

St. Peter Lutheran

August 2022 Newsletter

Aug. 3rd – Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 7th – Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Worship Leader is Pastor Jeff Swanson who will also share a bit about the AFLC Alaska mission work.

~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs' "Reaching the Unreached"

Aug. 10th - WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lesson 5, "Behold the Just One". Study Leader & Hostess is Dee Fink

Aug. 14th – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Worship Leader is Travis Fink

Aug. 16th – Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.

Aug. 21st – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Worship Leader is Pastor Mike Brandt

~ Muffin Sunday, ladies K - V are asked to bring the muffins

~ Church Picnic, 5:00 p.m. Come and join in games, inflatable and fellowship together.

The meat and drinks will be provided for the meal, congregation is asked to bring salads and desserts.

Aug. 28th – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

Usher's List: Aug. 7 – Ervin Fink & Ewald Fink

Communion Lay Assistant – Scott Olson

14 – Herb Uttecht & Jack Hartmann

21 – Jeff Grosz & Jeremy Fink

28 – John Engelland & Justin Wright

Cleaning List: Aug 1 – 7 Bonnie Villmow & Connie Goldammer

8 – 14 Carey Brenner & Dee Fink

15 – 21 Cindy VanZee & Donna Picek

22 – 28 Donnelle Hoffman & Joyce Sprecher

Aug. 29 – Sept 4 Hannah Lau & Jean Fink



Sexual Immorality

"The claim that these two contradictory understandings of the Bible's teachings on human sexuality can coexist and be recognized as being equally faithful to the Scriptures is nonsense. Those pressing for the normalization of homosexuality must put the Scriptures through hoop after hoop of theological acrobatics. The claim that a church can both condemn and bless homosexual relationships with equal faithfulness falls false on its face. Worst of all, it sows a disastrously deadly confusion about the nature of sin — a confusion that subverts the Gospel and brings eternal consequences." ~ Al Mohler in response to the 2009 ELCA decision on gay clergy

This summer, my family enjoyed the times we were able to spend in like-minded Christian fellowship at the AFLC annual conference, Onward youth conference, and the Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp. Camp experiences have been deeply on our heart recently as the camp we had both been a part of in North Dakota has fully been compromised by its ELCA board governance and directorship. They recently tried to bring in a Transgender pastor to speak at their camps this summer and public information that came out included such things as encouraging campers to bring sexual toys for them to be blessed. Jaclyn and I are thankful that the community response, overall, was more in line with Biblical values and the speaker cancelled due to feeling threatened if they came. If real, we condemn threats and intimidation, however, most disheartening to us were those of our old friends and neighbors who have succumbed to worldly sinfulness and have been supporting the sinfulness of the camp leadership and their sexually immoral ideas and attitudes.

One of our dear Christian friends from that town is the type that shares God's will via Facebook and is often a lightning rod of heated discussion from friends and foes of Christ. We recently got embroiled in the arguments through our affirmation of our friend and the teachings of Jesus on this subject. The conclusion of the matter is a new clarity of mission and purpose for myself and those I can encourage and instruct in matters of standing up for the Truth and Will of God. Social media is great for sharing recipes and other encouraging and interesting ideas. Social media is pointless in trying to have debates or win arguments. People on social media are already in their own camps and even if they could be proven wrong will not change their minds or concede in that space. Do not waste time or energy trying to win in the world of feelings and opinions online. Instead, use those spaces to provide encouragement and information so that people can be equipped to learn and grow, hopefully in the Truth of God and reality instead of post-modern fantasy.

Passages from God's Word and His Will regarding sexual immorality and sinfulness -- Mark 7:20-23, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Timothy 1:3-17, Ecclesiastes 12:9-14, Ephesians 5:1-21, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, Revelation 21:5-8, Revelation 22:14-15, Romans 1:18-32, James 4:1-12
10 Bible Verses about Those Against Truth -- 2 Timothy 2:25, Romans 1:18, 2 Corinthians 13:8, Jeremiah 7:28, John 8:44, Daniel 8:12, Romans 1:25, 2 Timothy 3:8, Titus 1:14, 1 John 1:8

Allies in the struggle regarding identity, transgender, homosexuality, and other perversions of God's creation: Abigail Shrier - "Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters", Nancy Pearcey - "Love Thy Body", Dr. Rosaria Butterfield. Each of these women have written on and are in online interviews that provide valuable arguments and information in this struggle for truth. I will continue to share additional resources in our bulletins, emails, other newsletters, or upon request.

Step one, work to encourage and educate yourself on what God says and what other resources are available on to aid in understanding this topic, the consequences, and how to protect yourself and those you love in this battle of ideas. Step two, share the Will of God through His Word directly and share good resources that are allies with God's truth. Step three, if you desire to truly make a difference in the lives of people you must interact with them directly and have conversations that can evangelize or disciple them under the authority of Jesus Christ and work with them to develop and mature both of your relationships with Jesus Christ.

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