

•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.* There are also several dates open in December (2019).

•Grow•

Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students Class has begun! Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. Questions? contact Pastor Mike pastor_mike@redeemerwarsaw.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.



“Three Parts of Stewardship”

“It’s not my fault!” We’ve all used this phrase to avoid accountability.

A) We are _____ whether we like it or not.

- We are accountable to other people.
 - We are accountable to ourselves.
 - Most of all, we are accountable to God.
- 1) When God _____ the world He gave humanity responsibility.
God blessed them and said, “Be fertile, increase in number, fill the earth, and be its master. Rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that crawl on the earth.” (Gen. 1:28 GW)
“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to farm the land and to take care of it.” (Gen. 2:15 GW)
- 2) Adam & Eve were responsible to God, & _____ to steward what God had entrusted to them.
- 3) They disobeyed God. So, He confronted them with their sin & _____.
“So the Lord God sent the man out of the Garden of Eden to farm the ground from which the man had been formed.” (Gen. 3:23 GW)

B) Thank God that is not the _____ of the story.

- 1) God sent His _____ to pay the price... *“For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous”* (Rom. 5:19 GW)
- 2) _____ has paid our debt... We are forgiven.
- 3) We are now _____ in the Father’s kingdom.

C) What is a Steward?

- Jesus said, “Who, is the faithful and wise servant? The master will put that person in charge of giving the other servants their food at the right time.”* (Matt. 24:45 GW)
- 1) _____ Stewards: know God’s Word & act wisely toward all He entrusts to us..
- 2) _____ Stewards: Like the servant in Jesus’s parable, all we work for belongs to God! (Lk. 16:12)
- 3) _____ Stewards (New Testament): The basic picture is in Jesus’ parables. (Lk. 12:42-48, also 1 Tim. 1:12; 1 Cor. 7:25; 2 Tim. 2:2)

The central thought of Jesus’s parables on stewardship is, *“A lot will be expected from everyone who has been given a lot.”* (Luke 12:48 GW)

“He gave himself for us to set us free from every sin and to cleanse us so that we can be his special people who are enthusiastic about doing good things.”
(Titus 2:11-14 GW)

Close: When we know Who owns us & how He bought us, thankfulness & generosity will well up in our hearts.

"Blessings"

Proverbs 22:6 - *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

At all of my congregations, both large and small, we had the custom of having families approach the Communion rail together.

Although it is not the custom in all Lutheran churches, in most, parents who are receiving the forgiveness of sins which is offered in the Sacrament are encouraged to bring their unconfirmed children with them to the altar for a blessing In my mind's eye, I can still see that procession of parents with their little ones in tow. Those moms and dads knew that their children would, during the coming week, encounter all kinds of dangers, would hear all kinds of harsh words, be witnesses and recipients of cruelty and unkindness.

So their children might know the Lord was with them, these parents brought their children to the Savior for His blessing.

Having the pastor place his hands on their child's head and speak a few words of encouragement and blessing from the Savior carried a weight beyond words. In bringing their children to the Lord, these parents were asking the loving Redeemer to let His favor rest upon their little ones. They were asking God to protect their children and allow them to live in His peace.

That's why those parents were more than glad to bring their children forward. They might not have thought about it, but they were continuing a tradition that is 2,000 years old. They were standing by the side of those mothers who brought their children to Jesus for a blessing. And the children ... ah, the children, well, that's a different story.

I remember as I tried to place my hands on the heads, or shoulders, of these little ones, there were different reactions to getting a blessing from Jesus.

Some were almost a picture postcard of perfection as they shut their eyes and patiently received God's good Word.

The more mischievous ones, the ones with a smile on their faces and a twinkle in their eyes, made it a game where they squiggled and squirmed to get away from my hand. I got about 97 percent of them blessed.

There were those who took one look at this big, bearded bear of a guy and let out a scream.

And, of course, there was one boy who bit me. I showed him. (I gave him a really good blessing: "May the Lord allow you always to sink your teeth so readily into the cause of Christ.")

That's what I said. I'm sure Jesus would have said something far better, which would have meant a lot more.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, in a world which does its best to mess up our families and tear them apart, may Your blessing rest upon parents and children. Keep them safe so they may sing Your praises in this world and the next. In the Savior's Name I pray. Amen.