

•INSPIRE•

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
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 Mike Sunday morning for a bible study on the book of Genesis - "The Beginning".

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Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students
Wednesdays, at 6:30pm.
Questions? contact Pastor Mike
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cell:574-527-9483

Adult Information Class

Pastor Muller will be leading an *adult information class* starting on February 16 at 10:15am. Please let pastor know if you are interested. All are welcome.

Pastor Allen Werk will be leading the adult *Sunday school class*.

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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.

Missions Board

Missions board is collecting boxes of tissues for Lincoln School. Collection will run until the end of February. Please put the tissues on the back pew by the elevator.

Sunday School/IMPACT Winter Party!

Next Sunday during Sunday school & IMPACT time **all kids** are invited to a Winter Party! Fun, food, games & fellowship. Come join the fun!

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** we are still in need of several photos. If you have not submitted a pic to the office, please do so—thank you. 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". In a few weeks, copies of the directory will be printed for those who would rather have a paper copy.



Everyday Salt

For some people, work is just a job; for others, it's the joy of getting paid for something they love to do.

A) Luther talked about the "priesthood of _____ believers":

- 1) A theological concept that ministry isn't just the work of the _____.
- 2) He said _____ should;
 - Listen to their sisters' & brothers' confessions and troubles.
 - Share God's words of encouragement.
 - Be agents of God's love by ministering to the poor & oppressed.
- 3) Non church-workers are more engaged "_____" of the church.

B) Christians have ministry that can be carried out in their _____ lives.

- Jesus gives us images in Matthew 5: He expects Christians...
- 1) to be the _____ of the earth.
 - Salt preserves; it flavors; it cleanses; salt has value.
 - We should be preserving, flavoring, cleansing, and valuable additions to the world.
 - 2) to be the _____ of the world.
 - Light illuminates; light allows us to see our way.
 - We should be lighting the way for people in darkness.
 - 3) up on a stand for everyone to _____.
 - Like a streetlight on a pole lights the road
 - We are to let our light shine "so that people can see our good works and know how good our loving God is.

C) God designed us so that, _____ we do, is in service to Him.

- 1) The way we _____ our jobs can give glory to God or cause pain.
- 2) Our _____ can't be separate from our daily work.
- 3) We pray, our work is meaningful and is focused on God's _____.

Close: I pray that I have helped you to see the connection between your **work** self & your **faith** self, because they are **inseparable**.

"Dominoes"

James 1:17 - *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

I like dominoes. Actually, I like watching one domino knock down the next domino which topples the next domino, well, you can see where that is going to go.

As near as I can tell, the same thing holds true in the affairs of humankind. One thing leads to another, which leads to another. Here's an example of what I mean:

Domino 1: In 2009 James Jones was the owner of the Allegro Music Center. In that year he rented a trumpet to a woman so her son, Jacques Ruffin, could learn to play.

Domino 2: The boy did well; the mother did not. She got caught up in the recession; she lost her job and became ill. The rented trumpet quickly became a luxury the financially strapped family could not afford. The mother indicated she needed to return the instrument to Mr. Jones.

Domino 3: Mr. Jones replied with the following letter:

"Dear Mrs. Ruffin,

I have decided to forgive the rent on Jacques' trumpet. You do not have to pay me any more for the trumpet. It is yours to play.

However, if Jacques drops out of band and stops playing the trumpet, will you return it to me so I can give it to some other deserving student?

I have been through bad times like you. But remember: Tough times never last, Tough people do.

Maybe, you can help some other student someday when times are better.

Sincerely yours,

James Jones"

Jacques, who knew nothing of this interaction, recently found the letter. He was surprised at their family's financial condition, and overjoyed to find that Mr. Jones had been so kind.

Domino 4: He still plays the trumpet and is dedicating himself to raising money to rent and buy instruments for students whose families can't afford them.

Now this is the point in the devotion where I am supposed to tell you that you should be kind like the music store owner, Mr. Jones. I am supposed to encourage you to knock down the first domino and watch and see what the Lord does.

To be sure, a good devotion, maybe an excellent devotion, could be made by proceeding that way. But that's not the way we are going to go. We're not going to go that way because when I look at that story I don't see you playing the role of Mr. Jones, the music store owner.

That part, my friends, belongs to our Heavenly Father. He is the owner and giver of every good gift. If we have something worthwhile in this life, it is not because we deserve it, or have earned it; it is because He has given it to us.

So that leaves us with two more parts: Jacques and that of his mother.

Well, I can't let you be Jacques, can I? Jacques didn't know what was going on. He wasn't aware of what Mr. Jones had done. But Jacques' mother, she knew... just as you know.

You know how the Lord, in His grace, gave His Son so that you might be forgiven and saved. It was a wonderful gift, one which you need to share with your children and all those around. And then, stand back and watch the dominoes fall.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, for every undeserved gift I thank You. In Jesus' Name, I give thanks. Amen.