

St. Peter Lutheran

October 2022 Newsletter

- Oct. 1st – Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study leader is Pastor Czymbor. A breakfast server is needed.
- Oct. 2nd – Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs’ “Reaching the Unreached”
- Oct. 5th - Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 9th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 11th - Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12th – WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lesson 7, “Behold the Righteous One”.
Study Leader and Hostess is Betty Luebke.
- Oct. 16th – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
~ Muffin Sunday – Ladies K -V are asked to bring the Muffins
- Oct. 16th - Lutherans For Life Southeastern SD Quarterly Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at St. Peter, Guests Welcome
- Oct. 19th – Ladies Bible Study on 1,2 & 3 John begins at 3:00 p.m. at Mildred Hartmann’s home.
- Oct. 19th – FLY Bible Study and business meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23rd – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 26th – GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30st – Reformation Sunday - Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Usher’s List: Oct. 2 – Tim Goldammer & Travis Fink
Communion Lay Assistant – John Engelland
9 – Trent Wright & Trevor Lau
16 – Vic Wieczorek & Aaron Lau
23 – Ben Lau & Bill Picek
30 – Brian Villmow & Calvin Luebke

Cleaning List: Oct. 3 – 9 Renee Olson & Sara Wright
10 – 16 Sandy Lau & Tammy Bamberg
17 – 23 Tami Fink & Beverly Jahn
24 – 30 Andrea Wright & Bonnie Villmow
Oct. 31 – Nov. 6 Audrey Fink & Carey Brenner



The Commandments

Our Creator designed reality and human existence to function based upon a set of foundational guidelines. These instructions, commonly referred to as the Ten Commandments, provide the plan for human civilization to thrive and be blessed. When this set of programmed instructions are ignored or changed there are always negative consequences because they are contrary to the designed optimal functionality of mankind to have peace and order.

It is helpful to know where to find these guideposts. They have been recorded and preserved throughout thousands of years of history in the following sections of the Bible: Exodus 20:1-21 and Deuteronomy 5:1-29.

The book of Exodus records the historical events as they occurred. Of note are the following verses before and after the listing of the Commandments:

1-2 And **God spoke all these words**, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

18-21 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "**Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.**" The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

In Deuteronomy we have the retelling of what occurred in Exodus. Deut. 5:1-6 recalls to the memory of the people what occurred at the base of the mountain, the establishment of a covenant relation between God and His people. The book of Exodus retells the history and makes for an easier read overall than Deuteronomy which is a reference book for God's people, a retelling of the laws and statutes established by God for the kingdom of His people. I want to draw your attention to the last verse in our consideration for today, **Deut. 5:29 Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!**

God voices His will for His people, as plainly and clearly as ever can be, that He desires for them to prosper and thrive in their present generation and down through their descendants. However, it is conditional upon their following His design for His creation.

As recorded in each of these passages, Our Creator literally spoke the commandments to His people and His glory and majesty were awe inspiring (and here are all the references to God writing them upon the stone tablets Exod. 24:12, 31:18, 32:16, 34:1, Deut. 4:13, 5:22, 9:11, 10:2,4). His will was proclaimed. His desire was for people to not sin by defining for them what was Good and True. Henceforth, mankind would be able to recognize what the plan was and be held accountable to that plan. Unfortunately, no mere human can follow God's plans perfectly. You and I are sinners because we have broken (and continually break) His commandments, in thought, word, and deed. Thankfully Jesus came and followed the program perfectly on our behalf and He freely offers to all of His faithful followers His perfect work. As noted in both passages (Ex. 20:2, De. 5:6) Our God is the one who brought His people out of slavery in Egypt, and later we learn more fully that the bigger truth applies to all people throughout all time, that He has freed us from the bondage of our sins by the blood of Jesus (Rev 1:5)

Our future newsletter content will continue with an examination of the Commandments themselves.

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