

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



April 2024

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The Revelation of God

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Hebrews 1:1-2

As Christians it is easy for us to see God being revealed to us through the new life of Spring. After the dead of winter, creation comes alive once more as life begins with the Easter celebration. Christ is risen from the

dead. But soon the dog days of summer set in as vacations, outings and events keep us from worshipping God in community. Far too many times people love to worship the creation instead of the Creator. God does reveal Himself to us through His creation, but when we would rather be in creation instead of worshipping the Creator, then we're just like the rest of unbelieving world.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us that God clearly reveals Himself and His gift of salvation in Christ through the Holy Scripture. When we worship on Sunday morning God reveals Himself to you through the Word of God read and preached. The Third Commandment, "*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy,*" 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, 3rd Commandment) When we would rather be someplace else than in church hearing God's Word, we're sinning against God and missing an opportunity for God to reveal Himself to us in the

community of the church.

Now, I'm not saying that we can't take vacations or have a weekend get-a-way with the family. But what I am saying is that when you can't be in church to worship God, spend some time in His Word, share it with the rest of the family. Let God reveal Himself through His Word and you will be able to see God revealing Himself through His creation. When we're connected to God through His Word, we tend to see God all around us because He is on our mind and in our hearts. You don't have to spend an hour in family devotions or even set a time limit. Just take some time to read God's Word, praise Him and give Him thanks for all the blessings He has given you. And especially thank Him for the beauty of His creation that He has given you to enjoy.

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:

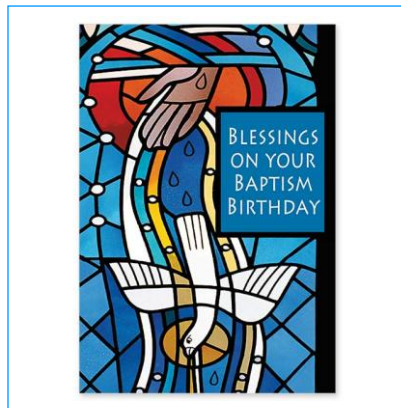
- Allen’s cousin, Ima Gene ● Patrick Donnelly, stroke ● Hoby’s Father-in-Law, Bob, now home, in need of prayers for strength ● Paul Palmer, recovering from stroke ● Edward Woods, addiction
- Jack Hogue, parkinson’s disease, ● Stephanie Volland, cancer ● Sue Szabo’s niece, Kristy, kidney failure ● Carmie
- Rick Matthews, cancer ● Colleen McCormick Lambert, terminal cancer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Lois Roush	7
John Russler	7
Leah Rachuba	15
Angela Walters	21
Jakob Lehman	22
Sandy Kostelnik	30
Ruthann Weedon	30



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Weedon	1
Allen Lee	10
Matthew Muto	10
Larry Weimer	11
Genevieve Leonberg	18
Erich Borgman	19
Sandy Parker	20
Chuck Szabo	24
Karen McCracken	25

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY FOR APRIL

ACOLYTES

- 4/07 Noah Schweikert
- 4/14 Grace Shibata
- 4/21 Brooke Lehman
- 4/28 Joy Shibata

READERS

- 4/07 Matt Claus
- 4/14 OPEN
- 4/21 Tammy Eckstrom
- 4/28 OPEN

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

<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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April 7

"Raise the Flag"

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

Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world.

(Acts 1:1-11)

April 14

"Breathe In, Breathe Out"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez](#)

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ.

(Acts 2:42-47)

April 21

"More Than He Bargained For"

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

(Acts 3:6)

April 28 - TBA

In Memory of Pamela Beglin Licht

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2024
BRADY'S RUN PARK – 121 BRADYS RUN ROAD, BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010

8:30AM REGISTRATION - 10AM SHOW START

AGE DIVISIONS: PEE-WEE 10YRS & UNDER
YOUTH 11-18YRS - ADULT 19-39YRS - MASTERS 40+ YRS

RIBBONS AWARDED TO TOP 6!



- 1.) BARRELS
- 2.) POLES
- 3.) KEYHOLE
- 4.) PAPER CREPE



- 5.) FLAG RACE
- 6.) EGG & SPOON
- 7.) W/T/L STEADY EDDY
- 8.) CATALOG RACE

CLASSES WILL RUN IN AGE CONSECUTIVE ORDER.
PRICE FOR CLASSES: \$7/CLASS OR \$45/ALL CLASSES

**** ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT READY YOURSELVES YOUTH RANCH ****

SHOW WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE

SHOW BILL IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT PRODUCERS DISCRETION
ANNOUNCEMENTS AT SHOW WILL OVERRIDE SHOW BILL



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
TAMMY (724) 316-3766



There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities leading up to the show and the day of the event. If you can help in any way, please contact Tammy Eckstrom



March Preschool News...

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

March has been tricky so far with the weather and teasing us with Spring like temperatures. The groundhog sure seems confused this year. It was mild early on and then cold and rainy again mid month. We shall see what April brings. 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 also celebrated the book Wacky Wednesday by dressing wacky for a day. The students loved wearing mismatched socks and shoes and even doing some crazy, wacky hairstyles. 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.

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 on Sunday March 31st this year. All the parents are always welcome to stay for chapel and watch the children go over the bible lesson and sing a song.

We are happy to announce the three year old class roster is full for next school year. We still have a few seats available for the pre-k class or the 2024-2025 school year.

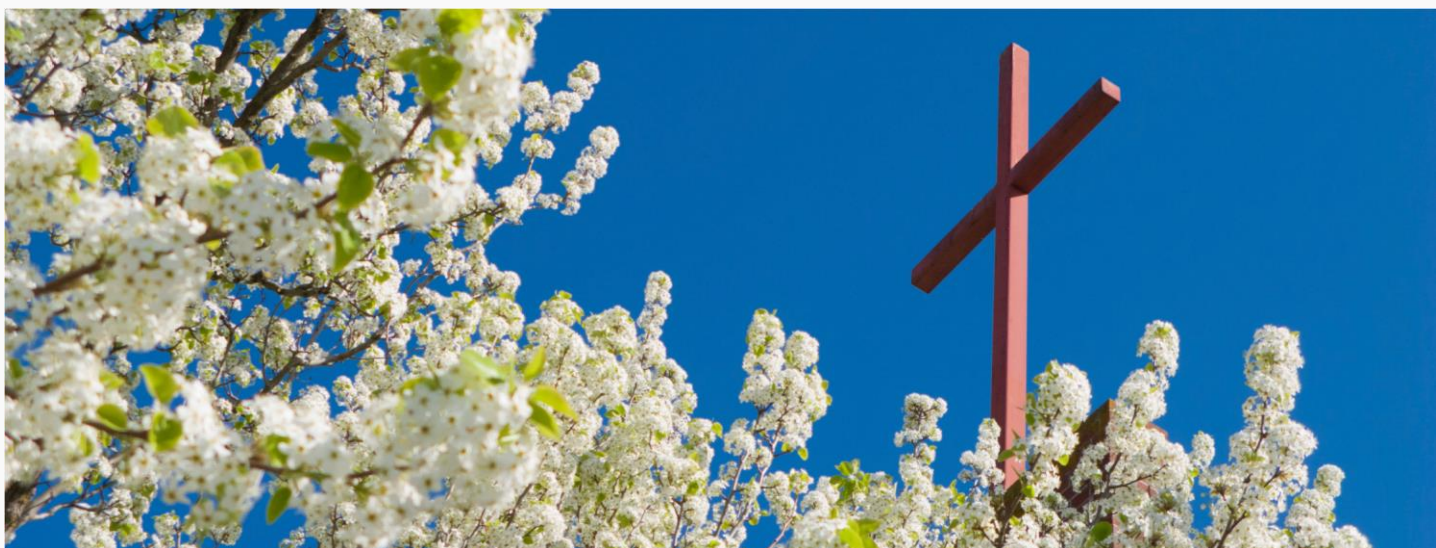
Blessings to you and yours,
Mrs. Smith, Ms. Twila, & Ms. Kayla

RSVP to Mary Lehocky by April 6th

Pittsburgh Zone LWML Spring Rally

Join us Saturday, April 13th 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church 301 Scott Ave., Glenshaw, PA 15116



Cost: \$10

Call Debbie Gates by April 7th to register: 818-681-5494 Check-in begins at 10:00 AM, meeting starts at 10:30 Join us for a devotion, our Zone business meeting lunch and a special mission project-making favors for the upcoming convention.

Ingathering: HEARTH Women's items needed:

8 oz mouthwash hypoallergenic shampoos, deodorant, and body lotions (full size), razors



Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you to the many members and friends of Prince of Peace who have embraced the Shoebox Ministry. Here's a little update from the Operation Christmas Child website.

Children and many of their parents gathered together under the large cobertizo in La Barra de Coyuca. The young people of this small town just west of Acapulco recall, as if yesterday, the nightmare of Hurricane Otis. Even now, when it begins to rain or the winds pick up enough to shake their roofs, children relive the deadly storm of Oct. 25. Many families lost everything. "I thought it was the end of the world," said 11-year-old Henry. He hid with his mother and sister in their small bathroom as the wind destroyed their home. He was among the children in the community invited together by Yesenia Rodriguez to learn about Jesus Christ.

Just days after Otis hit, Yesenia and her husband, Ulises—in contact with friends and churches in Acapulco—drove the three hours south from their home in Toluca to help. They brought relief supplies, and even clothes and children's toys.

They had come to assist the struggling communities near Barra and a neighboring village called Tercera de Enero. Ulises, a pastor, also came to help area churches crippled by their own losses. One way to help was by spearheading Operation Christmas Child outreach events followed by invitations to the 12-lesson discipleship classes of The Greatest Journey.



With joy, Yesenia opened her book to introduce the children to their very first discipleship lesson. It was just the week before that these children of La Barra de Coyuca received their own shoebox gifts at the nearby gymnasium. Its metal roof still lay twisted along the ground where it had been thrown during the storm.

A girl named Litsea, 11, attended that outreach event. She'd prayed to receive Christ, and now she was among the several dozen children attending the lessons with Yesenia.

The shoebox gift, which included a notebook, a toothbrush, a pink and blue penguin, and other things, had opened the door to receive The Greatest Gift—the Lord Jesus Himself. She was eager to learn more about Him.

As Yesenia presented the Biblical account of creation, describing all the beautiful animals and plants that God made in the beginning, the children drew pictures of exotic animals.

"I drew a shark," Litsea said, describing to Yesenia and others what she had learned. The shark was an animal she hoped never to see in person, she said, even though she'd lived near the ocean all her life. She also shared details of the storm that had taken her family's house. "I hid under the bed with my mom, my dad, my brothers, and our dog. When there was a break in the wind, my papa ran to bring back my grandparents. We all hid there until the storm passed."

Samaritan's Purse trucked in thousands of Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts into Guerrero state in the days following the storm. Leading up to Christmas, local leaders trained more than 300 churches in how to conduct outreach events. Teachers of The Greatest Journey prepared to start classes from the surfside towns to the mountain communities in the surrounding Sierra Madres.

"I love Operation Christmas Child," said Yesenia, a teacher of The Greatest Journey for more than five years. "I still remember, 13 years ago, receiving my own shoebox."

Even more than a decade later, she still could recall the pens, pencils, toothbrush, and puzzle she found when she looked inside. She also received Jesus Christ that day.

"This ministry is important to me, because **that was also that day that I raised my hand and prayed to receive Jesus Christ. That is why we are here today. That is why we came down from Toluca.**"





June 24-28
6PM-8:15PM



There is a sign up sheet hanging in the narthex area. If you are able to help out please sign up.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF PARTY DECORATIONS, CARNIVAL DECORATIONS, AND A COUPLE BIG BOXES!

There will be a brief VBS meeting after service on April 14 in the fellowship hall.

If you have any questions, please see Twila.



Christ Lutheran Church

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www.christlutheranfh.org

81st Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble (P.A.L.G.S.)

Saturday, April 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. **SHOT GUN** Start

It's time for another P.A.L.g.S. (Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble) outing. It will mark 41 years of golfing participation of Lutherans and non-Lutherans from all over the Greater Pittsburgh area. This will be the 81st outing held over the past 41 years, where many golf enthusiasts have worked to make each outing a unique experience.

Since 1983 the outings have been held at **Victory Hills** in Elizabeth, PA. To continue in the tradition the banquet will include the favorite and most delicious buffet, and recognition of participating golfers.

There will be special prizes and awards to mark this 41st year milestone.
The registration fee is \$90.00 per golfer.

Your guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, April 22, 2024, Call with your foursomes (412-271-7173), or send names and payment (**checks made out to CLC**) to:

GOLF

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

We encourage all golfers, past and present, to be a part of this memorable event, as we celebrate all those who have participated in these outings since 1983. To be part of this gala, to donate prizes, or to share memorabilia, please call 412-271-7173.

See you on Saturday, April 27th!



Eastern District Convention June 14-16, 2024

Double Tree by Hilton Mars, PA

The Pittsburgh Zone invites you to an inspirational weekend walking in our faith, rooting in Jesus Christ and abounding in thanksgiving with our fellow sisters and brothers. We will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary in the Eastern District! Pittsburgh has much to offer in history and tourism. Please join us.



Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).

(MORE INFO ON OTHER SIDE>>>>>)

Keynote Speaker—Heidi Goehmann—Heidi is a licensed clinical social worker and mental health provider and also a deaconess.

Proclaimer—LCMS Eastern District President Rev. John Pingel will be our Proclaimer for worship on Friday night.

National Representative—will be Brenda Piester, Recording Secretary.

Entertainment—will be the Jazz Warriors from Pittsburgh a volunteer organization made up of roughly 30 musicians primarily from the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh who all share a common love of music.

Self - Guided Tours and Attractions—Think about coming early or staying late to see some of the sights in the Pittsburgh area!

Registration—Registration deadline is April 24! Please remember to make your housing reservation directly with the hotel.

There will be **two servant events**, a **Mite Walk** and **3 interest sessions** to choose from. Information is included on the registration form and will be included with your registration confirmation. We hope you will join us for a June weekend of renewal, inspiration, faith, fellowship, and worship, to be strengthened by His word and use our gifts to support missions and serve others!

REGISTRATION FORMS AND MORE INFO CAN BE FOUND ON THE MAIN TABLE IN THE NARTHEX AREA.







Gifts from the Heart Ingathering—Concordia Lutheran Ministries

Wish List of Items for Concordia Lutheran Ministries Activities Department

New Items : Small pocket Kleenex, ChapSticks, Handkerchiefs, Word Search puzzles (regular and large print), 100-piece puzzles

Monetary donation by Check Make payable to: LWML Eastern District Convention Memo line: 2024 ingathering Look for the “Gifts of the Heart” table display. A place will be provided to receive your monetary donations.



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 11:00 Bible Study	4 Choir Practice 7PM 	5	6 KIDZ CLUB 5:30-7PM
7 2 ND Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Easter Service	8 Council 6:30	9	10 11:00 Bible Study	11 Choir Practice 7PM 	12	13 LWML Spring Rally (Glenshaw)
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service VBS MEETING	15	16	17 11:00 Bible Study	18 Choir Practice 7PM 	19	20 
21 4 th Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service LWML mites collection	22	23 	24 11:00 Bible Study	25 Choir Practice 7PM 	26	27
28 5 th Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	29	30		