

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS



February 2025

Know the Word of Truth

“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.”

2 Peter 2:1-3

At the National Cathedral prayer service for the inauguration, the Episcopal bishop, Rev. Mariann Budde gave a scathing sermon to President Trump.

There were so many things wrong with the bishop’s sermon. The sermon had nothing do with Christ’s crucifixion and death for the sins of the world nor anything about our hope in His resurrection. She used the pulpit, which is for the proclamation of God’s holy Word, as a platform to preach her own ideology. She took God’s Word out of context and twisted it into something demonic. But why are we so surprised or even shocked by this? False prophets and false teachers have been around ever since Satan twisted God’s Word when talking to Adam and Eve in the garden.

What is truly shocking are all those who are led away from God by these heresies to eternal destruction. God wants us to know His Word. He wants us to be in His Word, thinking about it, speaking it, and living it out every day. If we don’t know God’s Word or His good and gracious Will then we will fall for Satan’s demonic twist and lies. It surprises me how many people say they know that God’s Word is without error from God Himself. Yet, when God says in the Old Testament and the New Testament that homosexuality, adultery, sex before marriage, transgenderism, and other things are sinful, and those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God, they ignore it and proudly do what God has condemned.

We don’t sin because Christ died on the cross for the sins of the world, that is a flagrant abuse of God’s grace. But at the same time, we can’t condemn sexual sin while, proudly committing other sins without any remorse. Sin

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is sin and we’re all sinners, but as true children of God we try not to sin, even though we know that we will fall way short of God’s standards. This is why we repent and with a sorrowful heart ask God for forgiveness. None of us is perfect and so we need to pray for Rev. Mariann Budde and all false teachers, false prophets, and for everyone who follows them. We pray that they may come to know the truth. God’s Word is truth – all of it. We need to take the full counsel of God and not pick and choose what sins are okay for us to commit while condemning others for the sins they commit. Each one of us must remove the log in our own eye before we can speak about the speck in other’s eye. There was one thing the bishop said that was true, we need to have compassion on all people. As Christians we’re called to love others, even Rev. Mariann Budde,

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10:15AM

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even though she says things that we don't agree with. Her sermon may have been hateful, misguided, and disrespectful, but if we hate her for what she says and does then we're no better than she is. We shouldn't condone any sins, including our own nor should we stay silent. We need to speak out when false teachers are proclaiming the sensualities and the sexual immoralities of their own heart, but it must be done in a loving way. Rev. Mariann Budde didn't proclaim the Gospel in her sermon, but as true Christians who walk in the ways of Christ, we will proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we will do it with the love of Christ in our hearts.

Pastor Sean Walters



- Allen's cousin, Ima Gene ● Jack Hogue, parkinson's disease ● Kristy, kidney failure ●
- Jean Taylor's brother Don, kidney cancer ● Dee Phillips ●
- Colleen McCormick Lambert, terminal cancer ● Edward Cramer, Stage 4 stomach cancer ● ● Willis Volland ● Skylar DeThomas ● Karol ● Dan ● Holden ● Diane Rusch, health concerns ● Sue Szabo ● Lou ● Bob Steigerwald, respiratory issues ● Genser Family ● Rick, cancer

**VBS 2025
SAVE THE
DATES!**
June 23-27th



February Servants in Ministry

ACOLYTES

02/02 Noah Schweikert
 02/09 Grace Shibata
 02/16 Brooke Lehman
 02/23 Joy Shibata

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lehocky

READERS

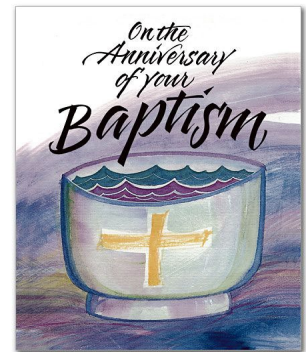
02/02 Linda Weimer
 02/09 OPEN
 02/16 OPEN
 02/23 Bob Licht



Roger Nuerge	02
Jean Taylor	04
Linda Volkov	07
Joel Nuerge	12
Justin Nuerge	12
Zachary Walters	12
Skylar DeThomas	19
Rich Clayton	21
Ernestine Dietrich	21
Sarah Steigerwald	25
Nicolas Schweikert	26
Kyle Borgman	29



Scott & Beth Lehman



Emma Genser	01
Judy McCreedy	01
George Mesing	02
Sarah Mannino	05
Jean Taylor	09
Bill Mallary	08
Mary Nuerge	15
Brooke Lehman	22
Roger Nuerge	22
Becky Mallary	25
Joel Nuerge	26
Justin Nuerge	26
Karen Meinert	28



<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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February 2

"Do the Things That Make for Unity"

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

Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest.

(John 4:9)

February 9

"We Have an Advocate"

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

Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate.

(John 5:6)

February 16

"The Bread of Our Lives"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts.

(John 6:35)

February 23

"Need to Know"

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

If you don't need God, you won't know God.

(John 7:28-29)

Mrs. Smith's Preschool News

WELCOME 2025!!! May this new year bring joy and happiness to you and your family! All preschool classes jumped back into school after a quick "show and tell". All the boys and girls were permitted to bring his or her favorite Christmas gift. We do this every year because the children love to talk about their holiday and themselves.

January proved to be an arctic blast of weather early in 2025. Preschool had to close for two days due to frozen water pipes. I think families were happy to wait patiently in their warm homes instead of coming out in the negative temperatures. We learned four new letters during our writing skills lessons with the four-year-olds. We learned the letters; N, Y, D, and Z. The four-year-olds also spent time doing a letter review of all the letters we have learned so far this school year. They are preparing for kindergarten so we spent some time writing our numbers too. The kids did a great job learning how to write numbers 1-5 so far. We will write up to 10 this year but count out loud to 30. Some of the children learn and can count to 100! Towards the end of the month, we focused on animals that hibernate. We talked about what it means to hibernate and which animals typically do so. We always had crafts that go with lessons and even our three-year-old class took home a book about hibernation. For all classes we even snuck in a day to watch a movie and wear pajamas to school. The three-year-olds watched Paw Patrol Movie, and the four-year-olds watched the movie, Despicable Me 4. We all enjoyed some delicious snacks. We also started talking about our five senses; one day we taste tested something sour, sweet, bitter, and salty. Some of the children are reluctant to try the sour lemon but we always tell them to try it and spit it out if they do not like it. Rounding out the end of the month we held chapel where we invited parents/guardians to attend. January was about John the Baptist. Ms. Twila always does a great job incorporating the monthly Bible lesson with both classes.

January was a fun and exciting month during preschool. Our time with the four-year-olds is half over, which makes us push toward preschool graduation so that they can be ready to enter kindergarten.

We are now accepting 2025-2026 registration for both three-year-old and four-year-old preschool classes. Next year we will keep the four year old class until noon due to some Covid deficit. That extra half an hour is helpful in us getting our work done. The kiddos need a little bit more time and attention to prepare for kindergarten. Referrals are always appreciated!

Until Next Month; God Bless,
Mrs. Smith, Miss Twila & Miss Michelle



Thank you so very much for your generosity of \$707.50 for the year of 2024.

Thanks to YOU, our global missions are bringing the gospel to people around the world, and fulfilling our mission grants of \$1,855,985.00.

Your donations in the mite box, truly make a difference in the lives of so many!

Mite collection will be the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Please see Mary Lehocky with any questions



*A note
from the pastor*

*Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church & Preschool Family,
As we celebrate the 3-year anniversary of my service as your pastor, I am filled with gratitude and joy. I am so glad that God brought us together. As Ephesians 1:3 says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."
Serving the preschool and the members of this church has been a true blessing. You all have become like family to me, and I cherish the moments we share. Watching you grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord brings me immense joy and fulfillment.*

Thank you for your love, support, and dedication. I look forward to many more years of growing together in Christ.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Sean



Good Samaritan Hospice Spousal Grief Support Group (Winter 2025)

FEBRUARY 6, 2025 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH), a mission of Concordia, will host a free spousal grief support group from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Thursdays from Feb. 6 through March 14 at Concordia of Cranberry, 10 Adams Ridge Boulevard, Mars, PA 16046.

GSH is offering this six-week-long grief support group for individuals who have experienced the death of their spouse or partner.

Attendees can expect to be in a safe and respectful environment with discussion lead by a bereavement counselor. Group talk will be focused on sharing stories, processing daily emotions and learning new coping skills to better equip group members for living with their grief.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is strongly encouraged by Jan. 31.

For more information or to register by phone, call Christina Reuschlein, MSW, at 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4423.



Annual Big Knob Grange
Pancake & Sausage
Dinner

Benefiting : HOLDEN ECKMAN

MARCH 4, 2025 4 PM 7 PM

BIG KNOB GRANGE: 336 GRANGE RD. ROCHESTER, PA 15074



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 4 TH Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service Elder's Meeting	3 OCC Shoebox Meeting 10AM	4	5 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	6  Choir Practice 7PM	7	8 Men's & Women's Groups Kidz Club 5:30-7
9 5 TH Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	10 6:30 Council Meeting	11	12 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	13  Choir Practice 7PM	14 	15
16 6 TH Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	17 	18	19 NO Bible Study	20  Choir Practice 7PM	21	22
23 7 TH Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service NO CONFIRMATION CLASS	24	25	26 NO Bible Study	27  Choir Practice 7PM	28	