## Prince of Peace

#### THE BELLS

# Creation Declares God's Glory

"For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools," Romans 1:19-22

The apostle Paul is writing about the revealed knowledge of God in His creation. Paul states that those who don't know the

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Gospel still receive some of God's revelation & should know that God does in fact exists. God has chosen to reveal Himself in His creation purposely, so that no one can say on Judgement Day, "I didn't know God really existed. No one told me." God says in Psalm 19, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat." (Ps 19:1-6) According to Psalm 19 creation has a voice, pouring out speech & proclaiming the glory of God. God isn't visibly present, but the universe shows His existence & His character. God's "fingerprints" are everywhere. From the very beginning God's existence was made very clear, but the nations of the world didn't recognize or respond to God with worship & praise. And so, their human reason & thought are severely flawed.

David begins Psalm 14 with, "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good."
(Ps 14:1) You could be the most ingenious & learned person on earth, but you believe that there is no God, you're an utter fool.



In addition to their failing minds, their hearts are afflicted. This is why the most intelligent person, who doesn't believe in God reads or hears the Gospel of God's Son & the promise of eternal salvation doesn't except it. Because they can't by their own power & reason perceive, apprehend, understand or believe that it's true. And so, Holy Spirit is the One who begins to work faith within a person through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But if someone denies the Holy Spirit who is working in them, they're condemned. This is why denial of the Holy Spirit is the only unforgiveable sin. Without the Holy Spirit compelling them to repent, they will not admit their sin & they will have to pay for those sins on Judgement Day. But creation not only proclaims the glory of God the Father, but also Jesus Christ. John writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (Jn 1:1-5) Through Jesus suffering & death, & His glorious resurrection, He has reversed the curse that Adam subjected creation too. Because of Adam's sin, sin & death were brought into God's perfect creation. But Jesus, the second Adam, died for the sins of the world & defeated death, reversing the curse. Someday when Jesus returns, He will bring us & all of His children out of the grave into a new heaven & earth, which will be without sin & death all together. When you're out in God's creation this summer & you're admiring the beauty of creation, give God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit all glory, honor, praise & thanksgiving for creating such a beautiful display of His glory, as well as the working of the Holy Spirit within you to be called a child of God, who sees God's fingerprint everywhere. And if you believe in your heart & mind in God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit, no matter what your IQ maybe, you are truly wise in the eyes of the Lord & smarter than the most intelligent unbeliever.

**Pastor Sean Walters** 



- Allen's cousin, Ima Gene Hoby's Father-in-Law, Bob, Jack Hogue, parkinson's disease ●
   Kristy, kidney failure Jean Taylor's brother Don, kidney cancer Dee Phillips Edward Cramer, Stage 4 stomach cancer Willis Voland ●
   Karol Dan Lou Archie Helkowski Bob Steigerwald, respiratory issues ●
- Linda W.'s mom, Carol, in rehab after suffering stroke
  - Pepper, brain tumor● Pat, leukemia



# Congratulations to Beau DeThomas, Jr & Hoby Schweikert, V

as they finish up their high school journeys this month.

Beau plans to attend CCBC for their Cyber Security Program then transfer to Slippery Rock to continue his education in that field.

Hoby is undecided but is leaning towards Gannon's 5 year Physician Assistant's Program or possibly going Pre-Med at Robert Morris University.

### **MAY Servants in Ministry**

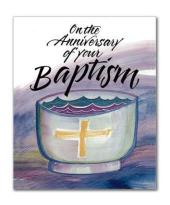
# ACOLYTES 5/04 JJ Shibata 5/11 Noah Schweikert 5/18 Grace Shibata 5/25 Brooke Lehman ALTAR GUILD 5/04 Matt Claus 5/11 Noah Schweikert 5/18 open 5/25 Bob Licht

#### **GREETERS**

5/04 Tammy Eckstrom/Mary Lehocky 5/11 open 5/18 open 5/25 Jaclyn & JJ Shibata



Mark Shibata	07
Beth Lehman	12
Allen Lee	14
Alex remmers	16
Robert Rachuba	17
Jeanette Claus	27
Ron Lehocky	27
Bob Licht	28
George Volkov	29
Debbie Steigerwald	30



Rich Clayton	01
Doug Eckstrom	11
Jaclyn Shibata	25



Larry & Dee Phillips	02
Larry & Linda Weimer	02
Beau & Twila DeThomas	10
Brett & Kari Mohney	16
Joseph & Karen Meinert	18
Pastor Sean & Angela Walters	27



<b>Station</b>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<b>Band</b>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	1080	AM	Sat	3:30 PM
WWNL	Pittsburgh, PA	1080	AM	Sun	7:00 PM

#### May 2025

May 4

#### "An Old Place, A New Beginning"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I

would find you here."

(John 21:1-19)

May 11

#### "How to Be Happy"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control.

(John 15:11)

May 18

#### "Truth That Takes Us In"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love.

(John 15:9)

May 25

#### "What's Your Story?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning

Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power.

As good stewards of the resources God provides, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) works to be strategic in the allocation of those resources. The final broadcast of **The Lutheran Hour**® on WUZZ 1280 AM will be on April 27, 2025. To find other airings near you, check the broadcast guide at <a href="https://link.org/guide">https://link.org/guide</a>.

The Lutheran Hour is available today in many other ways beyond traditional radio. From the American Forces Network, Sirius XM satellite radio, <u>lutheranhour.org</u>, the Connected by LHM mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Spotify, iHeartRadio, YouTube, dialing in on your phone, and more, listeners can hear the weekly sermons whenever and wherever they are.



#### **April Preschool News**

Spring has FINALLY sprung in late April! 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. A student brought a real X-ray from his past dental visit of his teeth. He got to tell us all about the picture of his teeth. 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. In the beginning of April we had a special guest come to preschool and give a presentation

from the Beaver County Association for the Blind. The woman 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!

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. Ms. Becky from Artsy Doodle Art Studio located in Beaver brought a pottery painting lesson to Prince of Peace and we created an awesome MOM coffee mug for our Mothers for Mother's Day.

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 2025-2026 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



Lutheran Women *in Mission* invites you to the **41st Biennial Convention** Thursday, June **26–Sunday**, June **29, 2025** in Omaha, Nebraska

#### **Convention Theme:**

Growing in God's Grace Scripture Verse:

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).

#### **Convention Goal Statement:**

Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory.

#### **2025 Convention Objectives:**

Each convention attendee will be:

- ► Inspired to dig deeper in God's Word.
- ▶ Nurtured to share the love of Christ with enthusiasm.
- ► Encouraged to support missions and our mission goal with joy.

#### **Convention Logo Explanation:**

The 2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Convention logo features green leaves sprouting up and revealing the Lutheran Women in Mission icon to signify Growing in

God's Grace. It is based on the convention verse, 2 Peter 3:18 — But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

A fresh, bright green color is used for the leaves and the word "grace" to indicate new growth and to connect it with God's grace. Including the Lutheran Women in Mission icon links the logo with our organization and the convention goal "Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory."

# Stay Connected

Be the first to see convention updates and announcements from Lutheran Women in Mission.

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Follow us on social: Facebook @TheLWML Instagram @lwmInational

We still need volunteers! We need group leaders, kitchen help, and someone to run games! If we do not have enough volunteers by May 24<sup>th</sup>, unfortunately VBS will not be able to take place this year.

VBS 2025
June
23-27<sup>th</sup>
6-8:15PM

Sometimes life gets...MESSY!



To register visit: https://concordialm.org/events/concordia-fishing-derby-2025



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3 12PM
4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 10:15 Service	5	6	7 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	8	9	Men's & Women's Groups Kidz Club 5:30-7
11 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	OCC Shoebox Meeting 10AM 6:30 Council Meeting	13	14 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	15	16	17
18 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Service	19	20 3 year old preschool graduation	21 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	22 4 year old Preschool graduation	23	24
25 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 10:15 Service	26 Memorial Day	27	NO Bible Study	29	30	