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A few words on the importance of the truths of Holy Week and Easter from the

The Smalcald Articles

Written by Doctor Martin Luther in the year 1537.

Here is the first and chief article:

[1] That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, “was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification” (Rom. 4[:25]); [2] and he alone is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1[:29]); and “the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isa. 53[:6]); [3] furthermore, “All have sinned,” and “they are now justified without merit by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ... by his blood” (Rom. 3[:23–25]).

[4] Now because this must be believed and may not be obtained or grasped otherwise with any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us, as St. Paul says in Romans 3[:28, 26]: “For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law”; and also, “that God alone is righteous and justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.”

[5] Nothing in this article can be conceded or given up, even if heaven and earth or whatever is transitory passed away. As St. Peter says in Acts 4[:12]: “There is no other name ... given among mortals by which we must be saved.” “And by his bruises, we are healed” (Isa. 53[:5]).



God's blessings as the most sacred week of the year approaches. May He deepen our understanding of the truths this week contains even as He deepens our faith in them through His means of grace.

News on the Divine Call Front!

2023 has brought plenty of reasons to rejoice!

Megan Schoenbach accepted the call extended to her to teach in our Preschool Classroom, allowing *Dawn Hinn* to concentrate solely on Kindergarten once again. Her decision was announced at the end of January.

Mrs. Schoenbach grew up in Oshkosh and attended WLA. She attended Martin Luther College, graduating in 2019 with a major in Early Childhood Education. She is currently 26 years old and comes to us with 4 years of experience from Shepherd of the Valley in Menasha WI.

She is married to *Eric Schoenbach* and the two of them have been blessed with two children.

Kristi Utsch accepted the call extended to her to teach in our 1-2 grade classroom as *Rebecca Miller* retires at the end of the year.

Mrs. Utsch is originally from Eagle, WI. She graduated from Martin Luther College in 2008 with a major in elementary education. She is currently 37 years old and comes to us with 15 years of experience from Immanuel Lutheran in Hutchinson, MN.

She is married to *Timothy Utsch* and the two of them have been blessed with 4 children.

We look forward to getting to know these two ladies and their families in the future and we continue to pray that they will be able to close out their respective school years with the myriad of emotions that will come with it.

We also keep Shepherd of the Valley and Immanuel in our prayers. We hope the Lord of the Church will provide teachers for them in the very near future. We know how stressful the search can be.

Stay tuned for ways we can help as we prepare classrooms and coordinate moves as the summer approaches.

*The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
(Psalm 145:9)*

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Maundy Thursday (Apr. 6) with Lord's Supper
at 6:30 PM

Good Friday (Apr. 7) with Lord's Supper
at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

NO SATURDAY SERVICE

Easter Sunrise Service (Apr. 9) at 6:30 AM

Easter Festival Service (Apr. 9) 9:00 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST SERVED BETWEEN SERVICES

We are also planning on live-streaming services. Watch for the worship links in the e-mails sent out. Want to sign up for congregational e-mail blasts? Contact Pastor Kampman at pastrokampman@stpaulslutherannfdl.com

Confirmation – April 30 at 10:15 AM

Believe it or not, confirmation is just around the corner. Seven young men and women will be confirming in our April 30th service this year. While we should have plenty of room to accommodate the families of these confirmands and our regular attendees, our Saturday (6:30 PM) and early Sunday (7:45 AM) services will provide “regular” worship opportunities for the week. As always, the more the merrier as we welcome these young people into communicant membership here at St. Paul's. Examination of Confirmands is scheduled for April 27 at 6:00 PM. First Communion is May 7th at the 10:15 AM service.

Membership Changes in February.

Carol Kemnitz transferred out to St. Peter's Eldorado. *Megan Schlosser* transferred in from St. Paul's Mt. Calvary. *Aaron* her husband is currently taking Bible Information Classes. Shortly after Megan's transfer, we baptized *Amelia* their newborn daughter *Dan* (from St. Matthew's in Iron Ridge) & *Abby Mose* (from St. John's in Lomira) transferred into the congregation. They are expecting the birth of their first child soon.

We welcomed *Luka Emerich*, son of *Cody and Amanda* as well as *Nicholas Buerger*, son of *Crystal*, into the family of Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism.

Fellow members *Jill Frederick*, *Joyce Erke*, *Madonna Peachy*, and *Roma Schram* had faith turn to sight as they finished their races in faith and now stand in the glories of heaven. We keep their families in our prayers as they mourn the loss but rejoice in the eternal victory they now enjoy.

Happy Birthday

By day, not year ... nobody needs to know the year 😊

Chasyn Fritch	4/1	Drew Stettbacher	4/15
Don Stellmacher	4/1	Anita Gudex	4/15
Jase Tabbert	4/2	Carol Batterman	4/15
Carson Becker	4/2	Lorna Perry	4/16
Corey Hintz	4/2	Michael Kampman	4/17
Janet Hettenhaus	4/2	Gail Miller	4/17
Lane Fritch	4/3	Gage Eiler	4/18
Ema Burkholder	4/4	Reagan Wilkens	4/20
Jacob Pickett	4/4	Laura Mathwig	4/20
Mark Stroschine	4/5	Dave Tackett	4/20
Jane Braford	4/5	Lori Fink	4/20
Darla White	4/5	Andy Miller	4/22
Ryan Freiberg	4/6	Denny Krumbein	4/22
Alexa Bonney	4/6	Sara Fritch	4/23
Roger Pederson	4/6	Amy Wilhelms	4/24
Brennan Coates	4/7	Cindy Christianson	4/24
Maxwell Nebl	4/8	Peyton Wendt	4/25
Joyce Tabbert	4/8	Allison Solid	4/25
Helen Reiter	4/8	Debra Heller	4/25
Hannah Preissner	4/9	Tom Briski	4/25
Isaac Augustyn	4/10	Dan Mose	4/26
Madison Zittlow	4/10	Adelaide Tonn	4/26
Braydon Brylski	4/12	Kaytlin Sterba	4/26
Paul Rivera	4/12	Moriah Quist	4/26
Samantha Rivera	4/13	Tyler Meyer	4/27
Candi Pederson	4/13	Shannon Tilleman	4/28
Gary Peterson	4/14	Steve Pieper	4/28
Rebecca Ciske	4/14	Evelyn Schwefel	4/29
Nichol Skelton	4/14	Cyndi Hintz	4/29
		Rachel Sweeney	4/30

A Birthday is a wonderful opportunity to remember that our times are securely in our Lord's hands.

¹⁴ *But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."* ¹⁵ *My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.* ¹⁶ *Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. (Psalm 31:14-16)*