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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our An
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Ch*

Sally gave me the book *The 100 Most asked Questions About* and asked me to look it over and tell her if it is worthv found is that it is a very good book that sources its ansv the bible. It is very easy to see where the author, S. Mich coming from in his answers because his train of thought

and his answers are grounded in scripture. Even if you disagree with an answer I sure we all will disagree with something, you can be sure that his answer is b scriptural understanding.

I am not going to write a review of the entire book. I recommend it as a reso for when you have questions or when people ask you questions about the fa reading it for personal edification. Each question is answered in brief fashion, so commit a lot of time to reading in order to get something from the book.

What I want to do is not review the book, but look at the answer Houdm question, which I thought he answered very well. The question is, "Can a Christi I know this is a controversial question, though probably more controversial considering how clear the bible is about the answer. The short answer is, "No isn't a detailed enough answer to put people's minds and souls at ease wit assuredness of their salvation.

This question, can a Christian lose salvation, is one that is often emotional for p avoids giving an emotional answer and is careful to give many principles derive along with scripture quotes to back them up. I thought that he handled the issu to pass along a summary of his answer to you as just one example of why you book, or at least have it on your shelf for times of need.

Houdmann begins his answer by taking us to the scriptures to see what they s paraphrase much of what he says so that I am not just typing out his entire Christian is a new creation. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new crea passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17) Houdmann says Christian to lose his salvation, the new creation would have to be destroyed."

Second, a Christian is redeemed. "...Knowing that you were ransomed from inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or go precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." (1 Pet Christian to lose his salvation, Houdmann says, "God himself would have to rev the individual for whom he paid with the precious blood of Christ."



May 2024

at New Life

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries	29	30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	1 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study	2 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Study 9:00am	
5 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bowmans	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	8 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study	9 Morning Prayer 8:00am	
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Worship Service 10:00am No Coffee Hour	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods May Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	15 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study	16 Morning Prayer 8:00am	
19 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Sally Trump PENTECOST SUNDAY	20	21 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	22 Joyous News June Issue Deadline	23 Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ the Williams	
26 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Taylor DuBois	27 memorial DAY	28 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	29	30 Morning Prayer 8:00am	

WALLY'S GALLERY —

Early in my Air Force career, I flew the Lockheed C-141 Starlifter. In the late 60's and early 70's our primary mission was to resupply our troops in Viet Nam. Long distance flying can be boring and at times memorable for a variety of reasons. One such event occurred on a winter night departure from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. As we approached cruising altitude we encountered the northern lights. It was spectacular to behold but also disorienting. Their serpentine motion



across the night sky caused a visual deception of level flight. The northern lights gave the impression that the plane was in a turn as if its wings were not level; the instruments, however, were level. The choice was to believe my feelings due to the deception of the northern lights or the truth that was to be found in the instruments before me.

In February of this year World magazine contained an opinion article written by Colin J. Smothers with the title "Correcting Moral Vertigo (We must trust God's Word to set us straight and not just to trust his instruments.)."

For many of us it has become obvious that Western culture has lost its focus on what is right and what is wrong. This reality has caused personal opinions to dominate our decisions rather than objective truth. While we can look back to the past and see that our moral foundations have shifted, many justify this transformation in the belief that we are now more enlightened than in the past.

This new enlightenment was evidenced by the first same-sex marriage bill of the Netherlands in 2001, and it did not take long for this to spread to other countries. Another example occurred in the United States when the Supreme Court legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. Abortion was thereafter called healthcare. Sex and gender confusion is another example. While sex and gender were once synonymous, they are now defined differently so that one's biological sex is determined by feelings rather than reality. But where is our plumb line? Our instrument to determine level flight has become a spiral into immorality? Our standard to differentiate preferences and feelings from objective truth? Our objective standard? For the nonbeliever he or she doesn't have one; for the Christian, the answer is God's Word.

Colin J. Smothers, in his article, writes that the "new normal causes us to get used to the new normal of immorality all around us and even within, which sets in a kind of second nature. It becomes an instinct. Then, when we turn to God's revelation...we encounter a discrepancy between what we see and what we feel to be normal." Now we are faced with a decision - believe our feelings or God's Word.

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Colin Smothers then writes, "What is scary is how rapidly moral vertigo can set in and how wrong can feel."

The pressures to conform are enormous, jobs, friends, family relations are in the balance. How prepared are we to live in truth and not what we inwardly know to be lies?

The author ends his article with these words: "The one conformed to this world's ways has moral vertigo" and is therefore unable to discern the will of God. Instead, we must rely on the Word, looking to the "instruments" of God's revelation: God's world and God's Word. Or, as the author says, "The one conformed to this world's ways has moral vertigo."

Centuries before Mr. Smothers wrote his article all this was foretold. "For the time will come when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and embrace myths." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

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Third, a Christian is justified. "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) For the Christian to lose his salvation would have to un-declare what he previously declared (that we are not guilty) and reverse the sentence he already handed down from his divine bench.

Fourth, a Christian is promised eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) To lose his salvation, eternal life would need to be redefined, because eternal means forever.

Fifth, a Christian is marked by God and sealed by his Spirit. "In him you also, were sealed with the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:13-14) For a Christian to lose his salvation God would have to erase the mark, withdraw the Spirit, cancel the deposit, break his promise, revoke the inheritance, keep the inheritance, forgo the praise, and lessen his glory.

Houdmann concludes that the Christian cannot lose salvation because, in order for that to happen many things would have to happen that aren't in God's character to allow. Salvation is irrevocable. A Christian cannot be un-newly created. The redeemed cannot be re-created. Eternal life cannot be temporary. God cannot renege on his word. Scripture says, "God cannot lie" (Titus 1:2)."

He then closes with the following reassuring scripture, "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, now and all time and now and forever. Amen." (Jude 24-25) (Emphasis mine)

In short, I think S. Michael Houdmann gives a good treatment to the topic of eternal security. He does the same for many other topics which you have certainly either wondered about or asked about. I recommend that you get this book, keep it on your shelf, and refer to it for questions and his thoughtful answers a little at a time. It will be worth your effort and strengthen your faith.

LITURGICAL SEASON — *by Karen Dielman*

ASCENSION DAY — May 9th

Today we are celebrating Ascension Day, which falls on Thursday, May 9. Ascension is the closet Sunday it falls. In Luke, chapter 24, verses 36 through 49, Jesus appears to them and he opened their minds to the scriptures and told that the promise of God was to wait. He then led them out to Bethany where he lifted his hands and blessed them. In blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Luke 24:51 You may see a sanctuary, a large white candle that has been lit since Easter Sunday, the paschal candle. Anyone enters the church and is extinguished when everyone has left. It represents Christ on earth until Ascension Day and is extinguished after the gospel on the Sunday his ascension.

PENTECOST SUNDAY — May 19th

The Coming of the Holy Spirit, often called Whit Sunday. The promise Jesus had told them to come to them and to wait, before he ascended into heaven. It happened 50 days after Pentecost. On that day, a sound like a violent wind came and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what looked like tongues of fire that separated and came to each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other tongues as the Spirit enabled. Acts 2:1-13.

TRINITY SUNDAY — May 26th

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. It is the celebration of the triune God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They were, before the beginning of the universe, and we are told in the beginning which means "beginnings." Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2 The Spirit of God hovered over the waters....Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26 He made them in their image! Let us pause and reflect today our awesome God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

— we meet each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall.



IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE OR EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN A FUTURE JOYOUS NEWS PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY AT OFFICE@NEWLIFEANGLICAN.NET OR 231.347.3448



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Tuesday

Thursday

OUTREACH MEETING

Sunday, May 19th in the large classroom room. Following the service grab some coffee and join us. All who are interested are welcome. For more information contact Lacy Bates.

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST — meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — is suspended for May. We will resume meeting Fridays at 9am the 1st of June

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM — Our next meeting is Thursday, May 23rd and will be at Williams at 4652 Thumb Lake Dr., Boyne Falls. Our meetings will include fellowship, dinner 6:30 — 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 — 8:00 p.m. I hope you will join us with a beverage of choice and a friend.

May 2024 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your replacement.

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Mickey Bridge	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Mark D./ Randy F./ The Flynns	Randy F./ Dylan W./ The Bowmans	Dylan W./ Dan W./ Sally Stump	Dan W./ Don L./ Taylor DuBois	Don L./ Mark D./ The Bowmans
LECTOR	Erika Dielman	Mary Jane Zako	Dylan Williams	Leah Williams	Karen Dielman
LAY MINISTER	Karen Dielman	Howard Bates	Mary Jane Zako	Mickey Bridge	Wally Stansbury
PRAYER TEAM	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Bowmans	Happy Mother's Day	The Zakos	The DuBois	Church Pic Fellowship



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:30am in
Fr. Mike's Office



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May



Wedding
Anniversaries

Betty Stansbury 5/3
Howard Bates 5/4
Sally Stump 5/26



May the Lord richly bless you on your special day.
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you.

Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

Altar Guild:	Karen Dielman	231/347-3532
Altar Flowers:	Karen Dielman	231/347-3532
Music/Sound:	Ferd Dielman	231/347-3532
Ushers:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Greeters:	Carol Bowman	231/459-4566
Lectors:	Tracey Jepsen	231/347-3448
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Acolytes:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Children's Sunday School:	Darlene Wandrie	231/347-5871
Youth Sunday School:	Don Lucky	231/622-2058 (middle & high school)
Adult Sunday School:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Nursery:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Prayer Chain:	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
Women's Ministry:	Suzanne Schulte	517/899-1946
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
InReach:	Gretchen Lucky	231/622-2057
OutReach:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Christian Ed. Scholarship:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
	Toni DuBois	231/330-8626
Missions:	D. W. Lucky	231/330-6559
Building and Grounds:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
Art and Architecture:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Church Historian:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Communications:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810 (newspaper articles, etc.)
Student Visitor's Liaison:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander	231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump	231/881-2818
Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Stewardship:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871

PRAYER CHAIN



To activate the chain call:
Ron Davis at 231.330.6355 or
e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com

To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our
Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448
for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial
Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report ~ March 31, 2024

	March			Actual	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Difference		
Offering	15,728.00	15,145.00	583.00	35,782.05	
Other	2,224.56	1,986.00	238.56	9,893.91	
Income	17,952.56	17,131.00	821.56	45,675.96	
Expense	(18,072.12)	(16,837.00)	(1,235.12)	(50,641.43)	
Difference	(119.56)	294.00	(413.56)	(4,965.47)	
Assets				\$607,033.76	
	Jan. 1, 2024		Donations	Expenses	
211 Fund	124,445.27		-	3,049.36	
211 Fund In/Out Reach	21,119.94		-	908.00	
	Operating		211 Fund	211 In/Out	
Interest Bearing Accts.	-70,000.00		-120,000.00	-10,000.00	
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*We were therefore
buried with Him
through baptism into
death in order that,
just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too
may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4



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@ MINERAL WELL PARK
GAZEBO
120 EAST LAKE ST., PETOSKEY
CHURCH
picnic
HOTDOGS & FIXINGS PROVIDED.
PLEASE BRING A DISH AND
YARD GAME TO SHARE.



*Soon spring's glory
will open into wondrous
and sun-filled days
so let our prayers
be risen
in thanks to God
with praise.*