

# •INSPIRE•

## Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday Noon  
Wednesday Women's 7pm  
for more information, contact  
the office.

## Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30pm,  
meeting upstairs at Martin's  
Supermarket led by Kellee  
Skaggs. "Present Over  
Perfect" by Shauna Niequist.  
Leaving behind busyness and  
frantic living and  
rediscovering the person you  
were made to be. *Present  
Over Perfect* is a hand  
reaching out, pulling you free  
from the constant pressure to  
perform faster, push harder,  
and produce more, all while  
maintaining an exhausting  
image of perfection.

## Wednesday Noon Bible Study

He Is Our Righteousness  
We would all answer, "Yes!",  
without much thought, to the  
question, "Does our Lord  
teach justification by grace  
through faith?" But, when  
we stop and think, do we  
know where He teaches it  
and how? We know  
He must teach justification by  
grace. St. Paul is where we  
usually turn to for help with  
this doctrine. In this study we  
will look together at The  
Good Samaritan, which is not  
usually thought of in the  
justification context. We will  
discover how this parable  
does, in fact, teach  
justification by grace, and it

does so in a beautiful and  
memorable way.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

## Youth Group Bible Study

Focus on the Psalms and NYG  
preparation.

## Sunday School Teachers needed

Would you consider becoming  
a teacher? We are on a  
rotation schedule. You would  
teach once a month/every six  
weeks. 10:15 to 11 between  
services or 15-20 minutes  
during 2nd service Sermon.  
Curriculum is already done  
for you. Please see Barb  
Lindquist or Liz Slone with  
questions. Thank you

# •Grow•

## Mail Boxes

Periodicaly-please check your  
mail box in the Fellowship  
Hall. If you do not have a  
box, please notify Liz in the  
office and she will make a  
spot for you! Thank you.

# •Change•

## Church Improvements Building Fund

Thank you to those that have  
given to the debt reduction  
fund. After your weekly  
tithing, please consider  
dropping a little extra into an  
envelope and putting it in the

plate. It all adds up! Amount  
needed is approx.  
\$165,000.00.

**Debt Reduction Envelopes  
are available at the  
welcome center**

## 2019 VBS

**We need you! June 17-20  
6 to 8pm. Contact the  
office. Behind the action  
or front and center, So  
many chances to be His  
hands and feet!**

## Volunteering

Redeemer Little Steps  
Daycare-reading to a class or  
helping serve lunch. You can  
volunteer everyday or once a  
month. The choice is yours.  
Interested in learning more?  
Stop by the office or talk with  
Tami Beery. Let's be His  
hands and feet. He created  
us to love and to serve those  
in need.

## Heartline

The Mission Board is doing a  
collection for Heartline  
Pregnancy Center. Look on  
the "Giving Tree" in  
Fellowship Hall for items  
currently needed.

## Altar Flowers

Flowers are needed for the  
following dates: June 2 & 9,  
July 7 & 14

## Casa of Kosciusko County

Thru May, the Freedom  
Express gas station on  
Argonne Road is donating  
two cents per gallon when  
you use the "Spirit Pump".  
(the pump with the kids  
handprints)

# 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 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

☐ Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare. I am interested in  
learning about the many opportunities on how to  
implement our Vision Statement. *Stay tuned-it is going to be epic!*

☐ I would like to help with Vacation Bible School



## God's Outreach Guide

Wouldn't it be great if there was a guide for doing ministry?  
God does guide our outreach, but not always where we expect.

### A) On his 2nd missionary journey \_\_\_\_ learned how God guided his outreach. Their \_\_\_\_\_ rarely happens overnight.

- 1) God's Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Paul from going to west Asia and north to Bythia.
- 2) God wasn't saying those people weren't \_\_\_\_\_, just don't go there now.
- 3) God still guides outreach to the world, though there are at times \_\_\_\_\_ doors.

### B) Our \_\_\_\_\_ has experienced that before too:

- 1) Closing the \_\_\_\_\_ decades ago, didn't mean that the ministry there, or that day schools aren't important to God.
- 2) Now we're wondering if God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ the building next door.
- 3) God isn't concerned with real estate or... if we have enough money in the bank.
  - Instead whether or not He has a \_\_\_\_\_ for it.

### C) God gave Paul a \_\_\_\_\_ of a Macedonian man begging him to serve them.

- 1) When God guides us where he wants us it's not always the way we \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Lydia's conversion reminds us that when God uses us, it's still \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.
  - He is the one that brings people to faith.
  - We only share the message.
- 3) There's no guide to tell us exactly how Jesus wants us to share His love.
  - But we can expect Him to guide and direct us where \_\_\_\_\_ wants us to go.

**Close:** God has given us plenty of opportunities for all of us to get involved; Little Steps, Lincoln Elementary, Chain Breakers and many other things we partner with.

Continue to walk out our doors boldly knowing, God has brought us into contact with people out there, in need of His love through you.

## "One Host, Two Invitations"

*Psalm 67:5-7 - Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!*

I am going to read you a short poem. Let's see how far I get before you recognize it.

"Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, With conquering limbs astride from land to land; Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand, A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame, Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name, Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand, Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command, The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame. "Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she with silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

The poem, written by Emma Lazarus, was originally published in a small collection of writings, which was sold to raise money for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal. Both the book and the poem were quickly forgotten. It was only years after the author's death that the verse was rediscovered. Eventually, all 14 lines of the sonnet were placed over the entrance to the Statue of Liberty.

Those lines changed the very purpose of the grand bronze lady.

The statue's creator, Frederic Bartholdi, originally intended the statue to give encouragement to the countries of Europe where people were fighting tyranny and oppression. With the positioning of the poem, rather than helping the people in Europe, Lazarus' words gave confidence to the people who were leaving Europe.

As I read the statue's famous words, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," I am struck how similar those words are to those of Jesus: "*Come unto Me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28). Here we have two powerful invitations -- one from a country; one from our Savior.

No, that's not right, is it?

In truth, both invitations come from the Lord. As Luther said, the Lord has given us all we need to support our body and life. Although many of us complain about the conditions in our country, the rest of the world knows we are just kidding ourselves. We have a blessed country with a golden door of opportunity. We have reasonable peace, reasonable wealth, reasonable resources, and unbelievable possibilities.

Like the psalmist encourages, all the peoples should praise the Lord -- not just for their country, but for the fact that we also have a Savior. In the Christ we have experienced the love of God, the forgiveness and grace of God, and the certainty of an eternity in heaven.

Now it's quite possible that our entire country may not praise the Lord for His work, but all who are saved should join together and say, "O God; let all the peoples praise you!"

**THE PRAYER:** Dear Lord, may I always remain appreciative that You have given me citizenship in two countries. For this earthly land, I praise You; for my heavenly home, I shall be eternally grateful. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.