

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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August 20, 2023



*Sharing the truth of Christ's love
by caring for the needs of everyone!*

Sunday Service

9:00 am

(Communion celebrated every Sunday)

Children's Sunday School

(Ages 3 - 8th Grade)

September - May, 10:00 am

High School Sunday School

(9th - 12th Grades)

September - May, 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am

Why all the different denominations in Christianity? Part 3

Two weeks ago, we began the discussion of why there are so many different denominations or church bodies within Christianity. I'll end this discussion by pointing out why there are so many religions and cults in the world.

Christianity is not the only religion and there are also groups we refer to as cults. The distinction is that other religions believe in things contrary to Christianity, while cults are groups, also believing in things contrary to Christianity, which can appear Christian or Christian-like but do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God or that He is the Savior of all peoples.

Every person is born into this world in sin separated from God and having an innate desire to be right with their creator. They just don't know that it is God (Yahweh). Because of this desire, gods, religion, and cults are born. There is a diverse assortment of beliefs in these other religions and cults and yet they all miss the truth. Interestingly, Christianity is the only religion where the Savior (God) does everything for us in order for us to be saved. In the other religions and cults, the person must do what is necessary to achieve that version of salvation and eternal life.

You would think that having everything done for us would be enough to draw people to Christianity. The fact that it's done for us and that we must give up our sins (we really like some of our sins) makes Christianity less tempting to some people. Satan is hard at work and he is ultimately behind the other religions and cults. They each offer one or more unique promises. Some examples are that the Mormons promise to baptize any deceased person when they baptize an individual assuring them with the promise of their and the deceased individual's salvation and eternal life. Other religions promise the person can be reincarnated into a better life if they meet all the requirements. Islam offers a man that is martyred for Allah an eternity in paradise surrounded by virgins.

Many of these other religions and cults use the names of and are familiar with people like Abraham, Moses, Jesus, God, and others. Unfortunately, a deeper look into these people in the other religions and cults reveals a whole different person.

These other religions and cults offer promises that pique our interest and, in some cases, satisfy some need a person has. Sadly, all the promises are false and misleading. All these things are meant to lure people. Some of these religions will go to

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Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:

Don Adams, Pamela Andrews, Gloria Balgeman, Alicia Briskey (acute leukemia), Steve Collins, (Linda Butt's son-in-law, may need open heart surgery), Payton Cowan, Janie Eaves (Pastor Eaves' mother), Marie Gehrke, Rose Hardwig, Wynn Howard (Sonja Sporleder's dad), Kim Jacobson (Wendy Jacobson's daughter-in-law), Karen Johnson (friend of Marilyn Eaves), Ernst Kohn, Daniel Kowalski, Linda Mandell, Paul Mills, Dave Neisendorf, Roxie Peters, Dennis Roush, Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), Marilyn Thompson, and Andrea Zachotina

Those residing in healthcare centers:

Dave Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts, Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

Those serving in our military:

Aidan Buttrum and Ally Mills



Attendance



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July 30: 56
August 6: 51
August 13: 59
August 20:
August 27:

True Practice of Faith

Giving back to God from what He has given you is a question not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us but of faith in God as our Creator. Giving back involves complete trust in His providential promises.

Altar Guild



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

August 20

Given in honor of Fred & Linda Rackow's 47th wedding anniversary, August, 21.

On Sundays, please be sure to wear your name tag as there are new people attending our church and they may not know who you are.

If you are ever in need of a notary public, please contact Sonja Sporleder, as she is one and would be happy to help you at any time. She can be reached at 630-386-6599, or at slsporleder@me.com.

Congregational Assembly, August 27th

A Congregational Assembly meeting will be convened on August 27 after the worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote to accept the Church Council's recommendation to move forward with the purchase of the new audio video system for our church. The pledge drive held in July has proven to be a success. With pledges from our membership, memorial donations, and a grant from the Northern Illinois District, over \$94,000.00 was pledged towards the purchase of the new system. The Church Council met on August 8th and voted to bring this endeavor to the membership for approval.

There are various dates for making the payments for the new system. Thirty-five percent of the purchase price is due with purchase order or signed proposal. Forty percent is due when the equipment is ordered and fifteen percent is due at the beginning of onsite installation. The remainder of the balance is due upon completion of the work.

If the congregation approves the purchase of the audio video system, your pledge fulfillment can start on Sunday, September 3rd.

Respectfully,
Fred Rackow, President

great links to keep people from leaving the religion or cult. In some cases, this includes death.

Satan uses all of these to tempt people away from believing in Jesus and in something that is false. The bottom line is you, the individual, needs to know what you believe, who you believe in, and then find the right fit as you worship and seek to be obedient to God or something else. This is nothing new. The Israelites struggled with their non-Israelite neighbors who worshipped a plethora of gods. There is a religion to fit everyone's needs or tastes but there is only one true God (Yahweh), one true religion (Christianity), and only one way to Heaven (Jesus Christ, the crucified risen Son of God).

As I said in the previous two articles, it's people, tempted by Satan, that make this all a tangled mess and it will remain so until Jesus returns.

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ has died! Christ is risen! He will come again!

2023 Northern Illinois District (NID) Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Fall Gathering Gifts From the Heart (September 29 & 30, 2023)

Voice of Hope Behind the Wall Ministry NID has evolved in the past three years reports Deaconess Lori Wilbert. After 34 years of working behind the wall at Stateville Prison and working in ministry within the NID 38 years, Deaconess Wilbert has transitioned into working with those being released from prison in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The teaching ministry at Stateville continued during the COVID shutdown with the blessing of the warden and with staff he assigned to the ministry. Prison staff delivered class lessons and assignments to the cell houses each week, picked them up, and sent them back to Deaconess Wilbert. This teaching model continues.

Upon their release, former prisoners need items that help an individual set up an apartment. These Gifts from the Heart will enable each person to have a solid start as he re-integrates into his community.

Household Items:

- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Lysol toilet cleaner
- Cleaning cloths

- Kitchen towels/Dish cloths
- Bath towels/Washcloths
- Queen or Full Sheet sets
- 1 set of basic pots/pans
- Set of plates/coffee mugs/glasses
- Silverware

Personal Needs:

- Bars of soap/Body wash
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Hair brush/Comb
- Disposable Shavers
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Lotion

****Package sizes should be appropriate for an individual**

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Usher	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
8/20	Bob Felbinger	Fred Rackow	Bette Wine	Paul Tegtmeier	Marilyn Eaves
8/27	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Marilyn Eaves	Marilyn Eaves

Birthdays	
8/23	Marilyn Maas
8/24	Henry Warfel
8/25	Kathy Pergande
Wedding Anniversary	
8/21	Fred & Linda Rackow

Lutheran Hour

August 20
 "The Latest Polls"
 Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
 What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is— that's the truth.

August 27
 "Raising the Praise"
 Rev. Dr. John Nunes
 Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them.

Broadcast Stations & Times:
Sundays
 WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am
 WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm
 WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am

This Week		
Sunday, 8/20	Outdoor Worship* <i>Please bring a chair</i> Adult Bible Study <i>Fill The Pews</i>	9:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 8/23	Chapel Service - Deer Path	10:00 am
Thursday, 8/24	Bible Study Little Saints Preschool Parent's Night Preschool Board Meeting	1:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Saturday, 8/26	Pew Sisters Bible Study <i>"A Woman After God's Heart"</i>	10:00 am
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 8/27	Indoor Worship Church Assembly Meeting	9:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 8/30	Little Saints Preschool Open House Chapel Service - Deer Path	9:00 am 10:00 am
Thursday, 8/31	Bible Study	1:30 pm

** If inclement weather, service will be held indoors.*

Children's Sunday School starts September 10, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Free Baby Grand Piano
 Contact Pastor Eaves
 701-340-8324

Livestream St. Peter's Sunday Worship at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhtspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q>

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