

St. Peter Lutheran

May 2023 Newsletter

May 3rd – Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

May 4th – National Day of Prayer

May 6th - Men's Breakfast Bible Study at 8:00 a.m. Study leader is Pastor Czymbor. A Breakfast server is Needed.

May 7th - Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m. Free will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs' "Reaching the Unreached"

~ Graduate Recognition Sunday, Shayten Beeson & Ty Fink

May 9th - Quilting Workday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

May 10th - WMF Bible Study and Business meeting, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study leader and Hostess is Betty Luebke. Lesson 1 – "A Poor Widow...Obedience Brings Blessing". (New Book God's Servants Teach Us Life Lessons – Books still available on library table in the basement.)

All are Welcomed

May 14th – Worship Service, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

~ New Member Sunday

May 17th – FLY Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 21st – Worship service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

~ Muffin Sunday, Ladies with names beginning in letters K - V are asked to bring the muffins.

May 28th - Worship service, 9:00 a.m.

May 29th – Memorial Day Service, 9:00 a.m.

Usher's List: May 7 – Robert Thies & Scott Olson

Communion Lay Assistant – Andrea Wright

14 – Tim Engelland & Tim Goldammer

21 – Tom Heber & Travis Fink

28 – Trent Wright & Trevor Lau

Cleaning List: May 1 – 7 Connie Goldammer & Donna Picek

8 – 14 Danielle Revoir & Hannah Lau

15 – 21 Donnelle Hoffman & Jean Fink

22 – 28 Joanne Hartmann & Joyce Sprecher

May 29 – June 4 Kathy Lau & Kendra Thies

(Note: WMF Annual Women's Day will be held on June 14th in Sioux Falls.)



Remember the Sabbath Day, Part 3

Exodus 20:11 ¹¹*“For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”*

Deuteronomy 5:15 ¹⁵*“You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a Mighty Hand and an Outstretched Arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.*

As we take a final look upon the Sabbath Day verses, we examine and consider the differences between these two recordings of the commandments. Let us begin by recalling that Exodus records the historical event of God speaking the commandments directly to His people from the power and authority of the storm upon the Holy mountain. In the Deuteronomy passage, it is now 40 years later and Moses is recalling the commandments to a new generation of God’s people as they are about to enter into the land God had promised for His people.

In Numbers chapter 14, the people had rebelled against God out of fear of those dwelling in the land and in rejection of God’s authority in the world. God declares to Moses ¹¹*“How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in Me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?”* God was going to destroy the people and start over, but Moses speaks with God and requests pardon for the people.

It is then that God responds with judgment, ²⁸*Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: ²⁹your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me, ³⁰not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. ³¹But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected. ³²But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. ³³And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. ³⁴According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.’ ³⁵I, the Lord, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die.”*

It is for the sake of the little ones whom God spared from the death penalty sins of their parents, that Moses reminds them that their God has freed them from worldly and sinful enslavement and is bringing them into freedom, a land and nation provided by and ruled by Him. The commandment is meant to establish their weekly pattern of remembrance and honor upon their Maker and Savior. The One who created them and then overcame their bondage with His Mighty Hand and Outstretched Arm in order to liberate and provide for them a place of rest and peace with Him.

In both statements of God’s commandment we find what is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, rest and peace in God. *Exodus 33:14 And He[The LORD] said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”*

Joshua 1:13 “Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, ‘The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.’

Matthew 11:28 “Come to Me[Jesus], all who labor and are heavy laden, and I[Jesus] will give you rest.”

God has done all the work in this world and the next. All that is asked is that you come to Him, submit to His Words and Commands, His authority and guidance, and you will receive Life, Peace, and Everlasting Rest in His kingdom in His presence. May you enjoy the satisfaction of peace and rest through submission to God and be spared the suffering and death of those with hearts and minds of rebellion.