

●INSPIRE●

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Monday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Noon

Women's Monday Bible Study

Mondays from 7-9pm. A podcast, from Andy Stanley, titled "What Makes You Happy". Meeting at Martin's Supermarket (upstairs). Please see Kellee Skaggs for additional information.

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 Carol Plew's mail box. *FYI-If the date is already filled, Carol will move you to the next closest date.*

●Grow●

Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students

Class has begun! Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. Questions? contact Pastor Mike pastor_mike@redeem erwarsaw.org cell:574-527-9483

●Change●

Property Purchase

At the Special Voter's Assembly held on August 22, the Voter's approved to purchase the property next door via a mortgage from the current owner. We now look to put this purchase to work for Him. Next will be the conversation as to how this will be accomplished.

Debt Reduction Envelopes are available at the welcome center



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 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

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.

* **Saturday**, November 23 from 9am to noon, the Trustees will be putting up the Christmas tree & nativity. All are welcome to come and help.

* **Sunday**, November 24 after second service, we will be decorating the church. Many hands make light work! Please plan on helping-thank you! Lunch will be provided.

The Whole Life of Stewardship

Is being a disciple of Jesus an occasional activity, or is discipleship our vocation in church, home and our community?

The answers to these questions make a big difference...

1. _____ as Servant, Apostle and Steward

- In 1 Corinthians Paul uses several words describing who he is & what he does:
 - a. Paul defines both Apollos and himself as “Servants.”
 - b. (The word is *diakonos* in Greek means someone assigned a task).
 - c. He is an “apostle,” meaning, someone who’s sent by God to bring the _____ to others. (1 Cor. 9:2)
 - d. Paul asks the Corinthians to consider him a “steward” (4:1)
 - e. (entrusted with the mysteries of God)
 - f. _____, is the calling (purpose) God has given us in home, church & society.

2. Living in _____

- How does the Bible describes Baptism and our purpose as a christian:
 - a. Paul says, “*give your bodies as a living _____*.” (Rm. 12:1) (in response to God’s love)
 - b. That connects our _____ life to worship and service.
 - c. Stewardship is a way of life with the _____ at the center.

3. The _____ of God

- a. The Bible is full of references about God _____ for creation: Job 37; Psalms 103, 104 and 145; Matthew 6 and 10; and Amos 5.
- b. “*He makes his sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.*” (Mt. 5:45 GW)
- c. Supporting God’s work in the Church _____, will be a blessing for us.

4. A _____ Stewardship in Ephesians

“(God) poured out his kindness by giving us every kind of wisdom and insight when he revealed the mystery of his plan to us. He had decided to do this through Christ. He planned to bring all of history to its goal in Christ.” (Eph. 1:8–10a GW)

(part of Gods “plan” is in our stewardship)

- a. In chapter 2, He made us **alive together** in Christ (v. 5)
 - We are **created for good works**, “*which God prepared beforehand*” (v. 10)
 - God’s Spirit is building people together as “*a dwelling place for God*” (v. 22)
- b. In chapter 3, Paul says he has a responsibility to **bring God’s Grace** (v. 2)
- c. A “minister” (*diakonos*) (v. 7), So they have “**all the fullness of God**” (v. 19)
- d. In chapter 4: “*... live the kind of life that proves God has called you*” (v. 1)
- e. “*Put on the new self, in God’s likeness in true righteousness & holiness*” (v. 24)

Close: God’s plan for the saving the world, He is implementing through the Church. All of life & life’s resources are for God’s purpose: **that is whole-life stewardship!**

“Prepared to Defend”

1 Peter 3:14-15 - *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.*

Of all the questions which have been asked of The Lutheran Hour Speakers, the most reoccurring is “Do you miss anything from being pastor in your own parish?”

Since I knew what they meant, I never responded with the theologically correct, “I never had a parish; they all belonged to the Lord.” Instead, I listed some of those things which I really did miss. First on the list was not knowing the joys and sorrows, the victories and defeats of the people with whom I was shaking hands after church. Another thing I truly missed was teaching the Catechism to the seventh- and eighth-graders. I missed seeing them grow in knowledge, skill, and the ability to share why they believed what they did.

Well, a lot has changed since those days. And in all probability, there are better ways to teach than the methods I used. I hope so, because from everything I’m reading our young people are going to have their faith challenged sooner rather than later.

No longer can we expect Satan to respectfully wait until our children are in high school or college or have their own families before he tries to challenge them. From what I’ve been told, third- and fourth-graders are being challenged by skeptics who say the Bible is a collection of ancient legends and fables ... or say that Jesus is the only way to heaven is intolerant ... or say that modern science has shot holes in the faith.

In our text above, the apostle Peter says each of us needs to gently and respectfully share why we believe what we do. It’s good advice, and more than one authority is offering up suggestions on how we may go about preparing our children to be defenders of their faith.

1. Begin now: The first rule is don’t wait to educate your child until his faith has been challenged. Anticipate the questions which are coming and explain at a level they can understand. For example, how do we know there is a God? Answer: with all its gears and such, watches aren’t found in nature. Watches have to have a maker. The universe is far more complex than any watch. It, too, needs a Maker.
2. Deal with the questions which everyone asks sooner or later? You know, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” “If God loves us, why do people die?”
3. Don’t just teach the children what to believe; teach them why we believe it. And teach them how to gently and respectfully debate with others. Don’t let them get steamrolled.
4. Listen to their doubts. Jesus never put anyone down for their doubts and questions. On the contrary, He answered all such folks. You do the same.

I’m not saying this will make every child immune from the clutches of the old, evil foe. It won’t. But it does give some weapons which can be used against evil.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, You said the days would come which would be so bad, even the elect would fall away if that were possible. Let us help our young ones so they stick to You throughout their entire lives. In Jesus' Name I ask it. Amen.