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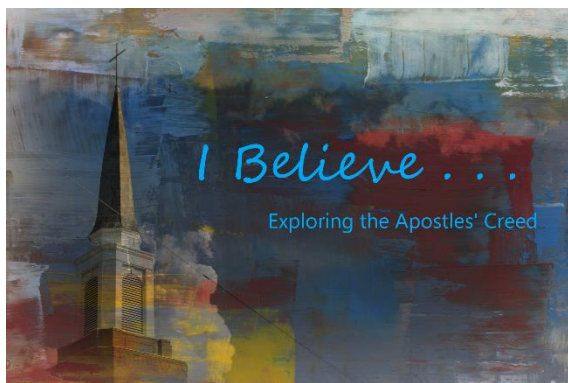
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Our Mission Statement:

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

**Psalm 105:1**



## Credo: Descent into Hell

After Jesus had died on the cross it is common knowledge that He was buried. The tomb where Jesus was buried was close to Golgotha and was placed there on Friday when He died on the cross. This accomplished all of salvation, all of redemption, as we talked about last month. This month we want to focus on Christ's descent into hell and why Christ would do such a thing.

It is often thought this was part of the work of redemption. And that is a reasonable thought to have. To think that Christ would have to go and stay in hell in our place would fit in with Christ taking our punishment for sins. The problem is not that this explanation is sound reasoning but that it does not fit with what the Bible tells us is the reason for Christ's descent into hell.

**“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison” (1 Peter 3:18-19).**

Peter makes clear Jesus has suffered once for the unrighteous, for sinners and their sins and that this happened in the flesh. Meaning in his

earthly life Christ accomplished this work of salvation for all of us.

After accomplishing victory for all people on the cross Jesus descended into hell to proclaim that victory to the prisoners, to those who have rejected Him that they may know He was truly God and that God had kept His promise. It also told Satan and all of his angels (or we usually call them demons) that they had lost. In the moment they thought they had victory when Christ died was truly the moment of victory and now they are defeated. Now, they can be sure they have no hope.

That means you have hope. You have the assurance that the devil no matter how he might rage here on earth is defeated. He can only harass us in this life. When it is final time for us to move to the next life the devil will have no power. Think of the devil like a dog without teeth and on a leash. He can be frightening but in the end he is harmless because of Jesus.

The descent into hell is a doctrine a teaching of comfort for all Christians. It declares to us that Jesus has freed us all from being prisoners to sin, death, and the devil. We are now the heirs to heaven not the slaves of hell.

As we hear and confess of Jesus' descent into hell it comes as great comfort to all of us to know that Jesus has released us from sin and we are heaven bound in life and not death.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Welton



**You are invited to be our guest for:**

**Good Food – Christian Fellowship – Educational Presentation**

Date: October 23, 2022

Place: St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Time: 10:30am

We will start with a Special educational presentation.

A Meal will follow

Our guest presenter will be Jim Schroeder, our Christian Estate Planning Counselor with the LCMS Foundation.

The enclosed flyer shares some information about Jim.

This information that Jim shares with you will help you:

- provide for your family – make gifts that are a blessing to them
- avoid arguments among your family members
- reduce taxes for your heirs
- confess your Christian faith through a written statement
- remember your favorite LCMS ministries including our congregation

You will be contacted to verify your attendance. We look forward to seeing you.

Your servants in Christ,

Gale Maas, Shawn Martin, Jerry Gehrels, Dave Beeck, Mike Tammen, and Pastor Welton



**Jim Schroeder**  
**Christian Estate Planning Counselor**

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- Grew up on a farm at Laurel, Nebraska
- Graduated from Concordia University, Nebraska
- Taught in Lutheran Schools and coached for four years
- Ten years as an estate planning specialist for AAL (Thrivent)
- Issued a solemn appointment as a Christian Estate Planning Counselor for the LCMS Foundation in 1988
- Assisted over 50 LCMS congregations in establishing an endowment
- Assisted thousands of Christians develop a Christian Estate Plan

I do not give legal advice. I help you work with your advisors to develop your Christian Estate Plan.

September 5, 2022

Wow! It's remarkable how different our second summer in Fort Wayne was than our first. Last summer involved a major move, hundreds of hours of Greek studies, learning to navigate a city larger than any we've lived in before, and making new friends (that last one was the best, of course). This summer was more about practicing some of my recently gained skills, exploring new destinations together as a family, and catching up with old friends.

The week after classes concluded, we made the trip to South Dakota for an extended visit. We started at Fairfax for Memorial Day, spending the week with family we hadn't seen in months. While in the area, Pamela took the opportunity to reconnect with her past LWML companions at the South Dakota state convention in early June.

On Pentecost, I had the privilege of preaching at our Brookings congregation, Mount Calvary. It was quite an experience to speak from the pulpit of the church that has been such an important part of our lives. That was just the first of my summer sermons. The next Sunday took us across the state to Rapid City where I was again honored with an invitation to preach at one of our previous congregations, Bethlehem. I dare say that even years from now, that sermon will remain one of Camden's favorites – my "Liar, liar, pants on fire!" sermon. While out west, we were able to experience the Badlands, Storybook Island, Dinosaur Hill, Bear Country, Custer State Park, Mount Rushmore, Sylvan Lake, and the Black Hills Dinosaur Museum. After playing the part of tourists for a few days, we spent another week on the farm, and I assisted with worship at Trinity in Fairfax on June 19. All along the way, we were able to visit with friends and thank sponsors for their support.

Finally, in late June, we headed back to Indiana just in time to pack and vacate our rental before the owners returned from their vicarage. We're grateful this was a short move and that our new residence is suiting us very nicely. We have a designated homeschool room for the first time ever, something we may never be able to live without again. We have easy access to miles of paved bike trails which lead to several playgrounds and sport areas. Perhaps best of all, Logan and Camden quickly made friends with neighboring kids and spend hours a week running back and forth between houses and yards.

On July 10, I covered a vacancy for a small congregation in Hartford City, IN, about an hour south of Fort Wayne. I led Matins, preached, and guided them through a section of a printed study on Romans. Although it was a low pressure situation, it was nonetheless interesting to be the man in charge, so to speak.

The next day we drove to Wisconsin Dells to meet up with my mom, sister, and her daughters for a couple days. As always, the boys had a blast with their cousins, and they got to try out some pretty awesome waterslides and rollercoasters. Back in Indiana, we enjoyed a free Tincaps baseball game, camping with our Trail Life troop, and hosting a few meals for seminary friends.

The last weekend of July we were on the road again, this time to Howard City, MI. We became acquainted with Rev. Townes of Bethel Lutheran Church through his family in Brookings and his association with Mount Calvary. We met him when he attended Symposia on campus in January, and he invited us up this summer so I could preach. He and his congregation were delightful hosts, and

we hope we will be able to visit again someday. On our way back, we stopped at the zoo in Grand Rapids and spent a day at Warren Dunes State Park along Lake Michigan. Climbing the 250-foot sand dune and jumping the waves was loads of fun!

We stayed closer to home for our final month of summer break, making just one day trip to Indianapolis. The outdoor exhibits at the children's museum there were closed when we first visited in November, so we tried again... in August... on a day when the heat index was 98! It was still a good time.

I preached my second sermon at Zion in August and began a Sunday morning study on Martin Luther's catechetical hymns. The opportunity to preach five times this summer and get feedback from pastors with different experiences and perspectives was immensely beneficial and excites me for Homiletics II this year and more preaching to come on vicarage.

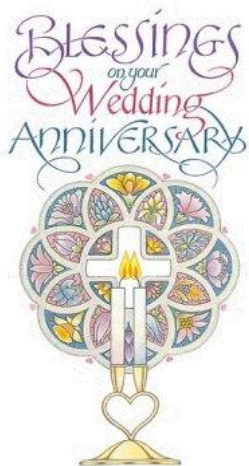
My parents and sister came for a visit later in the month. In addition to hanging out at the house, we went to Science Central, an automobile museum in Auburn, and Promenade park in downtown Fort Wayne. The park was probably the boys' favorite, especially splashing in the sculpted "river" that runs through it.

The last day of the month was the first day of Classical Conversations for the year. This is Camden's second year, Logan's fifth, and Pamela's fifth year tutoring. Looking back at photos of the boys' *first* first day of school, it's amazing (and a little scary) how much they've grown in that time.

Now we're eager to see how the second year of seminary compares to the first. It obviously won't be as relaxing as our summer was, but we're optimistic about it. At least we have some idea of what to expect and already have great friends here to struggle and celebrate with us. We also continue to be encouraged by our wonderful supporters like you. This whole experience is made much easier by your prayers, words of encouragement, and donations. Thank you!

Matthew Baker  
Pamela, Logan, Camden, Brighton, Lincoln

## **OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



**Barb & James                      Crawford                      October 1, 2011**

**Brandon & Amanda                      Fedeler                      October 16, 2021**

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Katie</b>	<b>Hantz</b>	<b>Oct 1, 1982</b>
<b>Brandon</b>	<b>Fedeler</b>	<b>Oct 2, 1992</b>
<b>Danielle</b>	<b>Gehrels</b>	<b>Oct 5, 1993</b>
<b>Russ</b>	<b>Mendel</b>	<b>Oct 5, 1961</b>
<b>Pat</b>	<b>Rausch</b>	<b>Oct 5, 1965</b>
<b>Dan</b>	<b>Alfson</b>	<b>Oct 10, 1968</b>
<b>Ione</b>	<b>Schmidt</b>	<b>Oct 11, 1937</b>
<b>Emma</b>	<b>Hess</b>	<b>Oct 12, 2000</b>
<b>Ryan</b>	<b>McManus</b>	<b>Oct 12, 1980</b>
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Cacho</b>	<b>Oct 14, 2008</b>
<b>Llyn</b>	<b>Shuck</b>	<b>Oct 15, 1951</b>
<b>Trish</b>	<b>Tammen</b>	<b>Oct 15, 1962</b>
<b>Mason</b>	<b>Lindholm</b>	<b>Oct 16, 1991</b>
<b>Matt</b>	<b>Tweet</b>	<b>Oct 17, 1991</b>
<b>Loren</b>	<b>Zimmer</b>	<b>Oct 18, 1943</b>
<b>Kathy</b>	<b>Dorow</b>	<b>Oct 19, 1945</b>
<b>Connie</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Oct 21, 1976</b>
<b>Leon</b>	<b>Gerry</b>	<b>Oct 22, 1972</b>
<b>Sophia</b>	<b>Fischer</b>	<b>Oct 25, 2010</b>
<b>Todd</b>	<b>Keupp</b>	<b>Oct 27, 1955</b>
<b>Jason</b>	<b>Fischer</b>	<b>Oct 29, 1979</b>
<b>Alex</b>	<b>Henrichs</b>	<b>Oct 30, 2002</b>



## **OCTOBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Lindholm</b>	<b>Oct 2, 1983</b>
<b>Deb</b>	<b>Reck</b>	<b>Oct 4, 1953</b>
<b>Misty</b>	<b>Alfson</b>	<b>Oct 5, 1975</b>
<b>Krista</b>	<b>Beeck</b>	<b>Oct 6, 1957</b>
<b>Jeremy</b>	<b>Lindholm</b>	<b>Oct 7, 1979</b>
<b>Remington</b>	<b>Miller</b>	<b>Oct 11, 1992</b>
<b>Cindy</b>	<b>VanPelt</b>	<b>Oct 12, 1958</b>
<b>Melissa</b>	<b>Reck</b>	<b>Oct 14, 1973</b>
<b>Amanda</b>	<b>Maas</b>	<b>Oct 17, 1982</b>
<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Reck</b>	<b>Oct 19, 2003</b>
<b>Trish</b>	<b>Tammen</b>	<b>Oct 21, 1962</b>
<b>Katie</b>	<b>Hantz</b>	<b>Oct 24, 1982</b>
<b>Arlyn</b>	<b>Tammen</b>	<b>Oct 28, 1939</b>
<b>Everett</b>	<b>Milbrandt</b>	<b>Oct 29, 2017</b>
<b>Connie</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Oct 31, 1976</b>
<b>Rory</b>	<b>Milbrandt</b>	<b>Oct 31, 2021</b>





**TO READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR:**  
**SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
October 1	Jonah 2:2 – 9	Jeremiah 32 – 34
October 2	Psalms 114	Jeremiah 35 – 37
October 3	Psalms 115	Jeremiah 38 – 40
October 4	Psalms 116	Jeremiah 41 – 43
October 5	Psalms 117	Jeremiah 44 – 47
October 6	Psalms 118	Jeremiah 48 – 50
October 7	Psalms 119:1 - 8	Jeremiah 51 – 52
October 8	Psalms 119:9 – 16	Lamentations 1 – 2
October 9	Psalms 119:17 – 24	Lamentations 3 – 5
October 10	Psalms 119:25 -32	Ezekiel 1 – 3
October 11	Psalms 119:33 – 40	Ezekiel 4 – 6
October 12	Psalms 119:41 – 48	Ezekiel 7 – 9
October 13	Psalms 119:49 – 56	Ezekiel 10 – 12
October 14	Psalms 119:57 – 64	Ezekiel 13 – 15
October 15	Psalms 119:65 – 72	Ezekiel 16 – 18
October 16	Psalms 119:73 – 80	Ezekiel 19 – 21
October 17	Psalms 119:81 – 88	Ezekiel 22 – 24
October 18	Psalms 119:89 – 96	Ezekiel 25 – 27
October 19	Psalms 119:97 – 104	Ezekiel 28 – 30
October 20	Psalms 119:105 – 112	Ezekiel 31 – 33
October 21	Psalms 119:113 – 120	Ezekiel 34 – 36
October 22	Psalms 119:121 – 128	Ezekiel 37 – 39
October 23	Psalms 119:129 – 136	Ezekiel 40 – 42
October 24	Psalms 119:137 – 144	Ezekiel 43 – 45
October 25	Psalms 119:145 – 152	Ezekiel 46 – 48
October 26	Psalms 119:153 – 160	Daniel 1 – 3
October 27	Psalms 119:161 – 168	Daniel 4 – 6
October 28	Psalms 119:169 – 176	Daniel 7 – 9
October 29	Psalms 120	Daniel 10 – 12
October 30	Psalms 121	Hosea 1 – 4
October 31	Jonah 2:2 – 9	Hosea 5 - 7

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Altar Guild: Ashley Milbrandt ~ Julie Gehrels ~ Danielle Gehrels

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b> Sunday, October 2 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Abigail Eppe Greeters: Louis & Kassandra Lindholm Famil Organist: Peggy George Board of Education Meeting	3	4	<b>5</b> NO Confirmantion & Bible History Class 7:00 pm Youth Group	6	7	8
			<b>PASTOR'S CONFERENCE</b>			
<b>9</b> Sunday October 9 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Olerick Welton Greeters: Mason & Samantha Lindholm Family Organist: Shirley Backus Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service Sunday School Teachers Meeting	<b>10</b> Altar Guild 7:00 pm	11	<b>12</b> 4:00 pm Confirmantion & Bible History Class 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Council Meeting	14	15
<b>16</b> Sunday October 16 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Rilynn Zillgitt Greeters: Ryan & Stacy Lindholm Family; Alex Henrichs Organist: Peggy George Sunday School & <b>VOTERS Meeting following service</b>	<b>17</b> <b>NEWS LETTER DEAD LINE</b>	18	<b>19</b> 4:00 pm Confirmantion & Bible History Class 7:00 pm Youth Group	<b>20</b> Winkle	21	22
<b>23</b> Sunday October 23 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Natalie Feige Greeters: Ted & Carolyn Lindholm; Jim Lindholm Organist: Shirley Backus Sunday School & Endowment Committee Lunch w/Speaker	24	25	<b>26</b> 4:00 pm Confirmantion & Bible History Class 7:00 pm Youth Group	27	28	29
<b>30</b> Sunday October 30 -9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Sophia Fischer Greeters: Marty & Billie Lusk Family Organist: Peggy George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service	31					