

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS

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“What We Will Be”

“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

1 John 3:2

The season of fall is upon us. The days are growing shorter & the leaves are turning colors & falling to the ground. The world around us is preparing for winter, in which everything seems dead as it lies dormant, waiting for spring. But no one believes or even thinks that winter is it, that it will last forever. No, we all know that spring will come & the warm, fun days of summer are just around the corner. So, why do we not see our resurrection in the same way? Death like

winter will come & we will all have to go through it, but it's not the end. The awesome days of life in eternity are just around the corner. And Christ has prepared an awesome place just for you.

We were adopted by God the Father through the waters of holy Baptism, in which we were united with Christ in His death & resurrection. Because Christ is risen from the dead, we too will rise from the dead on the Last Day. When Christ returns, we will all see Him with our own eyes. If we have died before Christ return, Paul tells us that we will be the first to rise from the dead & ascend to be with Him forever. And then those who are alive will also ascend to be with Christ (1 Thes 4:13-18).

Now John says that we will be like Jesus. What he means is that our bodies will be transfigured like Jesus. We will be fully alive, still flesh & blood, but we will be sinless, eternal, just like Jesus. We forget that Jesus is still flesh & blood, still living & breathing, totally human & totally God. Christ died for our sins, in our place & in turn gave us His righteousness, reconciling us with the Father. Our salvation is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit. And because Christ has made us holy, without sin, then we will be resurrected just like Christ who was without sin. Christ has prepared a place just for you, in the new heaven & the new earth, which is far beyond our imagination exceeding our current world that is full of sin & dying. And the best part is, we will enjoy the new heaven & earth, which are one, fully alive before an almighty God that we will be able to see face to face.

Currently heaven or Paradise, is separated from earth because this earth is the devil's domain. Paradise is a place of beauty & rest where we are fully sainted. But we exist as spirit. When Christ returns our spirit & our glorified bodies will be put back together & then we will be fully alive living eternally in a new world that is without sin & death. The devil, his demons, & all the people in hell will be cast into the lake of fire never to torment us again. When people ask me, what heaven is like, I can only tell them what the Bible says because I don't know, I haven't experienced it yet. But what I can't wait for is the new heaven & earth where I will live again with my Savior, who I will see face to face, for all of eternity. I hope all my family & friends will be there with me, but that's not the reason why I can't wait to go. The reason I can't wait to go is to just be with God – Father, Son, & Holy Spirit & worship before His throne forever & ever. Amen

Pastor Sean

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**WE ARE IN NEED OF
READERS &
GREETERS ON
SUNDAYS. IF YOU ARE
ABLE TO HELP OUT,
THE SIGN UP SHEETS
ARE HUNG IN THE
NARTHEX AREA**



- Allen's cousin, Ima Gene ● Patrick Donnelly, stroke ●
- Hoby's Father-in-Law, Bob, ●
- Jack Hogue, parkinson's disease, ●
- Stephanie Volland, cancer ●
- Kristy, kidney failure ● Elizabeth ●
- Jean Taylor's brother Don, kidney cancer ●
- Jessica, colon & liver cancer ● Colleen McCormick Lambert, terminal cancer ●
- Edward Cramer, Stage 4 stomach cancer
 - Dee, health issues ●
 - Willis & Kathy Volland ●
 - Mark Schweikert, Cancer ●
 - Rachel Eckstrom ●

Octoberfest 2024

10/20/2024

Following service

Deadline to sign up is 10/13

October Servants in Ministry

ACOLYTES

10/06 **Jessie Dietrich**
10/13 **Lily Rachuba**
10/20 **James Shibata**
10/27 **Noah Schweikert**

READERS

10/06 **Matt Claus**
10/13 **OPEN**
10/20 **Tammy Eckstrom**
10/27 **OPEN**



ALTAR GUILD

Mary Nuerge



GREETERS

ALL WEEKS OPEN





- 10/09 JJ Shibata
- 10/16 Beau DeThomas, Sr
- 10/28 Rev. Sean Walters
- 10/29 Sarah Nuerge



- 10/04 Joel & Heather Nuerge
- 10/17 George & Joleen Mesing



- 10/07 Alice Dietrich
- 10/12 Sue Szabo
- 10/13 Noah Weedon
- 10/20 Tyler Borgman
- 10/21 Matthew Claus
- 10/27 Cari Skuse
- 10/31 Lawrie Borgman



We are in need of men from the congregation to assist with communion during service on Sundays. If you can help out or have any questions, please see Pastor Sean or one of the elders.



**Choir Rehearsals
held Thursday,
@ 7PM
Everyone Welcome!**



Mrs. Smith's Classroom Preschool News...

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. (Psalms 127:3)

The 2024-25 school year has begun, servicing the community is very important to us all! We decided to host one classroom with full seats again. We utilize both rooms for circle time and different stations when needed. We play in the other room but have our structured class time in the other. We would like to thank all the families who chose Prince of Peace for their child's early childhood education. We are in session Monday/Tuesday, 3-year-olds; and Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, 4-year-olds. We decided to extend the pre-k day by an additional half hour because early childhood children are behind due to covid years. Now pre-k attends from 9am-12pm. We would also like to welcome Ms. Michelle Casto back to our preschool staff.

During this school year, all classes will be learning the alphabet out of order, starting with the letter W. The letter W represented a WELCOME week for all classes. The other letters we focused on this month were B, F, and C. When we started the letter F, it was the first day of Fall and we created an art project using real leaves to paint bugs around the leaf shapes. It was really cool to see the leaves take shape. Letter C rounded out the month and was all about caterpillars. All classes got to learn about the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly. We used large sized magnets to put the stages in order on the board. The students told me which stage was first, next, and last! Hatching a Monarch butterfly is truly magical!

We are off to a wonderful start in both classes. We are asking for the parents at home to help facilitate more independence in the boys and girls so that they can help with their own class folders, snacks, and crayon boxes. Fine motor skills are also not ready to go and students need practice coloring and holding a pencil.

We are doing extra writing skills practice each week so that the boys and girls can write their letters; students need extra help with skills so that we can get them ready for kindergarten by May. We are looking for positive attitudes toward learning from all the boys and girls and their families. The children are full of energy and so much fun!

***Blessings to you and Yours,
Mrs. Smith & Ms. Twila, Ms. Michelle***



<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

October 6

"Fit to Be Tied"

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

A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith.

(Genesis 30:8)

October 13

"Difficult People"

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

With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life.

(Genesis 31:6-7)

October 20

"Children of God--No Longer Losers"

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

God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household.

(Hosea 12:2-6)

October 27

"God-Struggles"

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

It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle.

(Genesis 38:28)

Operation Christmas Child Update

Save the Date: Packing Party on November 16, 2024 in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall. Pizza will be served at 5:00 p.m.

With a goal to pack 120 shoeboxes again this year, we still need your help in so many ways:

- Items for the shoeboxes (see Tammy Eckstrom for more details)
- Money for postage
- Prayers that the hearts of the recipients will be touched as they participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

The article below is just one reason why we believe in and support this program.

Life-giving Lessons in Botswana

Through The Greatest Journey discipleship program, children and families in Botswana are experiencing the power of the Gospel.

Banyana saw the young girl playing along the dusty road in Molepolole, a city just a couple hours west of Botswana's capital Gaborone. Banyana rolled down her car window.

“You need to come to church,” the veteran Sunday School teacher told Queen.

“I don't have good clothes,” Queen said. “They are going to laugh at me.”

“You don't need good clothes to come to church. They will not laugh at you. You need to come hear the Word of God.”

For many years, Banyana and a number of teachers have been inviting children in Molepolole to Operation Christmas Child shoebox distributions at Bethsaida Christian Church. In this way, children and their families tangibly experience the love of the local church embodied in simple gifts packed and delivered with much love and prayer.



For some children in Botswana, the items in the shoeboxes are the first gifts they have ever received. These shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, small toys, shoes, and clothes pique the curiosity of children and their families as they learn that they were sent by God's people thousands of miles away.

This in turn opens their hearts and minds to God's love.

That's how Queen, her parents, and her family were first introduced to the Good News of the Gospel. “I was so happy,” Queen said. “It's not every day that I get to have a present. I didn't have a toothbrush. I have it now. I got it from the church.”

The Greatest Journey helped Queen understand more about God, and as she did, she decided to place her faith in Jesus Christ.

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Not long after receiving her shoebox, Queen experienced the eternal joy and hope that comes from receiving Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. Through our 12-lesson discipleship course—The Greatest Journey—she learned that God created her and demonstrated His love for her by sending His Son.

Placing her faith in Christ has transformed the way Queen looks at life and the way she treats people around her. “I used to insult others, but now I have changed,” she said. “By listening to what God says I know what it means to be a kind person.”

Queen wants to one day serve as a Sunday School teacher so she can share God's Word with others. “I want to help my friends by teaching them about God and what He has done.”

A Family Changed

Queen's testimony has also impacted her family. Queen's mother, grandmother, and siblings started attending church after seeing the transformation in her life.

Her family has even started studying the Bible together. They use The Greatest Journey lessons in their home to learn more about Jesus, and they pray in the morning together and again before they go to sleep.

“Some children go to church because of their parents, but Queen didn't have parents who went to church,” Banyana said. “Now, parents are coming to church because of the power of God in the life of their children.”



Sydney wants to
remind you to change
the batteries in your smoke
detectors!

Pamela Beglin Licht Memorial Horse Show

God blessed us with a beautiful day and a great turnout for the horse show on September 7th. Thank you to the many volunteers from Prince of Peace who worked tirelessly to make the show a success. The feedback from volunteers and participants was great:

“It was really well done! Congrats. Pam would be touched and proud.”

“Pam would have been so proud!! Coupe looked great!”

“Attended with my granddaughter, Jo. Everyone was very nice and Jo really enjoyed the show.”

With the registration fees, 50-50, concession stand and Chinese Auction, we raised over \$2,300 for Ready Yourselfs Youth Ranch. If you're interested in learning more about the Ranch and the great work they do with at-risk kids and rescue horses, please check out their website at www.ryyr.org.





Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	3	4 	5
6 9AM Sunday School No Confirmation Worship Service 10:15	7	8	9 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	10	11	12 <i>Men's & Women's Study Groups 5:30-7</i>
13 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Holy Communion	14 Council Meeting 6:30	15	16 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	17 Choir Rehearsal 7PM 	18	19 
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