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The 95 Theses

- Pastor Sorenson

Everyone knows the story, at least a little bit. On All Hallows' Eve (that is October 31, the night before All Saints' (Hallows') Day on November 1), a monk named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses onto the church doors at Wittenberg, Germany. This act ignited the Reformation and the rest is history.

If you dig a little deeper, you'll probably find people talking about how scandalous this action was. "How dare Luther nail something to the church doors!" is often their cry, even though in reality the church doors in those days served like a bulletin board with many things being nailed to them. Or you'll hear people discuss how brave Luther was to take on the Roman Catholic Church with such an action.

While both of these, and many other interpretations that get thrown around, may be fun to consider, the truth of this event is a bit more boring. For this action was really more of an academic exercise. Luther was doing what everyone did in those days in a college town. He was posting a list of theses (essentially topics, assertions, or claims) that he was hoping they could debate and discuss in pursuit of finding the truth. It was hardly a scandal and it wasn't as heroic of an action as we may want it to be.

The real magnificence of this moment, however, was what was contained in those 95 Theses. Some of them were wrong or missed the mark slightly, which is alright because they opened a door to clarify the truth. Others, though, were marvelous and focused the discussion back on Scripture and justification through faith in Christ alone.

If you have never read or heard some of these theses, here are a few good ones to hear.

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, said "Repent" (Mt. 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.

36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.

37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.

62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.

94. Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell.

95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22).

As we celebrate the 505th anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses this year, let us remember what was truly important in this event. The Gospel was being preached. Christ was at the center. The forgiveness of sins, without any need of payment or indulgence, was proclaimed once more to God's people.

Thanks be to God, therefore, that through Martin Luther the Church was reminded that her true treasure is the Gospel and that she should follow Christ, her Head, through all things unto life eternal. As true as this was back then in 1517 AD, it remains true for us today and for all the days yet to come. Soli Deo Gloria! To God alone be the Glory! Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum! The Word of the Lord endures forever!

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Worship Service Update: For each service, the radio transmitter will still be used and the sermon and readings will be posted on the website.

Bible Studies In-Person:

- **Sundays:** We are studying the minor prophets Sunday mornings after worship. This month we will study the prophet Micah.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** We will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM as we study 1 & 2 Peter.
- **Book of Concord Study:** Second Sunday of the month, October 9th, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Formula of Concord and we will have a pitch-in dinner following the study.

Online Bible Study: Resources, including full Bible studies and devotional videos are available on our church Youtube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzA1mStTKU8Sb0ia1OjDrPg>).

Sermons and Devotional Resources:

- Weekly sermons will be posted on our church website (<http://www.stpeterwaymansville.com>) on the sermon page under the "At St. Peter" tab. (Direct link to that page -http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=417)
- You can also find helpful resources for your home devotions on the "Devotional Resources" page under the "Resources" tab (http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=489). Now is a great time to begin, continue, and strengthen a home devotional pattern by yourself and with your family.
- Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. You can drop by and pick one up or contact Pastor or the church office to have one delivered.

Lord's Supper: If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper during this time, please contact Pastor Sorenson via call, text, or email. His phone number is 812-371-1151 and his email is pastoresorenson@gmail.com. He would be happy to meet you at the church for this purpose or to bring it to your home, making sure at all times to take the necessary safety precautions.

May these resources assist you as you continue to hear the Word of God and cry out to Him in prayer.

150th ANNIVERSARY FOLLOW-UP

Cookbook: The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! They are available for \$20 each. Proceeds will benefit the 150th anniversary celebration events and the general fund. Grab one for yourself, your family, and your friends! They also make great birthday and Christmas gifts!

Cat's Meow: Cat's Meow cutouts of the church to celebrate the 150th anniversary are available for \$20 each. You can pick one up on Sunday mornings or during the week.

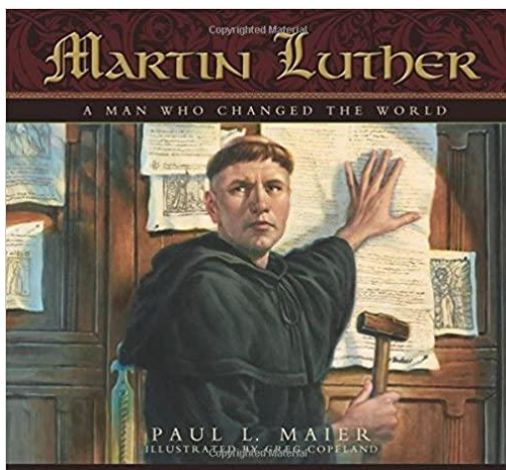
IN OUR PRAYERS

Throughout the year, this space will be used to encourage you to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Peter in your prayers. As you pray for them, you may even ask them how you can pray for them. Families will be listed in alphabetical order throughout the year. During this month, you are encouraged to pray for:

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| • Linda Themer | • Ron & Diana Toburen | • Chris, Tina, & Lydia Trimpe |
| • Jean Thomas | • Tom & Brenda Tracy | • Nick & Deborah Trimpe |
| • Max, Kelly, Kyle, & Jenna Thomas | • Greg & AJ Trimpe | |
| • Jerry & Bonita Thompson | • Carolyn Trimpe | |

GENERAL INFORMATION

Amazon Smile: St. Peter is now on Amazon Smile! Amazon Smile is a donation platform for different organizations. When you go onto Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), you can order items that are on Amazon just like normal and .05% of your purchase will be matched by Amazon and donated to the church! Just make sure to select our church as the donation, and they do the rest! If anyone has any questions, please contact the office at waymansvillestpeter@yahoo.com or at (812)390-5980 (Camden)



Book of the Month: The Book of the Month will be available in the Parish Hall library for you to look through and read. You may take the book home to read as well, but we ask that you please do not hold onto it for too long so other people can enjoy it as well. The October Book of the Month is *“Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World”* by Paul L. Maier. Here is an excerpt from the book: “Our loving God helps His people turn from sin and error. In the Old Testament, He sent prophets to warn them. In the New Testament, He even sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to reform and save the world. And in the centuries since then, God sent others to keep the church pure. The greatest of these was Martin Luther, an extraordinary man who started the Reformation just when the church needed it most. Martin was born at Eisleben in Germany in 1483 – nine years before Columbus sailed to America! In those days, the Christian church no longer based its beliefs on

the Bible alone. It had actually invented new doctrines and practices that Jesus and His apostles had never taught. Sadly, too, the church leaders of that time, far from setting a good example for their people, sinned worse than the people did! Martin Luther would change all that.”

Board Positions: At our October voters’ meeting, we will elect new board members for the positions of chairman, financial secretary, and practical services. If you would be willing to serve in any of these roles, please let a current board member know.

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting: We will have our quarterly voters’ meeting on October 2nd following the worship service.

College Outreach and Care: As a new school year begins, we will continue our college outreach and care program for our college students. If you are going to college (or know a member who is going to college), please let Pastor Sorenson know so he can add you to the list.

Thrivent Action Teams: If you have any Thrivent policies or products, you are eligible for two action teams a year. An action team includes \$250 seed money and may be used for a fundraiser, an educational event, or a service activity. As a church, we have used action teams for the fish fry, the youth golf scramble, Bible studies, etc. If you are interested in using your action teams for events at church or anywhere else, you can look for more information and help signing up on the Thrivent website or by speaking to Pastor.

Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets: The 2022 sign-up sheets are up now on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We are always looking for additional people interested in filling these roles. Please feel free to sign up even if you have never before helped in these ways. Someone will be happy to show you the ropes.

Music Group: The music group is meeting again on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 PM. Come on out with any instrument you may have to learn, play along, and have fun! (No experience or expertise necessary.) We are also in need of singers who can sing along while we play.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway between Pastor’s office and the church office. The cost to sponsor the flowers is \$20, and the payment can be put in the offering plate or in the mail rack outside the church office door. The flowers are yours for the taking after the worship service. Please contact Sue Anne Lee at (812) 717-0167 if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will volunteer at the Fish Fry on Sunday, October 16th from 4:00-7:00 PM in place of our monthly youth group night.

Jr. High Youth Rally: There will be a junior high youth rally at Camp Lakeview on October 14th-15th. If any 7th or 8th graders are interested in attending, please see Pastor for the forms that need to be filled out and returned by September 29th.

Sunday School: We have a class for little kids (approximately ages 3 through 2nd grade taught by myself), a class for older kids (approximately 3rd grade through high school taught by Kevin Schultz). There is also adult Bible class with Pastor Sorenson. We would like to have a third teacher to fill the gap between the two classes. Please consider this as these children are so eager to learn about the word of God. – Michelle Schultz

Activity Bags: I have placed bags in the back of the church for your little ones replacing the old smaller bags. I will try to add to them or replace things in them every few weeks so the children can continue to enjoy them. – Michelle Schultz

EVENTS

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, October 7th beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Our theme for this month is your favorite football tailgate dish. Feel free to bring a dish to share, your favorite games, or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

Trunk or Treat: Our second annual All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 30th from 4:00-5:30 PM. Dress up, decorate your trunk, and have a fun afternoon with friends, family, and our community! If possible, please let Pastor know if you intend on having a trunk that day. If you would like to participate by handing out treats, come to the church parking lot shortly before 4:00 PM.

Fish Fry: The Fish Fry is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th from 4:00-7:00 PM. We will be returning to a dine-in or carry-out style this year. Flyers will be available outside of the church office if you are interested in spreading the word around town.

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Redeemer 75th Anniversary Cookbook: In celebration of Redeemer's 75th anniversary, we will be selling our cookbooks at Redeemer's food booth at the Oktoberfest and at Immanuel's craft show.

St. Paul Wegan October Supper: Sunday, October 9th from 4:00-7:00 PM. Drive-thru only. We will be serving ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, green beans, corn, desserts.

FROM THE OFFICE

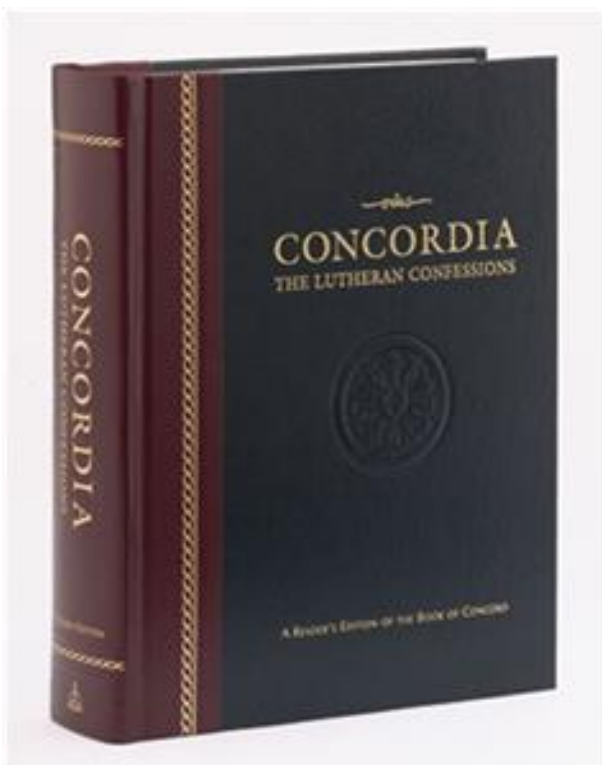
Contact Information: As the situation around us continues to change daily, we would like to be able to contact everyone in a quick and timely manner. If you could please contact Camden or Pastor to update your contact information, especially phone number and email, that would help us tremendously and be greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on the church Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. Thank you!

Church Constitution: If you would like to sign the church constitution, please contact Camden.

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Book of Concord Corner

“You must also know how to use God’s name rightly. For when He says, ‘You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain,’ He wants us to understand at the same time that His name is to be used properly. For His name has been revealed and given to us so that it may be of constant use and profit. So it is natural to conclude that since this commandment forbids using the holy name for falsehood or wickedness, we are, on the other hand, commanded to use His name for truth and for all good, like when someone takes an oath truthfully when it is needed and it is demanded (Numbers 30:2). This commandment also applies to right teaching and to calling on His name in trouble or praising and thanking Him in prosperity, and so on.” (Large Catechism I, 63-64)

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11750 W. 930 S. – Waymansville**

Fish Fry

Menu:

Fish Sandwiches

Hot Dogs

Chips

Pie (Apple, cherry, & pumpkin)

Drinks

** Freewill donation*



**Dine in
Or Carryout**

THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

4:00-7:00 PM

All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 30th
4:00-5:30 PM

All trick-or-treaters of any age
are welcome to attend!

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St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

October 2022

Ushers: Allen Acton & Curt Acton

Acolytes:

October 2 – Trevor Acree

October 9 – Rayleigh Acton

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

October 16 – Trevor Acree

October 23 – Rayleigh Acton

10/9: Strasser

10/2, 16, 23, 30 - open

October 30 – Trevor Acree

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: 11/6: All Saints' Day (Observed)						1
2 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Quarterly Voters' meeting & Sunday School (Bible study to follow) 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	3	4	5 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	6 10 AM – Elders meeting	7 6 PM – Game Night	8
9 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	10	11 9 AM – 2 PM - Pastor @ Circuit meeting (here; worship @ 10:35 AM)	12 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	13 6 PM – Music Group 7 PM – Board meeting	14 15 Jr. High Youth Rally @ Camp Lakeview	
16 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 4:00-7:00 PM – Fish Fry	17	18	19 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	20	21	22
23 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	24 25 Pastor at District Pastors Conference		26 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	27 6 PM – Music Group	28	29
30 Reformation Day (Observed) 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 4:00-5:30 PM – Trunk or Treat	31					