

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

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

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15*

Twice in this single sentence Mark shows us there are no boundaries to whom the word of God is to be shared. The verse begins with, Go! Too often in the modern church we sit behind closed doors waiting for people to come to us. Churches attempt to use marketing techniques to reach new people as if the church was a business. Many try to adapt worship and some even teachings and doctrines to what they feel will be appealing to those outside the church. The cross is removed from the altar because it is seen as offensive. Music is introduced that is inappropriate for worship. One mega church began one of their worship services with the praise band performing the song "Highway to Hell." This is done to bring people into the church doors. Numbers become more important than the message. Unfortunately, though in some cases well intentioned, if these strategies work people are coming for reasons other than Christ. Those following this route treat the church as if its success is based on pleasing a religious customer instead of the work of the Holy Spirit.

This is not what the scriptures tell us. Rather, scripture teaches that Christ is in charge of His church. That He is a very active presence in His church as a whole and in the local congregation and those who do not follow Him will be removed from His presence (Rev. 2:5).

To whom are we to share the gospel? Jesus tells us **ALL** the world and **EVERY** creature. This command also tells us what is the only appropriate message coming from the pastor and the pulpit. The Gospel is that exclusive message that can be preached.

So Christ in Matthew tells us (28:18-20) to Go, baptize and preach all that God has commanded. In John (20:30-31) we are told that the scriptures were written that we might believe in Jesus and in believing have eternal life. In Mark (16:15) now we are told to Go and preach the gospel. There seems to be a pattern forming here. Go preach the gospel. We will see if this pattern continues in the book of Luke next time.

However, we can see here in three of the first four books of the New Testament that the mission that the Father gave to the Son has been given to us.

Christ gave this mission to us. That makes our God a missionary God. We often think of missionaries as traveling to distant places to bring Jesus to people who have never had the opportunity to hear the name of Jesus, let alone be baptized and instructed in the faith. Jesus left Heaven that He could save us from sin, death and the Devil. Through the cross and His resurrection that mission was completed. We now have the joyous privilege of telling **all** the world and **every** creature what He has done.

Thanksgiving is coming up and I know we are grateful for many things. As we celebrate all God has given us as a nation and individually, let us show our gratitude in more than a remembrance of thoughts and tell someone about what Christ has done.

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!*

## WALK-A-THON



Our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser was a fun morning at Weston Field in Scranton on Tuesday, October 5th. We are extremely proud and impressed with the students for walking 70 miles collectively! When you add in the 40 laps the staff walked, The Lutheran Academy walked **80 miles** in just over 2.5 hours for christian education!

Our top walker/runner was Olivia who completed an impressive 32 laps = 8 miles!!! Way to go Olivia.



Our persistent and motivated walkers/runners seen here at the conclusion of the event.

## Halloween Party at TLA

Students enjoyed games and activities in their classrooms before ending the day with snacks and fellowship together. We are pleased 4 moms came to assist with the party and made the day extra special.



**Family Game  
Night  
November  
12**

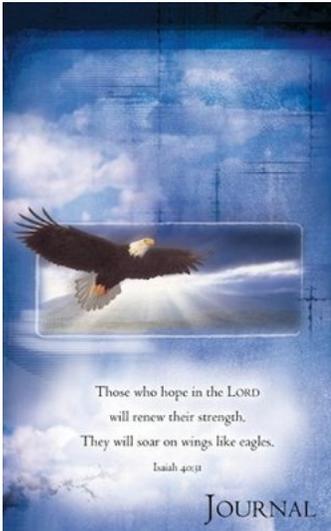
6:00-9:00pm  
Held at the academy  
building.  
1546 Monsey Ave,  
Scranton  
ALL invited to attend.

Bring a snack to share  
and come enjoy an  
evening of BINGO!

The Lutheran Academy offers open enrollment, which means as long as a spot is available in a classroom, a family can apply at any time during the year. Please continue to spread the word of our school.

# 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: Does the universe have a creator?

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 November is:  
**Does God exist?**

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.)

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*LADIES be watching for more information to be shared soon about a Christmas event in December here at Peace.*

**+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #338**

The eighteenth of nineteen children Charles Wesley wrote "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" along with 6,500 other hymns. He traveled with his brother John to the state of Georgia in 1735 as secretary to General Oglethorpe. In 1736 Charles returned to England two years later becoming an itinerant preacher for the next eighteen years. The words of His hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" prepares us not only for the celebration of the fulfillment of the promise of Christ's first coming but for His second coming as well. Wesley refers to our Lord as the one in which we find our rest, hope of all the earth, desire of every nation, and the joy of every longing heart. Why has Jesus come? Charles answers. He has come to set His people free and from fears and sins to release us. So in this world we pray as we sing that He would come and rule in hearts and then raise us up before His throne. With the constant conflict, anxiety and stress that surround us we sing this hymn and pray Come quickly Lord Jesus and wait with great expectation for His arrival.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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!

The Pot Roast Dinner fundraiser was held on October 16th. A HUGE thank you to **Jim Calpin** for once again making an amazing meal. We sold 68 meals and look forward to the next dinner in January. Thank you to members of the council for their help setting up, running, and cleaning up the meal. And thank you to ladies of the church for baking delicious desserts.

## A Look Ahead...

**Advent worship services** will be held at 7pm on Wednesday December 1st, 15th, 22nd (December 8th TBD)

Advent services each week will be preceded by a potluck dinner which will begin at 6 p.m. A sheet will be available to RSVP for the service and to sign up to bring a dish for dinner.

### Christmas Eve

5:30pm Family Worship Service  
8:00pm Candle Light Worship Service

### Christmas Day

NO Saturday Service

### Sunday, December 26

Regular 8:15 and 10:30am Services

### January 1, 2022

NO Saturday Service

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

Regular 8:15 and 10:30am Services



**Sunday, November 21** at 11:30am

Congregational Voter's Meeting

The 2022 Church and Lutheran Ministry Center budgets will be presented for congregational vote and approval.

## 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

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.



Give thanks

to the Lord.

Psalm 136:1

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rev Thomas Daly, Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City, AZ	2 Rev Gregory Rachuy, Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	3 Rev Troy Schmidt, Rev Miguel Torneire, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Tempe, AZ	4 Rev Timothy Barkett, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kingman, AZ	5 Rev Gary Henze, Grace Community Lutheran Church, Rimrock, AZ	6 Rev Jon Bjorgaard, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ
7 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	8 Hope Lutheran Church, Bisbee, AZ	9 Rev Paul Frank, Rev Nicholas Duerr, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mesa, AZ	10 Iglesia Lutherana Santa Trinidad, Tucson, AZ	11 Rev Gary Brown, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sierra Vista, AZ	12 International Friendship House IFH, Tempe, AZ	13 Kataling Village Assisted, Tucson, AZ
14 La Mesa, Mesa, AZ	15 La Rosa Senior Retirement Assisted Living Community, Tucson, AZ	16 Rev Andrew Cave, Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Lake Havasu City, AZ	17 Rev George Spicer, Rev Christopher Crume, Life of Christ Lutheran Church, Peoria, AZ	18 Rev Vernon Koehlinger, Living Water Lutheran Church, Buckeye, AZ	19 Lutheran Church of Masters, Phoenix, AZ	20 Rev Todd Arnold, Rev Nicholas Wirtz, Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior, Green Valley, AZ
21 Rev David Constien, Mesquite Lutheran Church, Mesquite, NV	22 Rev Roger Yoder, Messiah Lutheran Church, Parker, AZ	23 Rev Luther Esala, Messiah Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	24 Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ	25 Rev Isaac Wirtz, Mt Olive Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	26 Rev Kevin Wenker, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Peoria, AZ	27 Rev William Nadeau, Mountain of Faith Lutheran Church, Cordes Lakes, AZ
28 Mountain View Care Center, Tucson, AZ	29 Rev Mark Friedrich, Rev Tim Anderson, Mountain View Lutheran Church, Apache Junction, AZ	30 Mountain View, Tucson, AZ	<b>PRAYER CALENDAR</b> Pastors and Churches in Arizona			

