



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

Psalm 26:8

PITV HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER December 2021

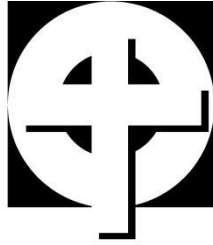
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



***Mid-week Advent Services:
7:00 PM, December 1st, 8th, 15th,
and 22nd.***

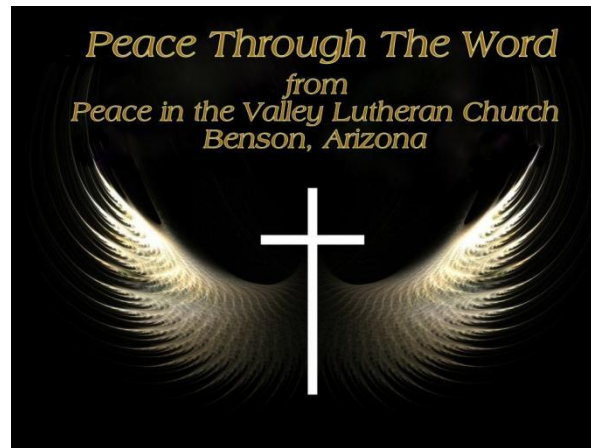
***Soup Suppers at 6:00 PM,
December 1st, 8th, 15th***

***Christmas Eve Service:
4:30 PM, December 24th.***



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.



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

6th Susan Whittemore
8th Jack Martin
19th Marcia Shields
23th Carol Rollins



Friendship Circle

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

All are welcome to join us for sewing, quilting, knitting, crafts, and wonderful fellowship. We will follow CDC guidelines for masks. Please have one with you.



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

A Restored Peace

For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is His name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth He is called. **Isaiah 54:5**



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!*



Adult Bible Study

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

A Gift to Share

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11



Please join us in prayer for:

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Our parishioners who are facing challenges at this time.

Fellowship After Service

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

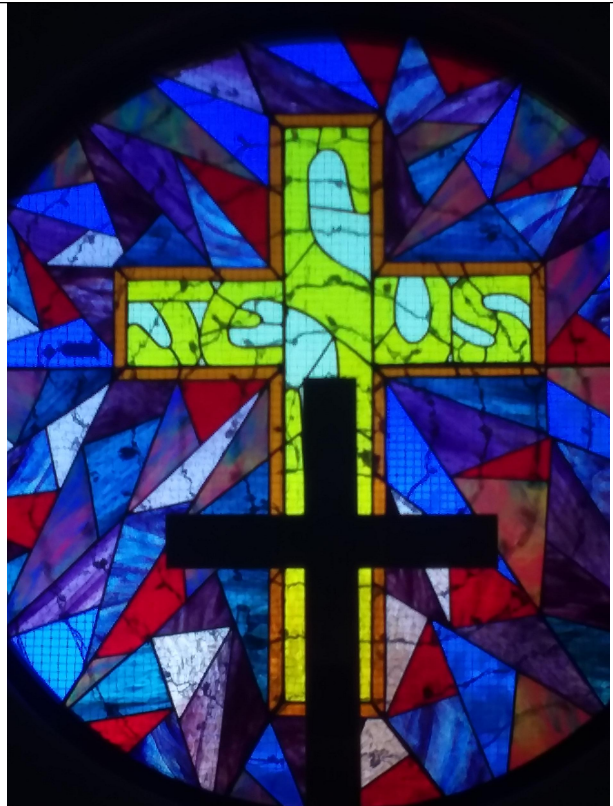
There is a sign-up sheet on the mail counter for those of you who are able to bring refreshments. *Thank you*



Our Covid-19 Safety Protocols

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

We offer Communion at the rail and individual Communion thereafter. 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.

Pastor's Corner

JESUS IS COMING¹ He most certainly is just like he did the first time but it won't look or be anything like his first coming at all. It will be totally different and it won't be restricted to a select few but rather every person in the world will see and witness it. The Bible says that it will also be a terrifying event for most people instead of a humbling event like the first coming and so are we prepared?

We most certainly can be prepared for our Lord give to us this unique time called Advent, immediately preceding Christmas in order for us to take inventory of our lives and then intentionally prepare for our Lords coming again and so I pray that all of us will take advantage of our mid-week Advent Services on Wednesday evenings beginning December 1, 2021 at 7PM to worship our Lord. This will be preceded by soup suppers at 6PM.

Christmas Day this year falls on a Saturday and so our Christmas Eve Service will be Friday evening December 24. We are planning a wonderful Christmas Eve Worship Service which will involve the children who come to PITV to participate. Therefore I

would like to encourage all of us to join the Christmas Eve Celebration Service on Friday evening Dec 24, 2021.

We have much to praise our Lord for in his coming to us and to all humanity as well as to this little church in Cochise County in Southern Arizona called Peace In The Valley Lutheran Church and so may all of us be very intentional in the sharing of the joys of Christmas in various ways and not only for this Christmas Season but for the rest of our lives here on earth. Please have a most blessed Christmas.

Pastor.



THE ADVENT WREATH

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

1st CANDLE – (purple/blue) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

2nd CANDLE – (purple/blue) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready"

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY!

4th CANDLE – (purple/blue) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!

5th CANDLE – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for His death, His death was for our birth