

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

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

*“for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8*

The song Amazing Grace, has long had an impact on those who heard it. Recently the words of this hymn seem to be more meaningful every day. Every day the mirror of God’s law, shows us our sin. People are searching for life’s answers in ways that defy their status as a creature of God. This of course is nothing new. However, the consequences should be a warning to us all.

In a recent video, produced by a teenage girl, she tells us she bought into the lie that changing her gender was reversible. She believed, she could change from a girl to a boy and if she didn't like it back to a girl. In the video she wants her peers to know after pumping herself full of testosterone, her voice has deepened and her hair is falling out. She tells us she has realized too late, there is no turning back. The damage is permanent.

Adam and Eve thought they could change into gods. Once they had defied God they realized, too late, there was no going back. The damage was permanent.

In a few weeks we will celebrate Thanksgiving. A holiday that though not commercialized by holiday merchandise, is now becoming just one more sale day for the days before Christmas.

We are being diverted away from thanking God for all he has given us this year to what bargains we can get on gifts we will exchange near the end of this year.

### **Let's take time to be thankful!**

This Thanksgiving Day, besides the normal things we usually are thankful for, let's be thankful for the stuff we usually take for granted.

Let's be thankful for who God made us, as he formed us in the womb male or female, in his image. Let's thank him for his guidance, through the storms as well as the smooth sailing in our lives.

Most importantly, let us thank him for his grace. That amazing grace that saved once lost wretches like ourselves.

Let us pray that through the love and Grace we received, we will be taught to respect God and his decisions and recognize that we can approach him without fear. Let us thank Him, that though we are flawed by sin, that by his hands we are wonderfully made.

Let us pray we never take for granted the Grace of God that points our eyes toward the manger, the Cross, and Easter’s empty tomb. These gifts that many still have not experienced and yet by God’s Grace through our joyful proclamations will.

SDG,

Pastor

*If you have a prayer need or a praise to include in the church bulletin,  
please contact the church office at 570-703-0607.*

# News of Lutheran Education!

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

## Introducing our school mascot - **LUTHER the LION**



Our mascot will be displayed throughout the school and be part of future field day/special event t-shirt designs, stickers, social media posts, etc. We are thrilled to have a this fun addition to our school.



On October 2nd The Lutheran Academy **Travel Choir** shared their time and talents with the women (and pastors) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at their fall rally at Grace Lutheran Church in Hop Bottom. The choir sang 4 songs, Alfred shared his newest artistic endeavor-puppet making, Avah sang a beautiful solo, Mrs Betts shared the history of TLA, and Mrs Wells explained classical Christian education and how that looks at our school. A truly wonderful experience for the students and many new connections and friendships were made.



## It's Our Birthday!

This year The Lutheran Academy celebrates 15 years as a school.

A planning committee has begun to plan special activities each month to celebrate our school. Some will be small activities held during the school day, and others will be larger and open to you and the community. The committee meets again on November 9th, so more information will be coming soon in the weekly bulletins and the December newsletter. We hope you will join us as we celebrate Lutheran education.

As always, please continue to lift the school in your prayers.

### **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?"**



On October 23, Pastor Babbitts announced he had received a call from another congregation. Over the next couple of weeks Pastor will be considering whether God wants him to stay at Peace or serve another congregation. He has asked that we keep this decision in our prayers and that God would grant him wisdom.

+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: **Christ Be My Leader #861**

The author of this hymn text is Timothy Dudley-Smith. He is a retired bishop of the Anglican church, author of around 400 hymn texts, and at this writing 96 years old. The hymn is based on several texts from the writings of the apostle John. One of which is from John's Gospel, chapter 8, that Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus leads us through the darkness of this life as we follow Him nothing can take us from our Lord Christ.

May God help us never to fear or doubt following wherever Christ may lead us.

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## MEATLOAF DINNER FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, November 12th**

4:00-6:00pm

\$12 each

Dine in or take out



Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers to purchase a meal and support the work of Peace Lutheran Church. Please reserve your dinners by November 2nd. No guarantees of walk-in meals being available.

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

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## BIBLE STUDY MINUTE

If you had a choice between having all your thoughts broadcast on social media the minute they entered your head or walking naked, which would you choose?

Find out why Isaiah was commanded to walk around naked for three years by God. (Hint. It had nothing to do with Social Media).

To find the answer, **read Isaiah 20.**

## We are collecting all things metal!

All things metal! Bring your metal to church. If you have cans please clean them and take the labels off. Ask others to give you their metal as well.

We are going to recycle the metal to raise money for the congregation as a whole to travel first to Lancaster, PA to see a replica of the tabernacle and see a performance at Sight and Sound. After that we're Washington, DC bound for a visit and programs at the Museum of the Bible, monuments, and a Scavenger hunt of Christian references around the city put together by your pastor.

Look for updates here, in the bulletin, and in the Narthex.



MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE, Washington DC



REPLICA OF THE TABERNAACLE



SIGHT & SOUND, LANCASTER



## God is opening doors for us! We need your help!

**Youth Group Leader(s)** This could be a once a year commitment to host one event for the youth. It could be to organize a monthly fun night or any other of many possibilities.

**Sunday School Teachers** - This could be leading a Sunday school class until December or for a year. It could be handled by one person or you could tag team teach with one or more others.

**Person to foster our relationships with local businesses that we have connections with** - We are connected with over 50

businesses in the Scranton area. We need someone willing to get to know the owners starting with a get to know each other meal.

**People willing to open their homes for a Bible Study group for neighbors.**

**There are other volunteer needs but these are our most pressing ones! Let's not let these opportunities slip away!**

## 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.

## NOVEMBER

### Birthdays

Kinsley Black 6  
Joy Babbitts 16  
Ed Smith 17  
Jen Praefke 22

### Baptism Birthdays

Beverly Gedrimas 9  
Jason Sauter 10  
John Kramer 22  
Pastor Babbitts 27

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

# John 6:11



# NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
6 ★ 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service w/ Communion	7	8 <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	9	10 6:30pm Council Meeting	11 <b>4-6pm Meatloaf Dinner</b> 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion	12
13 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	14	15	16 3:15pm TLA School Board Meeting	17	18	19
20 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	21	22	23	24 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	25	26 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
27 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	28	29	30 5:30pm Advent Service	<b>LOOKING AHEAD . . .</b> Wednesday, Dec 7, 14, 21 5:30pm Mid Week Advent Services ★ Pastor preaching at Peace		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Rev. Patrick McKenzie, Hope Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL	2 Hope on the Beach Church, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	3 Rev. Jacob Scheler, Hope on the Beach Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	4 Rev. James Fernandez, Hope Viera Lutheran Church, Melbourne, FL	5 Hospital Dell Alma Lutheran Church, Leisure City, FL	
6 Rev. Eduardo Martinez, Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Esperanze Viva inc, Orlando, FL	7 Rev. Miguel Sanabria, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brandon, FL	8 Rev. Donald Stier, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Plantation Key, FL	9 Rev. Randy Blankshaen, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pensacola, FL	10 Rev. Ferry Nye, Jehovah Lutheran Church, Pensacola, FL	11 Rev. William Whitehead, Lake Wales Lutheran Church, Lake Wales, FL	12 Rev. David Dahlke, Lakeside Lutheran Church, Venice, FL	
13 Live UCF Lutheran, Orlando, FL	14 Living Water Lutheran Church, Mexico Beach, FL	15 Lutheran Church of Providence, Deltona, FL	16 Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Port Charlotte, FL	17 Rev. Robert Davis, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard, North Fort Myers, FL	18 Rev. Edward Dewitt, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Sanford, FL	19 Rev. Christopher Kollman, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Vero Beach, FL	
20 Rev. Thomas Boeck, Marco Lutheran Church, Marco Island, FL	21 Rev. Anthony Mandile III, Martin Luther Chapel, Marathon, FL	22 Rev. Mark Adrian Jr, Messiah Lutheran Church, Carrollwood, FL	23 Miramar Lutheran Church, Miramar, FL	24 Rev. Oslet Maccenat, Mount Garizim Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL	25 Rev. Michael Ovil, New Alliance Haitian Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Palm Beach, FL	26 New City Church, Orlando, FL	
27 Rev. Joseph Signorelli, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ocala, FL	28 Rev. Stephen Fair, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lake City, FL	29 Rev. William Reister, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL	30 Rev. Raymond Parent II, Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Crestview, FL	<h2>PRAYER CALENDAR</h2> <p><i>Praying for FL churches and for God to call men into the ministry.</i></p>			