



COL Picnic. It's BACK!

Our Church Picnic is being held on Sunday May 18th at the Penn Township Park. The park is located just off Baltimore Pike on Lewis Road in West Grove. It is sandwiched neatly between Jennersville Hospital and Jenners Pond, and directly across from the "Y". We will only be having one church service that day and it will be held at the park.

The Worship service will start at 11:00 and it will be followed by the picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Hot and cold foods will be available for all to enjoy.

There is plenty of parking, and the parking lot is quite close to the pavilion, which we will be using. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled to perfection by our dedicated team of grill masters. We're sure that the wonderful cooks in our congregation will provide many delicious casseroles, salads and desserts. There is a nice selection of playground activities for the children to use as well as a walking trail for those inclined to try and walk off the desserts! In addition, the Congregational Life team is planning some lively games. Hmm.....water balloons, the ever-popular egg and spoon race, bean bags, and more!

If you have not had a chance to use the sign-up sheets that have been available in the Sanctuary, you can still plan to bring something to share at the picnic! So dust off those sunglasses and summer hats and come out to enjoy God's day at the park!

Remember: Worship on May 18th will be at Penn Township Park! There will be NO worship service at the church.



Easter Flowers, 2014

No Sunday School - May 18 and 25

There will be no Sunday School on May 18th because of the church picnic. There will also be no Sunday School on May 25th because of the Memorial Day holiday.

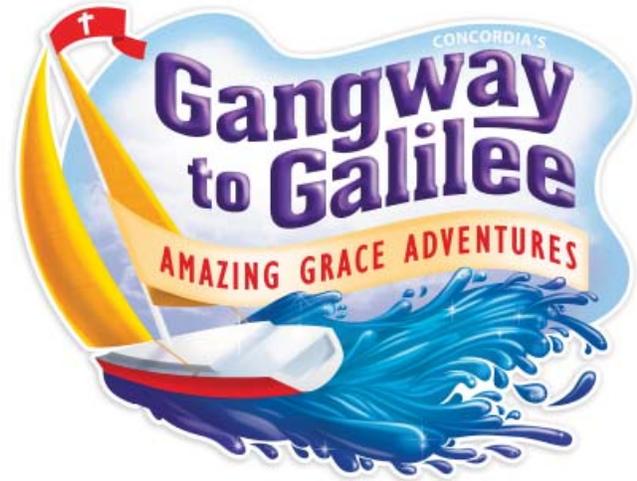
May 2014

Sharing
God's
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Love

VBS – Mark Your Calendars!

Make way for the Gangway to Galilee!

This is the theme of Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will be held from Sunday July 6th to Friday July 11th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM.



In Gangway to Galilee the children will learn that Jesus gives amazing grace to all of us. The children will visit exciting sites on and around the Sea of Galilee. Jesus will call His disciples, teach from the boat, calm the storm, walk on water and appear to seven disciples.

There will be crafts, games, music, story, and snacks. We begin each evening in the sanctuary and then proceed to the activity stations. We end the evening in the sanctuary to recap that evening's lesson. We end the week with an ice cream social.

So put the dates on your calendar. Look for the registration form in next month's issue of The Light.

There is \$10.00 registration fee for each family.

Adults - If you have any time during the week of VBS and you would like to help us, even if it is only a few nights, please speak to Janis Walker or Nancy Kelly. This is a great way to reach out not only to the children of COL, but also to the children of the neighborhood.



Learning Lutheranism

#2 - How are we saved?

Presbyterian

We are saved by grace alone. Good works result, but are not the basis of salvation..

Methodist

We are saved by grace alone. Good works must result, but do not obtain salvation.

Lutheran

We are saved by grace when God grants righteousness through faith alone. Good works inevitably result, but they are not the basis of salvation.

Catholic

God infuses the gift of faith in the baptized, which is maintained by good works and receiving Penance and the Eucharist.

Orthodox

God became human so humans could be deified, that is, have the energy of God's life in them.

Anglican

We share in Christ's victory, who died for our sins, freeing us through baptism to become living members of the church.

So Long, Farewell to Pastor Dan and Pat

It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming Pastor Dan Bodine as our spiritual leader. Goodbyes are never easy and this one really tugged at our heartstrings. We have grown to love and admire Pat and Dan Bodine. We will miss their support and leadership, but we know that we will always have their love and prayers. As Pastor said in his sermon on April 27th -- COL will go on. We will go on to worship, to study, to serve and to mission.

Pastor Dan's retirement luncheon was a great celebration of Dan and Pat. It was a celebration of love and of humor. Brad Petersen presented an insightful and hilarious presentation focusing on Dan's roots in Penn Yan, New York. Yes, folks, that is the name of the town.

A painting of the church was the congregation's gift to the Bodines. It was painted by our resident artist, Bette Ann Walton.



We Will Take You Back *

If you change your mind, 'bout retirement,
We will take you back
But you must bring Pat.
If the list of honey do's gets a little long
If you're tired of boring books, if the days drag on.

If you're all alone with your pretty perfect lawn
We will take you back
And that includes Pat.

Will you miss the committees and the synod calls?
Weekly sermon challenges. And the cash shortfalls?

We will take you back
We will take you back

We'll make a promise, we will be better, about Sunday
attendance
Get to church early, help out at worship, no matter the
weather
'Cos you know we are
So sad to see you go, seems that you just said hello
Yesterday
We think that you're heaven-sent, but this darn retirement!
We think you know
That we love you so

We will take you back
We will take you back.... Fade out

- Sung to tune of "Take a Chance on Me"
- Words by Debbie Bradley

More on the Retirement Celebration

So Long, Farewell to Pastor Dan

There's a sad sort of feeling from the pew in the front,
And from up on the altar, too.
As all of the puppets help the girls and the boys
In waving hands goodbye to you....
To you.... To you...

Regretfully, they tell us,
But firmly they compel us
To say goodbye to you.

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye,
Bananas tells us that you've got to fly,

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu
Petunia knows that we will all miss you.

So long, farewell, au revoir, auf Wiedersehen.
Pequita, Bob and Blizzard feel your pain.

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye,
Buzzy the bee can see tears in your eyes -- don't
cryyyyyyyy!

We'll miss your sermons and the puppet guise,
The laughs, the jokes, the times we got a prize!

Good bye..... good bye.....

We thank you for the lessons you taught us
We won't forget the answer is Jesus!

Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye

o Sung to tune of "So Long, Farewell"
o Words by Debbie Bradley



Our kids presenting "So Long, Farewell"



The bookmarks that "marked" the occasion.



Pastor Dan's many puppets were in attendance.

**At the heart
of being a
Lutheran**

Music Worship Notes

Welcome to The Reverend

Ralph Petersen who will be our supply pastor for May and June! As we continue the season of Easter, we start the month with our Traditional service on May 4 as we hear of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We will sing "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me."

At the Blended service on May 11, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" is the theme as we gather as a community of believers founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

On May 18, we hope everyone will join us for our Contemporary-style worship service and church picnic at Penn Township Park in West Grove. The worship service will start at 11:00 am. (There will not be a 9:30 service at the church.) We will learn from 1 Peter 2:2-10 that Christ is the cornerstone of God's savings work and the foundation of our lives – "Christ alone, Cornerstone."

At the May 25 Blended service, which is the sixth Sunday of Easter, the reading from John 14:15-21 teaches us that Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit - "His Promise is Forever."

O Say, Can You Sing?

Many thanks go to the song leaders at worship. The Music and Worship team has received lots of positive feedback about this new "tradition" at COL. If you'd like to part of the team who leads the congregation in song, please see Melanie Lohr.

Birthdays *May & June*

May you Have a Happy MAY Birthday!

Mike Cordivano	05/06	Steven Luke	05/16	Erik Pollich	06/01
Chris Plystak	05/06	Diana Frederick	05/17	Barbara Powers	06/04
Catherine Schottin	05/09	Dan Bodine	05/18	Don Hettinger	06/08
Tom Troyan	05/11	Savannah Craven	05/19	Linda Hettinger	06/08
Faith Lipford	05/13	Sean Deeves	05/23	Gretchen Hoffert	06/09
Cathy DuBosque	05/15	Katiey Hipkins	05/23	Robert Milley	06/13
		Paul Sauk	05/27	Loren Luke Jr.	06/21
				Morgan Mattson	06/23

Sock Hop

R E P O R T



If you missed the Sock Hop, you missed:

Men with hula hoops
Women with poodle skirts
Biker attire, bowling shirts, chili dogs, Coke floats,
The limbo, the jitterbug, Elvis impersonations
and a whole lotta fun!

Debbie DoWop sang great oldies from the Fifties while the group
danced, laughed and sang along.

