

# ***Announcements***

- ◆ A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests, friends both old and new. We pray that God has blessed your time among us with His Word and Holy Spirit. We cordially invite you to join us this morning for coffee and other refreshments downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.
  
- ◆ Following coffee & refreshments, our Family Bible Class continues our study of Genesis, relying especially on Dr. Luther's extensive commentary on that sacred text. Parents and children, youth and adults are welcome.  
  
Catechesis class for younger and beginning catechumens will meet at the same time. Dave Smith is teaching a catechesis class for teenagers and for others interested. Other children, especially between the ages of eight and twelve years are encouraged to participate in the Family Bible Class for the summer months, or to visit with Dcs. Rhein about opportunities to serve.
  
- ◆ On Monday (29 June) we will be gathered to celebrate the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, the Apostles, in the Divine Service beginning at 6:00 p.m.
  
- ◆ This Friday (3 July), Pr. Stuckwisch will be leaving for Sri Lanka, and then traveling to India the following week, to teach the theology and practice of the Liturgy to Lutheran pastors there. He will be returning to South Bend on Sunday the 26th. Please remember him in your prayers in these coming weeks, as he travels to and fro and as he is teaching overseas.
  
- ◆ The Altar flowers this morning have been provided by Annalise Harrison to the glory of God, with thanksgiving on her birthday.
  
- ◆ **COLLECTIONS FOR 21 JUNE 2015: \$ 2,654.00**  
In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$2240 is needed each week.
  
- ◆ **IN THE LORD'S SERVICE THIS LORD'S DAY:**  
(ELDER) Robert Rhein; (USHERS) Matthew Harrison & Tobias Tribble;  
(ACOLYTE) Frederick Stuckwisch; (ORGANIST) Dcs. Sandra Rhein;  
(GREETERS) Marilyn Dulmatch & Lois Veen.
  
- ◆ Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor                      Home Phone: (574) 233 – 0574

# **From the Lutheran Confessions**

***“The Comprehensive Summary, Rule, and Norm according to which all Doctrines should be judged and the Errors which Intruded should be Explained and Decided in a Christian Way:***

*“1. We believe, teach, and confess that the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments are the only rule and norm according to which all doctrines and teachers alike must be appraised and judged, as it is written in Ps. 119:105, ‘Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.’ and St. Paul says in Gal. 1:8, ‘Even if an angel from heaven should preach to you, let him be accursed.’*

*“Other writings of the ancient and modern teachers, whatever their names, should not be put on a par with Holy Scripture. Every single one of them should be subordinated to the Scriptures and should be received in no other way and no further than as witnesses to the fashion in which the doctrine of the prophets and apostles was preserved in post-apostolic times.*

*“2. Immediately after the time of the apostles—in fact, already during their lifetime—false teachers and heretics invaded the church. Against these the ancient church formulated symbols (that is, brief and explicit confessions) which were accepted as the unanimous, catholic, Christian faith and confessions of the orthodox and true church, namely, the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. We pledge ourselves to these, and we hereby reject all heresies and teachings which have been introduced into the church of God contrary to them.*

*“3. With reference to the schism in matters of faith which has occurred in our times, we regard, as the unanimous consensus and exposition of our Christian faith, particularly against the false worship, idolatry, and superstition of the papacy and against other sects, and as the symbol of our time, the first and unaltered Augsburg Confession, which was delivered to Emperor Charles V at Augsburg during the great Diet in the year 1530, together with the Apology thereof and the Articles drafted at Smalcald in the year 1537, which the leading theologians approved by their subscription at that time.*

*“Since these matters also concern the laity and the salvation of their souls, we subscribe Dr. Luther’s Small and Large Catechisms as both of them are contained in his printed works. They are ‘the layman’s Bible’ and contain everything which Holy Scripture discusses at greater length and which a Christian must know for his salvation.*

*“All doctrines should conform to the standards set forth above. Whatever is contrary to them should be rejected and condemned as opposed to the unanimous declaration of our faith.*

*“In this was the distinction between the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments and all other writings is maintained, and Holy Scripture remains the only judge, rule, and norm according to which as the only touchstone all doctrines should and must be understood and judged as good or evil, right or wrong.*

*“Other symbols and other writings are not judges like Holy Scripture, but merely witnesses and expositions of the faith, setting forth how at various times the Holy Scriptures were understood by contemporaries in the church of God with reference to controverted articles, and how contrary teachings were rejected and condemned.”*

CONCERNING ORIGINAL SIN: *“The Question at Issue: The principal question in this controversy is if, strictly and without any distinction, original sin is man’s corrupted nature, substance, and essence, or indeed the principal and best part of his being (that is, his rational soul in its highest form and powers). Or if there is a distinction, even after the Fall, between man’s substance, nature, essence, body, and soul on the one hand, and original sin on the other hand, so that man’s nature is one thing and original sin, which inheres in the corrupted nature and corrupts it, is something else.*

*“Affirmative Theses—The Pure Doctrine, Faith, and Confession according to the aforesaid Standard and Comprehensive Exposition:*

*“1. We believe, teach, and confess that there is a distinction between man’s nature and original sin, not only in the beginning when God created man pure and holy and without sin, but also as we now have our nature after the Fall. Even after the fall our nature is and remains a creature of God. The distinction between our nature and original sin is as great as the difference between God’s work and the devil’s work.*

*“2. We also believe, teach, and confess that we must preserve this distinction most diligently, because the view that admits no distinction between our corrupted human nature and original sin militates against and cannot co-exist with the chief articles of our Christian faith, namely, creation, redemption, sanctification, and the resurrection of our flesh. . . .”*

***(From The Formula of Concord [Epitome], 1577)***

# Walking with Our Savior this Week

**TODAY** Divine Service of Communion 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee & Refreshment Downstairs 10:30 a.m.  
Catechesis / Family Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

**MONDAY** THE FEAST OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLES  
**Divine Service of Communion 6:00 p.m.**

**TUESDAY** *Pastor's Writing Day (but do call in cases of emergency)*

**WEDNESDAY** **Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.**

**TUESDAY** *Pastor's Family Day (but do call in cases of emergency)*

**FRIDAY** *Pastor Stuckwisch leaving for Sri Lanka and India*

**NEXT SUNDAY** Divine Service of Communion 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee & Refreshment Downstairs 10:30 a.m.  
Catechesis / Family Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

*You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of daily prayer at home:*

*This Monday (29 June) is the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, the Apostles:  
Readings: Acts 15:1-21; Galatians 2:1-10; and St. Matthew 6:13-19*

*The Appointed Readings for next Sunday, the Second in Apostles' Tide:  
Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Saint Mark 6:1-13*