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July 2024

FROM PASTORS DESK

“ Biblical Fellowship- Doctrine Part 2“

Pastor Zac Patterson

The blessings of doctrinal unity; this is the topic of this month’s article and the conclusion of looking at threefold Biblical Fellowship. We saw in last month’s article how God urges us through Scripture to remain united in what we believe. He does this not just so we would all know the Truth, but that we would enjoy in the blessed fellowship that flows from such doctrinal unity. Allow me to make an analogy before diving into Scripture.

It’s time for Thanksgiving dinner. Two families in two different households are hosting their separate meals. The family at the first house has a strict rule when getting together: no discussions of politics or religion. This rule stemmed from a fight that broke out years ago by some that had differing views over such topics. They all sit down, engage in a little bit of small talk while they eat, and then depart. The family at the second house gets together for their dinner, yet they do not have such a rule. They all discuss freely, all enjoying the conversations they have, and late into the night after much talk, they hug and depart. Which Thanksgiving dinner would you rather be a part of? Why did the second family have a much more cordial dinner than the first? It’s because they were all on the same page. They could speak freely, even on controversial topics, because they had that shared ideology and belief: their doctrine. This is what the Church is supposed to be, a place where we come together with a shared doctrine. That shared doctrine leads to joy, and when that unity in doctrine is splintered, the fellowship breaks down.

The Scriptures are filled with this back and forth between the joy of doctrinal unity and the breakdown of this fellowship. When were the Israelites most at peace and harmony? When they were united under God’s Law and followed His commands. Think of when they were faithfully following King David or King Josiah, both generally faithful to God and His Law. These were good times and times of joy for God’s people. On the flip side, when were the Israelites most in conflict and chaos? When they were going against God’s Law and doing their own things rather than following God. Think of when they were under the leadership of King Saul (the later years) or King Ahaz. There was trouble, famine, and hardship for God’s people.

But pastor, they were worshipping false gods, that’s why that all happened. Where do we see that believing in the same God but different doctrines cause problems for fellowship? Worshipping false gods stems from believing false doctrine, but I’m glad you asked. You can see this in the New Testament. Compare Paul’s letter to the Romans with his first letter to the Corinthians. They have two completely different vibes. Romans contains much more general teaching, while 1 Corinthians

contains a lot of rebuke and correction for false teaching and practice. The Church in Rome was more of one mind, whereas the Church in Corinth had many problems, which is why Paul speaks on division among them multiple times and admonishes them to be of one mind. Many of the Epistles share these same points, either further teaching for those in unity or correction for those who are divided.

You can see this in Acts as well. In Acts 2, they are all joined in good Christian fellowship, stemming from their unity in doctrine. However, as the book goes on, that fellowship is split when there is disagreement in doctrine over the topic of circumcision. Once there is a split, people start taking sides and the Apostles must step in and make a decision (see Acts 15).

The point in all of this is that there comes great joy and many blessings for those who share doctrinal unity. King David says so in Psalm 133, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity." This is real Biblical fellowship. A fellowship in worship, in caring for one another, and in doctrine. When God's people are united in each of these things, real fellowship comes, which brings about real joy and harmony. I hope that these articles have helped in explaining my vision for Holy Cross and my desire to create unparalleled Biblical fellowship here; a fellowship that people in our community, Lord willing, will be drawn into.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Joint Worship Service on Sunday, July 7 at 10:30am (Bible Class at 9:15 am)
(NO Worship 5:30pm Saturday, 8:30am Sanctuary, or 10:45am LOFT)

EAT TO SUPPORT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL!

On Tuesday, July 9th from 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria at 502 Northwest Highway is donating back 20% of sales from Takeout & Delivery orders to Holy Cross Lutheran School! Be sure to mention our school when you order. You can also purchase frozen pizzas to have another night!

FELLOWSHIP EVENT: KANE COUNTY COUGARS GAME!

Get ready for our day at the Ballpark! **Friday, July 12, 6:30pm game**. (Gates open at 5:30pm) It's "All Faiths Night" and "Video Game Night, with Fireworks following the game.

OWLS HAPPENINGS

OWLS WILL NOT MEET JULY 4.

OWLS will postpone the visit to the Japanese Gardens in Rockford on July 18 to a date later in the summer. On July 18 OWLS will have a potluck picnic at the riverfront park in Fox River Grove, meeting at noon. Please join us for an afternoon with friends.

OWLS would like to play golf and bowling onscreen with a video game set-up. If anyone has equipment that is no longer in use at home, please, consider donating a set-up to OWLS.

AUGUST 2024 HUMAN CARE MINISTRY BLOOD DRIVE NOTICE

Early notice to save the date of **August 12, 2024** to donate blood here at Holy Cross. Versiti Blood Centers are again short of blood donors to supply the 600 blood products needed daily to cover the 70+ area hospitals with the transfusions their patients need. The VERSITI team members will follow CDC & FDA guidelines to make donating safe. Let's start the Fall Season off giving a GIFT to someone you'll never know. You can be A Beacon of Hope with your simple gift of donating blood. Thank You To All Dedicated Donors. You Really Know How To Give -- Be A Hero, Give Blood....

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

This month's classes are July 2, 9, 16, & 23. (No Class on 7/30 - Pastor at Conference)

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS Meets Sundays at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Takes a break for the summer and will restart on Rally Day, September 8.

"MORE FOR '24"

Our "Progress Thermometer" is up in the Narthex. Please find the school kids handprints thanking you for your "helping hands" in promoting and supporting our School Ministry! Let's work to meet this goal which brings Christ into the lives of these children!

TRUSTEES NEEDED

Many hands make light work, and we are blessed with this large facility! Trustees are looking for handy, reliable volunteers to join their group. Please contact Joe.

!!!!PRAISE TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!!

Contact Liz or church office 847-639-1702

- **Vocalists, Musicians**, (especially keyboard & guitar)
- **Run Slides** (already prepared- just need to be advanced during service) **1-2x/month needed**
- **Sound** - Play Track Music/Mute and Unmute Soundboard. **1-2x/month needed.**
Rehearsal 9-10:45 followed by Service on Sundays at 10:45am

- **Ushers- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month needed**
- **Chair set up- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month needed**

✠✠✠ Serve one or more Sundays a month. *Low effort*, **BIG** impact!!! **Volunteers keep this service going weekly.**

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Cross Lutheran School is now enrolling for the 24-25 school year. School starts August 8. We're offering grades Pre-K through grade 4, plus hybrid homeschool options. For more information or a school tour, contact Mrs. Chrissy Heiss at the school office at 847-639-6533. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors!

UPCOMING :

Monday, July 1-5- Fellowship Hall/Kitchen closed due to floor waxing

Tuesday, July 9 – Lou Malnati's School Fundraiser

Friday July 12 -Kane County Cougars Game and Fireworks

Thursday, August 8- First Day of School

Friday, August 9- First "Fun Friday" at school

Monday, August 12- Blood Drive- Walk-ins welcome

Sunday, September 8- Church Picnic & Rally Day (Sunday School starts)


Thursday, September 12- KFC starts!

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Carpentersville Flea Market (2525 Helm Rd.)

Flea Market on June 29 from 9am-2pm to raise money for their ministries. They are looking for people to sell crafts, flea market items, etc. No charge for vendors, they just ask you to give 10% of your sales to their ministries. Dukes BBQ will have food to purchase. 847-426-4293 for more info. Shoppers and sellers are encouraged!

JULY 2024

What's Happening This Month:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Waxing Fellowship Hall & Kitchen--- →	2 10am Bible Class -----→	3 -----→	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 NO Worship
7 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	8	9 10am Bible Class 6:30pm Elder's Lou Malnati's School fundraiser	10 5:00pm Finance	11 10:00am Prayer Shawl- here	12 Kane County Cougars Game	13 5:30pm Worship 7:00pm Taize
14 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship	15	16 10am Bible Class 6:30pm Gov. Board	17	18 OWLS - picnic	19	20 5:30pm Worship
21 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship	22 Parish Admin. Mtg	23 10am Bible Class	24 "Crosslink Deadline"	25 10:00am-Prayer Shawl- Panera 6:45pm Trustees	26	27 5:30pm Worship
28 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship	29 ←-----Pastor at	30 NO Bible Class Conference -----	31 -----→			

ATTENDANCE: June

6/1/24 Sat. 5:30pm - 35
 6/2/24 Sun. 8:30am - 46 10:45am - 18
 6/8/24 Sat. 5:30pm - 22 7:00pm - ? Taize
 6/9/24 Sun. 8:30am - 40 10:45am - 18
 6/15/24 Sat. 5:30pm - 27
 6/16/24 Sun. 8:30am - 42 10:45am - 12
 6/22/24 Sat. 5:30pm - 22
 6/23/24 Sun. 8:30am - 48 10:45am - 46

Vacation Bible School : 38 (Members: 18/ Non-members: 20) Volunteers: 17