

St. Peter Lutheran

June 2025 Newsletter

June 1st – Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

~ Confirmation Sunday – This year's Confirmands are Morgan Fink, Daylin Kok & Branson Kok

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

June 2 – 6 - Vacation Bible School 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each evening

June 4th – Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

June 8th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

~ VBS Program immediately after worship service with a potluck meal to follow program.

June 10th - Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.

June 11th - WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

June 11th – 14th - AFLC Annual Conference at the ARC near Osceola, WI

June 15th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

~ Muffin Sunday, Ladies K – V are asked to bring food.

June 22nd – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

June 29th – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

Usher's List: June 1 – Tim Engelland & Tim Goldammer

Communion Lay Assistant – Bill Picek

8 – Tom Heber & Travis Fink

15 – Vic Wieczorek & Walter Villmow

22 – Aaron Lau & Ben Lau

29 – Bill Picek & Brian Villmow

Cleaning List: May 26 – June 1 Chris Lau & Cindy VanZee

June 2 – 8 Pat Klumb & Pat Kreth

9 – 15 Courtney Sorenson & Hannah Lau

16 – 22 Danielle Revoir & Joanne Hartmann

23 – 29 Nicole Whitney & Donnelle Hoffman

June 30 – July 6 Dee Fink & Donna Picek



Paid in Full!

One of our previous months we highlighted Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Such a beautiful act by God to gift us with Righteousness through His Grace. And we often indicate this gift is free, because there is nothing we can ever do to pay for or earn it ourselves. And this verse reminds us of the contrary, that the lives we live earn us death as a consequence of our sinful labors in thought, word, and deed.

But was it free? Free for us, but not for Jesus Christ. He paid the price that everybody else owes against God. No debt has ever been overcome without a cost. Contrary to the hopes of the ignorant in our society, there is no such thing as a canceled loan or debt without a cost. Someone must pay for the goods or services connected to a loan. Indebtedness only goes away when the debt has been paid in full. Whether that debt is paid by the borrower or the lender, debt never disappears.

Our Bible memory verse this month helps us to remember and share with others that the only way to be saved from the eternal death punishment of our debt against God is through Faith/Trust/Belief in Him. **Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."** His Word and His Work attest to the promise of salvation offered through Him alone. John 14:6, Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one gets to the Father except through Jesus Christ.

Until our debts are paid off they hover over our hearts and minds like oppressive and ominous slave masters. In the case of our sins and disobedience against God and our neighbors, clouds of shame, guilt, and fear associated with our indebtedness threaten to overwhelm us every moment of our lives. But as soon as we surrender our sinful desires to Him and turn back towards Him in repentance He stamps "PAID IN FULL!" upon our debt marker. From that moment on we gain access to "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, which guards our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7. In addition to His peace we begin to enjoy the fruit of the Holy Spirit as He begins to dwell in our hearts and produce through us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Gal. 5:22-23.

The only thing keeping us from such a blessed assurance is ourselves. "The human heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9. "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5. And in spite of the evil realities of humanity, God says "He will give you a new heart, and a new spirit He will put within you. And He will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26. And it is for these reasons we sing weekly the prayer request of David in Psalm 51, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." And God answers that prayer for each and every soul that hears His call and turns over their debt to Jesus. And "Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24.

Our hymn of the month is "**Jesus Paid it All**" #407. I hope this hymn finds its way into your daily thoughts and singing such that "the God of hope would fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13.

I leave you with a bit of humor regarding the origins of this hymn and the reality that God can use many circumstances to produce unexpected fruit. "How long Pastor's prayer is this morning," thought Elvina Hall. Sitting in the choir loft, Elvina's mind turned to our need for salvation and the price Jesus paid for it. Words began to form themselves. She had to get them down. But she had no paper. Well, that wasn't quite true... Scribbling on the flyleaf of her hymnbook Elvina Hall wrote would become this hymn.

Perhaps God will inspire you during prayer one day. Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:17.