick's Day where they learned about a mischievous little Leprechaun named Louie (who may have just come and created a little fun chaos in the classrooms). They also got to spend dedicated time learning all about their favorite prehistoric creatures Dinosaurs! March may have been one of the best months yet!

Three Year Old Class

Our sweet three year old class started off the first week of March by reading fan favorite "Put me in a Zoo" where they then got to make their own version of the zoo creature by painting a paper plate and adding polka dots galore! They then got to experiment with finger painting the beautiful flowers that we have hanging in the preschool hallway. We also introduced the letter "Q", where they got to practice their tracing skills! For the second week, we continued with Dr. Seuss, reading "What Pet Should I Get?" and then worked to color each animal the correct color and to place the animal in the correct home. We also couldn't let Dr. Seuss week pass without reading the classic "Green eggs and Ham", where all of the students agreed that "I Do Not like green eggs and ham, Sam I am". Each student then colored a green eggs and ham headband, worked on the letter "R" making the cutest "R is for Robot" page. Our third week was a short week but we certainly made it count with Saint Patrick's Day shenanigans. We read all about Louie the Leprechaun, made the cutest rainbows out of froot loops and marshmallows, made Leprechaun hats and beards and learned all about the letter "S" and snails! We also made the coolest little snails out of pasta shells and playdoh! Our fourth week we learned all about Dinosaurs and the letter "T", they read a silly story called "The Day Jimmy's Boa ate the Wash". Our little dino lovers made dinosaurs out of stamps and paint, made Dinosaur eggs with baby Dinosaurs in them and then talked about a poster full of different eggs and what was inside of them, all to correspond with the sweetest book "Daisy and the Egg."

Four Year Old Class

Our fours started the first week of March just as wild and crazy as ever, jumping right into Dr. Seuss with the "Cat and the Hat", a fun rhyming page and by bringing in their most favorite Dr. Seuss book! Working with the "Cat and the Hat" theme we did the most adorable Thing 1 & 2 coloring page where they got to pick a friend to be a "thing" with. We also continued to work on rhyming, the letter "R" and the number "10". During the second week of March we continued with Dr. Seuss reading "McElligots Pool" and working on the letter "S", continued with working on the number "10". We also read "The Lorax" made our own Truffula trees to go along a little Lorax creature. Ending our two weeks of Dr. Seuss, we read "Green Eggs and Ham" and along with the 3 year old class our four year olds declared "I do not like Green Eggs and Ham" so they made their own green eggs and ham craft. The third week of March began Dinosaur week and Saint Patrick's Day! The kids made Dinosaur masks, my size Leprechauns, had a Leprechaun Hunt and worked hard on their letter "T" and number "12". They also worked on a Letter "A-Z" review. Our fourth week of March was a continuation of Dinosaur week, working on Dinosaur shadow matching, got to be Paleontologists and build a T-Rex skeleton. They also worked hard on making beautiful flower decorations. At the end of the week, they played a relay game of who could write the letter or number the fastest! They couldn't decide if they love that game more then they love playing "The Floor is Lava" Stay tuned to see what wonders await us in April!

Mrs. Shuttleworth and Miss Kayla

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

We were all hoping March would come in like a lamb this year with mild weather but unfortunately, we got some snow and cold temperatures. We want to welcome Spring!! On March 2nd was Dr. Seuss' birthday. We told the parents to read Dr. Seuss books to the kids at home. 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 green eggs and ham made on our griddle. 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. We waited to see if the book we read, Louie the Leprechaun would come to life. Miss Kayla graciously read it to us. Louie was mischievous! Each class had a surprise during snack time on the school days surrounding St. Patrick's Day. The Louie the Leprechaun spread glitter around our classroom and left the children gold chocolate coins. MISCHIEVOUS LEPRACHAUN...!

During the month of March, we learned five new letters during writing skills. Letters, Mm, Gg, Uu, Kk, and Rr were our focus. Letter M week stood for the month of March. 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 four-year-old class learned to count from 1-20 and also added some color words. 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!!

A few extra lessons our four-year-olds practiced were, counting to 30 and gluing gum balls in a paper gumball machine. They also practiced rhyming to prepare for that skill in kindergarten. Speaking of kindergarten, all of the Freedom incoming kindergarten students were invited to the elementary school for the formal registration day. The students were nervous but excited to go see their new "big kid" school with their parents.

We held chapel at the end of March as we prepare for Easter celebrations. All the parents are always welcome to stay and watch the children go over the bible lesson and sing a song. We will not hold a chapel time in April because of Easter. May will be all about graduation and preparing for kindergarten!

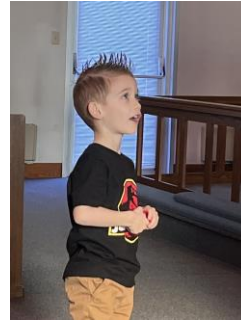
We still have a few seats available for 2023-2024 school year. Referrals are always appreciated!

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

The month of March is one of my favorite times of year here at Prince of Peace Preschool. While most everyone is excited about Dr. Seuss' birthday and St. Patrick's Day, I am racking my brain about the best way to teach the children the true meaning of Easter. How to make the crafts and coloring pages better than last year. How to make them understand that Easter is not about the bunny...that's just for fun. Year after year God gives me the guidance I pray for and teaching the kids the story of the journey to the cross is a success. They will wake up on Resurrection Sunday morning, eager to see what the Easter Bunny brought them but knowing why we celebrate it!

Ms. Kayla & I started with the lesson of Palm Sunday and worked our way through Holy Week leading up to the resurrection. Each student was given a palm cross (thank you Mrs. Weimer). Each class did different crafts and coloring pages. The kids thought my Lego Last Supper was the coolest thing! The three year old class sang Hosanna Rock and the four year olds performed The Mighty Resurrection Day. It was great to see some of the church members join us for our last Chapel of the year. Thank you for coming! Now onto graduation.....

Joyfully in Christ,
Ms. Twila





Location:
Milwaukee,
Wisconsin

Theme:
Celebrate the Lord
of the Nations

Visit:
[https://www.lwml.org/
2023-convention](https://www.lwml.org/2023-convention)
for more info



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Pittsburgh Zone LWML Spring Rally

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church-Freedom

60 Rochester Rd, Freedom, PA 15042

724-728-3881

Registration (\$10): 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

To Register contact Diane Olmstead at 724-991-2344 or
dolmsteadcu@gmail.com by April 16

Bible Study led by Pastor Sean Walters
service project for new Moms

Lunch served at 12 Noon; Business meeting follows.

Ingathering:

Pampers or Huggies size 5 &6, Pampers 360 Cruisers size 5/6,
gender neutral newborn onesies and clothing; digital
thermometers, infant bath towels, bibs, and monetary
donations for Choices Pregnancy Center



STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

FOCUS ON THE VARIOUS APPEARANCES OF JESUS DURING THE
40-DAY PERIOD BETWEEN HIS RESURRECTION AND HIS
ASCENSION.

ALL THE STATIONS ARE BASED ON SCRIPTURALLY RECORDED
INCIDENTS IN THE FOUR GOSPELS AND THE BOOK OF ACTS.

Presented by The Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus
SUNDAY, APRIL 23 – 2 & 3:30 P.M.

CONCORDIA LUND CHAPEL 134 MARWOOD RD | CABOT 16023
OERTEL DINING ROOM 613 NORTH PIKE RD | CABOT 16023

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 – 1:30 P.M.

CONCORDIA OF MONROEVILLE | 4363 NORTHERN PIKE | 15146

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – 2:15 & 3:15 P.M.




CONCORDIA OF THE SOUTH HILLS
1300 BOWER HILL RD | MT. LEBANON 15243
PERSONAL CARE DINING ROOM
HARMONY ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY 7 – 2:30 & 4 P.M

CONCORDIA AT REBECCA RESIDENCE CHAPEL
3746 CEDAR RIDGE RD | ALLISON PARK 15101
HIGHPOINTE AT REBECCA CHAPEL
1871 HIGHPOINTE LANE | ALLISON PARK 15101



2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Spring Clean up 10-2 KIDZ CLUB
2 Palm Sunday 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	3	4	5 11:00 Bible Study	6 Maunday Thursday Service 7PM	7 Good Friday Service 7PM	8
9 Easter Breakfast 9am 10:15 Easter Service	10 Council 6:30	11	12 11:00 Bible Study	13 Choir Practice 7PM 	14	15
16 2 nd Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	17	18	19 11:00 Bible Study	20 Choir Practice 7PM 	21	22 Pittsburgh Zone LWML Spring Rally Registration 10am
23 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	24	25	26 11:00 Bible Study	27 Choir Practice 7PM 	28	29
30 4 th Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	31					