

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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

"Thomas said to him (Jesus) Lord we do not know where you are going and how can we know the way?"
John 14:5

How often do we look to the future and get discouraged? Perhaps these quotes reflect some of our own thinking.

"What is happening to our young people? They disrespect their elders. They disobey their parents. They they ignore the law. They riot in the streets inflamed with wild notions. Their morals are decaying. What is to become of them?" Plato (423-347 B.C.)

"many thinking people believe America has seen its best days." Diary of James Allen July 26, 1775

Some look for comfort in the idea that we are in the end times and soon the tribulations we face will be at an end. I am not going to offer an opinion on whether that day is upon us, except to say every minute we're getting closer to when Christ returns.

Have we forgotten that we are in the age of Jesus Christ? This is not an age of secularism. Our Lord still reigns. If we see decline it is because the church chooses to withdraw from the fight. Not because we are losing the fight. Because the Gates of Hell cannot prevail against the church. Rather we withdraw because the effort to win seems too great.

While the church grows all over the world and Christians in other nations face persecution we are bemoaning the turmoil we see.

Where are all of these events leading? Truthfully, only God knows the answer to that. Just like Thomas confessed, though the disciples had been told, they did not know where Jesus was going. But unlike the disciples who would soon see Jesus arrested, tried, crucified and risen for our sakes and that of all humankind, we know the way.

We need to follow Christ wherever He leads. That means we need to be in Bible Study, prayer, worship, receiving the Lord's Supper and living out our faith in service to others. It means we need to be sharing our faith with everyone we meet that they to may come to faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The only thing that will change this world is leading the world back to Christ.
Do you eat with your co-workers at lunch? Then please invite me so I can get to know them. Or introduce me to your neighbors by inviting me over to sit and talk to them. Are you willing to host a Bible study or small group at your home? Talk to me so that I can meet your friends that way.

Where Christ is leading us, we know the way. It is to a deeper relationship with Him and a new relationship for those who don't already know Him.

May God help us not to become despondent over what we see in the world but to joy in what we know of Him who is unseen. Knowing that He has given us the knowledge of where all this will end, Eternal life with Him.

May God bless with the same zeal and energy to build the Kingdom of God as did those who have gone before us.

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

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. We especially pray for families with students in 4th-6th grade.

See You At The Pole 2022



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. Thirty 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!



It's Our Birthday!

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

A planning committee is being formed to lay out 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. We will be sure to include information in the weekly bulletins and each newsletter throughout the school year, and we hope you will join us as we celebrate Lutheran education. As always, please continue to lift the school in your prayers.

3rd Grader, Charlie, praying for President Biden and for the government as a whole to make wise decisions.

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.

MUM FUNDRAISER

We thank all who supported the first fundraiser of the school year and purchased mum vouchers to be redeemed at Jerry's For All Seasons. We are pleased to announce 160 mums were ordered which far exceeded our initial expectation!

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?"

Fall Fellowship Event

Sunday, October 23

Following the 10:30am worship service

Hamburgers, hotdogs & chicken will be provided by Peace. We ask if possible for members to bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. We will have games, music, and a wonderful afternoon of fellowship together.

We hope you will ALL be able to make this event. Please help spread the word to those we don't see regularly in worship and encourage them to come be in fellowship with us.

Please kindly RSVP on the sheet at the back of church or by calling the office at 570-703-0607 so we have a better count for planning purposes.

+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: **As Surely As I Live God Said #614**

Living and working just over the mountains from Saxony, the author of this hymn, Nicholas Herman, served as the master of a Latin school, Cantor, organist, and choirmaster. Many of his hymns were written to replace the secular songs he heard the children and their parents singing.

The text and title of the hymn is based primarily on Ezekiel 33:11 "Say to them, as I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live, turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, old house of Israel?"

Focusing on confession and absolution, Herman points us first to the preaching of God's pardon and grace to all. The person is then absolved of those sins and ends the process of receiving God's forgiveness with the praising of the Holy Trinity. This is an easy part of God's grace, that we receive, during our worship service for us to take for granted. May God make us ever mindful of the words of forgiveness we receive and the patience with which God treats us throughout all of our lives.

MEATLOAF DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 5

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.

BIBLE STUDY MINUTE

Do you know how dangerous it is to make fun of a bald prophet?
Read 2 Kings Chapter 2. No Lions and Tigers but a Bear. Oh my!



Saturday, October 1, 2022
2:00-4:00pm

Peace Lutheran Church
2506 N Main Ave, Scranton, PA 18508
(Corner of Parker and N Main)

THIS Saturday, October 1st from 2-4pm, bring your pet(s), invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets, and stop by and receive a blessing from Pastor Babbitts. ALL are welcome!

Many have been the memories related, that when Pastor Kern was at Peace, recycling led to a trip to Disney World for the whole congregation. We are going to attempt to recycle to take another trip. The destination will be determined later. So please start bringing any metal you have to church for recycling. This, of course includes all types of metal cans but also anything else metal: wiring, piping, (an engine), etc. If its metal the scrap yard will take it. After we earn our first amount, we'll post a thermometer in the Narthex with the destination. Then we'll have the fun of watching it grow until we get to our goal!



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.

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

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



RaisingOurKids.com

Moses led God's people out of the land of Egypt.

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2:00-4:00pm Blessing of the Animals 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
2 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service w/ Communion	3	4	5	6 6:30pm Council Meeting	7	8 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
9 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	10 COLUMBUS DAY	11	12	13	14	15 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
16 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service w/ Communion	17	18	19	20	21	22 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
23 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service FALL FELLOWSHIP	24	25	26	27	28	29 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	31	LOOKING AHEAD . . . November 5 Meatloaf Dinner Fundraiser 4-6pm				

