



FROM THE PASTOR

As we begin the Reformation month of October, it would be a good refresher course to reread (*or to read for the first time!*) to monumental work of Martin Luther, "The Bondage of the Will" At the end of the historical and theological introduction it says,

"SOLA FIDE, SOLA GRATIA, SOLI DEO GLORIA!"

For those less astute in Latin, the meanings are:

Sola Fide - By faith alone ...

Sola gratia - By grace alone ...

Soli Deo Gloria - Glory to God alone ...

Of course those are only 3 of the 5 solas of the reformation, the other 2 being,

Sola scriptura - By Scripture alone...

Solus Christus - By Christ alone...

Since we often don't consider these truths in depth at other times of the year, I thought it wise to bring them before you during this month when on the last Sunday celebrate the courage and fortitude of Martin Luther who on October 31, nailed the 95 Theses (Statements for discussions) on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This month we will review the first three, next month I will continue with the last two solas.

Sola Fide: Justification by Faith Alone

The "**Material Principle**" of the Reformation was justification by faith alone. As the Lutheran Confessions says,

As the Westminster Confession of Faith says, "Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification:

yet is it not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but worketh by love." The Genevan Confession likewise pointed out the necessity of those justified living by faith saying, "We confess that the entrance which we have to the great treasures and riches of the goodness of God that is vouchsafed us is by faith; inasmuch as, in certain confidence and assurance of heart, we believe in the promises of the gospel, and receive Jesus Christ as he is offered to us by the Father and described to us by the Word of God (Genevan 11).

As the Scripture says: *Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations shall be blessed in you." So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer. For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them." Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "**The righteous man shall live by faith.**" (Galatians 3:6-11)*

Sola Gratia: Salvation by Grace Alone

A central cry of the Reformation was salvation by grace. Though the Roman church taught that Mass is a "sacrifice [which] is truly propitiatory" and that by the Mass "God...grant[s] us grace and the gift of

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penitence, remits our faults and even our enormous sins" -- the reformers returned to the biblical doctrine of salvation by grace through faith. Our righteous standing before God is imputed to us by grace because of the work of Christ Jesus our Lord. In contrast to the doctrines of self-merit taught by Rome, sola gratia and the accompanying doctrines of grace - - total depravity, unconditional election, particular redemption, and perseverance of the saints -- were preached by all the reformers throughout the Protestant movement. As the Baptist Confession of 1689 says, "Christ, by his obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are justified; and did, by the sacrifice of himself in the blood of his cross, undergoing in their stead the penalty due unto them, make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice in their behalf;...their justification is only of free grace, that both the exact justice and rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners."

As the Scripture says: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. (Ephesians 1:3-8)*

Soli Deo Gloria! For the Glory of God Alone

The Reformation reclaimed the Scriptural teaching of the sovereignty of God over every aspect of the believer's life. All of life is to be lived to the glory of God. As the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks, "What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." This great and all consuming purpose was emphasized by those in the 16th and 17th Centuries who sought to reform the church according to the Word of God. In contrast to the monastic division of life into sacred versus secular perpetuated by Roman Church, the reformers saw **all of life** to be lived under the Lordship of Christ. Every activity of the Christian is to be sanctified unto the glory of God.

As the Scripture says: *Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God; Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. **For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.** (1CO 10:31; 1PE 4:11; REV 1:6; 2PE 3:1; EPH 3:21; REV 7:12; ROM 11:36)*



Holy Cross

Please Join Us! **FALL 2023**
MISSIONFEST
 October 28 | 5:00-8:00 pm

Dinner • POBLO Update • Live and Silent Auction

Join us Saturday, October 28th from 5-8:00 pm for our Fall Mission Fest. We will have dinner, a silent auction, as well as a live(ly) auction! As always, we depend on **donations of new items for the auctions**. Some ideas are gift cards to restaurants, stores, beauty, sporting events, entertainment, etc. as well as decor items, small gift baskets, food items, gifts for children, things that appeal to men, etc. Beginning **October 8th** your items can be placed in the Preschool room on the designated tables. **Please fill out BID sheets and place with your donation(s)**.

Also, beginning October 8th, **tickets** (free) will be available in the Commons. Tickets are for meal planning purposes; we wouldn't want to run out of food!!



We will be blessed to meet and hear from the new missionary for POBLO Twin Cities, Issa Safadi, about what is new at our



International Friendship Center. All monies raised will be for Haiti to purchase food as well as for supporting Sarah Parrish, from Immanuel Fish Lake. Sarah will be serving in Costa Rica for two years as a mission partner with Mission of Christ Network. Immanuel Fish Lake has been invited to participate and will have tickets available for their members. Questions can be directed to Buffy Mobroten or Pam Hunter.

THRIVENT GRANTS NEEDED!



Please see Buffy Mobroten or Pam Hunter for our upcoming events and how to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant to help support Mission Outreach. For every policy you own, you are eligible to have Thrivent donate \$250 twice a year to help support our efforts.

HAPPENINGS

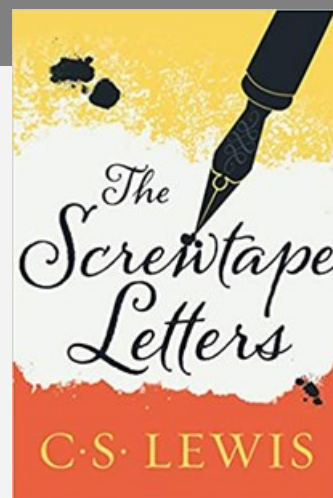


NOTE TIME CHANGE!!

Please submit all articles for the Happenings by Wednesdays at 10 am! We also need some new and fresh content for the Happenings, so if you have any great ideas, please send them over to megan@holycross-pl.org.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Sunday Morning Study as we look at the C.S Lewis’s book ***The Screwtape Letters***. It is a brilliant and satirical look at spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation. Screwtape, a senior demon in the bureaucracy of Hell, writes letters to his incompetent nephew Wormwood, a junior devil. The younger demon’s assignment is to corrupt a young man living in London during the tumultuous days of World War II. Using Scripture references, discussion questions, and related commentary, we will examine each letter through a Christian lens of morality, temptation, and good and evil. There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight. Join the Study if you haven’t been here, discussion on these topics should be enriching for all.



- Jocelyn Einarson October 4
- Donna Hoehn October 5
- James Anderson..... October 6
- Brian Fitzwater October 7
- Evan Kruse October 9
- Harold Brunner..... October 11
- Allie Wagner October 15
- Dorene Oak..... October 19
- Bryce Olson October 20
- Ruth Lein October 23
- Laura Petrie October 24
- Thomas Lein October 29

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request on Sunday, please fill out the form in the pew and put it in the offering plate. Pastor will include them in Prayer of the Church during the service. You can also email weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to megan@holycross-pl.org.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next Church Council meeting will be **Monday night, October 9th, at 7:00 pm**. All members of the boards are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.



NEWSLETTER REMINDER!

Reminder to get you newsletter additions in to Megan by the 15th of each month. **We’d love to have some new ideas, articles, anything you find relevant to add to the Newsletter!**



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas with Dignity

CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY (CWD)

Hospitality House Youth Development (HHYD) sponsors **CWD** each December which allows families to buy presents for their children at 10 cents on the dollar. This year it is on Friday, December 8th. This "help-up" as opposed to "hand-out" approach offers Twin Cities Metro families a way to share in the joy of giving while preserving the self-respect and dignity of those in financial need.

We will be collecting **NEW, unwrapped toys** through Sunday, December 4th. Gift ideas will be posted on the Missions board. This info is also at <https://hhyd.org/christmas-with-dignity/donate-to-christmas-with-dignity/>. Monetary donations for purchasing larger gift items are also accepted and can be made online. There are **volunteer opportunities** the first week of December at HHYD to help set up as well as on sale day. Questions? Talk to Pam Hunter.

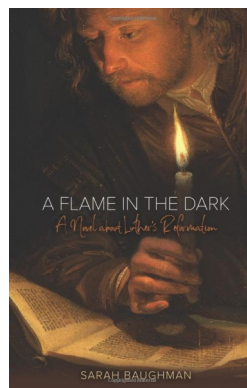
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Holy Cross will once again collect shoebox donations to be distributed throughout the world through Samaritan's Purse. The display will go up mid-October.

A goal page for Holy Cross has been set up where one can also "build-a-box" online. The link is <https://sampur.se/3YJyji> or scan the QR code. Collection deadline is November 14th.



BIBLE BOOKENDERS

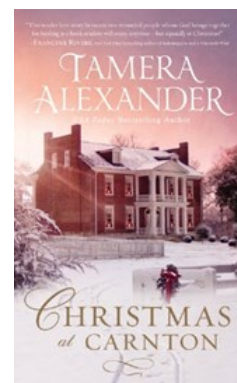


Our next Bible Bookenders meeting will be **Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm**. Our selection is *A Flame in the Dark - A novel about Luther's Reformation* by Sarah Baughman. This rich and authentic historical fiction novel is set against the backdrop of the Reformation, showing how the reverberations of this religious

reform echoed throughout the world and in the lives of ordinary people.

For January Bible Bookenders we will be reading *Christmas at Carnton* by Tamera Alexander on **Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 pm**.

Invite your friends to join us, all are welcome, men, women and teenagers. Questions? Ask Bonnie Nowak, Patricia Harvey or Michele Lein.



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



THANK YOU...

- For the countless times you have stretched out your hands in service to others in times of need.
- For the early Sunday mornings and many hours in preparations for your sermons.
- For the thousands of prayers you have prayed for your congregation and others.
- For the time spent out of church to help those who needed help or need a friend.
- For not judging people, and always embracing everyone with open arms.

2 MINUTE MULTIPLIER

FIVE TWO

A WEEKDAY 2-MINUTE DEVOTION THAT HELPS YOU SEE JESUS AT WORK IN YOUR WORLD

Offspring

Before my grandmother went to heaven we took time to sketch out the family tree. We wanted an accurate picture of who begat whom. How all the old photos fit together to make one giant family portrait. This was before internet sites. Before you could enter a name. Click a button. Up pops a generation map.

Hearing it from a person complete with stories brought the names to life. How this WWI photo of two brothers went with that set of parents. How the somber wedding party photo hanging in our guest bath includes my grandmother as the tow-headed flower girl. The black-clad weathered couple above the piano? Great-great-grandma and papa. (You can see the Comanche genes in her pointy nose and elongated earlobes.) People give birth to people. You're only here because of someone else.

So, too, in the Family of God. The Bible author Paul writes of Timothy, his "true son in the faith." Numerous times Paul refers to Timothy with deep relationship words. "I have no one else like him...as a son with his

father he has served with me in the work of the gospel."

Heart words. Words we'd typically use for offspring we would sacrifice ourselves for. Paul uses them for spiritual offspring. A young man who joined Paul in life-long ministry. A young man Paul poured into throughout his life.

Who played a role in you being who you are spiritually? Who shared the Good News of Jesus with you so the Holy Spirit could birth you into God's Family? Who is your spiritual father or spiritual mother? For whom are you?

God's Kingdom grows as God's people share Jesus. Who He is. What He did. What He's promised and secured for all who belong to His Family. You're in God's Family because someone told you about Jesus. Who's next to you because you did the same?

Rev. Bill Woolsey
President and Founder
FiveTwo Network

Sign up to receive the *2 Minute Multiplier* emailed to you! www.fivetwo.com/2mm



Keep the LWML Sunday Celebration Going! Did you miss LWML Sunday? Don't worry, through the month of October, you'll find a large purple Mite Box in the back of church where you can drop your mite monies. Need a Mite Box? Pick one up at the same spot and start filling it today. Your donation will make a difference and help spread the Gospel around the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Sunday school times for the upper elementary and youth classes have been updated to 10:15-11:15 am. The Pre-K/Kindergarten time is 10:30-11:15

am. The Sunday School youth class will be studying Lutheran Basics followed by Heresies, led by Michele Lein. Bonnie Nowak's upper elementary class is studying the OT as is the Pre-K/Kindergarten class led by Pam Hunter. Sunday school's October schedule has been adjusted: on October 22nd there WILL be Sunday School, on **October 29th there will NOT be Sunday School.** If you have questions, speak with your child's Sunday school teacher.

**October 1****Pentecost 18**

LWML SUNDAY

Isaiah 2:1–5

1 Peter 2:4–10

Rev. Robert Nowak

Psalm 24:7–10

Matthew 11:25–30

October 8**Pentecost 19**

"Divine Osmosis"

Isaiah 5:1–7

Philippians 3:4b–14

Isaiah 5:1–7

Ps 118:19–24

Matthew 21:33–46

October 15**Pentecost 20**

"POBLO Updates and Vision"

Exodus 32:1–14

Philippians 4:4–13

Rev. Issa Safadi

Psalm 106

Matthew 22:1–14

October 22**Pentecost 21**

"Two Kingdoms, One God"

Isaiah 45:1–7

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

Psalm 96

Matthew 22:15–22

October 29**Reformation Sunday**

"We are Beggers, This is True"

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36

Psalm 46

John 8:31–36

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9 Church Council Meeting**October 24** Bible Bookenders**October 28** Fall Mission Fest**October 29** Voter's Meeting

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH



Main Street Living is an hour-long Lutheran television program that airs new episodes each Sunday morning. The Twin Cities program is broadcast at 9 am Central time on WFTC channel 29/9-2. Each Sunday, viewers enjoy a 30 minute remastered episode of "This is the Life," a popular Lutheran Hour Ministries series from the 70s and 80s. The episode is followed by a modified Lutheran worship service—led by a different local pastor each week. Main Street Living (Twin Cities) is endorsed by the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; however, the program receives no funding from the District. It is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the WFTC viewing area.

www.mainstreetliving.com/twincities

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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The membership directory has been updated! You can pick up a new copy in the back of the church. If your contact information is incorrect or needs updating, please let Megan know.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Did you know Holy Cross has a form to help you with your funeral planning or that of a loved one? It is available to you to fill out and it will be kept on file at Holy Cross. Alleviate the stress of an already stressful time and plan your service in advance. See Megan for a form.

THE REFORMATION



The Reformation

Out of the reformers' struggles came a theology based on Scripture and a way of reading Scripture that shook medieval Christianity. The following phrases sum up the three principles at work in reformation theology.

Sola Scriptura

"By Scripture Alone" means that Only God's Word is our sure guide for faith and life, not any human teachings or traditions.

Sola Gratia

"By Grace Alone" means that only through God's undeserved love are we made righteous (perfectly holy before God for Christ's sake), not through any human decision or achievement.

Sola Fide

"By Faith Alone" means that only trust in God's promises, not our efforts, receives God's justification. His declaration that we are "not guilty" for Christ's sake.

THE MASTER GREETER

Actions that Build a Friendlier Church

Reach out to new, unknown people and the seldom spoken to. Don't expect them to come to you. Perhaps the



hardest part of making new friends is reaching out to them. We want to hold back and not extend ourselves because we are uncertain how they will accept us, but let us look at them from their point of view. They are thinking the same things we are. They deeply desire to be wanted and accepted. They want to build good friendships with others. They are holding back because they are uncertain how you will accept them. You be the one to break this stalemate. You be the one to extend the smile and the handshake. You be the one to satisfy the friendship needs of both of you.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY - OCTOBER 2023

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or de-ceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC 1)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Je-hovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has giv-en to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry
lcms.org/stewardship

THE LUTHERAN HOUR



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am. And it can be streamed online too, www.lhm.org. Check-out LHM's daily devotions too.

October 8

"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23)

October 15

"Help the World Rejoice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80. (Psalm 80)

October 22

"Matching Pace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13)

October 29

"What People Are For"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Psalm 46:1)

VOTER'S MEETING



VOTER'S MEETING The next Voter's Meeting will be held on **October 29th at 10:15 am.**

TIME OF GRACE



Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Subscribe to **Time of Grace**

(www.timeofgrace.org) resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions.

Pastor Mike Novotny • The Core, Appleton, WI • KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am

COFFEE SERVERS

Coffee servers for the month of October are:

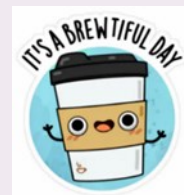
October 1 – LWML

October 8 – Dave & Carol Albrecht

October 15 – Ralph & Allie Wagner

October 22 – Denny & Vicki Case

October 29 – Norma & Evelyn Jabs



If you are not able to serve on your assigned day, please find an alternate to fill in, and make the notation on the serving list on the bulletin board. Thanks!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us every from **Tuesday at 8-9:00 am** for Community Light Hope Revealed – Revelation Part I (Chapters 1-10). Community Light



School of Discipleship is an online Bible study designed to help each of us to grow as disciples to make disciples. These free series equip participants with the resources to go and make disciples wherever God has planted them. Community Light School of Discipleship is a ministry of Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina, MN, in partnership with Concordia University, St. Paul and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Minnesota South District.

IMMANUEL LUNCH



You are invited to join Immanuel for Lunch and Fellowship!

WHEN: October 18, 2023, at 11:30 AM

WHERE: Immanuel Lutheran Church Fish Lake
20200 Fairlawn Ave.
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, green beans, pumpkin pie & beverage. There will also be games and entertainment. **Please call the church office for reservations 952-492-6010.**

POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE



Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers polka worship service at Immanuel Fish Lake on **Sunday October 22 at 10:30 am**. There will be a German dinner served from 11:00-12:30 pm that includes German meatballs, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut with pork, German red cabbage, corn, pie and beverage. Cost is \$12 a plate. Sponsored by Teen's in Christ.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Cross View Lutheran Church Men's Breakfast featuring special guest **Mike Max of WCCO** sharing about "The Faith to be a Grinder"



Saturday, October 14
8:00-10:00 am
\$20 per person

Bring a friend or neighbor to join you for a great morning of fellowship with Christian men.

Contact Dave Wagner (dave@ambrosiacoffeemn.com) or Dan Battcher (dtbattcher@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out with the event or future Men's Ministry events.

Register at www.crossview.net/men or scan the QR code.





OCTOBER 2023

A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 LWML Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Bible Study 10:15 am Sunday School	2	3 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting	4 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due	5 7:00 pm Choir Practice	6	7 Women on a Mission
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