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FROM PASTOR'S DESK

"Sola Scriptura" Scripture Alone

Pastor Zac Patterson

When people think about the month of October, most probably think about Halloween, which is actually of Christian origin where people would dress up to mock Satan and the demons before All Saints' Day, but that's an article for another year. For Lutherans, October draws our minds to Martin Luther and the Reformation beginning back in 1517. This Reformation led to the formation of many different denominations, each with different ideas about how to interpret the Bible. Of all the different groups, Lutherans are the ones who actually get it right. The reason for that is not because we are more skilled theologians or have stronger faith. Rather, it is because of a principle that we have held to since the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura* or "Scripture Alone".

The principle of *Sola Scriptura* speaks to where we find ultimate authority for spiritual truth. For Lutherans, this spiritual truth comes only from Holy Scripture, hence "scripture alone". This is not to say that we are the only Christians who believe in the Bible as God's Word. Every real Christian will say they believe in the Bible. However, when the rubber hits the road, you will find that other denominations, when it comes to interpreting the Scriptures to find spiritual truth, will bring in other sources of authority to find these truths. For them, it's Scripture + (fill in the blank). Let's look at two examples.

Example A will be the Roman Catholics. They believe, like we do, that the Scriptures are the inspired, inerrant Word of God. However, they have another source of authority that is equal to Scripture: the Pope. In their tradition, when the Pope speaks *ex cathedra* ("from the chair"), namely speaking from his office in an official manner, he is infallible in what he says and it is considered just as valid as the Scriptures. In fact, official declarations from the Pope are often taken as more authoritative than Scripture, which is why you will find them holding doctrines such as praying to Mary as a co-redemptrix, salvation by works, that Muslims are saved apart from faith in Christ, etc. For Roman Catholics, it's Scripture + the Pope.

Example B will be Baptists. Just like the Roman Catholics, they have other sources of authority to go alongside Scripture. For many Baptists, logic and experience are two additional sources of spiritual authority. Let's look at the Lord's Supper. In the upper room that Maundy Thursday evening of Holy Week, Jesus takes bread, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is My body." He then takes the cup of wine, passes it, and says, "Take, drink, this is My blood of the new covenant." Because they don't see, smell, or taste flesh and blood in the Lord's Supper, many Baptists use their logic based on their experience to decide that Jesus was speaking metaphorically, that it just represents His body and blood, therefore not actually giving the forgiveness of sins. For Baptists, it's Scripture + logic/experience.

But we, as Lutherans, hold to Scripture Alone. Certainly, God uses men to speak His truth to the world, as we've seen with prophets, Apostles, and pastors; however, the words of any sinful man are never on par with the Word of God in Holy Scripture. Certainly, God has given us all a mind to use logic and senses to have experiences; however, these things are never to be placed above

what God's Word tells us is true. If Scripture says it, we believe it, even if it defies everything we think or feel. If Jesus says the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are His body and blood, we believe it. If Scripture says that Baptism saves you, we believe it. St. Paul says, "if anyone, even an angel from heaven, preaches a gospel other than the one already preached, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8-9). For many Christians, spiritual truth is Scripture + (fill in the blank). For Lutherans, spiritual truth comes from *Sola Scriptura*, Scripture Alone.

### **SIGN UP NOW FOR KIDS FOR CHRIST! "KFC"**

We meet with our students in grades Preschool-8 every week in a fun and engaging way. The groups are broken down as follows: Christian Playgroup-- Preschool/Kindergarten Crosstown-- Grades 1-3, Jesus Company--Grades 4-6, and Confirmation--Grades 7-8. Our desire is for our students to use this time to make friends and learn more about the Lutheran Christian faith. We will have blast playing games, making crafts, eating dinner (YES! dinner each week at 5:00), and growing in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please come and bring a friend! **New this year--chime choir for grades 1-8 at 4:15.**

Class is each Thursday from 4:15-6:30. (School breaks and holidays =no class). A detailed calendar is available at the church on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and LOFT foyer.

There is a \$35 fee per child for the entire school year. Please pay by check or cash by September 7. Volunteers are needed as well. Please see Chrissy Heiss for more information.

### **"KFC" NEEDS HELP FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

Kids For Christ will begin again on *September 7* and continue Thursdays throughout the school year. The activities are expanding, but supper is a big part of the program. See Chrissy Heiss to get information about **providing supper** (Meals or Money for meals) for the kids and staff. We usually provide for about 30-40 people, a mix of Adults and Children.

### **JULIET'S BOOK CLUB-**

JULIET'S Book Club will meet at Panera Bread in Fox River Grove at 6:00pm on the first Monday of the month. Currently reading a book titled "Love Stories of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Brehm. Please contact Kathy for more information.

### **Help Holy Cross Lutheran School with snacks!**

Fill a box for us (or put something in the kitchen refrigerator) with some of the following ideas:

Craisins	Go-Go Fruit	Ranch Dressing
Raisins	Crackers	String Cheese
Cheerios	Animal Crackers	Pretzel Sticks
Go-Gurt	Vanilla Wafers	Clementines
Skinny Pop	Small Round Tortilla Chips	Kix Cereal
Apples	Salsa	Graham Crackers
Bananas	Carrots	Sliced Cheese

There are lists by the boxes if you want one to take with you shopping! *Thank you for helping!*

### **Employer Benefits for matching donations to charitable groups:**

Benevity is a non-profit entity that partners with companies so that their employees can make donor-directed contributions to a qualifying not-for-profit of their choice and the company matches their donations. We qualify and are now approved to receive these donations. Check your employer if you would like to have matching funds applied to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

## **VENDOR FAIR – November 17 & 18**

We are so excited that the Vendor Fair is only 2 months away! We are filling up booth space fast, so please get the word out to family, friends, and neighbors. They can go to our church website <https://www.holycrosscary.org/> or our Facebook page @hclcary and register now for a booth. As we get closer, the committee has taken on many hats to get things done, but we could still use help in some key areas: Bake Sale, Greeters, and New2U. Also, you may have noticed that our shelves are out and we are accepting gently used items for our New2u Booth. Our goal is to have as many members as possible get involved in this outreach event so the people in the community can witness all the good Holy Cross does for the community. Please reach out to Kathy Lazzarini 224-623-4026 to see how you can assist in the Vendor Fair.

## **OWLS HAPPENINGS**

OWLS WILL MEET THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 at noon in the lower LOFT. Suzie and Larry Kujovich will host and provide dessert and a devotion. Please, bring your own lunch and join us for an afternoon with friends. Books and magazines you have finished reading can be brought to the meeting to be traded or donated to Ablelight Thrift Shop. OWLS will be preparing to gather ingredients for assembling Friendship Soup Mix and baking mixes to donate to the bake sale at the November 17-18 Vendor Fair.

OWLS are planning a visit to Richmond, Illinois to enjoy a German lunch and shopping on Thursday, October 19. Everyone is welcome to join us and transportation can be arranged. More information and a sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**

The class is from 10-11:00am in the conference room by the offices. Everyone is welcome! Join in any time!

## **LOOKING FOR A GOOD AUTUMN READ?**

Our Holy Cross Library is filled with great books and videos. Find something you like, read or watch and return it for the next person. It's FREE!! Thank you to Diane for organizing the library!

## **DO YOU LIKE TO SING?**

Then you should come to choir, of course! Come try it out, we know you will like it.



*Did you know that singing in a choir is as good for you as exercise?*

- reduces stress
- improves breathing and circulation
- enhances your immune system
- releases those 'feel-good' hormones

God is gracious to provide physical and mental benefits to singing to him as he commands. By participating you are leading a witness to the great things our God has done. Why not enhance your spiritual and physical life in choir? **We meet every Wednesday night at 7 pm in the balcony.**

**The Arlingtines Barbershop Chorus** is performing in the St. John's Chapel of the Lutheran Home - 800 W. Oakton Street, Arlington Heights on Sunday Afternoon, October 15 at 3:00 P.M.. The concert is sponsored by the Lutheran Home Auxiliary and a delicious dessert and coffee bar after the concert is provided by the Lutheran Life Communities Foundation. The Arlingtines Barbershop Chorus is an award-winning a cappella chorus located in and singing throughout the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. No reservations needed. This concert is a gift to the community and residents of Lutheran Home in honor of the Lutheran Home Auxiliary's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Join us at the Lutheran Home at 3:00 on Sunday, October 15 for a great afternoon of singing by the Arlingtines.

# What's Happening This Month: October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:00pm Juliet's Book Club	3 10:00am Bible Study	4 7:00pm Choir	5 12:00pm OWLS 4:15-6:30 KFC	6	7 5:30pm Worship
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10:45am Worship  5:00 Movie Night Lower LOFT, food, snacks, & fun!	9 Pastor at NID conference  Office Closed School Closed  Columbus Day	10 Pastor at NID conference  <b>NO Bible Study</b>	11 Pastor at NID conference  5:30 Finance 7:00pm Choir	12 10:00am Prayer Shawl 6:30pm Elder's KFC 4:15-6:30	13	14 5:30pm Worship 7:00pm Taize
15 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10:45am Worship	16 (Ellen out of the office ←Oct 14-22 →)	17 10-11am Bible Study  6:30pm Gov. Board	18 7:00pm Choir	19 OWLS-German Lunch/Brathaus 4:15-6:30 KFC	20	21 5:30pm Worship
22 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10:45am Worship  PALS RETREAT	23     PALS RETREAT	24  <b>NO Bible Study</b>  PALS RETREAT	25 7:00pm Choir  (Crosslink Deadline)	26 10:00am Prayer Shawl 4:15-6:30 KFC	27    School Fall Party	28     <b>No worship service</b>
29 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00 Oktoberfest! <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>	30	31 10-11am Bible Study  Reformation Day				

*The Lord will indeed give what is good.*

*and our land will yield its harvest.*

Psalm 85:12