

•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!"**

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.

Youth Group 3rd Annual Italian Night!

Friday, March 6, 6-8:30pm. Tickets start at \$10 for an adult, \$6 for a child aged 6-12, 5 and under are free. All proceeds go to the 2022 National Youth Gathering Fund. See a youth group member or Hallie & Billy for details. ***Tip Jar competition for the Youth Wait Staff so bring your extra change!***

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: _____

Please use this insert and place in the church 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>

Abraham and Walther

People from all around the world are moving into our community. It's important that as Christians, we think about what it means to live in a country of immigrants like the United States.

A) The Biblical character we are focusing on tonight is father _____.

- 1) Think of Abraham as a great-great & lots more greats, _____.
- 2) His story goes way back to the first book of the Bible, _____.
- 3) God told Abraham to follow Him and move from his home in _____ (near southern Iraq) and travel to Canaan (Gen. 12:1-3)

B) But, God's promise to Abraham was not to create a _____ bloodline.

- 1) Here is what Paul told the _____ church, (God called Abraham) *"so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles."* (Gal. 3:14 ESV)
- 2) God blessed Abraham's family, the Jews, so that Jesus would come from their family tree, not just to save the Jews but the whole _____.
- 3) The writer of _____ described it this way: *"They confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own... They desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one"* (Heb 11:13–14, 16).

C) As Americans who have been the defenders of freedom and hope and democracy across the globe, sometimes it's easy to get _____.

- 1) But, we are immigrant peoples who came to this land as refugees, and much more importantly we are _____ refugees.
- 2) Luther summarized Galatians: *"The whole world is blessed if it believes as Abraham believed. The blessing is the promise of the Gospel. That all nations are to be blessed means that all nations are to hear the Gospel."*
- 3) That's what our German immigrant ancestors did when they came to this country to found what is now the _____.
 - They understood that they had no special right to God's blessings.
 - They understood that they were foreigners who had been blessed through Abraham's offspring, Jesus, to become citizens of heaven.

Close: We should see ourselves the same way, as immigrants to God's kingdom. And as we do, may we continue to seek ways to share the gospel with our neighbors from all nations.

"No Fear!"

Psalm 91:2 - I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

You are invulnerable! If only I could believe that were true! If only I had skin of steel and super powers coursing through my veins, then I would be invulnerable. I could leap tall buildings in a single bound! I could take on all comers, certain of victory no matter what the odds. If only it were true, then my sleep would be sweet, and my days would be safe from all deadly harm. If only it were true, then I would have no fear.

But I know better.

Yet, the psalmist declares that you are invulnerable, not in the likeness of some self-trusting superhero but trusting and resting in the shadow of the Almighty (see Psalm 91:1). Though fear, mortal danger, and destruction arise and surround you on every side, the one who holds fast to the Lord in love—that one shall the Lord deliver. "A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you" (Psalm 91:7). When you call to the Lord for deliverance, He will answer you and rescue you by His guardian angels, honor you and satisfy you with long life and salvation (see Psalm 91:15-16). Yes, in the Lord's shadow, there and there alone, you are invulnerable.

But, "Wait a minute!" you say, have not Christians around the world and throughout history suffered horribly at the hands of the wicked? Yes, they have. Did not Paul give us a long litany of his sufferings for the sake of Christ? Yes, he did: imprisonments, countless beatings, stoned, shipwrecked, in danger from rivers, robbers, the Jews and Gentiles, danger in the city, in the wilderness, in hunger, in thirst, cold and exposure (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-27). So where is this great invulnerability the psalmist writes of? Why didn't the guardian angels of God protect Paul just as God promised? They did ... but not in the way you are thinking.

Jesus said, "Do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). In Christ Jesus your soul is safe from all harm even as your body is exposed to the mortal dangers of this world. In Christ Jesus you are invulnerable, eternally secure, joy-filled, forgiven, redeemed, and awaiting the resurrection of the body and the dawn of a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness (see 2 Peter 3:13). No man, no threat, no condition, and no danger are able to snatch you from the hand of Christ Jesus. This is why Paul glories in his sufferings for Christ, knowing that nothing in heaven or earth, no fire, no sword, no pain or poverty can ever separate him from the love of Christ. Though discipleship in Christ cost Paul everything he owns, yet, unshaken, his inheritance in the Lord makes him invulnerable to all the dangers he faced below.

It was true for Paul, and it's true for you and for me. No fear! No fear!

THE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, as I walk in the footsteps of Christ before me, teach me to live my life in no fear of earthly danger for I am Yours and You are mine. Amen.