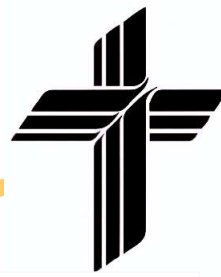


Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



May 2024

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The Two Realms

“Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Matthew 22:17-21

Everyone hates tax season. No one likes giving a portion of their money that they worked so hard for to the Federal, State, & local governments. Paying taxes to the government is an ancient practice. But there is more to Jesus’ teaching here in Matthew than just paying taxes. Here Jesus is distinguishing between the two realms—the civil and the heavenly—under which all Christians live. Though our first allegiance is always to God (Act 5:29), we’re also bound to obey the legitimate civil authorities God has established (Rom 13:1-7)

Those who follow Jesus owe their loyalty and obedience not only to Him, but also to the human rulers that God Himself has established. Though Christians may be tempted to avoid paying taxes and neglect their civil responsibilities, such as voting, jury duty and the like, we must “render to Caesar.” Civil authority and good governmental leaders are beneficial means whereby God blesses us. This all falls under the Fourth Commandment—*Honor your father and your mother* (God’s Representatives).

In Catechism class we learned that means, “*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*” (Luther’s Sm. Cat pg. 74) And we know that parents and other authorities are anyone for whom God has placed over us at home, in government, at

school, at the place where we work, and in the church. God strictly forbids us to despise our parents and other authorities by not respecting them or angering them by our disobedience or by any other kind of sin. God even attaches a promise to the Fourth Commandment, “*that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.*” (Eph 6:3)

The fact that the men, who were questioning Jesus about paying taxes, had a coin with Tiberius Caesar’s image on it acknowledges Caesar’s rule over them. There is also some irony involved with this encounter. The coin had been minted with the image of Tiberius Caesar, who identified himself as the “son of the divine Augustus. So it’s ironic that the men asked the question of Jesus, the true Son of God.

But all of this holds true within the heavenly realm. As Christians we’re to give a portion of the blessings God has given us, back to God. Everything we have comes from God’s good & gracious hand. As a sign of thanksgiving and trust in our God for all that He has given us, we return a small portion of our money, time, and talents. The church needs money to pay

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Worship Service 10:15AM

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bills and other expenses that keep our doors open. These bills and expenses don't stop coming during the summer months. Yet parishioners don't give when they're not here. I'm sure God's people would be mad at God if He took time off from blessing them.

One of the biggest needs of the church is for God's people to invest their time and talents in positions within the Body of Christ. The church needs council members and volunteers to keep the doors open, ministries going, and God's house maintained. God has blessed each one of us with many talents to be used for the glory of God. And the very best way to use those talents is in service to God and our neighbors, both in the heavenly realm and the civic realm.

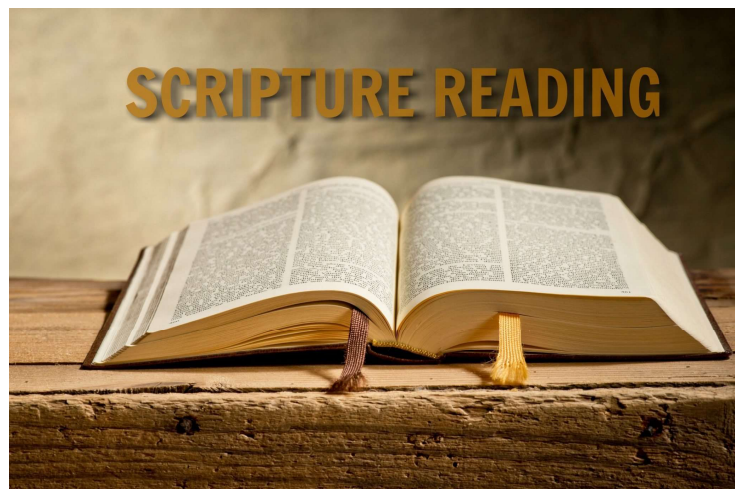
Pastor Sean Walters

PRAYER REQUESTS

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
- Jack Hogue, parkinson's disease, ● Stephanie Volland, cancer ● Sue Szabo's niece, Kristy, kidney failure
- Carmie
- Jessica, colon and liver cancer ● Colleen McCormick Lambert, terminal cancer

SCRIPTURE READING



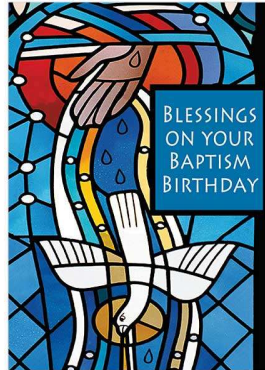
We are in need of people to volunteer to read scripture during Sunday services. If you are able to help out, please sign up in the narthex area.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Mark Shibata	5/07
Beth Lehman	5/12
Allen Lee	5/14
Alex Remmers	5/16
Robert Rachuba	5/17
Ron Lehocky	5/27
Robert Licht	5/28
George Volkov, JR	5/29
Debbie Steigerwald	5/30
Ashleen Starr	5/31



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Rich Clayton	5/01
Doug Eckstrom	5/11
John Russler	5/29



ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Linda Weimer	5/02
Beau & Twila DeThomas	5/10
Brett & Kari Mohny	5/16
Pr Sean & Angela Walters	5/27

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY FOR MAY

ACOLYTES

5/05	Grace Russler
5/12	James Shibata, Jr
5/19	Noah Schweikert
5/26	Grace Shibata

READERS

5/05	Matt Claus
5/12	OPEN
5/19	OPEN
5/26	OPEN

ALTAR GUILD

Bonnie Keen

LUTHERAN HOUR –MAY 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

May 2024

May 5

"Rejoicing On the Way"

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

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way.
(Acts 8:28-39)

May 12

"Unforecastable"

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

It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control.
(Acts 9:31)

May 19

"Waiting, But Not Alone"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone.
(Acts 2:1-21)

May 26

"Penultimate Sacrifice"

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

Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater.
(Acts 10:1-2)

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

ANNOUCEMENTS AT SHOW WILL OVERRIDE SHOW BILL



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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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.

If you are willing to donate a basket or gift card for our Chinese auction, please see Twila.



April Preschool News

Spring has FINALLY sprung! We welcome all the warmer weather and the gift of new life in our neighborhoods.

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 an art project with Pete the Cat! It was wonderful to meet the teachers!

All of our preschool classes participated in our spring fundraiser; a Bike-A-Thon. 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.

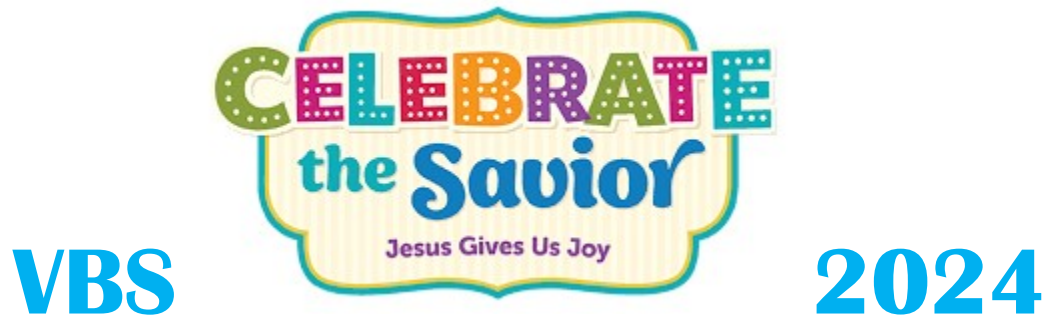
Towards the end of April we had a special guest come to preschool and give a presentation from the Beaver County Association for the Blind. Brenda Kaszer came and read some stories, taught some new ideas about what it is like to lose sight or be blind. She even played a bingo game about different things that are good and bad for our eyes. The students were very interested and it was very interactive! Thank you, Ms. Brenda!

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 our four year old preschool class for the fall. Please send parents our way to register soon for the 2024-2025 preschool year. The pre-k class will run a half an hour longer starting in the fall, so we have a little bit more time with them. Referrals are always appreciated!

Until May, Many Blessings to one and All!
Preschool Staff



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 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.

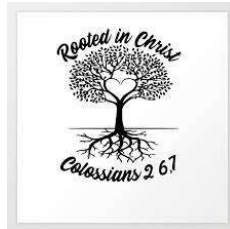


Eastern District Convention

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!

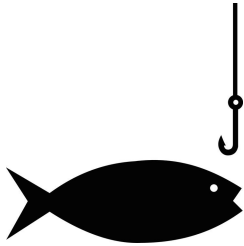
REGISTRATION FORMS AND MORE INFO CAN BE FOUND ON THE MAIN TABLE IN THE NARTHEX AREA.

Gifts from the Heart Ingathering—Concordia Lutheran Ministries

Wish List of Items for Concordia Lutheran Ministries Activities Department

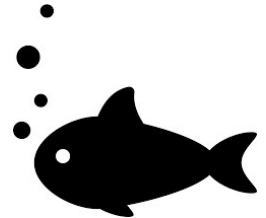
New Items : Small pocket Kleenex, ChapSticks, Handkerchiefs, Word Search puzzles (regular and large print), 100-piece puzzles

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.



Kids Fishing Derby
Saturday, May 18, 2024
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saxony Farm Lake
Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg

No entry fee
Open to all kids 14 and under
Free refreshments
Bait provided by Concordia
Prizes all day
Participants must have an adult chaperone
Bring your own Fishing pole and lawn chair



Register by visiting the Events section of the Concordia website:
www.concordialm.org/events/concordia-fishing-derby-2024/



Beginning May 28th
office hours will be 9AM-1PM
Monday-Fridays
until September.
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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 11:00 Bible Study	2 Choir Practice 7PM 	3	4 KIDZ CLUB 5:30-7PM WEAR OLD CLOTHES
5 6 TH Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	6	7	8 11:00 Bible Study	9 Choir Practice 7PM 	10	11
12 7 TH Sunday of Easter 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service ELDERS MEETING	13 Council 6:30	14	15 11:00 Bible Study	16 Choir Practice 7PM 	17	18 
19 Pentecost 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service LWML mites collection	20	21	22 NO Bible Study	23 Choir Practice 7PM 	24	25
26 Holy Trinity 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service NO CONFIRMATION CLASS	27 	28	29 11:00 Bible Study	30 	31	