

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Grace mercy and peace to you from God Our Father and Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Amen.

"I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." Revelation 3:8

Three men are looking through the car window and notice that they have locked the keys in the car. The first one says "I think we're gonna have to break the window." To which the second replies "We don't wanna do that. Maybe we could use a coat hanger or some thing and jimmy it down there and open the lock?" To which the third says, "Well, we had better think of something quick, because it's starting to rain and the top is down."

Too often the church is like these three men. In the verse above, Jesus is speaking to the church in Philadelphia. They've been very faithful. Jesus has opened doors for them to go through in faith. There is no one that can shut the doors that He has opened. Notice how Jesus even acknowledges that they have little strength but the strength that they do have has been in keeping the word of the Lord and not denying his name.

God calls for us to put our faith in him. He gives us opportunities that we look at and say, "We really wish we could take advantage of those opportunities but we don't have the people and we don't have the finances and we don't have the knowledge of what is to come. "Yet the doors are open. We look at the story of the three men above and think "Duh!" They don't even have to worry about the windows the entire top is open.

Somehow it seems different though, when we are the ones staring through the window, seeing the keys behind the lock doors, and not lifting our eyes to what the Lord has provided. We hide behind words. We tell ourselves by not striking out in faith we are being good stewards. We tell ourselves by not striking out in faith that we have other priorities that must be dealt with first. We decide that it is not possible to walk through those open doors. In doing so, we shut out the still small voice that once called out to Elijah and assured him that God has everything in control, that he was not alone, that God had put everything in place that Elijah needed.

That still small voice calls to us and tells us that the Lord has opened doors that no one can close. And yet for some reason we insist that it's our strength and our understanding that we must rely upon.

God knows we cannot help ourselves. That is why He sent His son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Instead of looking at the closed windows, let us lift our eyes and put our trust in the God who can accomplish all things. He saved us from our sin, from death and the devil. He is the creator God who made all things. Let us trust in what he has provided, and in faith boldly charge through those open doors. For our God has provided all things in our past, is providing all things in our present, and will provide for our future. The top is down. Let's stop looking through the windows of our human perspective and get moving. Amen

SDG,

Pastor

News of Lutheran Education!

Working in partnership with God's people to raise up a new generation of faithful Christian men and women!

ENROLLING FOR FALL 2022

We are pleased to share we have 13 new students joining the Academy this year with 27 students for the 2022-23 school year! We give God the glory for his answer to our prayers. What an exciting year of growth for our school as we welcome 8 new families and their students!

The Lutheran Academy is still accepting new student applications. Please share with everyone you know the option of a small, safe, Christian environment for their Kindergarten-8th grade students.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

A Back to School event was held on Sunday, August 28th from 2:00-4:00pm. The students, families, staff, and board members enjoyed an afternoon of snacks, fellowship, games, and live music from our 8th grader Avah and her dad Bill. The event was designed to help the students get to know each other prior to the first day of school to help alleviate the new school year jitters. The parents/guardians/grandparents in attendance also found the event to be a great time of fellowship and relationship building.



Mission of The Lutheran Academy:

To build up the lives of God's children through the training up of their minds, bodies, and Christian faith; that all children might become a lifelong learners, equipped to serve Jesus Christ in their lives of service to mankind.

Thank you for your support of all the great things happening at The Lutheran Academy!

Pray without ceasing - I Thes. 5:17

Remember to ask: "How can I pray for you?"

RALLY DAY **Saturday, September 12th**

We will head into fall with the return of Sunday School hour at 9:30am beginning, Sunday, September 11th. There will be Sunday School classes for ALL ages to attend every Sunday.

During the 10:30am worship on Rally Day, we will install the new teacher and bless all the staff of The Lutheran Academy. We will install the Sunday School teachers at Peace, and say a blessing over ALL youth who have returned to school for a new year of education.

POT ROAST DINNER FUNDRAISER



Saturday, September 17

4:00-6:00pm

\$12 each

Dine in or take out

Jim Calpin will once again delight our tasebuds with his delicious pot roast dinner. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers to purchase a meal and support the work of Peace Lutheran Church. This one will sell out fast, so get your tickets early! No guarentees of walk-in meals being available.

Speak to Amy Betts at church or by calling the office (570-703-0607) to reserve your dinners.

+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: Rejoice Ye Pilgrim Throng #812

This one was written as a reflection of the revival of Church life that took place during the authors lifetime. Revival which is desperately needed in our day as well. The words were penned by preacher and professor Edward Plumptre (1821-1891). After being ordained in 1846, Plumptre quickly distinguished himself as a preacher at Oxford and a professor of pastoral theology in London. "Rejoice ye pure in heart" or as we know it "Rejoice ye pilgrim throng" was written in May 1865 for a choral festival and was published in the same year.

The hymn calls for us to sing out with loud voice, with the angel choirs and wave our Festal banners as we carry the cross forward.

In these days when the church seems to be hard pressed on every side, we must remember the victory is won. This is not the age of secularism but the age of Jesus until He comes again. So Let's Rejoice! Amen

BIBLE STUDY MINUTE

Did you ever wish the day or the night wouldn't end until you were ready for it to end? Joshua did and got what he asked for. Read Joshua 10 to find out more.

A LWML Retreat will take place at Lutherlyn Camp in Cabot, PA September 23-25. The fee is \$160 and covers two night lodging, five meals and fees. Lower rates are available if you do not want the whole package. The registration form is in the Narthex for you to register for the event. Ladies, please plan to attend and spread the word.

A Message from our Out-going Eastern District President

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Winston Churchill lived maybe the most remarkable life of the twentieth century. His funeral was held at St. Paul’s Cathedral. When it was done, a bugler went up in the Dome of St. Paul and played “Taps”, the tune that signifies that the day is done, that darkness has fallen. The end. Everyone thought that was the end. When the last note died out, on the other side of the Dome, another bugler played “Reveille” – time to get up. A new day has begun! (Thank you John Ortberg, Soul Keeping, for this thought).

In Christ Jesus our Lord every ending is a new beginning. August 31st was my last day as your District President. My time of service to you has come to a close. It is “Taps”-time. Today is an end of the relationship we had for thirteen years. It comes with mixed feelings. But a new day will dawn. It is “Reveille”-time! New opportunities for service will certainly emerge. God is with us.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for granting me the honor to serve you in the special capacity of District President. My time has been sensational, full of good surprises and challenges, and humbling before the strength of our God. I saw it all. Thank you! Bev and I will hold you dear in our hearts, lifting you up in our prayers for years to come.

Yet, I am excited for you. A new District President will sit in the chair I once occupied. Rev. John Pingel is a good man and very capable leader. He and his wife, Diane, are ready to take on their new roles.

This is Christ’s church and we are His people. He is the Lord and His Word will never fail us. And so, I would like to end this note to you in doxology with the words I use when I close my sermons (The words have been adjusted):

And now to God [Him] who is able
to do incredibly [immeasurably] more
than all we can ask or conceive [imagine]
by the Holy Spirit [power] at work among us;
to Him be the glory in the Church
and in Christ Jesus
through all generations forevermore.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Blessings to you in Christ,

Pastor Chris Wicher



Ladies Luncheon
Saturday, September 10
11:00am - 1:00pm

On September 10th, we will host our fifth annual Ladies Luncheon for the mothers and grandmothers of the children of our Lutheran Academy and the ladies of Peace Lutheran Church. The event will be held from 11am-1pm here at Peace. As always, there will be delicious food and time to talk to old friends as well as make some new ones.

Ladies please share with your friends and let Pastor or Amy Betts know if you will attend. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of church.

Post-Service Refreshments

We have been enjoying refreshments after the worship service on Sundays.

A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church. Please consider signing up for a Sunday to bring the refreshments as we gather for fellowship after church.

Thank you.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 1st from 2:00-4:00pm
All animals welcome to stop by the church lawn for a blessing by Pastor Babbitts.
Spread the word!

SEPTEMBER

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Baptism Birthdays</u>	
Terry Kramer	8	Faith Babbitts	24
Isabelle Kramer	10		
Chuck Mercer	14		
Titus Black	15		
Ali Kramer	20		
Ramona Brown	22		
Grace Babbitts	25		

God Bless You! From your friend _____ at Peace Lutheran Church.



SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	LOOKING AHEAD ... October 1st Blessing of the Animals 2-4pm			1	2	3 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
4 9:18am Worship Service	5 LABOR DAY	6	7	8 6:30pm Council Meeting	9	10 11am-1pm Ladies Luncheon 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
11 RALLY DAY 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	12	13	14	15	16	17 4-6pm Pot Roast Dinner Fundraiser 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
18 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	19	20	21	22	23	24 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

PRA YER CALENDAR

Praying for FL churches and for God to call men into the ministry.

4	Rev. Timothy Barber, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Tallahassee, FL	5	Dr. Daniel Thies, Eternal Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton, FL	6	Rev. Thomas Went, Faith Lutheran Church, New Port Richey, FL	7	Rev. Mark Stillman, Faith Lutheran Church, North Palm Beach, FL	8	Rev. Andrew Sorensen, Faith Lutheran Church, Dunedin, FL	9	Rev. Donald Treglowan, Faith Lutheran Church, Naples, FL	10	Rev Luis Diaz, Faith Lutheran Church, Hialeah, FL
11	Rev. Marc Kappel, Faith Lutheran Church, East's, FL	12	Dr. Larry Griffin, Faith Lutheran Church, Lecanto, FL	13	Rev Kurt Steinbrueck, Faith Lutheran Church, Wesley Chapel, FL	14	Rev Patrick Poock, Faith Lutheran Church, Parrish, FL	15	Rev. David Narring, Faith Lutheran Church, Punta Gorda, FL	16	Rev. William Roberts, Faith Lutheran Church, Sebring, FL	17	Rev. Dr. Angel Ruiz, Faith Lutheran Church, Clewiston, FL
18	Rev David Schermbeck, Faith Lutheran Church, Merritt Island, FL	19	Faith Lutheran Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL	20	Rev Ronald Meyr, Faith Vieira Lutheran Church, Rockledge, FL	21	Rev Landon Ledlow, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Tampa, FL	22	Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Furst Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL	23	Rev. John Glover, first Lutheran Church, Gainesville, FL	24	Rev. Thomas Beaverson, First Lutheran Church, Inverness, FL
25	Forest Lutheran Church, Silver Springs, FL	26	Rev Glenn Fischer, Forest Oaks Lutheran Church, Springhill, FL	27	Rev George Poulos, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Davie, FL	28	Rev. James d'Entremount III, good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gulf Breeze, FL	29	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Chiefland, FL	30	Rev. Stephen Anderson, good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL		