

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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

"but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31

Even though \$549 million is spent on self-improvement books which includes dieting books, \$33 billion is spent a year on weight loss products annually, and \$15 billion is spent on dietary supplements, statistics report obesity is on the rise.

Each year 20 million Bibles are purchased for personal use and distribution, or 168,000 a day. Last year Gideon's International distributed 59,460,000 Bibles. Yet even with a pandemic that caused many to stay home, either forced or by choice, statistics show those who could not or would not attend church services or meetings read their Bibles even less.

Why is this book we call the Bible so important? John answers that in the verse above. These things are written "that you may believe Jesus is the Christ... and in believing you may have life in His name."

It's the story of a Missionary God that when man fell into sin (Genesis 3) promised us Jesus was coming. Because God loved the world so much He gave His only begotten that all who believed in Him would do perish but have eternal life. "(John 3:16) When grieving disciples walked the road to Emmaus the one walking with them "beginning with Moses, and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures all the things concerning Himself." (Luke 24:27) Then they recognized Him when He broke bread before them. This book also attests that Jesus will return and every eye will see Him when He does." (Rev 1:8)

God wants everyone to know what His Son accomplished for us. Just like the Gospel writers, God gives us the privilege of being part of His work in this world. Being part of any work means the worker needs to be equipped. No one, this side of Heaven, is fully equipped for every situation we will face. But God also does not send us out alone.

We might be under the impression that being called to God's service means He calls the equipped. On the contrary God equips the one He calls. This is opposite the way the world operates and I think with good reason on both sides. We certainly wouldn't want to be in the dentist chair as the dentist holds the drill and watches a youtube video of "How to fill a cavity." In this instance I think we can all agree equipping beforehand is preferred.

At the same instance God equips us, as we are in service to Him, that every day we may grow into the role we have been given. Growing in the way He directs strengthens us and builds up His kingdom.

We can see how much the self-help books are working. The Bible will be just as ineffective as that treadmill in the corner of the room that has clothes hanging on it to dry if we don't open it.

SDG,

Pastor

Disclaimer: Though Bible Study has been proven to make firmer believers in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit by grace through faith it has not been proven to improve muscle tone. (Though anything is possible with God.) Anyone attempting to fast for 40 days and 40 nights or adopt a strict Manna and Quail or the Locust & Honey diet should consult their physician or a nutritionist first. Yale University has proven Doughnuts stimulate the brain. If you have a condition that makes this artificial stimulator necessary for attendance we can obtain this type of brain food for use in moderation. No Doctor's note necessary.

News of Lutheran Education!

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

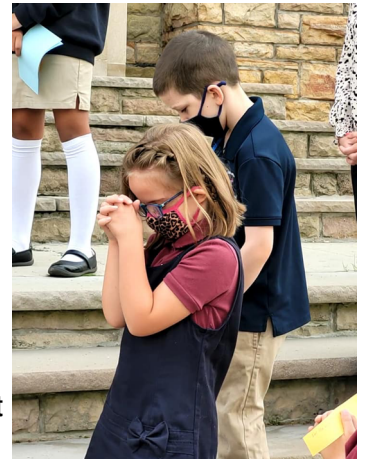
See You At The Pole 2021



Students and staff gathered around the flag in front of the school on Wednesday, September 22nd.

See You at the Pole™, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-led event. The Lutheran Academy has been participating the last few years and the students once again led a powerful time of prayer. What a beautiful witness to our neighborhood!



2021 Theme: JUST PRAY.

James 4:10- Humble yourself before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Family Game Night is Back!



Family Game Night

6:00-9:00pm

Held at the academy building.
ALL invited to attend.

Bring a game to play and come enjoy an ice cream social, games and fellowship.

HELP SUPPORT The Lutheran Academy

(Non-Profit Organization)



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WALK-A-THON



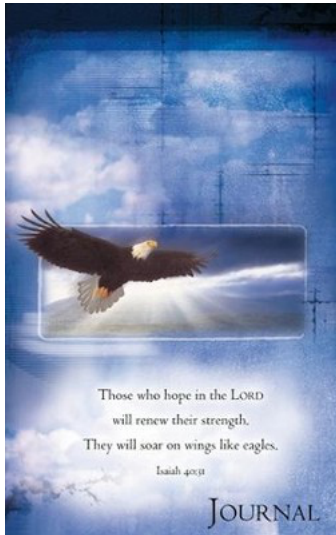
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The Lutheran Academy is holding a Walk-A-Thon fundraiser as part of its annual fundraising plan. Students will walk the track at Weston Field on October 5th (the 7th if the weather doesn't cooperate) and are seeking individuals to sponsor them per lap, mile, or simply a flat rate.

Would you consider a flat donation amount or sponsoring a student while he/she walks? Call the Academy for more information or make a donation on the Support tab of the school website at www.thelutheranacademyscranton.org

Pray without ceasing - I Thes. 5:17

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



Last month you were asked to think about the question: If invisible beings exist what relationship do they have with God and humankind?

How did you answer the question? Did you surprise yourself with what you wrote? Was it a response you were proud of? Does the way you live reflect how you responded or was how you answered very different from how you live?

Your question for October is: **Does the universe have a creator?**

Make sure to place the date and your thoughts on the page. If you would like to discuss them with Pastor that would be great! If you want to keep them to yourselves that is fine as well. You may also want to note whether you prayed for anyone that day and whether you read the Bible at all that day. Don't worry about how few or how many pages you use each day. At the end of the challenge, Pastor will ask you to share some insights from the challenge anonymously for inclusion in the newsletter.

(The questions I am asking you are inspired by Questions on the website of the New Jersey District of The LCMS written by Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn, author of a book on worldview.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes are offered for children ages 4 through adult. Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Hope to see you there.

+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: **Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice #556**

"Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living Hell, So firmly sin possessed me." Wrote the man who spent hours in the cell of a monastery confessing, beating himself, passing out from fatigue, angry with God for bringing him into this world and then judging and condemning him for his sin.

In 1523 Martin Luther wrote this the first of his congregational hymns. It is rumored that the tune was one that Martin wrote down as traveling entertainer performed it.

By this time in his life Luther had realized God was not an angry judge eager to condemn but a loving Father willing to give us Christ as our sacrifice and the righteousness of Christ as if it was our own to rescue us. So the hymn is an invitation for us to REJOICE! "Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the victory won. What praise our ransom cost Him!"

Luther's final verse sounds a warning though.

"So shall the Kingdom's work be wrought and honored in your preaching. But foes with base alloy, the heavenly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

May God help us never to take Christ's sacrifice for granted or the Gospel from us. Amen.

If you have a prayer need or praise to share, or to start/participate in a bible study or prayer team, please contact Pastor or Amy Betts in the church office anytime at 570-703-0607.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who enjoyed a beautiful afternoon together at our **Fall Fellowship Picnic** following the morning worship service on Sunday, September 26th. There were approximately 25 people in attendance including 4 of our Parker Street neighbors. We look forward to many future fellowship opportunities.

Life at Peace



**REFORMATION
DAY** It's *Still* All About
Jesus



October Fundraiser: **Pot Roast Dinner**

Saturday, October 16th
EAT IN or TAKE OUT from 4:00-6:00pm

\$12 each
Held at Peace Lutheran Church

Advanced tickets are recommended.

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 dinner.



OCTOBER

Birthdays

Jason Sauter	4
Ray Stumpf	10
Beverly Gedrimas	17
Nora Betts	21
Evan Praefke	21
John Kramer	25
Pastor Babbitts	28

Baptism Birthdays

Ramona Brown	14
Isabelle Kramer	14
Elizabeth Kramer	14
John Kramer	14
Ali Kramer	14
Chuck Mercer	29
Grace Babbitts	31

The coloring page in the newsletter each month can be turned in and we will send them to the residents at The Gardens at Greenridge where our beloved Audrey Russell lives.

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

FOR I am
NOT
ASHAMED
of THE Gospel
of CHRIST
Romans 1:16

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
3 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	4	5 9am-Noon Academy Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser	6	7	8 No school /Professional Development Day at The Lutheran Academy	9 2pm Blessing of the Animals 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
10 8:15am Worship Service with communion 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service with communion	11 COLUMBUS DAY	12	13	14 6:30pm -Council Meeting	15	16 4-6 Pot Roast Dinner Fundraiser 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
17 8:15am Worship Service with communion 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service with communion	18	19	20	21	22 6pm -Family Game Night @ TLA	23 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

PRAYER CALENDAR

Pastors and Churches in Arizona

3 Rev Andrew Byars, Apostles Lutheran Church, Peoria, AZ	4 Rev Thomas Braun, Ascension Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	5 Assisted Fountain at La Cholla, Tucson, AZ	6 Rev David Haight, Atonement Lutheran Church, Glendale, AZ	7 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe, AZ	8 Rev Michael Kessler, Calvary Lutheran Church, Yuma, AZ	9 Rev. Dr. Michael Moorehouse, Catalina Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ
10 Rev. Dr. Jeffery Schrack, Christ Church, Phoenix, AZ	11 Christ Greenfield, Mesa, AZ	12 Rev Timothy Ahlman, Christ Greenfield, Gilbert, AZ	13 Rev William Carney, Christ Lutheran Church, Coolidge, AZ	14 Rev Vincent Harman, Christ Lutheran Church, Yuma, AZ	15 Rev David Hook, Christ Lutheran Vail Church, Vail, AZ	16 Rev Donald Schoenback Jr, Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ
17 Rev Craig Rendahl, Christus Rex Lutheran Church, Rio Rico, AZ	18 Cooper Cayon Special Care Center, Tucson, AZ	19 Rev Joshua Palmer, Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	20 Rev Kevin Kosberg, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Anthem, AZ	21 Rev Robert Stevens, Crosspoint Lutheran Church, Sahuarita, AZ	22 Rev Phillip Robbins, Crown of Life Lutheran Church, West, AZ	23 Rev Jeremy Da Pena, Desert Foothills Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ
24 Rev Gregory Werdin, Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Congress, AZ	25 Rev Mark Rossington, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Chandler, AZ	26 Eternal Life Lutheran Church, Mesa, AZ	27 Faith in Action Lutheran Church, Apache Junction, AZ	28 Faith Lutheran Church, Overgaard, AZ	29 Rev Marcus Zill, Faith Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	30 Rev Karl Schloeman, Faith Lutheran Church, Cottonwood, AZ
31 Rev Fred Gerlach, Family Of Christ Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ						