

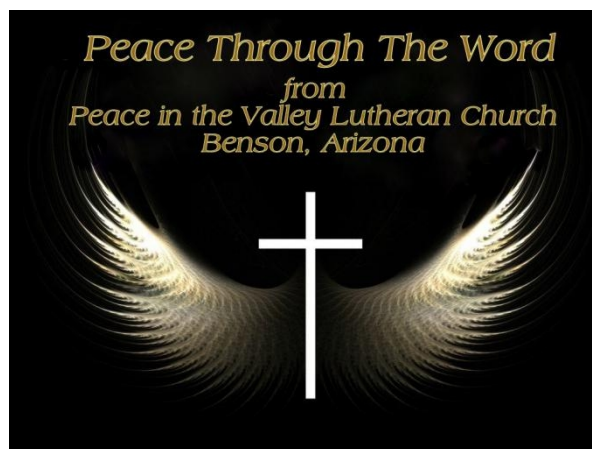


PITV HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER May 2021



MISSION *Statement*

To reach out wherever we can with the message of God's peace and renewal in His Son, Jesus, the Savior of the world. To follow Jesus and to share His story.



Pastor Ron York brings us
Peace Through the Word
Live at our Facebook Page
Monday-Saturday
usually at 8:30 A.M.



Pastor Ron is available to administer Holy Communion in his Church Office on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.



Adult Bible Study

Join the Adult Bible Study Group on Sundays immediately following Worship Service. They plan to begin John 10 - 'Jesus, The Good Shepard'

John 13:34 ESV

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.



Friendship Circle

Our Friendship Circle just donated another stack of quilts to both our local Hospice and to Quiburi Mission Home in Benson.

See the photos below.

This is also the group who make all types of sewing, knitting, and crochet items for our "Annual" Family Fun Festival. We pray we are able to hold this in 2021.



Our Covid-19 Safety Protocols

We practice social distancing and sanitizing. We do not mandate mask wearing and consider it a personal option. The Pastor and Elders wear masks and gloves for Holy Communion, which is also done with social distancing.

Beginning Sunday April 28th we are taking communion at the rail. Each person should maintain the distance they prefer. You may stretch your arms in both directions to keep others at a comfortable distance if that is your preference.

All Hymns are printed in the Bulletin. We do not yet pass the offering plates nor do we ask you to fill out attendance records. After Worship Service we exit from the back rows first working our way to the front rows.

Our cleaning service sanitizes each week and hand sanitizers are readily available in the Narthex and restrooms.

First Sunday Food Drive

Please mark your calendars on the first Sunday of each month for our food drive for the Benson Area Food Bank located at 370 S. Huachuca Street, Benson. You may bring donations to the Church or deliver them directly if that is your preference. Thank You!

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Website:

<http://www.pitvbenson.org>

Our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PITVLutheranChurch>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/pitvlutheranchurch>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEOlucD7FaRsz1SjyGUU92Q>

Or go to YouTube and search for
Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Tune in from 8:30 to 9:00 Sunday mornings to "The Lutheran Hour", Sponsored by PITV on KAVV radio, FM 97.7 & 104.1, or live stream online at CAVEFM.COM.

Pray for God's spirit to move in the hearts of people in the community.

"In our community, something like 85% of people are unchurched, likely unconverted. That's a huge mission field. And it seems that with every passing day the church is becoming less of a factor in people's lives. Pray that your church would be a lighthouse, a place where people discover the eternal truths of the gospel, where the Word would shine and the Spirit would convict hearts to repentance. Sometimes we get so program-oriented that we forget to pray for a mighty moving of the Spirit.

PASTOR'S CORNER

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Here we are into the month of May where summer is right around the corner along with its wonderful warm (hot) temperatures for which I truly love and enjoy as well as the wonderful Southern Arizona desert beauty. I really hope and pray that all of you enjoy this area that we are so fortunate to call our home. Cochise County is so beautiful

There is another beauty though that very much transcends that of Southern Arizona and that is rejoicing in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our gracious Lord has and continues to give to all of us more than ample reasons in which to rejoice constantly in him.

This rejoicing is not based on an emotional high, for emotions run the gamut from high to low and those emotions are very much contingent upon our respective circumstances. Rejoicing in the Lord Jesus Christ is based solely on FACTS and those facts are the facts of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not on human emotions.

So what are the facts of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? The facts are that Jesus loves people crazily. He loves them so much that he solves humanities greatest dilemma, that being our sinfulness. He came and lived the perfect life that is required of God for which we all are incapable of living. He then voluntarily paid the penalty for our sinfulness by willingly taking our place on his cross, shedding his blood for us so that we don't have to, redeeming us by that shed blood of his. He then rose from the dead in order to give to all humanity the assurance that Jesus is alive and well and to give to all humanity the victory over sin, death and The Devil, but he isn't done yet. He then gives to all of humanity his righteousness, his perfectness even though humanity doesn't even ask for it, he gives it to humanity anyway, making humanity 100% perfect in Christ, never sinned in ones entire life and as perfect as Jesus simply by trusting in the words of Jesus and resting in him, not seeking to try to do anything on your own for which is an impossibility anyway. This is given to us by faith solely by the power of The Holy Spirit.

As a result, all of us have every reason to be rejoicing in Jesus, to have smiles on our faces and real joy in our hearts being expressed in our actions and this is irrespective on our individual challenges that we maybe facing. St. Paul tells us to rejoice and again he says rejoice.

We rejoice in many things to include not only the above for which trumps everything else, but for how our gracious Lord continues to bless all of us here at PITV.

We have seen our people begin to return to corporate worship after being isolated due to Covid 19, which is a tremendous blessing. We have also witnessed how our Lord continues to bless our PEACE THROUGH THE WORD Ministry worldwide where people are daily being exposed to our Lords Gospel. We also were blessed to have Pastor Marcus Zill share with us the Campus Ministry at The University of Arizona.

Our Lord continues to bless us in so many ways allowing for us to rejoice all the time every time. And so as the summer months come upon us may all of us strive to be intentional in rejoicing in the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ each and every day. In The name of Our Lord.

Pastor

Pray for unity among God's people.

"The devil loves to divide and conquer. He loves to sow seeds of strife in a church. He loves to prey on the natural, human, sinful tendencies of God's good people. Unity has to be intentional. It's not natural. It must be a spirit-connected thing. It's fragile. And here's a secret. If you are praying for church unity, you will be spending less time focusing on the hurts and faults of others that moves to destroy that unity."

God Has a Good Plan for You

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st Don Theriaqué

11th Virgil Schmidt

20th Carol Hellickson

30th Paul & Colleen Porter's Anniversary



2021

Jan - April

Attendance 929

General Fund Offerings \$48,964.82

General Fund Expenses \$40,310.79

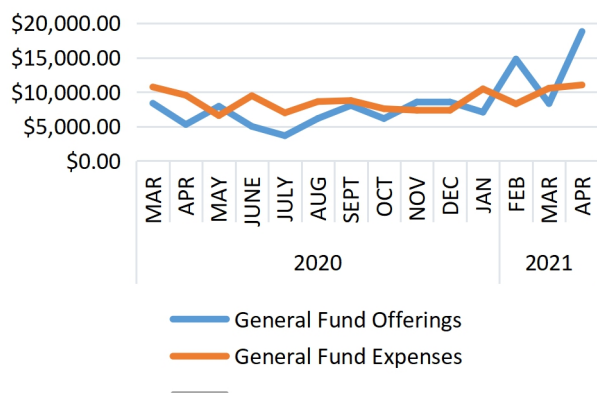
Offerings Less Expenses \$8,654.03

*Feb and April Offerings Include annual gifts.

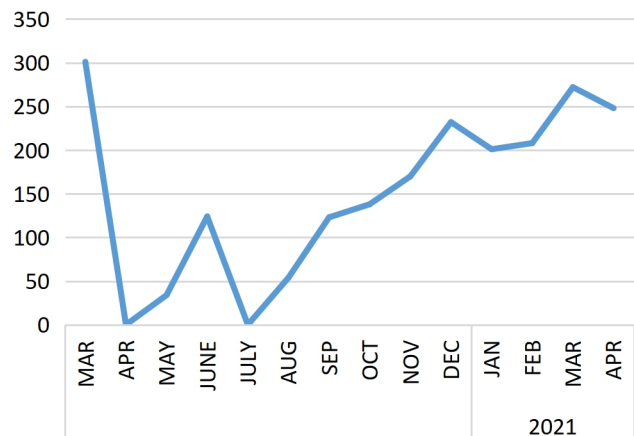
Thank you for your offerings and donations.

GOD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE!

Offerings & Expenses Mar 2020 - Apr 2021



Attendance Mar 2020 to Apr 2021



Attendance Information - Previous 12 Months

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to
Demonstrate God's love in a tangible
way to needy children around the world, and
together with the local church worldwide, to share
the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Dear Peace in the Valley Lutheran

Almost six months has passed since your project team packed OCC shoe boxes. We wanted to stay in touch with you and share praises from 2020.

The pandemic may have caused many changes in 2020, but it didn't stop the mission of Operation Christmas Child or your church. 2020 was a year like no other, but Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church and its members stayed faithful!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for all your efforts in helping to carry out the Great Commission, and share the exciting news about what God did as a result of the involvement of your church in this ministry. Peace in the Valley Lutheran members packed 13 shoebox gifts.

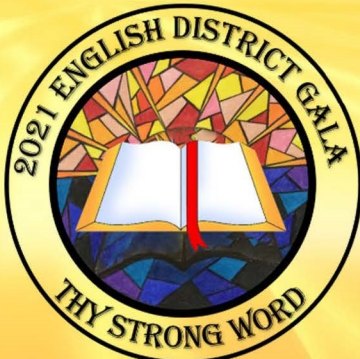
Due to the partnership of churches like yours a record 11,000 shoebox gifts were collected from our Southeast Arizona region alone. The shoeboxes that were collected from our region in 2020 are going to children in Ukraine, Mongolia, Philippines, Ecuador, Peru, the Pacific Island and a "Hard to Reach" (undisclosed) country. Each one of the 11,000 shoebox gifts represents an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a child.

7.8 million shoeboxes were collected from the United States, and globally 9.1 million boxes were collected in 2020. Please join with us as we continue to pray for the safe arrival of the gifts and God's blessing on the outreach events that are taking place. May He use these evangelism and discipleship resources to equip local churches to effectively reach children, families and whole villages for Jesus Christ and show His love for them in a tangible way.

May God continue to bless each of you richly,

Dan + Pat

Dan and Pat Barrera,
Your Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Coordinators

The logo is circular with a yellow border. Inside the border, the text "2021 ENGLISH DISTRICT GALA" is written in a semi-circle at the top, and "THY STRONG WORD" is written in a semi-circle at the bottom. The center of the logo features a stylized open book with a red bookmark, set against a background of colorful, abstract geometric shapes in shades of blue, purple, and yellow.

THY STRONG WORD
An on-line Virtual Gala of fun, fellowship and gracious giving.

You are invited to join the churches of the English District and their members for a Virtual Gala on June 13, 2021. The Gala is for the benefit of the District Endowment Fund which supports congregations, church workers and ministries in the district and around the world. You will hear from three of the missions that have received support in the past as well as from Rev. Marcus Zill with the University of Arizona campus ministry. Read *Servant to Servant* to stay connected with updates.

In the beginning, God spoke and it was so. **Thy strong word.**

Today ministry and mission work is done with our hands and feet, our actions and our words. **Thy strong word.**

God also inspires us to give of our treasures. **Thy strong word.**

Our English District has an Endowment Fund that assists congregations and pastors with ministry and mission work. The 2021 English District Virtual Gala is a time for our district to gather online and recognize the work of our ministries and missions that received assistance from our Endowment Fund. It is also an opportunity for all members and congregations to donate to this important fund so it may continue supporting our district's work in ministry and mission.

Join the English District on June 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time for the Virtual Gala—thy strong word. There will be inspiring speakers, award presentations, opportunities to donate, an online auction, a celebration of our missions, and beautiful music.

[Register here](#)

OR

Visit our English District website – www.englishdistrict.org.