



Prince of Peace

The Bells

November 2023



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Praise God!

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

(Psalm 67:1-5)

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School 9AM
Worship Service 10:15AM

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Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, and our world is in turmoil. Many families will have family members missing from the table on Thanksgiving Day. Some will be serving their country, some will be in a hospital, and some will be in heaven, waiting for Christ's return and the resurrection of all people. In these situations, it seems impossible to be joyful or be able to praise God, let alone be thankful. But these are the very times that we should be joyful, thanking, and praising God. It's God who protects our loved ones who maybe in harm's way. It's God who is the great physician, who gives healing and strength. And it's Jesus Christ who died to remove our sins and is risen giving us a sure and certain hope of our resurrection and life everlasting. This is where our joy comes from and not our situation in this sinful fallen world. As Christians we have so much to thank God for as He has provided us with such good gifts. Not only has God given us forgiveness of sins, true life, and

salvation, but He also provides for all of our needs in this life.

All of this is the reason the psalmist sings praises to God. The psalmist not only acknowledges God's might power, but he praises God for it and how He uses it within creation. The psalmist calls for all the people on earth to join him in his praise of God for what God has blessed them with. We're not just to praise God when life is good, but when the storms of life seem to overtake us. God is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory no matter what we experience in life. Even when we are facing hard times, God is with us, giving us strength, courage, comfort, and

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protection. God never stops caring for you.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday that comes once a year. For Christians, thanksgiving is an ongoing event of praise and honor to our God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because His mercies are new every morning and His love is eternal. God is good all the time and He loves to give His children good gifts.

Throughout this holiday season give God all your praise, honor, and glory for what He has done and for what He will do. God is always faithful, even when we're not faithful to Him. Praise be to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the earth is filled with your glory. Amen!

Pastor Sean



- † Bob Licht and family, loss of Pam
- † Joyce Hewlett and family for the loss of Bill
- † Steigerwald family, loss of Sarah's mother
- † Allen's cousin, Ima Gene
- † John H.
- † Kristy Elkin
- † Hillary
- † Patrick
- † Theodore
- † Carmie
- † Louise Gulmantovicz, Bill's sister
- † Theodore
- † Joan
- † Larry
- † Genevieve
- † Hobby's Father-in-Law, Bob
- † Bonnie
- † Vanessa
- † Don & Betty
- † Paul Palmer, recovering from stroke
- † Craig's dad, Ron
- † Edward Woods, addiction



Birthdays

Tara Dulski	7
Amy Rachuba	14
Joleen Mesing	16
Adalyn Russler	20
James Shibata, Sr	22
Craig Genser	27
Beau DeThomas, Jr	30

Dan Helkowski	
Rich Clayton	
Joslyn Mesing	12
Tammy Eckstrom	16
Karl Borgman	20
Carole Alberts	27
Tara Dulski	28
Betty Haffely	30



NOVEMBER SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

ACOLYTES

11/05 Brooke Lehman
 11/12 Joy Shibata
 11/19 Grace Russler
 11/26 James Shibata

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Wiemer

READERS

11/05 Karl Borgman
 11/12 Tammy Eckstrom
 11/19 OPEN
 11/26 Noah Schweikert



Mrs. Smith's Classes

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. –Isaiah 54:13

The month of October was very busy! First, we celebrated Fire Safety during the month of October. Our three year old classes received a special visit from some of Big Knob's own fire Captains and their fire engines to learn some fire safety tips. Our four year old classes got to go on a field trip to Big Knob Fire Dept. to see the fire house first hand and squirt a fire hose as well as crawl through a pretend burning house. The Ladies Auxiliary was generous with our students too; they brought snacks and drinks to enjoy after our safety talk.

They even provided a safety packet with a coloring book and crayons.

All preschool classes took a fieldtrip to Yeck's Pumpkin Patch at Yeck's Farm to take a hay ride and play in the sun. The parents escorted their students for our trip and played in the many amenities Yeck's has to offer. Rounding out the morning, we had a snack and each student received a pumpkin and activity bag full of goodies. Thank you Yeck's Farm!

We added three new letters to our writing skills this month; A, O, and H. During letter A week, we focused on Autumn and the changes occurring outside. We also talked about the many kinds of apples and how they taste. The general consensus is that students choose red delicious apples over Granny Smith or Gala.

Letter O week was a discussion about October as we started creating Halloween arts and crafts. Our four year old class did a fun science experiment with pumpkins. We tested whether a pumpkin will sink or float in water. We made a hypothesis and then followed through to find our actual answer. No matter how big or small a pumpkin is, it will always float in water.

Finishing out the month we focused on the letter H. The letter H represented Halloween and the fun school day. A special "Thank you" goes out to the wonderful parents for providing goodies and facilitating the Halloween party for the students.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Halloween if you choose to participate with trick or treating.

Until Next Month, May God Bless each and every one of you!
Mrs. Smith, Ms. Twila, and Ms. Kayla

Preschool Bible Lesson



This month the kids learned about what a faithful man Noah was to God! They really enjoyed hearing the story and about the animals and the true meaning of the rainbow. Here come the animals..... 2 by 2. The students loved the song "Get in the Ark" and did great at Chapel with Pastor. In the month of November I will start teaching the children all about the amazing Journey to Bethlehem & start preparing and practicing for the Christmas Program. This year the 3 year old program will be held on Tuesday, December 19 and the 4 year olds will be held on Thursday, December 21. Both programs start at 9 AM. ~Ms. Twila~



Pictured is Reese Mohney with her craft that she made in class!



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THURSDAYS
ALL ARE
WELCOME!



<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

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November 5

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"

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

We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4)

November 12

"Again and Again and Again"

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

Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. (Matthew 18:1-4)

November 19

"Until that Day"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

November 26

"Loving Mercy"

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

(Matthew 25:34-40)



NEEDS YOU!

What is needed are people to help residents get to church.

All off these church services are in the facility in which these residents live. Many residents are in wheel chairs and getting to and from church services is a struggle and in some cases an impossibility for them to do on their own.

The activity department staff helps as do a few other staff as they are able, but **often the need is greater than what they can provide**. Anyone who has an interest in helping others get to church, helping them get to a place that is comfortable for them in church, possibly giving a hand with the church service and making sure residents get back to their room could really be a valuable and helpful presence. Doing this for residents would also be a way of serving the Lord.

Here are facilities you could contact and some contact information that can help. Arriving about 20 minutes before church starts, staying for the church service and helping residents who might need some help and then helping escort them back to their room would be a big help.

Concordia of Cranberry

10 Adams Ridge Boulevard, Mars, PA 16046

724-779-4300 ask for Amber, the Activities Director – Church Service on Thursday 3:30

Concordia of Franklin Park

1600 Georgetown Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143

742-935-1075 ask for Veronica, the Activities Director – Church Service on Tuesday 10:30

Concordia at Villa St. Joseph

1030 State Street, Baden, PA 15005

724-869-6300 ask for Chris the Activities Director - Church services on Tuesday 1:45 at skilled care
And 3:00 at personal care.



JOIN US FOR CONCORDIA'S TENTH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 10

148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023
(Entrance #5, Haven II)

Performances at 4:30, 5:15 and 6 p.m.

- *Featuring Concordia staff and residents*
- *Live animals*
- *Hot beverages and refreshments*
- *Gift for children 12 and under*
- *Live Christmas music*
- *Free admission*



This will be a “walk-through” nativity, so guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Parking at entrances 5 and 6. For more information, call 724-352-8268 or visit www.concordialm.org.

*Thank
you*



Angela and I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness you have shown to us during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your cards, notes, letters, gifts, and delicious luncheon have been so kind and generous!

God has blessed us greatly with a wonderful congregation of God-fearing people who are kind, caring, and very loving.

Pastor Sean



We will be purchasing Bibles for the preschoolers again this Christmas! If you are willing to contribute financially towards this it would be greatly appreciated!

You can put either mail it in, put it in the secretary mailbox, or put your contribution into the collection plate during service, but please be sure to label the check and/or envelope.

We thank you in advance!

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 BIBLE STUDY 11AM	2	3	4  OCC PACKING PARTY 5-7
5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9AM Service 10:15	6	7	8 BIBLE STUDY 11AM	9 	10	11
12 Sunday School 9AM Service 10:15 *No confirmation class* *NO COMMUNION* Elders meeting	13 COUNCIL 6:00	14	15 BIBLE STUDY 11AM	16 	17	18 Pam Licht Memorial Service 11AM
19 25th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9AM Service 10:15	20	21	22 BIBLE STUDY 11AM	23 	24	25
26 Last Sunday of the Church Year Sunday School 9AM Service 10:15	27	28	29 NO BIBLE STUDY	30 		