

•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!***

Thank you to everyone at Redeemer Lutheran Church for gifting me a scholarship this semester! My second year in college has brought so much more content in my studio courses, so it is really nice to get some help with paying for supplies and textbooks. I've learned through my furniture design classes that paying for your own lumber can add up really quickly, and I am so grateful for all of your help and support. Thank you so much!
Tori Brinkerhuff

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: _____

There are dates available in March

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>

Jesus in a New Light

Today's lesson about Jesus's transfiguration reminds me of the out of place items in Highlights magazine.

Until now, the focus had been on Jesus' love and compassion.

This revelation of Jesus' power and glory is in contrast to the rest of his ministry.

So, why the change?

A) THE _____ JESUS

- 1) Just a few days before, Jesus was identified by Peter as the _____.
- 2) To continue His _____ it was vital for them to know who Jesus really was.
- 3) It's important to see Jesus's power & glory in our _____ with him too.

B) THE _____

- 1) God only allowed _____ disciples to see Jesus transfigured before them.
- 2) Mountain top experiences are _____ in our daily lives.
- 3) But, if we are paying attention, God does miracles in our lives _____;
 - In our walk with Jesus, we hear His voice in the pages of the Bible.
 - The Spirit speaks to us in our inner being.

C) _____ JESUS

- 1) Occasionally in our journey of _____ and service, we will see Jesus.
- 2) It doesn't usually happen, in a miraculous _____.
- 3) Most times, we see Jesus in the _____ of each other;
 - We see Jesus in a word of encouragement.
 - We see Jesus in a listening ear, or in a shoulder to cry on.
 - We see Jesus in the presence of our brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - We see Jesus in the bread and wine of communion.

Close: It's a journey where we will need to be nurtured & encourage by each other. It's a journey that enables us to celebrate often, because Jesus is with us.

"Taking the Suffering"

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3, 5-7 - *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. ... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" ... And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ... Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."*

In this passage, the prophet Isaiah gives us a beautiful description of Jesus in the Old Testament. (Yes, it is Jesus; John 12:41 makes it clear that Isaiah was seeing Jesus' glory.)

Isaiah sees Jesus "high and lifted up," seated in the temple among the angels. The seraphim are crying out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" The smoke of incense fills the temple.

Isaiah can't cope with it. He is overpowered by Jesus' glory and holiness. The contrast with his own sin is just too much for him. And so, Isaiah cries out too, but not to say "Holy, holy, holy." Instead he says, "Woe is me! I am lost!" His "unclean lips" can't say anything else. He can only confess his own unholiness in the presence of the holy God.

That's our trouble, too, isn't it? We are unholy by nature. We try to do right, but all too often we sin with our lips. We lie, deceive, and bend the truth. We flatter, gossip, and backbite. We use our speech to tear other people down instead of building them up. Just like Isaiah, we have to cry out, "Woe is me!"

And God has mercy on us, too, just like He did on Isaiah. An angel flew to Isaiah with a burning coal taken from God's altar. The coal was so hot that even an angel had to handle it with tongs. And he touched it on Isaiah's lips, saying, "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Do you notice something strange in this story? Nowhere does it say that the burning coal hurt Isaiah. The angel touches it to his lips and Isaiah is forgiven, made clean. He doesn't seem to be suffering. Who took the suffering then?

Our Lord Jesus Christ took that part. The burning coal came from God's altar, which pointed forward in time to Jesus' cross. On that altar Jesus offered Himself up for our sin, making Himself an atonement for us so that we would be made clean. His is the suffering; ours is the forgiveness.

See how much He loves us!

THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for taking the suffering that belonged to us onto Yourself, and making us clean again. Amen.