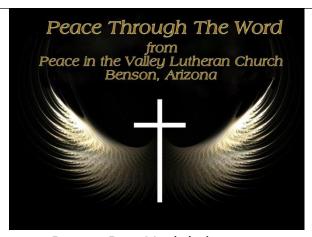


PITV HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER January 2022

### HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU.



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.



# **January Birthdays**

1st Carolyn Morrison
2nd Glenn Shields
5th Colleen Porter; Nancy Warner
6th Mary Edwards
15th Millie Rutherford
16th Betty Wade; John Hanusch;
Pastor York
24th Don Buchholz
29th Roger Brandt
31st Isabel York

Asking a Blessing at Mealtime

"The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord], and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16)

"Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts, which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Copied from Portals of Prayer



## **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.



**JAN. 24 - FEB. 20, 2022** 

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## **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.

### **Beyond Understanding**

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



Please join us in 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



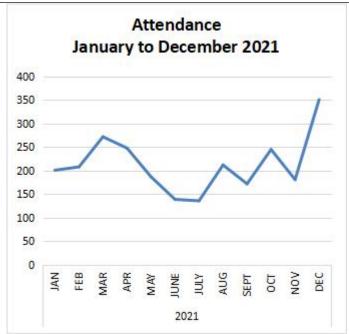


<u>2021</u>	<u>January -</u> <u>December</u>
Attendance	2,552
General Fund Offerings	\$113,228.06
General Fund Expenses	\$115,005.49
Offerings Less Expenses	-\$1,773.43

Thank you for your offerings and donations.

#### **GOD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE!**





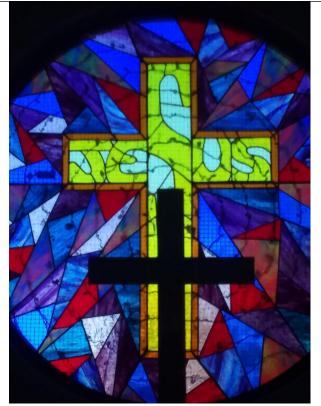
These numbers may change once the year-end reporting is completed.

#### **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.

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**

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Tremendous grace, mercies and peace continue to be yours in abundance in our Lord Jesus Christ and even at the close of 2021. Perhaps you might be breathing a huge sigh of relief however none of us knows for certain what is in store for us in 2022 with the exception of our gracious Lord.

One thing we do know for sure and not only for 2022 but for the rest of our earthly lives and that is that our Lord desires for us to grow in our relationship with him and with one another. That is a for certain not subject to any ones opinions or negotiations. That my brothers and sisters can only happen through attendance and use in worship and Bible Study.

Our Lord takes this realization very seriously for he stipulates a commandment in which to govern it. Notice also that it is a commandment and not a suggestion or recommendation and it is from the Lord not me or our denomination. That Commandment is the Third Commandment of the Ten Commandments of God, that being Remembering The Sabbath Day by Keeping It Holy. So as Dr. Martin Luther says in his catechism, what does this mean? It means that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and teaching and his Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

Notice first of all the two emotions connected with this Commandment in order to make it necessary for its compliance. Fear and Love, which means utmost respect, an intentional doing of due diligence, along with a strong devotion born out of love for our Lord. Then notice what we are not to do, that being not to despise the Word of God, but gladly hear and learn it.

Gods Word leads us to delight in His wonderous works of creation and redemption. We therefore fear and love God by not despising or neglecting his word. We despise and neglect Gods Word by failing to gather together in worship in order to receive Gods Word and Sacraments and by rejecting or disregarding Gods Word. Conversely we fear and love God by taking time to reflect on his Word for which is realized by treasuring Gods Word as being sacred and devoting ourselves to His Word in private devotion and public worship and Bible Study.

Historically Bible Study is not very well attended in our churches and PITV as well, yet it is within that forum that much spiritual growth in our relationship to our Lord and to one another takes place and is realized. It is unfortunate that most people equate their worship experience to barely one hour of public worship thinking all along that is sufficient nourishment for their spiritual lives. It most certainly is not!

I would therefore like to encourage all of us as we move forward in 2022 to be intentional in making our worship experience to include Bible Study as well in order to really grow in our individual relationship with Jesus and our community relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. I think you will see a very real and tremendous difference. What have you got to lose? See you in Bible Study in 2022.

**Pastor**