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Indulgences Vs. the Blood of Christ

- Pastor Sorenson

One of the things that sparked the Reformation was the sale of indulgences. This was a practice done by the Roman Catholic Church where they offered years off of purgatory or the ability for a person to go straight to heaven in exchange for money. Or, as it was famously said at the time, "when a coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs."

Many people were rightly offended by this practice, including, of course, Martin Luther. But many people were also deceived by this practice. The idea of heaven in exchange for some sum of money was an idea that was simply too appealing. It also was an idea that seemed harmless if it was untrue, but quite harmful if it was true and you didn't take it. Or, to say it another way, people would rather throw a few bucks away if indulgences were meaningless than throw away heaven if they were real.

It was this practice of selling indulgences that was one of the main focuses of Luther's writing of the 95 Theses, which he nailed to the church doors on All Hallows' Eve (October 31st). For Luther knew, on the basis of God's Word and His Word alone, that salvation wasn't for sale. Furthermore, he knew that this wasn't some harmless practice. If people believed that even a small amount of money could gain them a small piece of heaven, then pretty soon they'd abandon Jesus Christ entirely.

Here, at the outset of the Reformation, therefore a line was firmly drawn in the sand. You can have indulgences or Jesus. You can live by works or by forgiveness. You can be saved by your money or by the blood of Christ.

For Luther, as for countless Christians before him and after him, the answer was clear. Redemption, salvation, the forgiveness of your sins, comes not from gold or silver, but by the precious blood of Christ. And it was clear, not because of their own reason or logic, but because of the Word of God.

"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

This has always been the teaching of the church catholic, that is the church universal. ("Catholic" is a Greek word that means "universal.") This is the teaching and confession of our Lutheran churches today. And this will be the teaching and confession of all who believe in Christ until He returns in glory to raise us from the dead and bring us into the Paradise of the new heavens and the new earth.

Not only does this bring great joy and comfort to you all the days of your life, knowing that your salvation is safe and secure because it's been purchased by the blood of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, but this also brings you freedom and peace. Freedom and peace to use your money to the glory of God and the benefit of your neighbor.

You need not worry about having enough money to get into heaven. Christ has paid the price for you with His precious blood. Rather, you're free to use your perishable silver and gold to support the work of your local congregation, to feed the hungry, to provide a home for the homeless, to care for your family in whatever needs they have, and so on. And then, come. Gather around the place where your Lord freely gives you the gift of salvation. The place where you hear His precious Word and receive His precious blood.

Elders' Corner

(A monthly feature from the Board of Elders)

May the Lord's richest blessings be upon you all. The calendar has turned to fall and harvest. The harvest is not only a time of field work, but as always it's a time of renewing fellowship and love. "And (Jesus) said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'" (Luke 10:2).

We are called to healing and forgiveness of all through fellowship and faith. The elders are planning another Fellowship Friday @ 5 on October 27th. We would like to combine Trunk or Treat on this date starting at 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM. A menu of hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire while hosting this event is planned, weather permitting.

October is a month of great gatherings! St. Peter enjoys our annual fish fry Sunday, October 15th from 4-7 PM. The opportunity to gather and enjoy time with our congregational members is immense this day while working or just visiting with one another.

"That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3).

In the love of our Savior,
Elders of St Peter

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Bible Studies:

- **Sundays:** We are studying the minor prophets Sunday mornings after worship. This month we will study the prophets Habakkuk and Zephaniah.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Meets at 6:30 PM each Wednesday. We are currently studying the rite of Holy Matrimony
- **Book of Concord Study:** October 8th 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. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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

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:

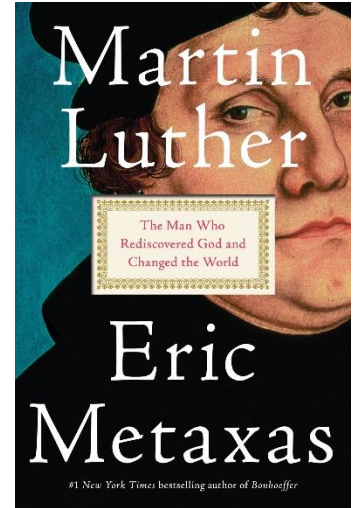
- Ken DeLap
- John & Karen Dobrinski
- Bill, Nikki, Amanda, & Nathan Finke
- Rick & Debbie Flohr
- Paul & Jeanine Franke
- Brandon, Logan, & Maggie Hall
- Sue Anne Heilers
- Judy, Ryan, Ellie, & Olivia Hoene

GENERAL INFORMATION

Missions: This year we will be supporting a variety of missions. The missions we will support include Clarity, Lakeview Ministries, Orphan Grain Train, Tiffany Smith (missionary for Lutheran Bible Translators serving in Tanzania), and a seminary student. If you would like to submit a name of a seminary student to receive this support, please speak to an elder or to Pastor. May God continue to bless these missions as Christ is proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

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.

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: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World* by Eric Metaxas. Here is an excerpt from the book: "The world into which Luther was born was the world that had existed unchanged for many centuries. It was a world separated by an infinite ocean from the vast continents we know now as the Americas. Christopher Columbus was during this time sailing and trading along the West African coast, with no idea that within a decade he would daringly set out across the Atlantic in three caravels. The printing press was in its earliest infancy, having been invented some forty years earlier by Johannes Gutenberg, and although the great schism of 1054 had separated Eastern Christianity from Western, the idea that the vast seamless universe of the Holy Catholic Church led by the pope might be challenged and then riven forever was perfectly nonexistent."



Quarterly Voters' Meeting & Council Positions: At our October voters' meeting on October 22nd, we will elect new council members for the positions of Synodical Fund Treasurer and Recording Secretary. If you would be willing to serve in either of these roles, please let a current council member know.

Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets: The 2023 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 for 2023 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 Heilers at (812) 717-0167 if you have any questions.

Communion Assistance: We are looking for people who may be interested in setting up and/or cleaning up communion. No need to worry about the linens, as those will be taken care of for you. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with Lynnette or Pastor. The sign-up sheet for 2023 is also on the bulletin board.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will not have our normal monthly meeting this month. Instead, we will be helping with the Fish Fry on October 15th. Also, youth group members will be helping to ask for donations of drinks for the Fish Fry. Parents or youth may talk to Pastor about what drinks are still needed.

Sunday School Teachers: As we approach a new school year, it is time to start planning for Sunday School! We are in need of people to volunteer to help teach our Sunday School classes. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be a part of teaching the Word of God to our children, to dive into the Word yourself, and to build up the entire church. If you are interested in teaching in any capacity (weekly, twice a month, once a month, substitute, etc.), please contact Michelle Schultz or Pastor Sorenson. Thank you for supporting our youth in this way!

EVENTS

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, October 6th, 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!

Fish Fry: The Fish Fry is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th from 4:00-7:00 PM.

Trunk or Treat: Our annual All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat will be on Friday, October 27th from 6-7:30 PM. Dress up, decorate your trunk, and have a fun evening 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 6:00 PM.

Fellowship Friday @ 5: Join us on Friday, October 27th beginning at 6 PM for Fellowship Friday. Come at 6 for the Trunk or Treat or just to have fellowship with one another. Stay after the Trunk or Treat ends for more fun, food, and fellowship. Everyone is invited to come out to enjoy some fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

University Lutheran Golf Outing: University Lutheran Church in Bloomington will be having a golf outing on Saturday, October 7th at Cascades Park (Bloomington) to support campus ministry at IU. \$75 per person with lunch and cart included. Lunch will be served at noon and golf will begin at 1:30 PM. To register, please email Bill at wpfromme@homefinder.org.

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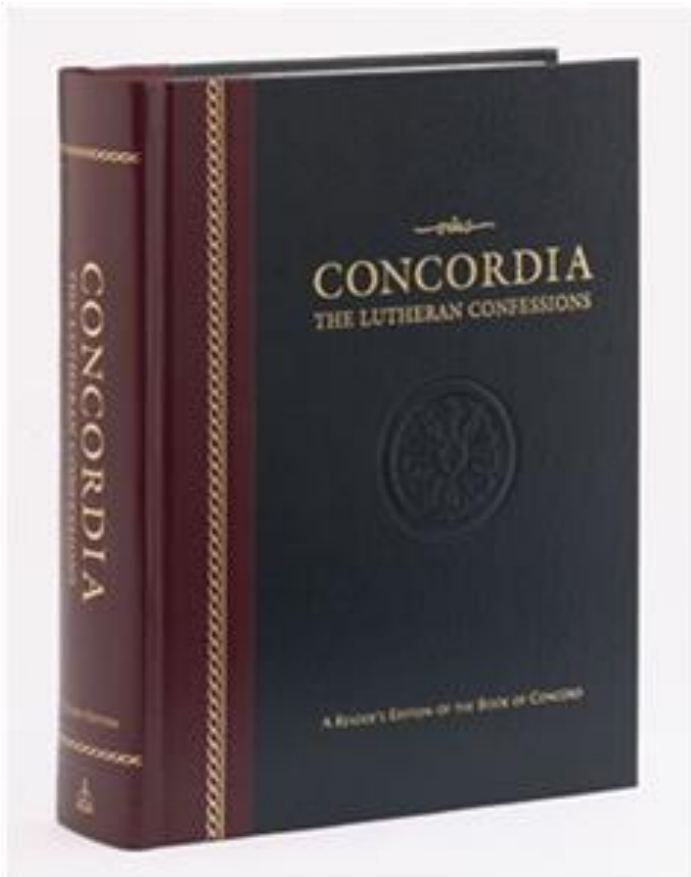
Contact Information: We would like to be able to contact everyone in a quick and timely manner. If you could please contact Camden or Pastor to update your contact information, especially phone number and email, that would help us tremendously and be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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

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Book of Concord Corner

“Give us this day our daily bread....

You see, in this way, God wishes to show us how He cares for us in all our need and faithfully provides also for our earthly support. He abundantly grants and preserves these things, even for the wicked and rogues (Matthew 5:45). Yet, He wishes that we pray for these goods in order that we may recognize that we receive them from His hand and may feel His fatherly goodness toward us in them (Psalm 104:29; 145:16). For when He withdraws His hand, nothing can prosper or be maintained in the end. Indeed, we daily see this and experience it. How much trouble there is now in the world only on account of bad coins, daily oppression, raising of prices in common trade, and bargaining and labor by those who greedily oppress the poor and deprive them of their daily bread! This we must suffer indeed. But let such people take care so that they do not lose the benefits of common intercession. Let them beware lest this petition in the Lord's Prayer speak against them.”
(Large Catechism, Part III, 82-84)

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Fish Fry

Menu:
Fish Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
Coleslaw,
Mac N Cheese, Chips,
Pie,
Drinks

** Freewill Donation*



**Dine in
Or Carryout**

Sunday, October 15th

4:00-7:00 PM

Join us Friday, October 6th for



When: Starting at **6:00 PM**

What: Board games, card games, video games, outdoor games, etc.

Who: Everyone! Feel free to invite a friend as well

Why: To have fun and enjoy time with fellow church members

Feel free to bring drinks, a dish to share, or desserts, or just come and enjoy some games and fellowship!

All Hallows' Eve Trunk or Treat



Friday, October 27th
6:00-7:30 PM

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

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St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

October 2023

Ushers: Allen Acton & Curt Acton

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

10/1: Lynnette May
 10/8 & 29: Judy Strasser
 10/15 & 22: Open

Acolytes:
October 1 – Trevor Acree
October 8 – Abe Acton
October 15 – Rayleigh Acton
October 22 – Trevor Acree
October 29 – Abe Acton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	2	3	4 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	5	6 6 PM – Game Night	7
8 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5 PM – Book of Concord study	9	10 9 AM-2 PM – Pastor @ Circuit meeting	11 10 AM – Elders meeting 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	12 6 PM – Music Group 7 PM – Council meeting	13	14
15 20 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	16	17	18 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	19	20	21
22 21 st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting & Sunday School (Bible study to follow as time allows) 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	23 Pastor at District Pastors Conference	24	25 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	26 6 PM – Music Group	27 6-7:30 PM – Trunk or Treat, Fellowship Friday	28
29 Reformation Day (Observed) 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	30	31				