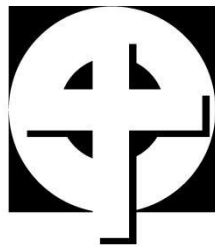




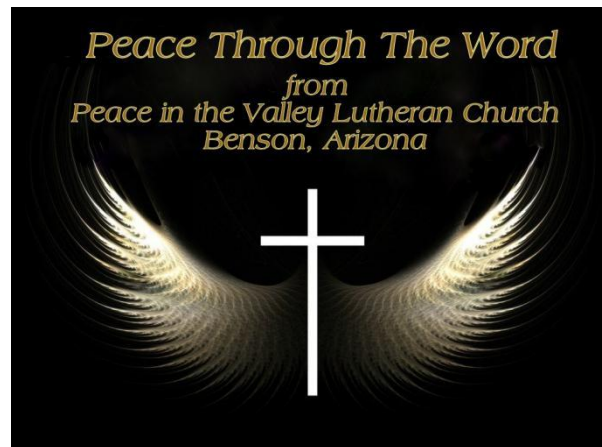
"I Love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your Glory dwells. Psalm 26:8

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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.



Friendship Circle

9:00 A.M. - Noon
Fridays at the Church.

Our Friendship Circle will be back in session on September 3rd. All are welcome to join us for sewing, crafts, and wonderful fellowship. We will follow CDC guidelines for masks. Please have one with you.



HOLY COMMUNION

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

"For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay." [Habakkuk 2:3](#) *ESV*



Food Pantry Needs

First Sunday Food Drive

Please mark your calendars. The first Sunday of each month is our food drive to benefit 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!*

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.



Please join us in prayer for:

Don Buchholz
Linda Carlson
Keith & Karen Corwin
Allen & Mary Edwards
Chuck & Muriel Hale
Carol Hellickson
Carolyn Henderson
Colleen Porter



Adult Bible Study

We encourage you to join the Adult Bible Study Group on Sundays following our fellowship time.

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Fellowship After Service

We are enjoying fellowship time immediately following Worship Service and pray you are able to join us for coffee and refreshments.

There is a sign-up sheet on the mail counter for those of you who are able to bring refreshments.



**Refreshments
Needed**



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

3rd John Skeeles

4th Derrick Fenn

8th Misty Seal

9th Muriel Hale

10th Jack & Pat Martin

15th Rudey Wittmer

19th Pat Martin

24th Bette Edberg

29th Bob Carlson

Our Covid-19 Safety Protocols

We practice social distancing and sanitizing. We do not mandate mask wearing and consider it a personal option.

On April 28th we began 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.



Entry into the Sanctuary is for prayerful preparation and quiet meditation.

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.

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

2022 Church Council Positions

It is that time of year again! Church Council positions need to be filled for 2022. You may express your interest in any of the positions. We especially need to fill the Stewardship and Evangelism chairs. There are sign-up sheets and job descriptions in the narthax. Please pray about how God wants you to serve.

All Positions:

President	Vice-President	Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary	Treasurer	Board of Trustees
Board of Elders	Board of Stewardship	
Board of Christian Education	Board of Evangelism	



2021

Jan - August

Attendance 1,603

General Fund Offerings \$77,126.71

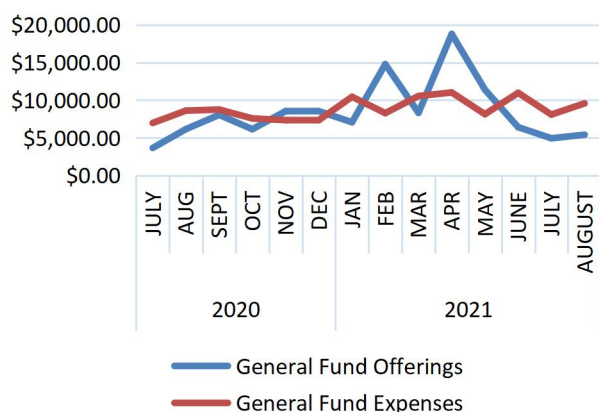
General Fund Expenses \$77,086.79

Offerings Less Expenses \$39.92

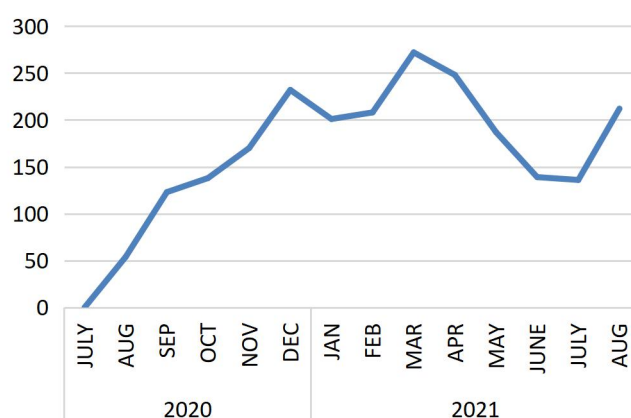
*Feb and April Offerings Included annual gifts.

Thank you for your offerings and donations.

Offerings & Expenses July 2020 - August 2021



Attendance July 2020 to August 2021



PASTORS CORNER

Summer 2021 has come and now this month has gone and the making way for fall. I trust that every one had a wonderful summer wherever you may have spent it. We all have received a wonderful blessing from our gracious Lord in the much needed monsoon season that we have experienced and so we give much thanks to our gracious Lord for his wonderful provisions.

We now look to September with much anticipation as to what our Lord has in store for us here at PITV as we enter the fall months here in beautiful Southern Arizona. Students are returning to classes in the public schools and universities and some of our people are returning from places back east and the midwest.

This month of September in addition to celebrating Saint Matthew we also celebrate Holy Cross Day on September 14 which is very much appropriate.

Holy Cross Day or the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a liturgical feast to honor the cross on which Jesus Christ our Lord was crucified, but why celebrate an item or source of execution anyway? What is the purpose or significance in celebrating? This celebration goes back to the year 335

The cross is the universal symbol of the Christian Faith and it represents our Lords victory over death. This feast or celebration celebrates the redemptive transformation of a most barbaric instrument of incredible torture, into a most divine tree of eternal life, for without the Theology of the Cross one would be eternally damned.

The Bible says that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Tremendous importance that is put on the cross of Jesus Christ. As a result of that the sign of the cross is made on the forehead and the heart of the new life that is given in Holy Baptism as a little baby or a grown adult. We also make the sign of the cross whenever in order to remind us that we have been made a child of God by Christs shed blood.

Jesus also prescribes the taking up of the cross in dying to oneself in order to follow him and so on this 14th day of September may our celebration of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ be a most inspirational and meaningful celebration for all of us. Incredible blessings to all of you from our Lord Jesus Christ by and through his Holy Cross,

In Christ, Pastor