

Prince of Peace

THE BELLS

NOVEMBER
2025

Sincere Thanksgiving

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs."

Psalm 69:30-31

During the exodus from Egypt God commanded the Israelites to have feasts and festivals when they entered the Promised Land. The feasts and festivals took place around the harvest time. The Israelites were supposed to gather together, make offerings and sacrifices

to God, eat and sing songs of thanksgiving to the Lord for the abundant harvest and for delivering them from Egypt. God instituted the feasts & festivals to point the Israelites to Christ. But not long after the Israelites occupied the Promised Land, they stopped celebrating the feasts & festivals. The sacrifices were a divinely ordained part of Israel's worship and soon they were just going through the motions when they brought an offering to God. There were no songs of praise and thanksgiving, and the people were not the least bit sincere if they did give thanks to God. And so, God rejected their offerings and sacrifices.

This is a tell as old as time. Cain and Abel were commanded by God to make offerings to Him. Abel was sincere in his offerings to God. He gave God the very best of what he had. Abel's offering was true worship and thanksgiving to God. Cain on the other hand, just went through the motions. His heart wasn't in it nor was he thankful for what God had given him. And so, God rejected Cain's offering, which angered Cain.

But instead of repenting and asking for forgiveness, he filled his heart with anger towards his brother for doing what God had commanded him to do. Cain took his brother's life for obeying God. Adam and Eve did know or understand death. They had never experienced it. But now, because of their sin of disobedience they came to know the tremendous grief of sin and death. When God spoke to Cain and, *"the LORD said, 'What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.'" (Gen 4:10-11)*

Abel was a Christlike figure who sincerely gave his offering from his heart. And for his obedience to their sins and trespasses!"

WORSHIP WITH US

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10:15AM

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Christ's blood has washed away all of our sins and trespasses. Like Adam and Eve, we truly do not understand the pain and agony of eternal death. Because of Christ's obedience and willingness to be crucified for the sins of the world, in Him all we will ever know is eternal life. Christ lived the life we're supposed to live, without sin. He was passively and actively obedient, even to the point of death on a cross. He took our punishment for all of our sins, and He has given us His righteousness. He died and rose again giving us a sure and certain hope of our resurrection. That alone is reason to give God our sincere praise and thanksgiving. He has delivered us from eternal death. But God doesn't stop there.

God blesses us with everything we need for body and soul. Everything we have comes from God's good and gracious hand. We're so blessed in this country to have an abundance of everything

we need. Yet often times Christians will eat without giving God sincere thanks for their food, drink, and the safe environment to enjoy what God has given them. Many Christians think that all they have is what they themselves have earned or worked for, never acknowledging God at all. God is so very worthy of all thanks and praise. His gracious love is more than enough to give Him all glory, honor, thanks and praise. As you sit around your house, look around at what all God has blessed you with, not complaining about what you don't have, and sincerely thank God for each and everything your eye sees. I guarantee it will take you a while, but I think you will see just how generous our God is to you.

Pastor Sean Walters



NOVEMBER Servants in Ministry

ACOLYTES

11/2	Lilly Rachuba
11/9	Mark Shibata
11/16	Leah Shibata
11/23	Brianna Dulski
11/30	Jakob Lehman

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Weimer

READERS

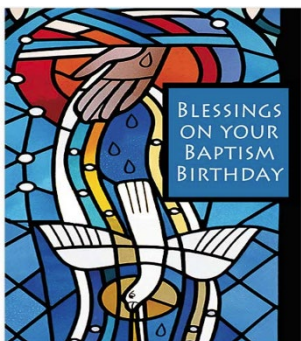
11/2	Bob Licht
11/9	Matt Claus
11/16	open
11/23	open
11/30	open

GREETERS

11/2	Mary Lehocky
11/9	Tammy Eckstrom
11/16	Jaclyn & Joy Shibata
11/23	open
11/30	Roger & Mary Nuerge



Tara Dulski	7
Amy Rachuba	14
Joleen Mesing	16
James Shibata Sr	22
Craig Genser	27
Beau DeThomas, Jr	30



Robert Rachuba	9
Tamara Eckstrom	16
Joleen Messing	22
Tara Dulski	28



Daylight Saving Time Ends

set your clocks back an hour

at 2:00 a.m.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

<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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November 2

"The Way Out"Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way."

(1 Corinthians 10:13)

November 9

"The Lead of Life"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

The lead (or 'lede') of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel?

(Luke 20:27-40)

November 16

"The Name on the Front"Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God.

(Romans 12:5-6)

November 23

"An Unlikely King"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

November 30

"Rise and Shine"Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down.

(Romans 13:11)

PRAYER Requests

*Ima Gene - Jack Hogue - Kristy, kidney failure-Dee Phillips -
Edward Cramer- Karol Bob Steigerwald - Pepper, brain tumor -
Pat, leukemia-Beth Lehman's sister, Jill, cancer-Vicki Pawlak-
Sandi Morgan-Barb Wolf*

KIDZ CLUB UPDATE

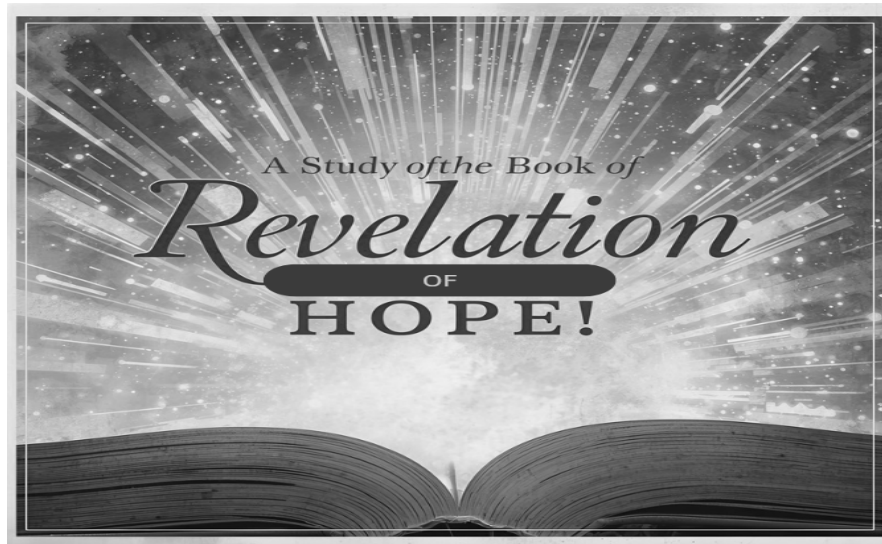


Kidz Club was on 10/18
and we had a lesson on
"The fall" in Genesis.



And we made fall
inspired- battery
operated tea light
houses and picked Bible
verses to inscribe on
them.





Starting October 18th, 2025

5:00pm – 7:00pm

(light dinner provided 5:00- 5:45)

Men's & Women's Bible study will be *together* for this study

Older children can join in the study with us (parents can decide if their children are old enough to understand this book)

Younger Children (aged 12 and younger) will have "Kidz Club" during this time- Angela Walters will have activities and a Bible lesson for them.

Dates for the Revelation study:

Nov 8th

Jan 10th

Mar 14

Apr 11th

May 9th

**And *possibly* more depending on how quickly or slowly we move through the book.
Dates *beyond* the month of May will be decided by the group.**



Thank you to all who supported our Yard Sale Fundraiser. We managed to sell many of the items that were donated as well as many of the unused/unwanted items stored on the church property.

Between concessions, the bake sale and the yard sale, we raised over \$850. These funds will be used to buy items that go into the water bottles (pencils, pens, erasers, combs, etc.) and the shoe boxes. The goal is to pack 120 again this year.

We still need WOW items (harmonicas, recorders, soccer balls, dolls, etc.). If you would like to donate, please put cash or check (made payable to Prince of Peace) in an envelope marked OCC and place it in the offering plate. If you prefer to shop, please contact Tammy Eckstrom for a wish list.

The packing party is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, and will begin at 5:00 p.m. with pizza for all who attend. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet that will be posted on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office if you plan to help out.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25



**Choir practice
Thursdays @ 7PM
Everyone welcome!**



*All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. –
Isaiah 54:13*

The month of October was very busy! First, we celebrated Fire Safety during the month of October. Our three year old classes received a special visit from some of New Sewickley Fire District volunteer fire fighters and their fire engines to learn some fire safety tips. Our four year old classes got to go on a field trip to New Sewickley Fire District, the old Big Knob fire station to see the fire house first hand and squirt a fire hose. The fire department even provided a safety packet with a coloring book and crayons. We are taking a collection of cash as donation to the fire department since they are an all-volunteer organization, any little bit helps. We appreciate them taking a day off work to organize and teach our students!

Both preschool classes took a fieldtrip to Yeck's Pumpkin Patch at Yeck's Farm to take a hay ride and play in the sun. The weather actually cooperated this year! The parents escorted their students for our trip and played in the many amenities Yeck's has to offer. Rounding out the morning, we had a snack and each student received a pumpkin and activity bag full of goodies. Thank you Yeck's Farm!

We added three new letters to our writing skills this month; A, O, and H. During letter A week, we focused on apples and the many kinds that grow. We also tasted three kinds of apples and how they taste. The general consensus is that students choose Red Delicious apples over Granny Smith or Golden Delicious.

Letter O week was a discussion about October as we were creating Halloween arts and crafts. Our four year old class did a fun science experiment with pumpkins. We tested whether a pumpkin will sink or float in water. We made a hypothesis and then followed through to find our actual answer. No matter how big or small a pumpkin is, it will always float in water; unless it is cut or hollowed out.

Finishing out the month we focused on the letter H. The letter H represented Halloween and the fun school day. A special "Thank you" goes out to the wonderful parents for providing goodies and facilitating the Halloween party for the students.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Halloween if you choose to participate with trick or treating.

Until Next Month,
Mrs. Smith, Ms. Twila, and Ms. Michelle



Pamela Beglin Licht Memorial Horse Show Update

The horse show may be a distant memory but I wanted to share with you this story to remind us all why we do what we do. Those of you who knew Pam were aware that she had a big heart and was very devoted to her church and family.

For that reason, we decided to support Ronald McDonald House with the horse show proceeds this year. Pam's great-nephew, Brody, and his family were greatly blessed by the generosity of those who support the cause and wanted to give something back. Here's their story:



Our son Brody was life-flighted to Children's Hospital of Richmond at five weeks of age due to respiratory distress. Initial tests indicated the common cold, but interestingly, nothing else. After several weeks of hospitalization his health continued to worsen and, after multiple failed attempts to help him breathe, his physicians began to dig further. A CT scan revealed a Double Aortic Arch (very rare type of congenital heart defect) which caused compression upon his esophagus and trachea. During this time, we were offered a stay at a nearby Ronald McDonald House. Brody would go on to have a very lengthy and difficult hospitalization, including heart surgery, medical paralytics, vocal cord paralysis, drug withdrawal, and development of oral aversion. As a result, he needed to learn how to eat again. Fortunately, we were able to lean on Ronald McDonald House to support us so we could stay close to our son during his most critical moments. The dinners at the house were an incredible reprieve after a stressful and grueling day alongside our son. We stayed in the Ronald McDonald House for the entire 56 days of his initial hospitalization. Brody was hospitalized 11 times more within the following 18 months, and Ronald McDonald House continued to come to our aid again by offering us a Family Room on multiple occasions while at Children's Hospital of Richmond. We are so grateful for their support during the most difficult time of our lives. Brody is now 8 years old and thriving. Ronald McDonald House was truly a blessing to us during this most difficult time and we are thankful for their mission to "keep families close."



December 3 @ 7PM
December 10 @ 7PM
December 17 @ 7PM
December 24 @ 7PM
December 25 @ 10:15AM

November



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 PENTECOST 21 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	3 OCC Meeting 10AM	4	5 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	6  7PM	7	8 ADULT GROUP & KIDZ CLUB 5:30
9 PENTECOST 22 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	10 6:30 Council Meeting	11 	12 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	13  7PM	14	15 OCC PACKING PARTY 5PM
16 PENTECOST 23 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	17	18	19 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	20  7PM	21 	22
23 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Service	24 	25	26 NO Bible Study THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 7PM	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY 	28	29
30 Season of Advent begins NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 Service	1	2	3 11:00 Midweek Bible Study MIDWEEK SERVICE 7PM			

