

# Prince of Peace

## THE BELLS

June 2024

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### Don't Worry, Be Joyful in the Lord

*"Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

*Matthew 6:34*

There are so many stressors in our world today. We're worried about the cost of living, wars in the middle east, upcoming elections and so many other things. It's hard not to be anxious. But anxiety is a killer. There is an old saying, "Worry yourself to death," and we can do just that. Anxiety weighs us down and wears us down both mentally and physically. It takes a tremendous toll on our bodies, our minds, as well as our spirits. In the "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus said not to be anxious

because God cares for you, and He will provide for all of our needs of body and spirit. The underlying cause of anxiety is a lack of trust in God. Jesus ends His teaching about anxiety with verse 34, a commonsense proverb. Basically, what Jesus is saying is, "Take one day at a time." Why worry about tomorrow when tomorrow isn't promised.

Now we can't be of the mind set of just living for today as if there is no tomorrow. That kind of attitude can get us into deep trouble as well as a lot of regret. God wants us to live each day as if it were our last, worshiping Him & trusting in His promises. Our life in this world is fleeting. God wants us to live with joy in our hearts because of our salvation in Christ. That doesn't mean we are to be carefree either. No one can be carefree in this world. We will have troubles in this world. Jesus told His disciples, "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world." (Jn 16:33) Faith in Christ and trust in the Lord brings a peace that is beyond all human understanding. Scripture is replete with God telling us that when trouble comes; pray to Him, make your requests known and trust in Him to answer.

The hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was written by Joseph M. Scriven for his mother who was going through a tremendous amount of sorrow, not intending it to be public. While Joseph was suffering a terminal illness, his neighbor, Mr. Sankey, was tending to his care, came across the poem. Mr. Sankey read it to its author, which brought Joseph comfort in his final hours. The last stanza of the hymn is: "Are we weak and heavy laden,

cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there." (LSB 770) Joseph M. Scriven understood the power of prayer, and he also understood the tremendous love and faithfulness of God. The Holy Spirit is our comforter and our strength in all times of trouble. We can't handle the troubles in this world on our own, we need the strength and assurance that only God can give. Take all your anxiety to God in prayer and leave it with Him. It's only in Christ that we have peace, hope, and rest in this sinful, fallen world in which we live in. But we live in this world for only a short time. So, don't worry, be joyful in the Lord. It's our salvation in Christ that gives us new mercies and lasting joy for every day of our lives, until the day when we will live eternally with Him.

*Pastor Sean*

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10:15AM

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- Vanessa ● 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 Voland, cancer
- Kristy, kidney failure ● Carmie
- Jessica, stage 4 colon & liver cancer ● Colleen McCormick Lambert, terminal cancer ●
- The Doerr family, loss of Karen

## June Servants in Ministry

### ACOLYTES

06/02 Brooke Lehman  
 06/09 Joy Shibata  
 06/16 Grace Russler  
 06/23 James Shibata  
 06/30 Noah Schweikert

### READERS

06/02 Matt Claus  
 06/09 Bob Licht  
 06/16 Tammy Eckstrom  
 06/23 open  
 06/30 open

### ALTAR GUILD

Tara Dulski



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| Willis Volland (90)  | 01 |
| Susan Ozenich        | 05 |
| Twila DeThomas       | 07 |
| Bill Mallary         | 13 |
| Brad Weedon          | 18 |
| Karol Kiessling (90) | 23 |
| Dee Phillips         | 23 |
| Dan Helkowski        | 25 |
| Becky Mallary        | 29 |

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| James & Jaclyn Shibata | 06/04 |
| Jeff & Tara Dulski     | 06/06 |
| Rich & Ethel Clayton   | 06/10 |
| Roger & Mary Nuerge    | 06/12 |
| Craig & Emma Genser    | 06/15 |

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| Beth Lehman     | 01 |
| Alex Remmers    | 01 |
| Kyle Borgman    | 04 |
| Mark Shibata    | 06 |
| Ruthann Weedon  | 06 |
| Jakob Lehman    | 16 |
| Karol Kiessling | 24 |
| Jim Nord        | 27 |



**40th Biennial Convention**  
**June 14-16, 2024**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton**  
**910 Sheraton Drive**  
**Mars, PA 16046**





| <u>Station</u> | <u>City, State</u> | <u>Freq</u> | <u>Band</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| 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 2

### "Lit Up"

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

The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight that reveals our shortcomings and a warm grow light that nurtures us.

(Acts 11:24)

June 9

### "Selfless Sending"

Guest Speaker: [Pastor Jeff Cloeter](#)

The Christians of ancient Antioch were known for their spirit of selfless sacrifice. The spirit of Antioch continues in the Church today because Christ Himself is with us.

(Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)

June 16

### "Water Power"

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

God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers.

(Acts 16:5)

June 23

### "You're Really into This, Aren't You?"

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

People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you.

(Acts 16:30)

June 30

### "An Eager Conversationalist!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock

The Holy Spirit empowers us to open our mouths and share Jesus, so that all might have what none of us deserve.

(Acts 17:16-31)



The month of May sure snuck up on us this year.....We celebrated our Mother’s Day on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We painted ceramic MOM coffee mugs with the four-year-olds. The craft studio, Artsy Doodle came in to help us create the masterpieces. We created a canvas silhouette picture of each student 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. 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 24 graduating students 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 to a traditional variety of songs and poems. 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! 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 2024!

We are sad to announce that Ms. Kayla will be moving on from Prince of Peace now that both of her children will be in school fulltime. Ms. Kayla will be leaving to work at her family business. We would like to sincerely thank Ms. Kayla for her two years here and all her hard work as a teacher’s aide. You will be missed! It’s not goodbye but, until we see you again! We will see you around town!

We are happy to announce that the three year old class is full for the Fall. We do however, still have a few seats left in our Pre-K class for next school year. If anyone knows a four year old before September 1<sup>st</sup>, we would love to add them to our class.

**WE BID THEE FAREWELL, UNTIL SEPTEMBER...!**

Mrs. Smith, Miss Twila, & Miss Kayla



First up is **Matt Claus....**

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| Hometown             | Warrendale, PA. I met my wife that lived a mile down the road, got married and moved ¼ mile down the road (halfway in between).  |
| Spouse               | Jeanette L. Claus (Augustine). Married on November 1, 1986.  |
| Occupation           | My wife and I have run a small cleaning business since 1999.   |
| Favorite Bible Verse | <i>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.</i><br>John 14: 1-3 |
| Favorite Hymns       | <i>Great is thy Faithfulness<br/>Oh, Holy Night<br/>How Great Thou Art<br/>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>  |



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| Hobbies                     | Music –<br>Singer, Pianist<br>Horseshoes<br>Nature lover  |
| Favorite Travel Destination | ANY federal or state park   |
| Children/Grandchildren      | Children:<br>Nick, Brooke, Zach<br>Grandchildren:<br>Kaitlyn, Zoe, Olivia, Nicholas, Isabella, Legacy, Desire, Aubree, Jaxson, and #10 due in December  |
| Spiritual Gifts             | Worship – all aspects<br>Prayer<br>Bible Study<br>Music   |
| Pets                        | I love German Shepherds, grew up with many dogs – got a German Shepherd mix (brown) male (Sabbath) and fell in love with the breed. Had a pure white one (Sheeba) and now have a black and tan (Sadie) and a black (Hazel). |





**Judy McCready**

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| Hometown                    | White Township, Beaver Falls  |
| Spouse                      | Jon, married 59 years on May 15, 2024. So blessed and grateful.   |
| Occupation                  | Retired Registered Nurse  |
| Favorite Bible Verse        | <i>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.</i><br>1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 |
| Favorite Hymn               | Lift High the Cross<br>A Mighty Fortress  |
| Hobbies                     | Therapy dog visits at Franciscan Manor and Pittsburgh International Airport. Pit Paws Ambassador with our Golden Retriever and my husband, Jon.   |
| Favorite Travel Destination | Boston and Atlanta to visit our two families as much as possible.   |
| Children/Grandchildren      | Jon and I have been blessed with two sons and two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.  |
| Spiritual Gifts             | Compassion for people<br>A listening ear<br>Love of life  |
| Pets                        | Golden Retriever, Allie (8 ½ years old). We have fostered many Golden Retrievers and several became our own.  |
| Other                       | Dog trainer<br>Gardener<br>Traveler   |

Congratulations to our all of our students! Our Pre-K class is off to kindergarten & our Preschool class was promoted to Pre-K for next year! We are looking forward to September

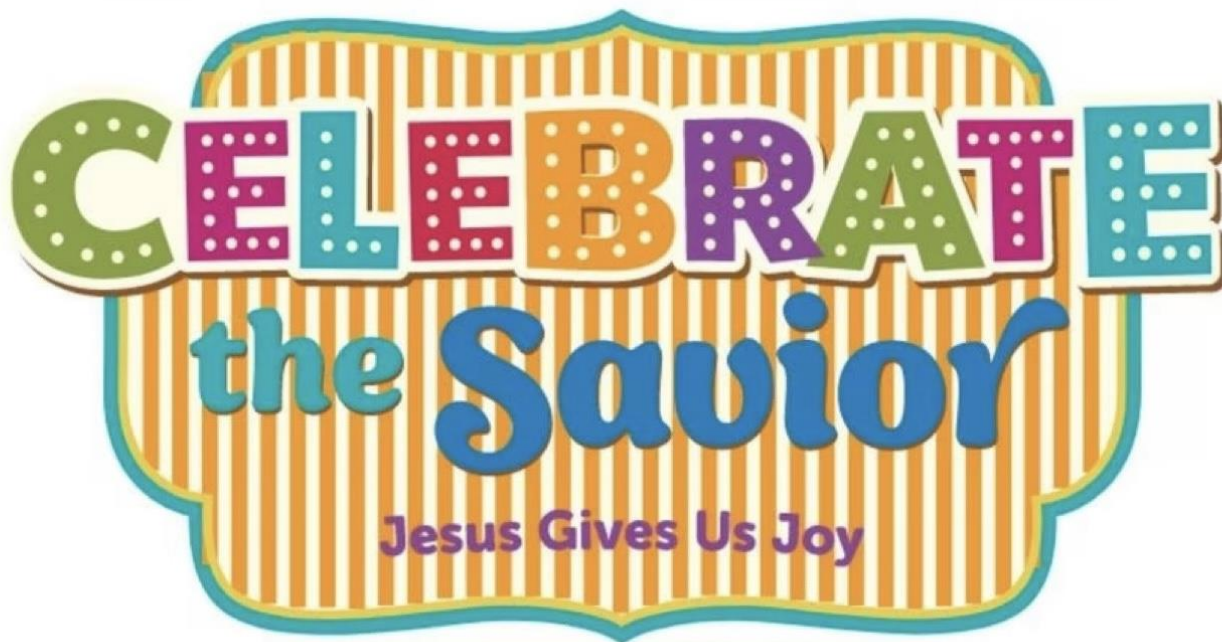


We would like to thank Doug Eckstrom for doing the opening to both programs & Linda W., Janet H., and Jean T. for making sure the cake, cookies, & refreshments were just perfect!

**THANK YOU!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**



**At Christ's Carnival!**

**June 24-28th 6-8:15 PM**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

**60 Rochester Rd Freedom, PA**

We are still in need of a few volunteers to help with group leading. If you are able to help, please sign up in the narthex area. If you have any questions, please see Twila

*Hello,*  
**June**

| Sun.   | Mon.   | Tue. | Wed.                                   | Thurs. | Fri.                         | Sat.                              |
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| 2 <b>PENTECOST 2</b><br><br>10:15<br>Holy<br>Communion   | 3  | 4    | 5<br><br>11:00 Midweek<br>Bible Study  | 6      | 7                            | 8                                 |
| 9 <b>PENTECOST 3</b><br><br>10:15<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><br>VBS MEETING  | 10   | 11   | 12<br><br>11:00 Midweek<br>Bible Study | 13     | 14<br><br>LWML<br>Convention | 15<br><br>LWML<br>Convention      |
| 16 <b>PENTECOST 4</b><br><br>10:15<br>Holy<br>Communion  | 17<br><br>Council<br>Meeting<br>6:30                 | 18   | 19<br><br>11:00 Midweek<br>Bible Study | 20     | 21                           | 22                                |
| 23 <b>PENTECOST 5</b><br><br>10:15<br>Holy Communion<br><br>Voter's Meeting<br><br>Potluck Lunch &<br>VBS Decorating | 24   | 25   | 26<br><br>11:00 Midweek<br>Bible Study | 27     | 28                           | 29<br><br>Karen Doerr<br>Memorial |
| 30 <b>PENTECOST 6</b><br><br>10:15<br>Holy<br>Communion  | <b>CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR VBS<br/>MON-FRI 6-8:15PM</b> |      |  |        |                              |                                   |