



Prince of Peace

THE BELLS

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Everything in Common

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-33

In the book of Acts, we hear about the beginnings of the Christian Church. On the day of Pentecost, after Peter’s sermon, Scripture says, *“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”* (Ac 2:41) And a few verses later, *“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”* (Ac 2:46-47) When we read these passages, we can’t help but wonder, “why can’t churches be that way today?” The answer is quite simple, sin. As Christianity spread and people were learning together about Christ and His command to love each other, God’s people were of one mind, having everything in common, meeting together to worship God and in fellowship. The church can be this way again, that is, if everyone wants to return to being Christian. The churches grew because outsiders could see the love that Christians had for each other as well as the love they had for non-Christians. People witnessed Christ’s love and they wanted to be part of that love. Christians helped everyone because of Christ’s love for them. They didn’t do it for adorations, or to find favor with God or man, but all because of what

Christ did for them out of love. In a real Christian church, no one is above anyone else. All are equal servants of Christ Jesus. There wasn’t any micromanage, because people trusted each other, and they trusted God above all things. People who micromanage do so because they don’t trust God. And if you can’t trust God, who can you trust anyone else? Everyone has spiritual gifts that God has given them to glorify God. But a person can’t use those gifts if they’re micromanaged or told their ideas are no good. As Christians we’re to build each other up and not tear each other down. If we can love each other inside the church, then we can learn to love others outside the church. We can judge our brother’s and sister’s actions inside the church because we have been taught by God’s Word to live a better way. Yet we can’t judge those outside the church because they haven’t been taught the ways of the Lord. But we can show them a better way by being loving, kind, giving, and understanding. You see, the body of Christ,

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Sunday School 9AM
Worship Service 10:15AM

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The Church, follows Christ as each member uses their God given gifts to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in words and actions. And it all begins with loving and trusting God with all your mind, body, and soul, which leads to loving your neighbor as Christ loves you. People are desperately looking for an authentic Christian church that puts into action what they believe, teach, and confess to be completely true. People aren't looking for religion, there are thousands of religions. What people are looking for is Christ, and authentic Christians, who believe in Christ so much that they joyfully live out their faith on a daily basis. Now that's the kind of church everyone wants to belong to.

Pastor Sean



Arlene, Emma's Mom † Skylar, Health Issues †
Bill Hewlett † Patrick † George Shibata †
Kevin Mahoney † Darryl † Joan † Larry
Katarynia † Carmie † Debbie †
Karen Doerr, health issues †

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

ACOLYTES

5/07 Brooke Lehman

5/14 James Shibata

5/21 Noah Schweikert

5/28 Grace Shibata

READERS

5/07 Noah Schweikert

5/14 OPEN

5/21 OPEN

5/28 OPEN

ALTAR GUILD

Bonnie Keen



BIRTHDAYS

Luke Messing	2
Tanner Messing	2
Margaret Rombold,	4
Mark Shibata	7
Beth Lehman	12
Allen Lee	14
Alex Remmers	16
Robert Rachuba	17
Ron Lehocky	27
Bob Licht	28
George Volkov,	29
Deborah Steigerwald	30
Trevor Mesing	31
Ashleen Starr	31



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Rich Clayton	1
Shane Parker	3
Dean Parker	5
Doug Eckstrom	11
Pam Licht	13
Jaclyn Shibata	25
John Russler	29

Anniversaries

Larry & Linda Weimer	2
Beau & Twila DeThomas	10
Brett & Kari Mohney	16
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Amazing Grace, How can it be
For Jesus' gift so great and free
He took away the reproach of our sins
All praise and glory be to Him.

Amazing Grace, and can it be
Jesus shed His blood for you and me
To make us clean and pure again.
Praise is due to His Holy name.

Amazing Grace, where would we be
Without our shepherd's gift so free
For we were all like straying sheep that
were lost,
Til Jesus dies for our sins upon the cross.

Amazing Grace, now can we be
In heavenly mansions, God's glory to see.
God sent His Son, He loved us so
To vanquish doom and conquer foe

And then a heavenly home to prepare
For all the saints to worship Him there
And with the angels fair and bright
It will be a holy and beautiful sight
Our Lord upon His heavenly throne
Our earthly journey over – for we will then
be home.

~Linda Volkov~



May 7
"Sojourn"

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

Prosperity preachers promise health, wealth, and happiness--but that's not what Christians should expect.

(1 Peter 2:11-12)

May 14
"Reason to Hope"

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

A brand-new violin needs to mature through time and use. The same goes for followers of Christ.

(1 Peter 3:15)

May 21
"Responses to Suffering"

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

Why does God allow suffering? The answer cannot be that God is indifferent or detached from our pain.

(1 Peter 4:12)

May 28
"A Timely Invitation"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe](#)

(John 7:37-39)

Preschool Bible Lesson

The month of April was spent reviewing all of the Bible Lessons we've talked about all year. From Genesis 1:1, where the fun's just begun, to the mighty resurrection day the kids retained so much! They thoroughly enjoy the bible trivia game where they win candy or prizes for correct answers! We are so incredibly proud that each one of the 28 graduating PreK kids will walk into this great big world & kindergarten with Jesus in their hearts!

Ms. Twila & Ms. Kayla



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 beginning of April, we held the chapel celebration for the month of March. We do not hold a chapel in April or May due to preparing for graduation. It takes the students weeks to learn the songs and practice for the graduation ceremony. 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, the four year olds were asked to bring an item for show and tell. We told the parents "Good Luck" finding an item that begins with letter X. Multiple students brought a real X-ray from a past injury and got to tell us all about their picture of their bone. Very cool lesson!!

The four year old classes were invited back to visit and tour Freedom Elementary School. We took a school bus and met all of the kindergarten teachers as we did a art project with Pete the Cat! It was wonderful to get back to normal and meet the teachers!

All of our preschool classes participated in our spring fundraiser; a Bike-A-Thon. We want to send a thank you out to any church members who found it in their hearts to donate to our Bike-A-Thon this year! Thank you! 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. An overall winner who brought in the highest amount of donation won a special prize. Also, the top student in the three year old class and separately the four year old class won a medal for biking the most laps!! It was a great day of physical activity.

The month of April begins the preparation for the end of the school year. 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



We are so close to the end of the year it's unbelievable! April was another great month for our little ones, this month they were able to celebrate Easter with epic Easter egg hunts with their friends at their parties. Learn all about different insects, space while ending the month with the school's annual bike-a-thon!

Three Year Old Class

This month our three year old class continued to work hard on their letter recognition with the letters "U, V, W, X, and Y" With each new letter, we worked with them on a new craft or coloring project where they would have to locate the letter within the image. There was U is for Umbrella, since as we all know April showers bring May flowers! V is for Vase to hold those beautiful May flowers, W is for Worm which comes out during rain showers and so on! The kiddos love these, but their very favorite letter craft was "W is for WORM, to incorporate in fine motor skills they made worms out of pipe cleaners that they had strung with beads and we helped to attach heads and eyes (Miss Kayla even had the honor of having a worm named after her!) For Easter projects, we painted wooden peeps for keepsakes, and read the cutest book called " The Great Eggscapade" then made our own little egg people! Both projects were a HUGE hit! With the three year old class we also explored the world of insects, reading different books all about the different ones while incorporating in letter review. They made "Ants in their pants", played the "Cootie" board game and made their own "Cootie" headband.

Four Year Old Class

As we did with our three year old class we did start out this month painting wooden keepsake peeps and the sweetest "Some Bunny Loves You" handprint art for their parents for Easter. They have also really been crushing learning their letter and numbers! This month they have learned "V, W, X, and Y, as well as a letter review to go over what they have previously learned. They have also made it through numbers 15-18 and a number review. They work so hard but play just as hard! To make their reviews fun we do it as Team Trivia or Relay Races, they laugh the whole time and cheer each other on to get the answers right. The future kindergarteners also got to experience their first bus ride on their big field trip to the elementary school to visit a kindergarten classroom. There has been daily rhyming practice and a whole lesson on SPACE! We even turned the kiddos into Astronauts, turns out their favorite part of that activity was the glow in the dark paint but can you really blame them? With Mother's Day right around the corner there was a surprise visit from Artsy Doodle where they got to paint their presents, and they are working diligently on their other surprises for mom! Next up: Graduation!

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Ms. Kayla



Spousal Loss Support

Brought to you by:

Good Samaritan Hospice

Bereavement Coordinator: Christina Reuschlein, MSW

Good Samaritan Hospice, a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, invites all to attend grief support gatherings at Concordia of Cranberry

(10 Adams Ridge Blvd, Mars, PA 16046).

Why Grief Group? Grief is a process as old as the beginning of time, and so many people assume we are all born with some natural coping mechanisms to get us through. The reality is many of us need some guidance and direction. To experience a significant loss such as that of a life partner, we often do not know where to turn for direction.

Getting involved in grief discussions can help you make better sense of your journey and light your path. A grief group can possibly be the compass you need to provide the right direction towards peace and healing.



For more information/ registration please contact:

Family Support Services Admin Assistant: Brittany Foy

1-800-720-2557

Registration is now open!!!

Sessions will be every Tuesday at 10:00- 11:30 beginning on


May 2nd and will last 6 weeks

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

2023 CLM Golf Classic

Treesdale Golf & Country Club
Monday, July 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. - Registration, Breakfast, Gifts & Skill Contests
(Putting Green and Driving Range open)
10 a.m. - Shot Gun Start (Scramble)
3 p.m. - Reception
4 p.m. - Banquet & Program



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2023 CLM Golf Classic Sponsorship Opportunities

	Golf Spots	Tee Sign	Contest Hole	Logo on Web and listed in Magazine	Banner	Shirts	Program Ad
Signature \$18,500	8	✓	✓ (2)	✓	✓	4	2 Full-page ads plus logo on all scorecards
Platinum \$7,500	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Gift \$5,500	4	Branding on (1) gift item distributed at the event		✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Gold \$5,000	4	✓		✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Golf Cart \$4,000	4	Signage on all player golf carts used during the event			✓		Half-page ad
Banquet \$3,500	4	Visual and Verbal Recognition during post-event banquet			✓		Half-page ad
Shirt \$3,500	2	Branding volunteer/staff shirts and (2) shirts to keep				2	Half-page ad
Refreshments \$3,000	2	Signage on all refreshment carts used during the event			✓		Half-page ad
Social Hour \$2,500	2	Visual and Verbal Recognition during post-event banquet		✓	✓		Half-page ad
Breakfast \$2,000	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)				✓	2	
Practice Range \$2,000	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)				✓	2	
Contest Hole \$1,750		✓	✓	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)		1	
Silent Auction \$1,000	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)				✓	1	
Green & Pin \$800	Customized Pin Flag and greenside signage						
Tee \$500		✓					

Individual Golfer: \$225
Foursome: \$900

All reservations must be received by June 12, 2023 for inclusion in program.

Contact Larissa Yates at 724-352-1571 ext. 8363 or lyates@concordialm.org
or Barb Tillmann at 724-352-1571 ext. 8355 or btillmann@concordialm.org
for more information or to register.



VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
JUNE 26-30
6-8:15PM



Strengths, talents and abilities, ...these personal assets of church members often go by the wayside as simply unnoticed. The Gifted for More program is a New Framework for Equipping Christians to Share Their Abilities and Skills in Everyday Life by encouraging people to explore, strengthen and share their gifts to help today's Church flourish and grow. Coming this summer, as members and friends of Prince of Peace you will have the opportunity to discover your God-given gifts to grow and share them and make a difference in our church and community. We'll go through a five-part sermon series on giftedness and be able to participate in a five-week small group Bible study. Also included is The Every Gift Inventory, which is an easy-to-take online assessment of giftedness in 12 distinct areas. It's about living our lives in obedience to Him and in service to others, engaging in the work of His kingdom here on earth. What could be more important?



Date: June 22–25, 2023

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Theme: Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

Scripture Verse: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).*

Registration for the 2023 LWML Convention will be done through an online form. When you are ready to register (beginning January 9, 2023), go to lwml.org/2023-convention to access the online registration form. The new online registration form will walk you through the items you'll need to include.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MEETING 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.	2	3 Bible Study 11AM	4 Choir 7pm	5 WOMENS LUNCHEON AT NEW SEWICKLEY PRESBYTERIAN 12PM	6 KIDZ CLUB 5:30PM Please wear old clothes
7 5th Sunday of Easter 9am Sunday School 10:15am Service ELDER MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE	8 COUNCIL 6:30	9	10 NO Bible Study	11 Choir 7pm	12	13
14 6th Sunday of Easter 9am Sunday School 10:15am Service	15	16	17 NO Bible Study	18 Choir 7pm	19	20
21 7th Sunday of Easter 9am Sunday School 10:15am Service	22	23	24 Bible Study 11AM	25 Choir 7pm	26	27
28 Pentecost 9am Sunday School 10:15am Service	29	30	31 Bible Study 11AM			