



## WOMEN OF WORSHIP **WOW** Salad Days

The WOW group will meet on Thursday June 4th for some salad and some planning for next year.

Bring a salad bar item to Jackie Plystak's house at 104 Bryan's Way. Bring your ideas too. Several members of the group met on May 7th and decided that for our next season we will focus on a video series and continue to meet on Thursday evenings. We'd also like to expand our meetings to include the occasional social outing. In the past we've visited Longwood, enjoyed a Christmas brunch and went to the movies. Do you have some ideas for WOW social activities? Please share them!

We also need some suggestions for a summer book. Our meeting in September will be a book club format where we discuss our summer book. Again – suggestions are needed and most welcome!

This event is open to ALL women of the congregation.

## Service to Others Honors Wounded Warriors

Service to Others is donating \$200 from their ministry's funds in support of the Wounded Warrior Project of Pennsylvania. We challenge the congregation as a whole to match this donation. Special envelopes will be distributed by Service to Others and will be made available throughout the month of May. We thank you for any contribution, large or small, that you can make to our local wounded warriors through this effort.



This is a special way to commemorate Memorial Day. Think about it.

# May 2015

Sharing  
God's  
Abundant  
Love

# Pentecost

## Get Your RED On!

1. Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.
2. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.
3. The Bible records the Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13.
4. Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
5. Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church".
6. Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and "Spirit of Truth" in John 16:5-15.
7. Pentecost launches the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized.
8. In Western Churches, Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.
9. This year, Pentecost Sunday is May 24th.
10. This year, why not wear RED?

Adapted from <http://www.christianpost.com>

## Looking for a Summer Getaway?

Consider participating in A Closer Walk Christian Youth Gathering, a Christian youth event. You will camp on the beach under the stars! The dates are Thursday, July 30 thru Saturday, August 1, 2015. If you register before June 30th, the cost will be \$60 per person plus tax. After June 30th, the cost goes up to \$65 per person plus tax. Admission includes: Camping, breakfast and dinner on Friday, guest speaker, worship sessions, concert, t-shirt, amusement and water park rides until 6pm on Saturday. Located at Morey's Pier in Wildwood, NJ. More information can be found at: <http://www.moreyspiers.com/acloserwalk>

Thank you, Trish Hill, for telling us about this dynamic event.



**Sunday School** - The last day of Sunday School is May 17th. Afterwards we will have a pizza party for students, their parents and grandparents.

**Relay For Life of Oxford**

June 19-20, 2015 4:00PM-12NOON

Oxford Football Stadium

301 S 5th St, Oxford, PA

Stop by and support the team. DONATE!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held from June 22nd through June 26th. Note that this is a five-night session. If you can help, please see Janis Walker or Nancy Kelly. Volunteers are always welcome --- for one night or all five! This is a great opportunity for COL to share God's abundant love with our neighbors.

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## Words to think about --- from [www.gratefulness.org](http://www.gratefulness.org)

When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.

- Helen Keller

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# Birthdays *May & June*

Happy Birthday to these lucky people who get to celebrate their special day in the Spring!

Mike Cordivano	05/06	Erica Blum	05/17	Erik Pollich	06/01
Chris Plystak	05/06	Diana Frederick	05/17	Barbara Powers	06/04
Catherine Schottin	05/09	Savannah Craven	05/19	Don Hettinger	06/08
Tom Troyan	05/11	Sean Deeves	05/23	Linda Hettinger	06/08
Faith Lipford	05/13	Katiey Hipkins	05/23	Gretchen Hoffert	06/09
Cathy DuBosque	05/15	Paul Sauk	05/27	David Graham	06/11
Steven Luke	05/16			Robert Milley	06/13
				Loren Luke Jr.	06/21
				Morgan Mattson	06/23
				Caroline Marra	06/29

# PIRATE SHIP RETURNS TO PORT !



The Wandering Pearl, a seaworthy vessel returned to the Port of Oxford on Saturday, April 25th. Ten valiant souls braved the Seas, the treacherous waters, and the dreaded "Sword-fish" as they sought to find the Island of Treasure. We are happy to report that no one was lost at sea, although one misguided sailor was made to "Walk The Plank" when he yelled "Bingo!" instead of "ARRRRGH!" (Pastor Jann, however, regained his composure after his dunking and waded ashore to find his treasure.)

The journey, although a long one, was enjoyed by the passengers and crew. The Galley was well stocked with the Chips of Potatoes, the pretzels of Herr's and chocolate cake. There was plenty of grog to quench their thirst as they sailed and played Bingo.

Along the way the passengers were assailed with many riddles, jokes and a walk through the jungle to find their treasure. They were made to "Swab the Decks" after each game, but it was worth the effort since no one came home empty-handed.

For the safe return of the Wandering Pearl we cheer....HUZZAH!

**Take a look at our photos on pages 6 and 7**

## **Do you know a child who has suffered a terrible loss?**

We have recently been contacted by Hospice of Central Pennsylvania regarding a grief group for children they will be holding on June 5-7 from 6 p.m. Friday until 3 p.m. on Sunday at Camp Swatara in Bethel, PA. The camp is free to all children ages 6-13 who have suffered some type of loss.

You can visit their website at [hospiceofcentralpa.org](http://hospiceofcentralpa.org). Click on: Learn More – Camp Dragonfly. There you will find the camp application, packing list, and information for the camp. The registration deadline is May 18. You can also reach them at the numbers listed on the website. The camp will be led by Pam Geberich who is a certified grief counselor and social worker.

This information is from Kathy Reyher,  
Administrative Assistant Lutheran Congregational Services.

**Music at St. Michael Concert Series  
Presents Summer in the City with  
The Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus  
Joe Buches, Director  
Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 3 p.m.**

The Music at St. Michael Concert series is pleased to invite you to a very special performance by the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus. Launch the summer season by joining us for Summer in the City, an afternoon of fun-filled summertime favorites that will transport you from Memorial Day, to the Fourth of July, a baseball game and all the way to Cape May. Enjoy favorites like "Under the Boardwalk," "Surfin' USA," "Summer Nights," and more! Plus selections from Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom."

Founded in 1981, the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus entertains audiences, supports communities, and fosters acceptance through exceptional musical performance. With performances at the Philadelphia Flower Show, the National Constitution Center, the Kimmel Center and even flash mobs presenting the "Hallelujah Chorus," the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus performs music that is musically outstanding and delightfully entertaining. Have a ball at the performance and enjoy seeing Artistic Director and previous St. Michael Music Director, Joe Buches, lead the chorus.

Start off the warm summer season with an afternoon of fun and sun! And join us after the concert for light refreshments.

Suggested donation - \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12

Please join us for a relaxing and inspiring afternoon of music followed by a reception with light



## **Card of Thanks**

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the congregation and friends of Community of Love Lutheran Church for all of the support given to our families due to the passing of Jackie Munch (Jackie Plystak's beloved Mother). The outpouring of condolences, cards, flowers, offers of help and, of course, prayers and kind thoughts was simply amazing. It all was a fitting tribute to the kind and considerate person Jackie Munch was and continues to be in our hearts and memories.

Sincerely,  
The Plystak and Munch Families

# Pirate Bingo



# AAARRGH!





Oxford 2014 Relay for Life Survivor's Lap

## The 2015 Oxford Relay For Life: *Will you Relay this year?*

It's spring (or so the calendar says)...and on the last weekend of spring, it will be time for the 2015 Relay for Life!

**CANCER**...whether from a distance, or "up close and personal", cancer has touched many, if not all, of us in one way or another. Cancer knows no age boundaries; young and old may be subjected to it. We have a chance to do something about it...you can help "**fight the fight**" by joining the 2015 Oxford Relay for Life!

The Relay for Life brings communities together to:

- ❖ Celebrate those fighting the fight,
- ❖ Remember those who have lost the battle, and
- ❖ Fight Back by taking measures to prevent or reduce the possibility of contracting cancer through awareness and lifestyle changes.

As a component of our Service to Others ministry, our Relaying Lutherans team raises valuable dollars to help fight the fight; donations go towards research, support and raising awareness.

***As of 3/31/15, only two people have signed for this year's Relaying Lutherans Team!***

The 2015 Oxford Relay for Life is scheduled for 6 pm Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> to noon Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Our team is currently forming. More information will be forthcoming.

Please prayerfully consider joining us this year, and be on the lookout for additional information!

Thank you for your consideration!

Tom Plystak  
Team Captain

# The Light

*for Kids*

BibleWise

## Pentecost

The words below are taken from Acts 2, where we read the story of Pentecost. Circle the words as you find them in the puzzle.

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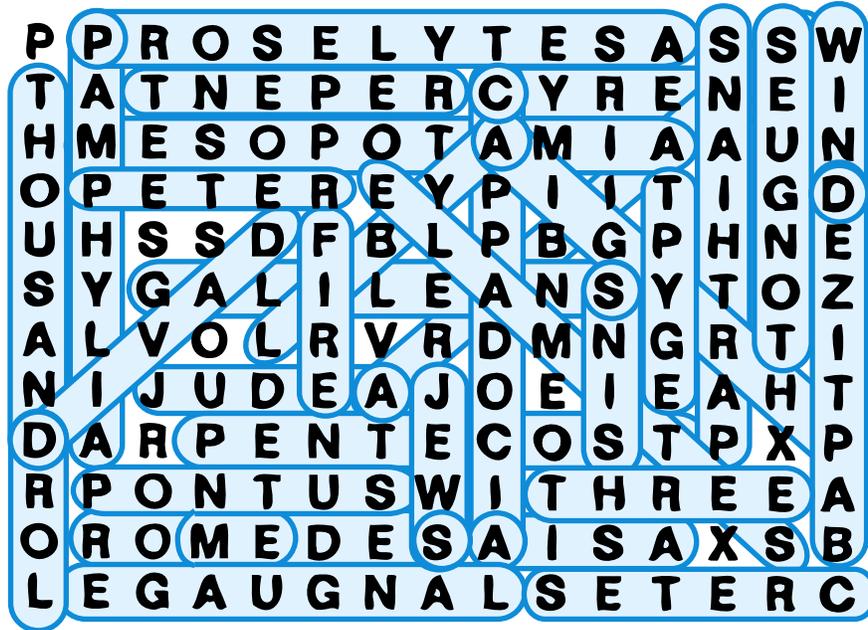
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MEDES  
MESOPOTAMIA  
CAPPADOCIA  
ASIA  
PAMPHYLIA  
LIBYA  
ROME  
PROSELYTES  
ARABIANS

LANGUAGE  
PARTHIANS  
ELAMITES  
JUDEA  
PONTUS  
PHRYGIA  
EGYPT  
CYRENE  
JEWS  
CRETES  
DAVID

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FIRE  
REPENT  
BAPTIZED  
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THREE  
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 PETER  
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 THOUSAND

