

●INSPIRE●

**Bible Studies**

Sunday Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday Noon  
Wednesday Women's (on summer break)

**Women's Wednesday Bible Study**

—Summer Break—  
Will resume in the fall.

**Wednesday Noon Bible Study**

"The Natural Knowledge of God in Our Christian Witness". This study will examine what it means to have a *Natural Knowledge* of God, what *Natural Revelation* and *Natural Law* are, and how they fit with His *Special Revelation* through Jesus and His written Word. We will look at how this Natural Knowledge is spoken about in the Bible, and how it is used by both Christians and unbelievers.

*For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. - Rom. 1:19*



**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 November and December this year.

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Do you know someone who is looking for employment? Our daycare is hiring.

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●GROW●  
**Youth Confirmation Class**

Parents & Students  
Class has begun!  
Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. Questions? contact Pastor Mike pastor\_mike@redeemer warsaw.org  
cell:574-527-9483

**Trunk or Treat**

October 19, 4-6pm  
*Guess What!* It's time to start planning for Trunk or Treat. How can you help you ask? VOLUNTEER—decorate your vehicle, help serve food. Next time you are shopping, pick up a bag of candy and drop it off.

●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**

**Mission Board Collection**

The board is collecting items for Fellowship Mission. See a list on their new bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There is a collection box located near the bulletin board.

**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

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

★ Trunk or Treat! Yes, I would love to decorate my vehicle.

★ Trunk or Treat! I would love to help serve refreshments!

Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare.  
I am interested in learning about the many opportunities on how to implement our Vision Statement.

# Church Picnic



Next Sunday after the combined 10am service, join us for a picnic. What a fun time to enjoy each others company and eat some barbecue! There will also be games for the kids. *We are asking the congregation to bring a dessert to share.*

Trunk or Treat is happening here at church on October 19, 4-6pm. Would you consider helping out by decorating your trunk? The more the merrier! Weird to whimsical we have seen it all. Also needed is CANDY. There is a "giving board" by the stairway to the sanctuary. Pick up a tag (*or two, or three!*) and place your donations in the box located by the Welcome Center. Volunteers for serving food is also needed. Yes, you will?-terrific!-See your bulletin insert, fill it out and place it in the office mail box.



## "The Fruitless Fig Tree"

*And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if He could find anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. (Mark 11:13)*

Read Mark 11:12-25

This is one of the odder miracles in the New Testament. Why was Jesus looking for fruit if it wasn't the right season? And when He found none, why did He blame the tree and curse it? Was this some sort of divine temper tantrum?

Actually, no. Common fig trees produce at least two crops of fruit. The "breba crop" appears in the spring, with the first leaves. You could say it isn't really a proper fig crop at all; the breba figs aren't that great, and a lot of people don't bother to harvest them. The main crop comes later and will taste much better.

But Jesus was hungry. So He went looking for the early breba figs, which should have been there if the leaves were out -- and there was nothing. Oops!

That's a bad, bad sign. A common fig tree that doesn't produce brebas around Passover isn't going to produce real figs at the right time either. The early failure is a sign of the much greater failure to come. And Jesus knew that. The words He said confirmed the disaster that was already on the way: *"May no one ever eat fruit from you again."* And within a day, the tree was withered up.

There are things like brebas in our own lives, too. Every day we live our lives in Jesus, growing in faith, and receiving His gifts of Word and Sacrament. And every so often the challenge comes -- are we producing the fruits that show that Christ is living in us? Do we have figs, or just leaves?

To be sure, most of the fruit we Christians produce is like breba figs -- small, relatively tasteless, not particularly good quality. Jesus must be really hungry if He wants our fruit! And yet He does. He is. And He rejoices when He finds an early fig, even a breba -- because it shows that the Holy Spirit is living in us, doing God's will through us. It shows that we belong to Jesus -- and one day, we will rejoice together with Him, at the real harvest time.

THE PRAYER: Father, make me fruitful through Your Holy Spirit's work. Amen.