



Prince of Peace

THE BELLS

JUNE 2023

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Don't Neglect to Meet Together

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

The writer of Hebrews tells us that God requires us, as true Christians, to gather together to hear His Word preached, receive the Sacraments, pray, sing, and give thanks for all of God's

tremendous blessings. This isn't the only place in Scripture in which God tells us this (cf Rm 10:14; Lk 22:19-20; Ac 2:38; Rm 15:30; Ps 30:4). We're taught in Catechism that the Third Commandment means, "*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*" (LSC, pg 67) And those who despise going to Church fall from the faith easily because they're following after the world and not God.

The writer of Hebrews speaks about the blessings we receive when we gather together to worship God in community. Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, God gives us faith, hope, and love (cf 1 Co 13:13). We also receive encouragement and the strength to do good works for the glory of God. As our congregation goes through, "*Gifted for More,*" we will learn to use the gifts that God has bestowed on each of us to do those good work that God planned for us to do before He created the universe. In the Body of Christ, the Church, we're filled with God's Spirit to do as Paul wrote, "*for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*" (Phlp 2:13) God works through us to bless others. And God works through others to bless us.

Summertime is a great time to get out and enjoy God's creation. But when we would rather spend time enjoying creation and not attending worship service, we're worshipping the creation and not the Creator. God requires a very small portion of our time to worshipping Him. And if we can't worship God now for an hour, then why would God force us to worship Him for an eternity. The writer of Hebrews ended verse 25 with, "*all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*" (Heb 10:25) Christ's return is closer today than it was yesterday. And when Christ returns, He will judge the world. It's here in the holy ark of the Christian Church that we receive strength for every day of our lives and the reassurance of pardon and peace in Christ's body and blood that allows us to stand without fear on Judgement Day.

Church isn't a drudgery, but a joyous opportunity to be in the presence of an all mighty, awesome, powerful God and Creator.

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School 9AM
Worship Service 10:15AM

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God never takes a break from blessing you, so why would we want to take a break from worshipping God by giving Him thanks and praise? God is good all the time! So let us praise Him all the time and come together once a week to hear His Word preached, receive the Sacraments, pray, sing, and give thanks for all of God's tremendous blessings. Amen.

Pastor Sean



Prayer Concerns

Doug†Arlene, Emma's Mom†

Debbie†Bill Hewlett†Patrick†

Kevin Mahoney†Darryl†Joan†Larry†

Katarynia†Carmie†Karen Doerr†

Kelvin†

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

ACOLYTES

6/04 Brooke Lehman

6/11 James Shibata

6/18 Noah Schweikert

6/25 Grace Shibata

READERS

6/04 Karl Borgman

6/11 OPEN

6/18 OPEN

6/25 OPEN

ALTAR GUILD

Hoby Schweikert

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are continuing to collect items throughout the year!

Amazon Wishlist
QR Code



BIRTHDAYS

Willis Voland	1
Susan Ozenich	5
Twila DeThomas	7
Brad Weedon	18
Karol Kiessling	23
Dan Helkowski	25



Anniversaries

James & Jaclyn Shibata	4
Jeff & Tara Dulski	6
Rich & Ethel Clayton	10
Roger & Mary Nuerge	12
Craig & Emma Genser	15



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Beth Lehman	
Kyle Borgman	4
Ruthann Weedon	6
Susan Ozenich	12
Jakob Lehman	16
Karol Kiessling	24
Jim Nord	27



THE PRESCHOOL STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, THE BIKE-A-THON. THE CONGREGATION DONATED A TOTAL \$250!!!!

🍏 🍏 🍏 We are looking for an awesome, energetic, individual with an early education degree for an open teaching position in one of our classes. If you are interested, please call 724-728-3881 for an application! 🍏 🍏 🍏



<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WWCH	Clarion, PA	1300	AM	Sun	7:30 AM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	103.9	FM	Sun	3:30 PM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	103.9	FM	Tue	12:30 PM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	1080	AM	Sat	3:30 PM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	1080	AM	Tue	12:30 PM

June 4

"It's All Good--Eve When It's Not"

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

The key to growing closer to others is by growing closer to God.
(Genesis 1)

June 11

"Strength Out of Weakness"

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

The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them.
(Judges 6:14-16)

June 18

"Just Around the Corner"

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

Dr. Michael Zeigler discovers a place where God's love is being poured, just around the corner.
(Romans 5:1-11)

June 25

"Tears, Fires, and a Song"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy](#)

Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise.
(Jeremiah 20:78-13)

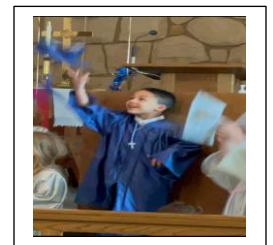
GRADUATION



THANK YOU

To Pam, Bob, Jean, and Sandy K.

for taking care of the fellowship cake & refreshments following the ceremonies!





The month of May snuck up on us this year. There was so little time and so much to finish doing...

We celebrated our Mothers early in the month. We painted ceramic cupcake shaped plates with the four-year-olds and we painted terracotta planters and filled them with marigolds for the three-year-old Moms. Rounding out Mother's Day gifts were beautiful picture filled personal cards we made for our Moms too.

In the beginning of May we finished up all of our writing skills and class work. 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. 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. We also completed the spring evaluation process for both classes where the four-year-olds are tested to see if they have the information, they need to start kindergarten. We are happy to report that the majority is well prepared and ready to move on!

Two major events happened for the four-year-olds. 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 Animal Park 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. We met with a giraffe named Levi and also had the opportunity to feed him, in addition to visiting and feeding many other animals. What a nice way to unwind after nine months of school.

Last but certainly not least; GRADUATION! The three-year-olds graduated as super heroes wearing different color capes. 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 have been some of the most wonderful students we have ever had here. 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 2023!

We would also like to give Mrs. Shuttleworth a shout out at the end of this year. She has worked at Prince of Peace for over twenty years! Mrs. Shuttleworth has decided to retire and we want her to know we will miss her and thank her for all the ways she made learning fun for the dozens of students that walked through her classroom door over the years. Best of luck in your retirement, Liz!!!

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



And just like that the 2022-2023 school year, has come to a close. The kids worked so hard all year learning their letters and numbers, all about dinosaurs, bugs, and space. We started building the foundation to help them learn how to rhyme and write out words that weren't just their names! Our four year old class is ready to fly off to kindergarten in the fall and we can't wait to see how our three year old class continues to flourish! Here are just a few of the things we did the month of May:

Three year Old Class

We began the month finishing the Mother's Day gifts the kids worked so hard on, and then we taught them how to plant the beautiful flowers that they would also be giving them. They each made their mom's a special card and a dragon to guard the flowers. The kids just love being creative and any chance to get dirty! We also focused on finishing up with our letter and number recognition, and started tracing and coloring groups of 2 or more. We also work hard the month of May getting everyone ready for the end of the year graduation performance! They learn their songs and dances and really just lean into getting ready for what the next year is going to bring!

Four year old Class

Our little butterflies are all grown up and ready to be released into the world! But, before they go there are just a few more things we worked with them on. They worked hard on finishing up their Mother's Day cards and gifts. They also had a little bit of letter review with Chicka Chicka BOOM BOOM (they thought that was just the funniest letter review ever!) To review their numbers, they made a rocket ship to blast into outer space but only after they counted backwards from 10! To remind our little butterflies that they used to be our little caterpillars once upon a time they worked on pattern recognition and made their own caterpillars from cushy pom-poms! Then they finished reviewing the rest of their numbers 11-20! Leaning into blasting off into outer space we also had some rhyming fun coloring pictures that rhyme, then cutting them out and placing them into a rhyming rocket! Rhyming can be tough during our graduation practice breaks; we've been playing a rhyming relay game! To get ready for graduation we have also been working on all our graduation projects and learning all of their songs and dances for their big graduation day! We also had the best day at Keystone Safari for our end of the year field trip!

Our kids have had a busy year of learning and playing and we have had the best time teaching them, there is no doubt that they are ready to move on to the next steps in the school careers and we will miss every little friend from our four year old class but are so lucky to still have another year with our three year olds!

HAVE THE BEST SUMMER!

Mrs. Shuttleworth and Miss Kayla



	Golf Spots	Tee Sign	Contest Hole	Logo on Web and listed in Magazine	Banner	Shirts	Program Ad
Signature	Sold Out!						
Platinum \$7,500	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Gift	Sold Out!						
Gold \$5,000	4	✓		✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Golf Cart	Sold Out!						
Banquet \$3,500	4	Visual and Verbal Recognition during post-event banquet			✓		Half-page ad
Shirt	Sold Out!						
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





Date: June 22–25, 2023

Location: Milwaukee,
Wisconsin

Theme: Celebrate the
Lord of the Nations



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

JUNE 26-30 6:00 - 8:15

Friday, June 30th is family night at VBS!
We are asking for donations of picnic type
salads (Macaroni salad, etc), **cookies** and
drinks (waters, huggies)! Please see Twila
if you have any questions.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Gifted for More class 9AM Service 10:15	5	6	7 BIBLE STUDY 11AM	8	9	10
11 Gifted for More class 9AM Service 10:15 Elder's Meeting	12 COUNCIL 6:30	13	14 BIBLE STUDY 11AM	15	16	17
18 Gifted for More class 9AM Service 10:15	19	20	21 BIBLE STUDY 11AM	22	23	24
25 Gifted for More class 9AM Service 10:15 VOTERS MEETING VBS POTLUCK LUNCH AND DECORATING	26 VBS 6-8:15PM	27 VBS 6-8:15PM	28 BIBLE STUDY 11AM VBS 6-8:15PM	29 VBS 6-8:15PM	30 VBS 6-8:15PM	