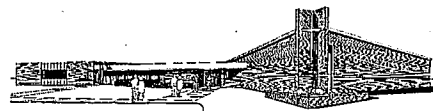


PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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P.O.P. NOTES



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HE IS RISEN!!! ALLELUIA!!!

Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen Indeed!!! Alleluia!!! Such is the greeting that the church has been proclaiming for 2000 years. We proclaim this greeting not only on Easter morning, but in everything that we do and say. We proclaim in the crazy moments of our lives when we turn to Christ for help, insight and to be inspired. We proclaim it when we shout with joy for the many blessing that God has bestowed upon us. We shout it when we do as we are called and serve others following the example of Jesus. We proclaim it in simple ways and in complex ways, yet we proclaim in all that we do that Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen Indeed!!! Alleluia.

Prince of Peace is uniquely blessed to be able to proclaim this phrase to those around us. Our location gives us the chance for people to see us and welcome them into our fellowship. We offer ministries to the community that scream our joy of his resurrection to those who benefit from the ministries and those who participate with us. Our property gives us the opportunity to share our blessing of a playground with the community. Our carillon speaks to the community to let them know that we are present among them. And most importantly, our members, YOU, bring life to this place. YOU bring life to the Gospel message and a voice and hands to the ministries that proclaim that Christ is Risen!!!

I am so blessed to be the pastor of this congregation. Your witness is an inspiration to me. I see that each week the faithful of this congregation gather to give thanks and pray. I see that our youth are leading worship, serving others and growing in their faith. I see new faces in worship and am excited by the fact that we are touching those around us. What better ways can we proclaim Christ Crucified and Christ Resurrected?

I pray for your continued growth in you faith. I pray that those who do not yet know Jesus learn of Him because of your witness and ministry. I pray that those of you who are not worshipping regularly with return to experience the resurrection of your life and family of Prince of Peace again. I pray that those who have concerns will come and talk about them. And, I pray that those of you who know the joy of Jesus will shout from the roof tops that Christ is Risen!!!! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!!!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

There are many special people who helped plan, set up and accomplish the various, meals, worship services and educational events that have taken place throughout the Lent and Easter Seasons. While there are way too many to thank here in this small space, I want to extend my personal thanks to all of them. There was no job that was to big or no task to small for those who kept everything running throughout the season. You all are a blessing and kept me sane during this most hectic times of the year. Thank you for all of your time and hard work.

Easter blessings,
Pastor Bill

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Verna Allen – Ministry Chair

Faith, Family, Fun Night – May 26th at 6:00

It is time to start planning for vbs. Anyone interested in helping out with vbs this year please talk with Jen Schaefer.



Attention Graduates: If your child is graduating this spring please let me know. I would love to run a bio/picture/future plans on them in the June newsletter. Thanks Kellie



Spaghetti Dinner – the Confirmation Class will be serving up spaghetti on **June 11th** in hopes of raising enough money to send them to camp. Please come out and support them. Also, they are in need of **dessert donations** so if you are able to help please see Kellie, Verna or Vickie.



The youth group will be having a **yard sale June 18th**. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider donating items to the yard sale. Items will not be able to be brought to the church until June 2011. We are asking that no clothes, computer items or tv's be donated. Questions? Call Carla Wano – 724-539-3838 Thank you.

Fellowship
Shirley Kelley – Ministry Chair



Mother/Daughter Banquet – is scheduled for May 7th at 5:00p.m. There will be entertainment following dinner. Please bring a covered dish and the meat and rolls will be provided.

Church Picnic – June 5th at Twin Lakes pavilion 4.

4:24?

Check the bottom of your calendar blocks for whom/what we are praying at 4:24p.m.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP
Pam Yuhaniak – Ministry Chair

HEAD USHERS are still needed for several months in 2011. We are willing to split months into weeks if needed. Thank you. Pam

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY

May 1

Greeter: Ben Douglas
Acolyte: Courtney Warren
Lay Reader: Morgan Allen
Lay Assistants: Courtney Warren/Morgan Rose Wano

May 8th

Greeters: Holly and Carisa Byich
Acolyte: Marc Weltz
Lay Reader: Rosie Nickle
Lay Assistants: Shirley Kelley/Pat Fry

May 15th

Greeter: Debbie Lindsey
Acolyte: Kimmy Onusko
Lay Reader: Susann Tschupp
Lay Assistants: Bill and Donna Smith

May 21st

Lay Reader:
Lay Assistants:

May 22nd

Greeters: Ruth Massena and Peg Huffman
Acolyte: Carisa Byich
Lay Reader: Sherry Stahl
Lay Assistants: Glenn and Sheila Thompson

May 29th

Greeters: Jim Colaianne and Marlene Walters
Acolyte: Rachel Douglas
Lay Reader: Kellie Douglas
Lay Assistants: Shirley Kelley/Pam Yuhaniak

Head Usher for May is Jim Moretti
Altar Care for May is Carolyne Sparber

OUTREACH

Vickie Onusko – Ministry Chair

POP is helping with **Fresh Express** on September 15th so please keep that date open if you are able to help unload the truck and/or distribute food.

STEWARDSHIP

Susann Tschupp – Ministry Chair Therefore My Brothers

A few short weeks ago, the Christian Church began the season of Lent by observing Ash Wednesday. Perhaps you knelt at the altar as your forehead was marked with ashes. You heard the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." This rite serves to remind us of our beginning: that God created man from the dust of the earth. It also foretells our ending: that our mortal bodies will die and decay. It is a solemn moment; in truth, all of Lent is solemn. Yet, every Christian holds in his heart a secret the world needs to know: "*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*" (1 Corinthians 15:56-57). That is the message of Easter: through Christ we have won the victory! We wept through the night of sorrow, but morning has come and with it the joy of the morning of eternal life (Psalm 30:5b).

We remain on earth, waiting for the fullness of that joy that will be ours when we are in Heaven with the Savior. We are not idle while we wait, however. After his glorious pronouncement of this victory over death, the Apostle Paul continues, "*Therefore my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain*" (1 Corinthians 15:58). These are orders for all God's servants, the "*beloved brothers.*" First, "*Be steadfast.*" Day in and day out, not just on Sunday, but every day, all day, we are steadfast, putting the work of the Lord first, keeping uppermost in our minds that all we do is done in His strength and for His glory. At our work and in our homes, we remember that we "*are serving the Lord*" (Colossians 3:24).

We are "*immovable.*" We don't get sidetracked. In his Gospel, Luke takes his readers along on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Like the Israelites traveling through the desert, Jesus' trip was not a straight line and it included many stops (although not for the same reasons), but as faithful as God was to deliver His chosen people, so "*immovable*" was Jesus on His way. We, too, have a goal: to travel to eternal life doing the Lord's work on our way. We are "*immovable*" in our desire to practice faithful stewardship on our journey, and God is faithful to go with us on that journey.

By God's grace through which He enables and equips us, we can "*always [abound] in the work of the Lord.*" By God's grace, we overflow with good works. We are eager and willing to give of ourselves and our resources that His work might be done. Even when we get discouraged, we don't quit, because we know "*that in the Lord [our] labor is not in vain.*"



Property and House Committee Bob Woller – Ministry Chair

We are looking for someone to take over the Property & House committee. My term will be ending in September and the committee would like to start training any interested people for this position. The committee also needs help with various little jobs around the property and grounds and is planning a Spring cleaning day. Please see Bob Woller if interested in helping or chairing the committee.

CATECHISM CORNER

From Luther's Small Catechism The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What is this?

Answer: We are to fear and love God, so that we do not entice, force, or steal away from our neighbors their spouses, workers, or livestock, but instead urge them to stay and remain loyal to our neighbors.



If you or someone you know from the congregation is in the hospital or is at home and sick and needs a visit from Pastor Bill, please call the office so that he can schedule a visit. The Pastor is only told by the hospital when a person is a patient if they ask for the church to be notified.

Prayer is an essential part of who we are as a people of God. Below is a list of people from our congregation to keep in your daily prayers. If you know of others who should be added to these lists, please contact the church office with the names.

From our congregation: Julie Zeltner, Bev Guyer, Flo Gulisek, Ron Poole, Mary Jane Hayden, Anne Koontz, Vergean Helfferich, Jen Schaefer, Clara Brewer, Randy Gerhart, Larry and Nancy Miller, R.R. Schmitt and Dave Williams.

Others in need of our prayers: Rev. Susan Luttner, Taylor Ridilla, Dan Schaefer, Bill Hauger, Betty Onusko, Shelly McAfoose, Nickolas Gehlman, Emily Head, Michael Santone, Rick Stouffer, Jill Blair, Mary Jane Bangor, Nash Sinchak, Debbie Riggins, Jennifer Sears, Bob Rienhart, Scott Achhammer, Marcie Isom, Ann Bredbenner, Spencer Kozar, Shirley Citrone, Matthew Humburger, Cecil Metz, Ken Lenhart, Ann Walthour, and Hannah Toth.

Our Shut-in members: Jim Clegg (Greensburg Care Center), Catherine Abrams (at home), Louise Johns (Green Meadows), Frieda Nehls (Nature Park Commons), Helen Albright (at home), Phyllis Stewart (Redstone Highlands), Marie Hill (at home), Betty Felbaum (at home) Barney and Dolores Helfferich (Green Meadows), Thomas Washnock (at home) and Violet Myers (Barnes House).

Addresses for Care Homes of our Members

Greensburg Care Center
119 Industrial Park Road
Greensburg, PA 15601-6990

Barnes House
2021 James Street
Latrobe PA 15650

Nature Park Commons
132 Nature Park Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

Green Meadows
500 Brouwers Drive
Latrobe PA 15650

Redstone Highlands
8 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg PA 15601

Those in the Military: Capt. Michelle Davis, Sean Stewart, Justin Kowatch, Scott Gillespie, Troy Golden, Erik Sarson, and the 28th Military Police Battalion.

OFFERING

04/24/11	GENERAL FUND	BENE
	AVG. NEEDED PER WEEK	PLEDGED PER WEEK
	\$2423	\$298
Offering	\$2128	\$219.50
Over/(under)	\$(295)	\$(78.50)
Year to Date	\$(8485.9)	\$(1270.50)

Talk to your parents before it's too late

Caught in the middle, many baby boomers are raising their children and managing their careers, all while caring for their aging parents. And while it may be one more thing to add to your busy schedule, talking to your parents about their future care and end-of-life issues is important.

Start small—maybe begin the process by finding out the location of the important documents you'll eventually need.

One tool that can help is a financial inventory. The inventory, which you should update annually, includes:

Legal documents: property deeds, wills, trusts, living wills, health care and financial directives, and birth, marriage and military discharge certificates.

Contact information: attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians and anyone who provides financial, legal and medical advice and care.

Current account information: type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including: checking, savings, retirement, investment, loans and insurance policies.

Valuables and collectibles: location and description of any valuables such as jewelry, silver or gold and collectibles such as stamps and coins.

Instructions: funeral, burial and obituary information and instructions.

The process of finding out your parents' future needs and intentions won't happen in a day. By breaking the information gathering into small, manageable conversations, you can help ensure your parents' wishes will be carried out. For financial guidance, contact Kirk Perry, Financial Associate, at 724-836-7772 or kirk.perry@thrivent.com today, or visit Thrivent.com.

CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY CARING...

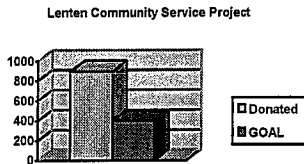
If you catch someone being "good" please let Kellie know so they can be featured in this new section

2011 SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



WoW!!!! POP's generosity seemingly has no limits. Thank you so much for all of the donated food. We were shooting for 400 items which would have helped two kids for a full year of school but instead we doubled our goal and then some so at least 4 children will have food over the weekend for a year!

As of 04/24/11 we have collected 896 items



Thank you for your generosity and help paying off all of the repairs done last summer to the parsonage!

PROPERTY AND HOUSE PROJECTS as of 04/10/11

Air Conditioner	\$409.00
Less donations	<u>-445.00</u>
PAID IN FULL - THANK YOU!	(36)



We rejoice in the birth of Violet Audrey to Bridgette & Tony Pfeufer on March 19, 2011. She weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches. Violet is the granddaughter of Garnet & Bob Snyder and great-granddaughter of Audrey Spangler. She joins her siblings Drew & Lucy.

Ginger would like to thank all of those who helped out with the flowers, palms, etc. during this Easter Season. Your help is truly appreciated.

Congratulations to Marlene Walters who was baptized here at Prince of Peace at the sunrise service on Easter Sunday.

Congratulations to the following who received their First Communion on Easter Sunday:

**Ayla Sarson, Hannah Brewer, Alexis Grimm
And Noah Schaefer**



mother's DAY

A Mother's Love

*There are times when only a Mother's love
can understand our tears,
can soothe our disappointments
and calm all of our fears.*

*There are times when only a Mother's love
can share the joy we feel
when something we've dreamed about
quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a Mother's faith
can help us on life's way
and inspire in us the confidence
we need from day to day.*

*For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
and a Mother's steadfast love
were fashioned by the angels
and sent from God above.*

Author Unknown

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

PASTOR - BILL SCHAEFER	Finance - Dwight Sarson (532-3020)
President - Dwight Sarson (532-3020)	Outreach - Vickie Onusko - (537-9383)
Vice President - Shirley Kelley (537-5645)	Fellowship - Shirley Kelley - (537-5645)
Secretary - Vickie Onusko (537-9383)	Worship/Music - Pam Yuhaniak (537-5533)
Financial Secretary - Pat Fry (539-7513)	Library - Margy Williams - (539-8704)
Treasurer - Verna Allen (532-2961)	W.E.L.C.A. - Shirley Kelley - (537-5645)
Stewardship - Susan Tschupp (219-3893)/ Andria Wood (532-1429)	Memorial Committee - Pastor Bill/Pat Fry
Christian Education - Verna Allen (532-2961)	Prayer Chain - Ginger Warren (593-7524)
Evangelism - Cathie Schall - (539-7164)	Altar Care Coordinator- Pam Yuhaniak - (537-5533)
Property/House - Bob Woller (539-8042)	Funeral Dinner Coordinators- Sheila Thompson - (537-8010)/Ginger Warren (593-7524)



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kim Ridge
- 2 Pam Ray
- 3 Violet McIlnay
Deanna Thomas
- 5 Josh Mentch
- 6 Bob West
- 7 Bev Guyer
Tom Ridge
Dave Williams
- 9 Linda Tepley
Susan McWilliams
Elaine Sherer
Kay Shaw
- 11 Dolores Forsha
Rebecca Onusko
- 13 Ayla Sarson
- 14 Brian Little
Ruth Hay
- 16 Mark Rager
Gary Turnbull
- 18 Eric Williams
- 19 Cody McGinity
- 20 Anthony Wano
Jamie Kelly
- 21 Marie Hill
Scott Smith
- 22 Chase Nolan
- 23 Janie Hayden
- 24 Megan Cobrando
- 25 Matthew Wano
- 26 Carla Wano
- 28 Bob Apel
- 29 Courtney Elder
Bob Woller
Justin Fry
- 31 Amanda Bangor

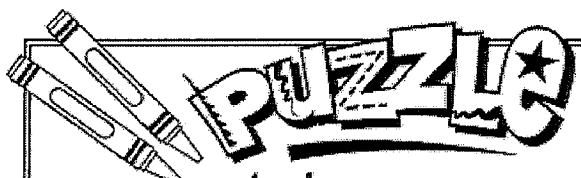
BAPTISMS

- 1 Sarah Ridge
- 3 Verna Allen
Emily Johnston
Darla Kotouch
- 4 Benjamin Douglas
- 9 Yvonne Sherer
- 10 Liam Roddy
Anita Little
Rachel Douglas
- 12 William A. Smith
Emily Braden
- 13 Jerry Thomas
Steven Thomas
- 14 Cristi Aston
Andrew Shaw
- 17 Bill Rose
- 18 Tony Brewer
- 19 Marlyn Ridge
Megan Smolleck
- 23 Ken Frohnert
Mark Ray
Lucas Ray
- 26 Kim Ridge
- 30 Terry Onusko
Glenn Thompson



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Bob & Mickie West
- 3 Glenn & Laurie Means
- 8 Bob & Debbie Apel
Wesley & Phyllis Orange
- 24 Dennis & Bev Guyer
- 25 Dennis & Dorothy Smolleck
Joann & William Hauger
- 26 Paul & Sue McCommons
Mark & Pam Ray



Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

walk speak fathers sleep keep always
guide awake son forsake teaching
around heard neck mothers fasten watch

"My [] [] your [] [] command
and do not [] [] your [] [] [] [].
Bind them [] [] on your [] [];
[] [] them [] [] your [] [].
When you [] [], they will [] [] you;
when you [] [], they will [] [] over you;
when you [] [], they will [] [] to you."

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."
 Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
John 14:14, NRSV