

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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

“Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time the great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem, and they were scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.” Acts 8:1

This is an amazing verse. Why? I'm glad you asked. Saul will later be called Paul. What is he consenting to in this passage? Stephen being put to death because he is a Christian. Then this great persecution begins with Saul as an active participant, hunting down Christians so they can be killed. What happens because of this persecution? The apostles remained in Jerusalem but the others that are following Christ are scattered into Judea and Samaria. In the very next chapter Saul is converted. Paul, formally Saul, will focus on converting the Gentiles and so begins Christianity's journey to the end of the earth.

Stop! Rewind! Acts 1:8 "but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

So what Jesus tells those gathered together before his ascension in Acts 1:8 comes true in Acts 8:1.

If we look at Acts 8:1 above, what motivates the church? Being persecuted motivates the church. That should frighten us. The church even at this early time was not doing what it was supposed to do to reach all people. So God will allow His church to be persecuted, when it's not doing what it's supposed to do. The church's task is to share Jesus Christ and his work of salvation for us.

In fact, when we look at the church in missions over the centuries, we would find that political upheaval precedes the church doing the missions it was supposed to have been doing all along. Are we at that point in the church again? Are we at that point where the only thing that will break our apathy to tell others about Christ is to be persecuted? Or scattered? Or both?

With all the cultural upheaval, and issues rocking our country, let's not wait for the Lord to allow his church to be persecuted. Rather let us do the work with joy we have been given. The work of sharing Jesus and his all atoning sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead for us. Amen

SDG,

Pastor



News of Lutheran Education!

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ENROLLING FOR FALL 2022

The Lutheran Academy is currently 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
Wednesday, August 31

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15th Year of the Academy

It is hard to believe, but we are about to begin our 15th academic year of education and outreach to our community through The Lutheran Academy. Watch for more information to come as we celebrate ALL that God has, is, and will do through the ministry of Lutheran education.

Join us in prayer as we seek new families to join our school, for the staff to be rested and prepared to begin a new year, for the students as they arrive on August 31st, and for the school board as they oversee the school.

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?"



Vacation Bible School

August 1-5 5:30-8:00pm

Held at Peace Lutheran Church

At Rainforest Explorers, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and throughout our lives. We might feel lost, but He'll show us the way. He'll never leave us!

Children age 4 thru 8th grade are invited to attend. Spread the word, invite your neighbors.

"GOD'S WONDER LAB!"

VBS to be held August 8-12th from 6 to 8 pm for children ages 3 to 12 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 238 Reese Street.

FIVE days of learning about Jesus and how "He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1"

Through storytelling, experiments, music, games, crafts, and snacks, these children can enjoy a community of love and learning about Jesus.

+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: **Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above #766**

Written by Martin Luther 1539, this hymn in nine verses, expounds for us on the seven petitions of the Lords Prayer. The hymn encourages us to live out the prayer's meaning. The composer of the tune is unknown. Luther set the hymn to a different tune when it was first written. He then switched to a different tune written by another person which he then altered. In verse eight Luther writes:

Deliv'rance from all evil give,
and yet in evil days we live
redeem us from eternal death
and when we yield our dying breath
Console us, grant us calm release
and take our souls to thee in peace

The hymn is good for our devotions and helps us to see the deeper meaning in what we ask God to do in each petition. A good goal for this month would be to learn all the verses that God may be glorified and we may be comforted.

AUGUST	<u>Birthdays</u>	
	Levi Black	1
	<u>Baptism Birthdays</u>	
	Tammy McClure	12
	Joann Roberts	

BIBLE STUDY MINUTE

Have you ever heard about a King acting like a wild animal and eating grass in the field? To find the answer . . . read Daniel 4.

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. This form will be in the Narthex for you to register for the event. Ladies, please plan to attend and spread the word.

Summer 2022 (July-October)		9		Volume 19 Issue 2	
Fear Not, I Have Redeemed You. Isaiah 43:1					
LWML Eastern District Retreat 2022 Lutherlyn Camp 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Cabot PA		September 23-25, 2022 www.lutherlyn.com		Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You Guest Speaker: Christina Hergenrader Hosted By: Anthracite and Cattaraugus-Allegheny Zones	
Name:		LWML Zone:			
Address:		Home Church:			
City:		Church City & Zip:			
State:	Zip:	Phone: ()	Email:		
If this is your FIRST TIME attending Eastern District Retreat, please check here: _____ YES! I'm Very Excited!					
FULL TIME					
>Registration Per Person Includes: Registration Fee, 2 Nights Lodging, 5 Meals		\$160.00	\$		
> Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2022		\$25.00	\$		
NOTE: A \$50.00 minimum deposit required with Full Time Registration			\$		
		Payment Enclosed	\$		
		Balance Due	\$		
PART-TIME					
Registration Fee (Per Person)		\$30.00	\$		
<u>NO LODGING</u>		\$38.00	\$		
> Saturday Only-- Saturday lunch & dinner & all Saturday programming			\$		
<u>WITH LODGING</u>			\$		
Friday-Saturday		\$90.00	\$		
> Friday lodging, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and all programming			\$		
Saturday-Sunday		\$90.00	\$		
> Sat. lodging, Sat. lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast and programming			\$		
> Late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2022		\$25.00	\$		
		Payment Enclosed	\$		
		Balance Due	\$		
Note: A \$25.00 minimum deposit required with Part-Time Registration					
CABINS					
All cabins have 8 lower bunks, 4 upper bunks and 2 bathrooms with showers. Cabins can be separated into two rooms. If your group needs more than one cabin, we will make sure the cabins are adjacent. NO LINENS WILL BE PROVIDED NO PETS ALLOWED SMOKING ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS IF YOU WANT TO BE HOUSED TOGETHER, PLEASE LIST GROUP					
Roommate(s):		Church/Group:			
Will Need Golf Cart For Transportation:	Upper Bunk:	Lower Bunk:	Other:		
Hearing impaired:	Dietary Needs:				
ACTIVITIES: Check if interested and we will contact you about payment details					
Zipline and High Ropes are accessible by climbing wall or net. All activities are based on availability at time of retreat. _____ Zipline: \$20 _____ High Ropes: \$20					
Registration Deadline: September 1, 2022 (postmarked by September 1) Registration not accepted before May 1 st Balance due must be paid (postmarked) by September 1st or a late fee will be applied (\$25) Cancellations: \$50 Full Time/ \$25 Part-Time deposits are non-refundable. Cancellations for MEDICAL REASONS will be reviewed based upon letter of notification to Eastern District President. Non-Sufficient Fund Fee: Charge of \$25 will be assessed on checks returned by bank. **Make Checks Payable to LWML Eastern District** Mail completed form, payment, and self-addressed stamped envelope (for return confirmation) to: Margaret Klees, 424 Pratt Rd Hop Bottom, PA 18824, margaretklees@gmail.com 570-877-2168 *Registrations without stamped envelopes will receive email confirmation.*					



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.

Human trafficking, abortion, and many other issues are facing our nation. Our congregation needs to be able to address these issues in a loving way. We can do this by forming a **Life Team**. If these and any other issues of life concern you, contact Pastor or Amy at the church office and let us know.

DON'T limit this to current members. Get the word out to family and friends in the community. Anyone and everyone you know concerned with these issues, have them contact us.



**Thank you to ALL who supported the
Chicken BBQ Dinner on July 30th!**

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

In a world that no longer claims it can answer the question "What is a woman?" The LWML is celebrating its 80th year in service to our Lord! Who are these women and what is their purpose?

Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

2021–2023 Primary Focus

- **Proclaiming Christ**
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples! (Psalm 96:3).
- **Supporting Missions**
And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation (Mark 16:15).
- **Equipping Women**
Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will (Hebrews 13:20–21).
- **Serving Others**
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another (1 Peter 4:10a).

Almost 70 years of sisterhood at Peace Lutheran Church

What are we talking about? On June 17, 1953, Peace Lutheran Church became a member in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

On July 24, 2022, Peace held its latest LWML event. At this event, participants put together 30 personal hygiene kits, and the two newest members at Peace were signed up. In order to remain a viable LWML location we need to have four officers: President, Vice president, Treasurer and Secretary. I would like to make the request that for the time being we have six-eight ladies involved in leadership roles. I would like to see four officers and two to four mentors of ladies who have held these positions in the past.

Goals

In this age of technology, fear and cultural conflict, many feel broken, disconnected and alone. Three of the needs that the LWML can meet better, perhaps than any other, is in meeting the needs of single moms, empowering young women to carry out ongoing ministries of mercy to improve our world through Christ, and reaching unchurched women.

I want to challenge the ladies of our congregation on August 14, 2022 to choose a local sporting event and hand out 80 bottles (minimum) of cold water to the players and audience in the stands that say "From Peace Lutheran Church and the LWML. God Bless you and enjoy the game!"

The women of Peace have been so faithful almost since LWML was founded! Time to show our congregation, our Academy, and our community again how great an impact an organization of women serving Our Lord can be! If you have any questions or to let us know you want to be a part of our LWML efforts please let Pastor or Amy know.

~Pastor Babbitts



Susan Bell was our special guest discussing how to revitalize our LWML group here at Peace Lutheran Church.

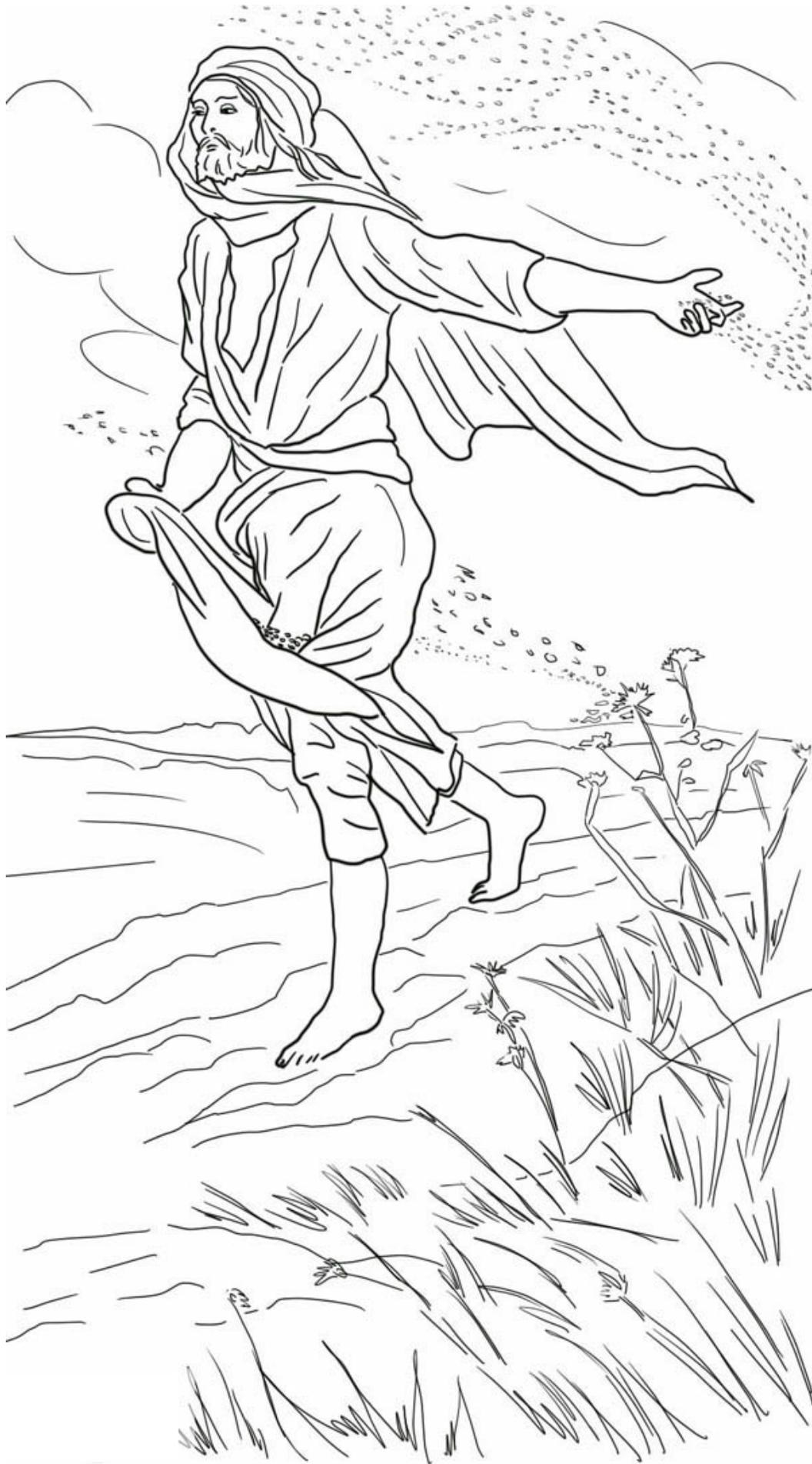


Faith Babbitts and Amy Betts assembling personal care kits.



Joy Babbitts preparing the towels for kit assembly.

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



AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Rev. Read Shoaff, Salem Lutheran church, Taylorsville, NC	2 Rev. Glenn Roseman, Sr, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lincolnton, NC	3 Rev. Zang Yang, Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, Newton, NC	4 Rev. Thomas Olson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tryon, NC	5 Rev. John Mackowak, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Gainesville, FL	6 Rev. James Rockey, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Oxford, FL	
7 Amigos En Cristo Immokalee Lutheran Mission, Estero, FL	8 Amigos En Cristo Lutheran Mission, Bonita Springs, FL	9 Rev. Richard Wright, Ascension Lutheran Church, Marianna, FL	10 Rev. Mark Mueller, Ascension Lutheran Church, Casselberry, FL	11 Rev. Erwin Perez- Arche, Bay Shore Lutheran Church, Miami, FL	12 Rev. Rossetter Leavitt, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL	13 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Lehigh Acres, FL	
14 Rev. Michael Hanel, Bethany Lutheran Church, Leesburg, FL	15 Bethel Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL	16 Rev. Timothy Heath Sr., Bethel Lutheran Church, Hobe Sound, FL	17 Rev. Andre Mezilus, Bethlehem Haitian Lutheran Church, Immokalee, FL	18 Rev. Dana Brones, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville Beach, FL	19 Rev. Karl Glander, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Myers, FL	20 Rev. Stephen De Santo, Celebration Lutheran Church, Saint John's, FL	
21 Rev. Gregory LeSieur, Christ Lutheran Church, Cape Canaveral, FL	22 Rev. Paul Meseke, Christ Lutheran Church, Brooksville, FL	23 Rev. Scott McLean, Christ Lutheran Church, Avon Park, FL	24 Rev. Christopher Hazzard, Christ Lutheran Church, Lakeland, FL	25 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Panama City Beach, FL	26 Rev. Mark Stirdivant, Christ our Savior Lutheran Church, Saint Augustine, FL	27 Rev. Timothy Brown, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Orlando, FL	
28 Rev. Seth DeBartolo, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Labelle, FL	29 Rev. Joseph Adams II, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Largo, FL	30 Rev. Kevin Yoakum, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Riverview, FL	31 Rev. Stephen Gaulke, Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER CALENDAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Praying for NC and FL churches and for God to call men into the ministry.</i></p>			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 9:18am Worship Service	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:18am Worship Service with communion	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:18am Worship Service with communion	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:18am Worship Service	29	30	31	LOOKING AHEAD . . . SEPTEMBER 10 Ladies Luncheon SEPTEMBER 11 Rally Day (return to fall hours) SEPTEMBER 23-25 LWML Eastern District Retreat		