



St. Paul News

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The Reformation: Sola Scriptura

This year, marks 507 years of the Reformation. The reformation emphasized “Sola Christus, Sola Gratias, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura, and Soli Deo Gloria”. What does this mean? “We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, on account of Christ alone, to God be all glory.”

Beginning with the New Year’s Eve Service on December 31st, our congregation will embark upon a year-long journey through the Bible. With this in mind, we explore “Sola Scriptura”.

As Lutherans, we are “Sola Scriptura”. Which means that everything that we believe, teach, and confess is based upon the Holy Scriptures. This stands in contrast to the emphasis upon tradition or reason/emotion.

To this day, the Roman Catholic church places a strong emphasis upon tradition. They place it on par with the scriptures. In the time of the Reformation, the supported the selling of indulgences.

They taught that there was a treasure trove of good works earned by the great saints of old. In exchange for a certain amount of money, the Pope would grant this merit unto either yourself or a loved one. This reduced the amount of time a person would spend in purgatory, prior to entering into heaven. This practice was known as the sale of indulgences.

The problem with this teaching is that there is no scriptural basis for the practice. Therefore, where scripture was silent, tradition spoke. The church of the 1500’s leaned upon the authority of tradition to teach the sale of indulgences and terrify consciences of the fires of hell. However, the sale of indulgences not only wasn’t found in scripture, it actually contradicted scripture. It had to be rejected.

We do value and practice tradition, but when the tradition contradicts scripture or is harmful to the teachings of the faith, it must be rejected. Tradition can serve to amplify, confess, and express the teachings of the scriptures, but must not rule or contradict the scriptures.

On the other side of the spectrum, some hold reason or emotion above the scriptures. For example, when Jesus says of the bread “This is my body” and of the wine, “this is my blood”. They conclude that on account of reason, Jesus must not mean what he is saying. They conclude that the bread represents the body, and the wine represents the blood. The text does not give any indicator that this is meant to be taken metaphorically. However, many still jump to this conclusion. Why? Because when reason rules, it dictates Jesus’ body can not be on every altar around the world. Therefore the bread and wine are a representation, they conclude.

Standing upon reason and emotions seems nice for a while, but it robs us of the wondrous gifts of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper in which our God strengthens and sustains our faith. For the sake of the grace that our God so deeply desires to deliver to you, we stand upon scripture alone.

Reason, emotions, and tradition are all good things. However, they should seek to serve the truth of God's word, not rule over it. Therefore, since we confess "Sola Scriptura", we shall spend time in the word of God as a congregation. We will read through the Bible together.

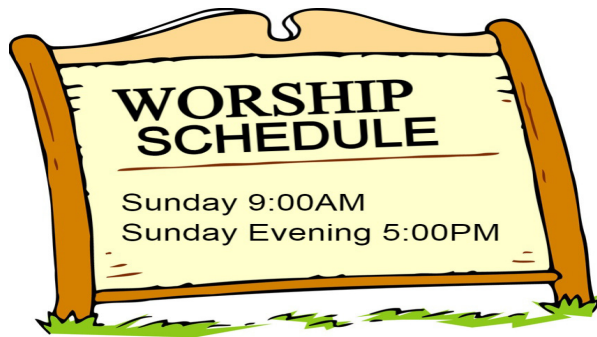
Why as a congregation? Because while our confession comes from Scripture alone, we learn it together. Most of the letters of the New Testament were written to entire groups of people, to be read together as a church.

As a pastor, I have been blessed to lead many Bible studies. In those studies, I do not rely upon my knowledge alone. I've learned from so many different teachers of the Bible; they brought out aspects of the scriptures that I haven't noticed. I have also learned from Bible Study attendees. They may find something within a passage that I may not have noticed. We don't learn the Bible in complete isolation.

While it is good practice to read the Bible on our own, it is also good to learn alongside others. To learn from experienced teachers, who have wrestled with the scriptures. Therefore, I look forward to walking this journey together as a congregation. We will learn and grow together in the scriptures that our God has written for us.

In Christ,

Pastor Neil Wehmas



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THIS MONTH
For the month of October
9:00AM Aaron Hoffman family
5:00PM



COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for OCTOBER, pastas: macaroni, spaghetti, and any other related pastas, also Mac & Cheese, etc., place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. The mobile food pantry will be on October 17, at the Shed in Kiron, from 4:30-5:30PM.

7th & 8th GRADERS TO MISSION CENTRAL on Wednesday, October 23 meet at the church at 4:00PM and we will return by 7:00PM

CONFIRMATION PICTURES will be on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00PM, and will also have a practice of how Sunday will go.

CONFIRMATION will be on Sunday, October 27 during the 9:00AM Worship service and a reception will follow in the fellowship hall after the service.

TRUNK OR TREAT Oct 26. 3-4:30PM

Location change – the lawn space & parking lot between Brothers Cart world and the Skate palace. Being held in conjunction with KidZone Halloween party

We need at least 10 people to set up, please sign up if you plan on participating and if you will need electricity for your spot. See sign up sheet on Welcome Center or call church if you want to sign up to participate.



Cross Explorations & Catechism Classes

3rd – 5th Grades

Class Time is 4:00-5:00PM

They can walk up after right after school

There will be snack time

If they need to stay til 5:15PM to wait for a sibling,
an adult will be present with them

6th, 7th & 8th Grades

Class Time is 4:00-5:15PM

On Early Out school day's it will be from

1:30-2:30PM 3rd – 5th grades

1:30-2:45PM 6th-8th grades



10:15AM-11:15AM

4yr old Preschool – 2nd Grade in Nursery upstairs

3rd & 4th Grade in same classroom as last year on lower level

5th & 6th Grade in same classroom as last year on lower level

7th & 8th Grades are to attend Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9th -12th Grades in Youth Room

JR High and SR High Youth Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



**1st Sunday's of the month
SERVING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**FREE WILL OFFERING
FUNDRAISER
FOR
YOUTH ACTIVITIES,
YEARLY GATHERINGS AND NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**



**The HighWay Sr High Youth (9th-12th)
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7PM**



**The MidWay Jr High Youth (6th-8th)
Meets 2nd Wednesday of month 5:15-6:15PM**

HYMN SING SUNDAYS "Every second Sunday of the month, we will sing some of your favorite hymns. Put your choices for hymns to sing in the white box in the Narthex, and they will be used as part of the worship services during the second Sunday of the month."

ASK THE PASTOR – LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH "Have questions to ask Pastor Wehmas? He will attempt to answer a few questions as part of the services, during the last Sunday of the month. Submit your questions in the white box in the Narthex."

SOME OF YOUR OPTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets at **7:00AM** Jimmy's

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from **9:30-10:30AM** in the Conference Room in the lower level. Exodus is our current study

THURSDAY MORE THAN BREAD BIBLE STUDY meets at **6:00PM** at **Subway**, we will be continuing our study on Revelation

SUNDAY MORNING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH in the youth room from **10:15AM**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS join us in the Fellowship Hall starting at **10:15AM**

LWML LADIES BIBLE STUDY FOR OCTOBER

RUTH (2) will meet on October 3 at Jimmy's at noon and meet at the church for Bible Study at 1:00PM.. Susan will be BSL. We had 11 present for our September meeting.

LOIS (3) will meet on October 3 in the Conference Room at 1:30PM. Nancy will be BSL and Judywill be hostess. We had 10 present for our September meeting.

EUNICE (10) will meet on October 3 at Willowdale Nursing Home, Battle Creek at 2:30PM. Clara will be hostess and Corliss will be BSL. We had 5 members present for our September meeting.

JOHANNA(12) will meet on Oct. 3 at 7:00PM, in the home of Marlene Zobel and Marge will be BSL. We had 6 present for our September meeting.

LWML SUNDAY will be Sunday, October 13th. We will also highlight LWML all through the month of October in the bulletin and also watch for items in the narthex.

LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADER'S MEETING on Tuesday, October 15 at 1:00PM

LWML MITEBOX CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024

At the November 2023 meeting of the LWML Executive Board a decision was made about how the LWML Mite box contributions for 2024 would be distributed. The Executive Board decided to designate the funds from each quarter would go to the National LWML Mission projects and local mission projects in our community. The distribution of each quarter's funds will be one-fourth to the National LWML Missions and three-fourths of each quarter's contributions would go to local missions.

For 2024 the local mission distribution will be as follows:

1st Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Ambulance

2nd Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Fire Department

3rd Quarter will be supporting the Community Basket

4th Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Orphan Grain Train

Your coins will make a difference on the national level as well as in Ida Grove in 2024! Please drop your coins in the large Mite Box located in the Narthex whenever you visit our church!



THANK YOU FROM THE QUILTERS to those who have given material, sheets and other bedding items to us to use for our quilting. *Remember to keep us in mind if you are “fall cleaning or downsizing” and would like to donate your items to us.*

ALSO if you would like a lap robe for someone or for yourself please let us know or stop by to pick out one. They have various sizes and make great blankets as well for the end of your bed, to cover up cold feet or legs during the night, please reach out to the church, or Susan Miller.



UPDATING INFORMATION: we always ask to update our records with any new addresses, even if its been within 6 months – year, any changes in phone numbers, etc.to make sure we have all correct information of birthdates and anniversaries. Also if you would not like your birthday or anniversary publicized in the weekly bulletin or the monthly newsletter please let the church office know. stpaulidagrove@gmail.com or 712-364-2918

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AND CALENDAR are always available to be picked up at the church in the narthex. If you would like to view online our website is www.stpaulig.org
If you would like it emailed to you please contact the church office, email us or fill out the “update our information form” Copies of the form to update information is available on the Welcome center and can be placed in the wooden offering box

HOSPITALIZATION REMINDER : if you are admitted to any hospital please let us know or have a family member or a friend let Pastor Neil or the church office know, so we know you are there to visit, or would just want prayers from Pastor.





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Birthdays

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| Oct. 1 Jasmine Smith | Oct. 16 Virginia Wellendorf |
| Oct. 2 Clara Bennigsdorf
Melvin Nielsen | Oct. 17 Dawn Chase
Lillian Hoffman
Haley Miesner
Lexie Petersen |
| Oct. 3 Scarlet Arbegast
John Brinkman
Brent Harm
Tim Streck | Oct. 18 Heather Bogue
Rena Brookbank |
| Oct. 4 Rylee Krayenhagen | Oct. 19 Emmett Lockwood
Sandy Schreiber |
| Oct. 6 Logan Carnine | Oct. 20 Julie Rath
Alana Reitz
Shorty Shaw |
| Oct. 7 Jack Ausborn
Katie Stehr
Conley Wolterman | Oct. 21 Larry Boysen |
| Oct. 9 Laura Carnine
Kyle Knudsen | Oct. 23 Angie Williams
Val Wonder |
| Oct. 10 Sallie Miesner | Oct. 25 Megan Zimmerman |
| Oct. 11 Brenda Schumacher
Brad Zobel | Oct. 26 Jim Hilker |
| Oct. 12 Brailey Straus | Oct. 27 Kayla Rohlk |
| Oct. 13 Ethan Frank
Madelyn Miesner
Pat Wellendorf | Oct. 28 Marlene Kennedy
J R Miller
Al Schreiber
Sandy Ullrich |
| Oct. 14 Tom German
Jodi Lansink | Oct. 29 Andy Brosius
Sawyer Harm |
| Oct. 15 Nancy Ford
Emily Hoaglund
Marissa Wayt
Pam Wessel | Oct. 30 Ashley Buffinton
Kenny Hausman |



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Anniversaries

- October 4 Christopher & Christin DeVine
October 5 Adrian & Dusty (Krager) Lozano
October 7 Dale & Kathy Edsen
October 15 Terry & Gayleen Lovett
Tom & Marge Senhen
October 17 Jerry & Karen Wiertsema
October 26 Dennis & Deb Clausen
October 27 Jared & Heather Bogue

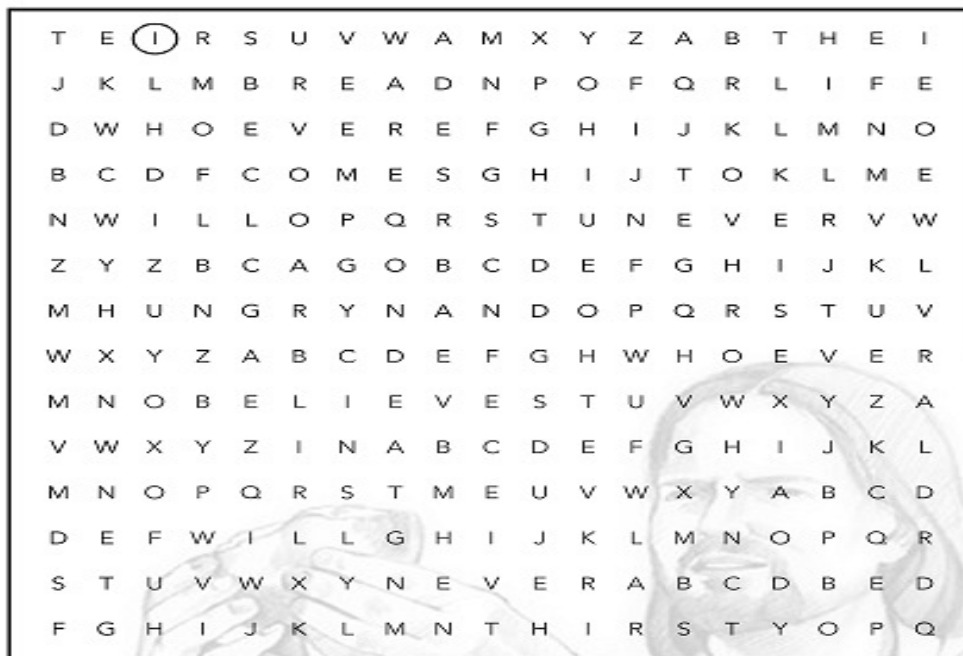
Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes bread comes ✂ in whoever
hungry go life me me never to never the the of will
will thirsty whoever



"I _____

_____."

- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV