

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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

Jesus said to them again "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me even so I am sending you."
~ John 20:21

Jesus speaks these words to the disciples on the evening of Easter day. This is the commissioning of the disciples to be apostles. Ones sent by the authority of Jesus to tell the world what Jesus has done for all. As we read these words, we need to realize Jesus is speaking these words to us as well. Jesus is saying to us "I am sending you."

How does that make us feel? Do we feel that Jesus is calling us to action? If not, why not? What holds us back? How do we read or hear these words and not believe Jesus wants us to live them? We probably hear these words and more than likely think about them and what they meant to the disciples gathered in the room, assuming that the words were meant only for them. But then we probably don't give these words any further thought until Easter comes again.

When Isaiah was asked by God "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah answered "Send me, send me!" When Moses was told he was going to tell Pharaoh, "Let my people go!" Moses came up with questions and excuses hoping God would choose someone else. Jesus tells the ten disciples gathered together "I am sending you."

We don't see them rush out the door after Jesus leaves and shout to the mountaintops "He is risen."

As a matter of fact the one person we know they did tell, Thomas a fellow disciple, does not believe them. However, Jesus does tell them to wait until he sends the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, as we know, will come on Pentecost.

We have no reason to wait. The Lord has already poured out the Holy Spirit among his people. So by Jesus's authority, the same authority by which pastors absolve people of their sins, every one of us has been sent.

How does this make us feel? God has entrusted to us his greatest gift and sent us to deliver it to each other and to all those who don't know there is a gift waiting for them.

Moses didn't know God's name, didn't think people would believe him, didn't think he was a good enough speaker, and so thought God should send someone else. We can read all about it in Exodus 3 & 4. Yet God was able to accomplish such great things through him. The one thing God would not do is choose someone else. Moses would remain His chosen instrument.

I have some disturbing news for you. It's the same in our case. God won't choose someone else. Jesus has sent us even as the Father sent him, Jesus, the missionary to this sinful world. I ask how does this make us feel because he doesn't want us to just think about it. He wants us to do it and that means many of us will be dealing with emotions, questions, and doubts. But Jesus is with us. He will be with us in all of those encounters and conversations.

May God send his Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our faith, that as we celebrate Pentecost we also can celebrate that we have been sent. 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!



JOIN OUR GIVING DAY!

Support us and give back on June 3, 2022 12am-12am

For more information, go to NepaGives.org

NEPA GIVES - Friday, June 3rd

The Lutheran Academy is joining 250+ other area non-profits in Northeast PA for a 24-hour day of giving. We hope you will consider making a donation to The Lutheran Academy on June 3rd to help us wrap up the school year and be part of this history-making event.

Donations can be made that day via check or cash, or for your convenience via our NEPAGives fundraising page.

There will be incentives for us all day long, matching gift opportunities, and as a school we will be running promotions for YOU to be eligible for when you donate.

A full list of incentives and promotions will be shared mid-May on our website, Facebook, and NEPAGives fundraising page.

Please share with those you know who have a heart for education and would like to be part of this historic day.

CHIME CHOIR

Former academy student, Rachel Bonebrake, has volunteered to bring back a favorite music ensemble in our school this quarter. She is leading the Chime Choir each Wednesday afternoon! The group of twelve 4th-8th graders is preparing a special piece of music to be performed at the Academy Awards Night, Wednesday June 1st at 6:30pm.

All are invited to this event where we recognize the students' academic achievements for the 2021-22 school year.



TACO & TREATS Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser held on Saturday, April 30th at the Academy building. Photos and final amount raised will be shared in next month's newsletter.

To stay up-to-date, follow The Lutheran Academy Facebook page or visit our website, www.thelutheranacademyscranton.org.



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?"

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL LWML
ANTHRACITE ZONE SPRING RALLY!

SATURDAY MAY 7TH FROM
9:30 A.M.—3:30 P.M.

AT OUR SAVIOR, MT. POCONO
PRESENTATION BY CATHIE GESKE (GRACE HOP
BOTTOM) ON FAITH-FILLED FRUGALITY WITH
RECIPES, TIPS AND LIFE HACKS! HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

PLEASE RSVP TO
FRAN BIANCO BY MAY 1
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+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: On Christ's Ascension I Now Build #492

The author of this hymn, Joshua Wegelin, was born in Augsburg in 1604. In 1629, all the Evangelical churches were closed by Emperor Ferdinand III. Joshua served as a pastor, inspector, and later became a Doctor of Theology. He wrote twenty hymns, known for their simplicity.

Wegelin's hymn focuses us on Christ's ascension into heaven and the hope we have in the certainty of one day joining our Lord where He has gone before us. He reminds us that we are members of the body and where Christ is, we shall be there also, and the perfect trust we can put in Him.

"Since Christ's return to claim His throne
Great gifts for me obtaining
My heart shall rest in Him alone"

We know that our Lord prepares for us a place in heaven. With Wegelin, we to look forward to the day when we will join Christ in our eternal home.

Honoring Our Seniors

On Sunday, June 5th at the 10:30am service, we will recognize and honor our graduating high school seniors:

* Nora Betts * Monica Fornaszewski * Isabelle Kramer * Zachary Wilson

Meatloaf Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, May 21st
Peace Lutheran Church
TAKE OUT from 4:00-6:00pm
\$12 each

Dinner to include: meatloaf, potatoes, vegetable,
a roll, and dessert.

Tickets available for purchase at the church, or by
calling the office. Advanced purchase recommended.



Happy 175th Birthday LCMS!

Emperor Fredrick Wilhelm III of Prussia declared that for the 300th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 theses that all of the churches of Prussia had to unite. This meant a compromising of all of the churches beliefs so that they would be uniform. Rather then give up the biblical doctrines of the church, in some cases entire communities out of fear of the results, and because of the opportunities offered by the United States, decided to emigrate to America. In November of 1838, a group of over 500 Lutherans from Saxony set sail for the United States.

While in transit they named Martin Stephan to be bishop. They would eventually settle in Perry County, Missouri. Stephan would be removed from office after it was learned he was having intimate relations with several of the women of the group. After a year and a half of spiritual and physical struggling a new leader arose. C.F.W. Walther would emerge as the new leader.

After 175 years, the LCMS has over six thousand congregations, seven universities, 2 seminaries, and over two million members. Radio station KFUE is the oldest religion radio station in the nation and reaches 90 different countries. We are in a full doctrinal relationship with 35 other confessional Lutheran churches around the world. As a church body we work with over 300 recognized service organizations. The LCMS, a founding partner of Lutheran Services in America, serves one in every fifty Americans.

Our Mission Statement

In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.

Seven Mission Priorities

- Plant, sustain, and revitalize Lutheran churches
- Support and expand theological education
- Perform human care in close proximity to Word and Sacrament ministries
- Collaborate with the Synod’s members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness
- Promote and nurture the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of pastors and professional church workers
- Enhance early childhood, elementary and secondary education, and youth ministry
- Strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God’s design



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Life at Peace
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Birthdays

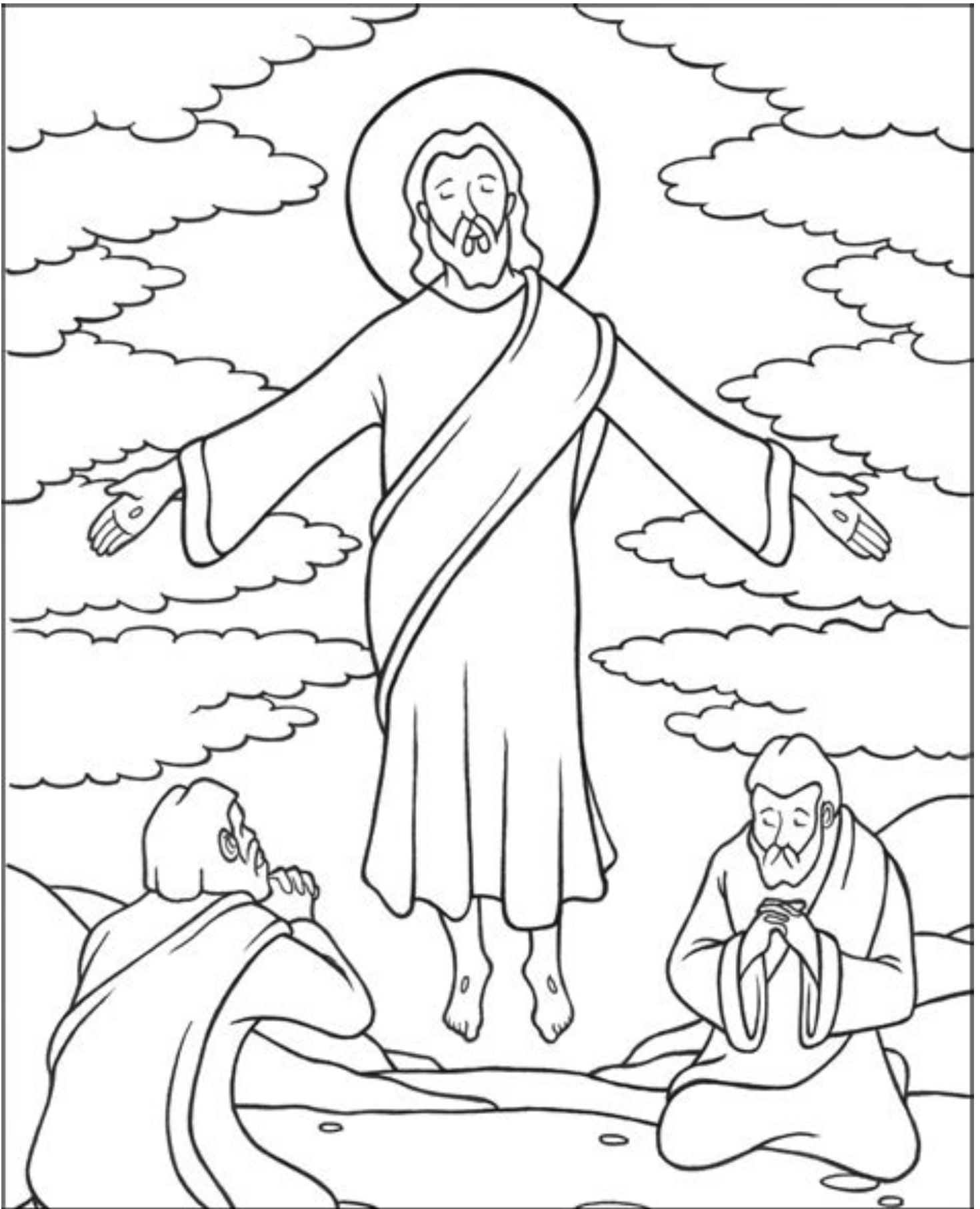
Michele Cherney	2
John Babbitts III	17
Frank Schulze	30

Baptism Birthdays

Emiline Black	29
Titus Black	29
Levi Black	29

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.



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MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rev. Aaron Mol, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clifton, NJ	2 Rev. Anthony Lovine, Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, New Milford, NJ	3 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lyndhurst, NJ	4 Rev. Robert Mueller, Rev. Christopher Schneider, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ	5 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Raritan, NJ	6 Rev. Robert Holsten, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Closter, NJ	7 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lambertville, NJ
8 Rev. Peter Wee, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Manalapan, NJ	9 Somerset Hills Lutheran Church, Basking Ridge, NJ	10 Saint John First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bridgeton, NJ	11 Rev. Eric Rieker, St. Paul Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Pompton Lakes, NJ	12 The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Stanhope, NJ	13 Trinity Lutheran Church, Morris Plains, NJ	14 Trinity Lutheran Church, Carneys Point, NJ
15 Rev. John Schroter, Trinity Lutheran Church, Cliffside Park, NJ	16 Tumani Kristo Lutheran Church, Jersey City, NJ	17 Rev. Matthew Hass, Village Lutheran Church, Lanoka Harbor, NJ	18 Rev. Thomas Pranscke, Rev. William Schmidt Sr, Zion Lutheran Church, Westwood, NJ	19 Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ	20 Zion Lutheran Church, Maywood, NJ	21 Christ Our Savior of the Valley Lutheran Church, Alderson, WV
22 Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Huntington, WV	23 Rev. Frank Ruffato, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Charleston, WV	24 Rev. Daniel Golden, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, WV	25 Rev. Stanley Lacey, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, WV	26 Rev. Christopher Stout, Abundant Life Lutheran Church, Chapel Hill, NC	27 Rev. Richard Loman, Advent Lutheran Church, Chapel Hill, NC	28 Rev. Jeffrey Ware, All Saints Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC
29 Rev. Steven Newberg, Ascension Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC	30 Augustana Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC	31 Rev. Eric Hollar, Bethel Lutheran Church, Claremont, NC	PRAYER CALENDAR <i>Praying for NJ, WV, and NC churches and for God to call men into the ministry. 14 of the 31 congregations on out prayer list this month do not have a pastor.</i>			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15am Worship Service with communion 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service with communion	2 [- - - - -]	3 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - - - - -	4	5 - - - - -	6	7 9:30-3:30pm LWML Rally at Our Savior, Mount Pocono
8 Mother's Day 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	9	10	11	12	13	14 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
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22 8:15am Worship Service with communion 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service with communion	23	24	25	26	27 Academy Field Day at McDade Park	28 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
29 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	30 Memorial Day	31	Looking Ahead June 1 6:30pm Academy Awards Night June 6 6:30pm TLA 8th Grade Graduation June 19 Summer Worship Hours begin			