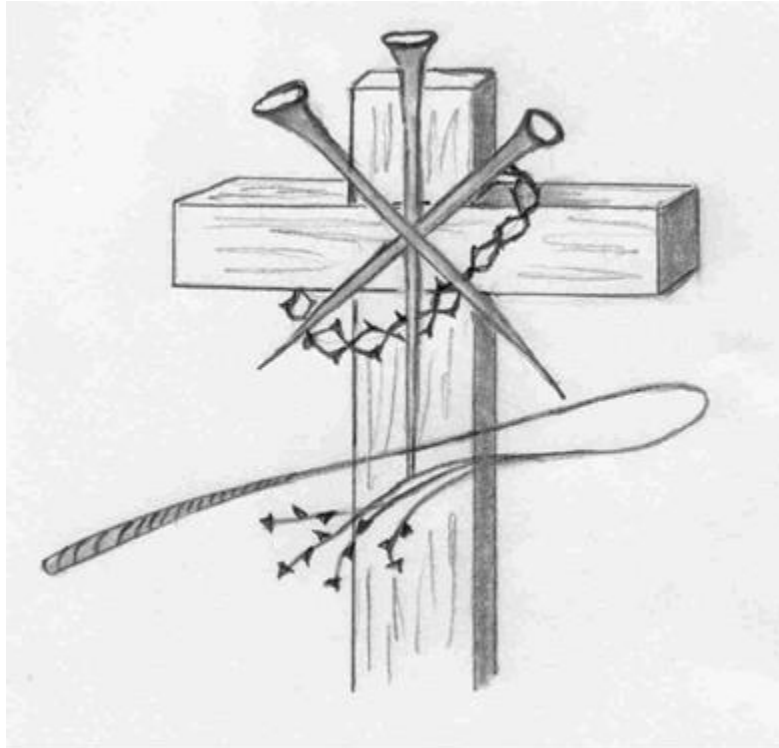


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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done."**

Psalm 105:1



Credo: I Believe

At the beginning of the Apostles' Creed, it begins I believe, or in the Latin Credo. These first two words direct us to see whose confession we are talking about. The confession we are making is not a generic confession but a personal confession. A confession of what I believe about the Trinity. About what God has done for us. The content of the Creed deals with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Teaching us what God has done for us from creations, moving to redemption, and finishing with sanctification.

By confession here we do not mean the confession of sins. While we are called by God to make confession of sins so we can hear the absolution or forgiveness of sins, today we are wanting to talk about giving voice to what you believe. The question might come up are we given any direction by God's Word to confess out loud our faith? St. Paul in Romans 10:9 gives a resounding yes! Hear what St. Paul has to say, **"[B]ecause, 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."** No question we are given direction by God to confess our faith out loud. By doing this we confess or make known to the world what we believe about God and His work of salvation.

St. Paul is not adding a condition on which our salvation rests. Our confessing with our mouths does not earn us salvation. On the contrary, what is in the heart is what comes out of

the mouth. Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel, **"But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person"** (Mt. 15:18). Jesus is connecting this to sin. When we have a heart that is steeped in sin what comes out of the mouth is going to be sinful and show we are defiled by our sin. Conversely, when the heart believes in God and receives the forgiveness of sins what comes out of the mouth is a confession of the hope in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that it has.

When beginning the Apostles' Creed or Nicene Creed with I believe you are telling all who hear and the world this is not a generic confession of faith but it is your confession of faith on which you place all your hope for salvation. It is a summary of your faith. When we confess the Creeds together in church even know we are all saying I believe we are saying we all believe the same thing as found in this creed.

The Apostles' Creed is a great place to start talking to people when you want to know if you believe the same thing. You could get the whole book of Concord out and read through it but it will take you at least a month of straight reading twenty minutes a day and no discussion to get through it (I would recommend you take the time to read it and know it), not very concise. The writers of the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed were trying to make concise summaries of the faith. Giving every Christian a way to confess what they believe about God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, or the Trinity, in a minute or less.

Credo: I Believe begins the confession of faith which will resound in our lives and go out into the world. We pray for a bold and faithful confession.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welton

News from the Rajek Family

April 2022

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“To The Ends of The Earth”

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

Jesus said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”



Welcome and Update

Greetings in the name of our Savior! As always, thank you for your continued support in this mission to make Christ known “to the ends of the earth.” This month’s newsletter is all about transitions as my family and I, after a couple of delays due to Covid, finally made our way to Riga, Latvia. As you will read in the following pages everything is going well and we are adjusting to our new surroundings. The Latvian people have been very welcoming, and we thank God for them as we do for all of you.

Transitions

The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:8 ESV)

We’ve all faced transitions at one point or another. From infancy we’ve transitioned from the perfect surroundings of our mother’s womb to this imperfect world. As we grew, we transition from grammar school to high school and, for many of us, to college and the workforce. Then, perhaps, comes the transition to marriage and the birth of children. Transitions come when we change jobs or move to a new community. And some transitions are easier than others. A transition from one side of town to another can be relatively easier to bear than, say a transition to another culture.

Prayer Requests

- Continued prayers for Luther Academy's students and instructors as we hold our Spring Intensive Studies Week (April 3-8).
- A prayer of thanksgiving for the people who are working on our behalf at the Office of International Mission at Synod and Mission Central.
- Continued prayers for my family as we adjust to our new surroundings.
- For peace in our world and especially in Ukraine.

After a couple of delays, my family and I finally made the transition to Rīga to begin our mission work. Somewhat surprisingly, everything was smooth during our flight (many countries still had Covid restrictions at the time) and we are adjusting quite nicely into our new life. One thing is clear; however, every transition presents us with new challenges and opportunities for growth.

Such was the case for Moses and the Israelites in Deuteronomy 31. If you look at the context, Moses was entering into the last stages of his life. Israel was gathered at the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land and God chose Joshua as Moses' successor. For Moses and for Israel, it was truly a time of transition. No doubt Joshua felt overwhelmed by his new responsibilities. But Moses reassures him with the words of our text. "The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:8 ESV)

It is a good lesson for all of us to remember. Throughout every transition we face, God promises to be present with us. The promise He made through Moses is the same promise He makes to us through His Son. God will "never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:8 ESV) Everything Jesus did. From His conception to His ascension was aimed at keeping that promise to you. God is faithful no matter where we go and no matter what transition we may encounter. Because Jesus made His transition from the womb to the tomb, we can face all our transitions with faith.



L to R: Cory, Jenny, Emiley and Lexi getting ready to board the plane in Sioux Falls, SD on our way to Rīga, Latvia.

A Fun Fact About Latvia



L to R: Emiley, Lexi, Jenny, and me standing in front of St. Peter's Church in Rīga, birthplace of the Reformation in Latvia.

Did you know that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (ELCL) is one of the oldest Lutheran Church bodies in the world? In 1522, Martin Luther's colleague and friend, Johannes Bugenhagen brought the Reformation to the Latvian people. One year later, the church pledged its adherence to the teachings of the Reformation. This makes the ELCL one of the oldest Lutheran Church bodies in the world! In fact, this year, the

ELCL will be celebrating 500 years of the Reformation in Rīga.



This sign is on near the front door to St. Peter's Church in Riga. A rough translation states:

"Reformation Square

The square is named in honor of the Church's Reformation movement, which was started by Martin Luther in Wittenberg (Germany) in 1517. In 1522, the city of Riga was one of the first in the world to undertake a reformation, appointing Andreas Knopken as a teacher in St. Peter's Church."



This is a picture from a road leading to the historic St. Peter's Church in Riga.

Thank You for Your Support



Thank you, thank you, thank you for your ongoing support of this very important mission. God is doing wonderful things in the Eurasia region through the Riga Luther Academy. Through your support, you are making a difference for Christ. I praise God for the good work He is doing and for your partnership in this mission.

If you'd like to support the LCMS through the work of Rev. Dr. Cory J. Rajek, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861



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2 Chronicles 5:13" **[A]nd it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord.**" The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and song: "He is good; his love endures forever."

Music practice

Time: Sundays at 8:20 AM

Dates: March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10, and April 17 (Easter Sunday)

Location: Balcony.

Contact: Peg George at 605-480-1698

Opportunity for you to help lead the congregation and pianist on Easter Sunday on a couple hymns. (or more!) Whether you would like to play an instrument or help direct, we could use your God given talent to play along as our congregation sings the joyous Easter songs! We have simple hymn arrangement music and any questions, please contact Peg or just simply show up (preferably earlier and not last minute!) in the balcony. If you would like to warm up your voices for Easter Sunday and sing along with our instruments, please come and join us!



Parents of Bible History and Confirmation Students,

Camp Comeca information is here! We will be going May 31st, - June 2nd, 2022. The Cost will be \$161 which will include travel, lunch on May 31st at Pizza Ranch and the Camp. The Theme is A Good Conscience. There are sign-up sheets and supply lists at the back of the sanctuary. Please have registration back to pastor no later than April 24, 2022. We look forward to taking the students again to camp.

Greeting from St. Peters Board of Education.

The following is a schedule of when the Sunday School and Bells will singing/playing during the month of April. Please, if you have any questions, contact Julie Gehrels @ 605-480-0439.

- ❖ Palm Sunday / Sunday School will sing during church. Please be at the church no later than 8:40 am.
- ❖ Maundy Thursday / Small group of girls (Jr. High) will sing. Please be at the church by 6:40 pm.
- ❖ Good Friday / Pastor will be doing the Good Friday service at Bethel, and we have permission to bring 15 participants. Bells will be playing but no Sunday School. This is due to the Covid restrictions at Bethel. Bell players need to be at the front entrance of Bethel by 10:00 am.
- ❖ Good Friday / Sunday School will sing, and bells will play during the Good Friday service at church. Please be at the church by 6:40 pm.
- ❖ Easter Sunday / Sunday School will sing, and bells will play during the Easter Service at church. Please be at the church no later than 8:40 am.
- ❖ Confirmation Sunday – April 24th / Sunday School will sing, and bells will play at church. Please be at the church by 8:40 am.

As always, it is important for the children to be at Sunday School every Sunday for their Christian growth. This is also the only time for them to work on their music, so attendance is important.

Blessings on your Easter season. St. Peters Board of Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT 2021-2022



St. Peter's Sunday School have been supporting seminary student Matthew Baker from Brookings, SD. The congregation is welcome to help the students in their support mission. If you would like more information on Matthew Baker and his family, they have a website that they use to keep everyone up to date on what is happening with them.

www.bakerleapoffaith.com

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Llyn & Luanna	Shuck	Apr 6, 1973
Drew & Amy	Hemmer	Apr 9, 2016
Ryan & Tara	McManus	Apr 12, 2008
Gale & Diana	Maas	Apr 16, 1977
Dan & Misty	Alfson	Apr 19, 1997
Jim & Jane	DeVaney	Apr 29, 1988



APRIL BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Ione	Schmidt	Apr 1, 1951
Dan	Lindholm	Apr 3, 1949
Brendyn	McManus	Apr 7, 2013
Bonnie	Lindholm	Apr 9, 1978
Virginia	Heidelberger	Apr 10, 1949
Ashes	Dean	Apr 11, 2002
Janessa	Baumberger	Apr 12, 2015
Tarri	Minor	Apr 12, 1962
Shirley	Backus	Apr 14, 1957
Delorus	Limmer	Apr 15, 1969
Lee	Limmer	Apr 15, 1951
Kay	Mendel	Apr 16, 1961
Rayden	Lindholm	Apr 17, 2005
Marsha	Ellison	Apr 18, 1962
Brett	Martin	Apr 18, 1993
Ryan	McManus	Apr 18, 1981
Dean	Hess	Apr 20, 1941
Louis	Lindholm	Apr 22, 1990
Jane	Devaney	Apr 24, 1955
Eric	Milbrandt	Apr 24, 1994
Les	Heidelberger II	Apr 25, 1943
Mandie	Miller	Apr 25, 1993
Jayla	Baumberger	Apr 29, 2018
Tye	Heidelberger	Apr 29, 1973
Josh	Bjorklund	Apr 30, 1978
Caesyn	Hemmer	Apr 30, 2017
Benjamin	Delfs	Apr, 1994



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Marsha	Ellison	Apr 1, 1962
Lacey	Gehrels	Apr 1, 1991
Dean	Hess	Apr 3, 1941
Mike	Tammen	Apr 4, 1968
Josh	Bjorklund	Apr 9, 1978
Tye	Heidelberger	Apr 9, 1973
Darwin	Lindholm	Apr 11, 2012
Beau	Olinger	Apr 11, 2021
Clayton	Klawonn	Apr 12, 2016
Mark	Limmer	Apr 12, 1968
Jill	Martin	Apr 12, 1963
Caesyn	Hemmer	Apr 13, 2017
Benjamin	Delfs	Apr 14, 1994
Jane	Devaney	Apr 14, 1955
Jenna	Baumberger	Apr 15, 1988
Delorus	Limmer	Apr 15, 1969
Elijah	DeGroot	Apr 18, 2011
Jayla	Baumberger	Apr 19, 2018
Carol	Feldmann	Apr 19, 1951
Amanda	Hanson	Apr 19, 1990
Melissa	Gerry	Apr 20, 1973
Tom	Graff	Apr 22, 1952
Krista	Beeck	Apr 27, 1957
Amy	Hemmer	Apr 27, 1982

To read the Bible in one year:
SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
April 1	Isaiah 25:1-9	Romans 1-3
April 2	Psalms 114	Romans 4-6
April 3	Psalms 115	Romans 7-9
April 4	Psalms 116	Romans 10-13
April 5	Psalms 117	Romans 14-16
April 6	Psalms 118	1 Corinthians 1-3
April 7	Psalms 119: 1-8	1 Corinthians 4-6
April 8	Psalms 119: 9-16	1 Corinthians 7-9
April 9	Psalms 119: 17-24	1 Corinthians 10-11
April 10	Psalms 119: 25-32	1 Corinthians 12-14
April 11	Psalms 119: 33-40	1 Corinthians 15-16
April 12	Psalms 119: 41-48	2 Corinthians 1-4
April 13	Psalms 119: 49-56	2 Corinthians 5-7
April 14	Psalms 119: 57-64	2 Corinthians 8-10
April 15	Psalms 119: 65-72	2 Corinthians 11-13
April 16	Psalms 119: 73-80	Galatians 1-3
April 17	Psalms 119: 81-88	Galatians 4-6
April 18	Psalms 119: 89-96	Ephesians 1-3
April 19	Psalms 119: 97-104	Ephesians 4-6
April 20	Psalms 119: 105-112	Philippians 1-2
April 21	Psalms 119: 113-120	Philippians 3-4
April 22	Psalms 119: 121-128	Colossians 1-2
April 23	Psalms 119: 129-136	Colossians 3-4
April 24	Psalms 119: 137-144	1 Thessalonians 1-3
April 25	Psalms 119: 145-152	1 Thessalonians 4-5
April 26	Psalms 119: 153-160	2 Thessalonians 1-3
April 27	Psalms 119: 161-168	1 Timothy 1-3
April 28	Psalms 119: 169-176	1 Timothy 4-6
April 29	Psalms 120	2 Timothy 1-2
April 30	Isaiah 25: 1-9	2 Timothy 3-4