

●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

The book of James, half-brother of Jesus, a letter to the church is written to Jewish believers in his day, but the content of the letter is timeless and timely. James writes that we should turn to God in our trials and live our

faith in God's Word. He casts an unfavorable eye on the ways of the world, and calls on believers favoritism in the church and an unhealthy view of money. Finally, he calls all believers to pursue Jesus's Grace and Mercy with passion.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

Altar Flowers 2020

Have a specific date(s) you would like to dedicate flowers? Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the office 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.

●GROW●

Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students
Class has begun!
Wednesdays, at

6:30pm. Questions?
contact Pastor Mike
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cell:574-527-9483

●Change●

Property Purchase

We have a new tenant, Leigh Baier, and her business The Learning Lab which tutors children, has signed a one year lease for one of the offices in our building. Lease Term starts on 02/01/2020 and runs thru 01/31/2021, with a monthly lease amount of \$400.

Debt Reduction Envelopes are available at the welcome center

Building Loan

When we purchased the property next door, the total price was \$152,000. Through your efforts, and generosity were able to pay off \$25,437.73 in 2019. This leaves a total of \$126,562.27. Our 2020 budget aims at paying down the mortgage at a five year rate. With your continued support and generosity, this goal can and will be easily achieved!

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 February & 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

☐ I 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.



People Fishing

Imagine you are going about your day, and someone comes up to you and says; "Hey come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."
How would you react?

A) Amazingly, these fishermen just got up and left what they knew...

But Why?

- 1) Part of the answer is, *"The news about Jesus spread throughout Syria. People brought him everyone who was sick, those who suffered from any kind of disease or pain. They also brought epileptics, those who were paralyzed, and people possessed by demons, and he cured them all. Large crowds followed him."* (Matthew 4:24-25a GW)
- 2) Verse 12 tells us that Jesus goes to _____ in Galilee.
- 3) not a safe place;
 - an area that had experienced wars, oppression and _____.
 - considered a place of evil, not for _____ people.

B) But, that's where Jesus begin's _____ his followers and starts his ministry.

- 1) It's in Capernaum we begin to see that Jesus came for _____ people.
- 2) Jesus makes that very clear (John 3:17), *"God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but to save the world."*
- 3) Jesus comes to us _____ of our backgrounds, our status, our education, our wealth, our gender.
 - At our baptism Jesus says, 'You are part of my family, You belong to Me!'
 - Every time we pray, worship, study the Bible, Jesus's light shines on us.
 - The light is the Good News Jesus brings to help us grow, & give eternal life.

C) Jesus is a light that is always shining to give us hope _____.

- 1) Jesus's light is even in dark places when _____ help those in need.
- 2) We don't know why these things happen, but we do know that He is, *"always with us, even to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:20)
- 3) Jesus calls us to be fishers of _____. That means *...let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven.*" (Matt. 5: 16 GW)

Close: That's the main characteristic of our Christian Faith!

In doing so, what we say and do in our lives, reflects Jesus's love and message.

"Remember"

TEXT: *But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.*
(Luke 2:19)

For many children, the story of their birth is their favorite bedtime story. They want to hear what happened-where they were born, who was present, how their parents cared for them in the earliest days. They may have the story memorized, but they want to hear it once again.

If Jesus felt this way, His mother was well prepared to tell the story. Luke says, *"Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart."* Mary's next few years would be filled with the mundane challenges of everyday life: feeding a baby, changing diapers, cooking dinner, cleaning house. It was a far cry from angels and miracles in a stable.

But Mary remembered. God's work in the past helped to strengthen her faith. It reminded her that her baby playing on the floor was in fact the Son of God, the Savior of the world. It reminded her that the boy doing chores that day would have much greater work to do as the Savior of the world. No doubt the memories got her through the bad days-the escape to Egypt, the move back to Nazareth, the eventual death of her husband, probably some time in Jesus' teens or young adulthood.

Mary remembered what God had done-and we should remember, too. God loves me and chose me to be His own. He gave His own Son Jesus to be my Savior, to suffer and to die on the cross for me. And He raised Jesus from the dead to be our Lord who gives everlasting life to everyone who belongs to Him. God made me His through Baptism, and has stayed with me even through the darkest times in my life. I know that He is faithful and will never leave me.

What has God done for you? Remember.

THE PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, for all that You have done for me. Keep me close to You always, trusting in You. Amen.

