

## ●INSPIRE●

### Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study  
Sunday Adult Information  
Monday Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday Noon

### Women's Monday Bible Study

Mondays 6:30pm here at church in the Narthex. Study will be based on Ephesians, a letter from Paul. Please see Ann Werk for additional information.

This group will be collecting mites for **LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) on the first Monday of each month. Mite boxes are available in the office if you would like to contribute to this great organization.

### Wednesday Noon Bible Study

*An Inexpressible Treasure: The Theology and Practice of Holy Baptism.* Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, established Baptism, so that we would have a way to access our new promised life. We will examine the many gifts available to us from Baptism during this six part study. Topics will include: Baptism and the Story of Jesus, A New Beginning, The Gifts and Benefits of Baptism, The Baptismal Commission, and questions about Baptism that are raised in this modern world. Join us for lunch and study each week at noon on Wednesday's.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join Pastor Werk Sunday morning for a bible study on the book of Genesis - "The Beginning".

## ●Grow●

### Noisy Collection

We're adding an exciting new feature to our children's message next week: **"Noisy Collection"**. Here's how it works...the kids are encouraged to bring up coin offering with them to the children's message. Once up front they will drop it in the metal bowl that will be there for their collection. The coins bounce around and jingle, which may make them giggle. This interactive, fun collection will encourage them to bring something with them each week, helping them build those cheerful giver habits. So, if you have a little one attending the children's message next week encourage them to bring some coins up front for the **"Noisy Collection!"**

### Altar Flowers 2020

Have a specific date(s) you would like to dedicate flowers? Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it Carol Plew's mail box. FYI-If the date is already filled, Carol will move you to the next closest date. **Have a date in mind? Look at the chart on the bulletin board to see what is available.** **TIME TO ORDER EASTER LILIES.** Fill out the "Sign up sheet" and place in Carol's

mail box. Cost is \$8 each. Last day to order is March 29.

### Adult Information Class

Pastor Muller is leading an *adult information class* at 10:15am. Please let pastor know if you are interested. All are welcome.

## ●Change●

### VBS

### "The Amazing Chase" God's kids seeking The Way

What? Yes! It is time to start planning 2020 VBS. To make VBS thrive & be a success, we need MANY volunteers. Organizing, leading a team, serving dinner, etc. There is no age limit, no experience required--we just need **YOU!** Fill out the Sign up sheet and place it in the office mail box.

**VBS date has been set for June 29-July 2 6-8pm. family meal will start at 5pm.**

### 2020 Men's Gathering

April 17-19, 2020 at Lakeview Villages, 13500 W Lake Road, Seymour, IN 47274. Join other Christian men as they hear Rev. Jonathan Fisk present on the topic: "Lost Things: Rediscovering the First Article." See Brent Beery for more information



## Redeemer Volunteering & Events

### Sign up sheet

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'd like to donate to the Altar Flowers (\$25)

in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

It's Time to order **Easter Lilies (\$8 each)**

Please use this insert and place in the Carol Plew's mail box

I'd like to join an awesome Bible Study! attend as many as you like!

☐ Sunday Morning Bible Study      Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

☐ Wednesday Noon Bible Study

☒ VBS! Yes, I would love to help

☐ would like assistance from the Youth Group  
(yard work, cleaning, a visit ...)

☐ I would like to help with Sunday School, IMPACT, nursery

☐ Volunteering at Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare.

I am interested in learning about the many opportunities on how to implement our Vision Statement.

- **Church Directory** You can go to the members only website anytime to update your family info, view church members addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. ***However, since only members can see this info, an "invitation" needs to be initiated by the office. Please contact the office to receive this "invitation".*** We would like all members information to be correct before printing. The office plans on having the directory tidied up by the end of March. Paper copies will then be available. Please contact the office for your invitation to view the members only website. <https://redeemerwarsaw.360unite.com>

## Yolima a Columbian & a Syrophoenician Woman

Last week, we heard about God's plan to save all nations through Abraham's promised descendant, Jesus.

But how did Jesus interact with people from other nations?

How did He interact with people outside his own ethnicity?

### **A) Today we're going to meet a woman from \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Tyre & Sidon were pagan cities in the province of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Mark, wants us to know Jesus also came to people on the \_\_\_\_\_ of society.
- 3) The Pharisees expected Him \_\_\_\_\_ to interact with non-Jewish people.
  - Satan is just as much at work on the Jews as he is on the Gentiles.

### **B) The true story of \_\_\_\_\_ from Columbia.**

- 1) Her father, a \_\_\_\_\_, was receiving theological training at Concordia Seminary's Center for Hispanic Studies in Tampa, FL.
- 2) She would sit in the back of the classroom \_\_\_\_\_ to the Biblical teaching.
- 3) God's Word inspired her to be a \_\_\_\_\_, so she could spread the Gospel.
  - As a deaconess she helps 4 churches with music during their services.
  - But Yolima makes her living as a Mary Kay associate.
  - As she visits homes every day, she shares Jesus's love with the women.

### **C) That's the kind of work \_\_\_\_\_ did in the heart of the Syrophoenician woman.**

- Now, it doesn't sound like that when Jesus says, *"First, let the children eat all they want. It's not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."* (Mark 7:27 GW)
- 1) But, Jesus is referring to the long-understood order of \_\_\_\_\_ plan.
    - Paul said, *"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."* (1:16 ESV)
    - Not that Jews are more important, but the messenger will have the message first.
  - 2) Jesus is not being a jerk by comparing the woman to a stray dog.
    - He uses the Greek word for a family pet, not a wild dog of the streets.
    - Jesus makes the comparison to point her to a truth; salvation was first given to Jews and then Gentiles.
    - She shows by her response, she \_\_\_\_\_ & finds comfort in God's plan.
  - 3) Jesus is clear, God's \_\_\_\_\_ is abundant & overflowing for Jews and Gentiles.

**Close:** So we continue to see clearly, God had a plan for all nations all along.  
May God's Spirit then conform us to offer His bread of life to all nations.

## "The Savior Takes a Sinner Home"

Luke 23:43 - *And He (Jesus) said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."*

Funny how a typographical error can change the meaning of a sentence. I am thinking of a recent headline where the subhead said an accident had caused a woman to become conscious. Now an accident that restores consciousness is indeed a blessing, especially if the victim becomes conscious of their true relation to God.

For instance, if Jerusalem had a newspaper long ago, one headline might have read, "Jesus of Nazareth Dies on the Cross," and the subhead might have said, "Malefactor Suffers Consciousness." That's what happened, isn't it? One of those crucified with Christ suddenly saw himself as he really was—and Christ as He really was. He pleaded, *"Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."* To this Christ promised, *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise"* (see Luke 23:26-43).

Who was the blessed sinner, turned suddenly from sin to the Savior, from death to eternal life? We won't find his name in history books, and ancient tradition won't help much; although, it does call him Dysmas. The Bible calls him a criminal, a thief. He was being executed for his evil deeds, and he admitted that he was getting what he had coming. Are you struck at how sinner Dysmas becomes saint Dysmas? How, in the hours near death, did the condemned became the redeemed—a child of God whose sins were forgiven. Truly, in this there is hope for everyone and anyone—no matter what side of the prison wall you're on.

How did it all happen? When did the iron door of hell clang shut and the gate of heaven open for Dysmas? Was it when he recognized his guilt, when he got a sobering look at himself—spiritually? We can estimate it wasn't the first time Dysmas' conscience stirred uneasily. No doubt, like all of us, he had experienced moments of remorse. Then again, perhaps he had heard about the Prophet of Nazareth. Maybe he had been among the publicans and sinners who heard Christ speak. After all, the seed of God's Word can lie dormant in a man's heart for a long time and then suddenly, unexpectedly, sprout and grow up quickly.

Then, too, there was that strange title over Christ's cross: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Dysmas must have thought that this man can't be a malefactor. He doesn't speak like one; He doesn't act like one. Maybe he began to feel uneasy in Christ's presence; maybe, he, too, joined in mocking Christ at first. But in that bloody afternoon, he saw himself as he really was. The revelation was more searing than the nails tearing through his hand! Dysmas did more than recognize his guilt; he confessed it!

And just in the nick of time.

In a little while, Christ would announce where He was going: *"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!"* (Luke 23:46), and He would take Dysmas along—the condemned man who found redemption.

It is good when a man or woman suddenly becomes conscious.

THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, each of us—like this thief on the cross—deserves Your righteous judgment. Revive us to faith in You, so that we—though condemned by our sins—can know Your forgiveness. In Your Name. Amen.