

●INSPIRE●

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
Wednesday Noon
Wednesday Women's 7pm
(on break until after Easter)
Thursday 7pm (on break until
after Easter)
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

We have begun a new Bible
based study. Please join us!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

Youth Group Bible Study

Cultural issues that don't line
up with God's design.

Wednesday Lenten Service & Dinner

"Behold the Man"
The Lenten series we will be
hearing each Wednesday
evening. Join us for dinner at
6pm then 7pm for service.

Behold the man, God in
human flesh, Jesus. His
incarnation will provide the
basis for our meditation and
proclamation on His Passion.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers for 2019.
Please let us know which
dates you would like to
dedicate. Fill out the form in
the bulletin and place in Carol
Plew mail box.

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

Periodically-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. Amount
collected to date is
\$70,908.81.
**Debt Reduction Envelopes
are available at the
welcome center**

Volunteering

There are so many
opportunities, here are just a
few. Redeemer Little Steps
Daycare-reading to a class or
helping serve lunch. Lincoln
Elementary-lunch buddie,
homework help or
Boomerrang Backpack. 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.

Garage Sale

Garage Sale to benefit the
National Youth Gathering in
July. If you want to add to
the sale, please bring in your
items and place them at the
Welcome Center.
May 17 & 18



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:_____

☐ I'd like to donate Easter Lilies (\$8) (***Last day to order is April 7***)

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

☐ Thursday Evening 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

Out of Egypt: Through the Water

Slavery—bondage—heavy burdens— Brutal taskmasters—daily despair and hopelessness; that was Egypt for the Israelites.

Where 400 years before, Egypt was a place of refuge, a place of rescue for them.

- A) A new pharaoh was in power who didn't know that _____ had saved them.
- 1) Israelites became a source of _____ labor for pharaoh's building projects.
 - 2) What had been a _____ became a place of pain and sorrow.
 - 3) They were _____ to break free and escape.
- B) The Israelites needed a leader from _____ them, to gather them together.
- 1) God set Moses and _____ him for the task of rescuing His people.
 - 2) Still two obstacles stood in their way:
 - a large _____.
 - a big body of _____.
 - 3) God has Moses raise his staff over the Sea; the water parts, and the people pass through on _____ ground.
 - Then, the water collapses on the advancing Egyptian army.
 - God says to His people, through Moses; *"Don't be afraid! Stand still, and see what the Lord will do to save you today. You will never see these Egyptians again. The Lord is fighting for you! So be still!"* (Ex. 14:13-14)
- C) That's not the last time God used water destroying an enemy, saving His people:
- 1) God's enemies; sin, death, and Satan. Still want to _____ His people.
 - 2) We need a _____ to gather us up and bring us out of of exile.
 - 3) God sent Jesus: He became _____ to rescue us from our land of exile.
 - ❖ Jesus went into the Jordan to be baptized—not because he sinned.
 - ❖ To take all the world's sin on Himself and back to the father of sin, Satan.

Close: Into Baptism's water we go, our old Adam is drowned & sin is washed away. Up from the water we come, a new creation, a child of God. Returned from exile & slavery, through the water, into the arms of God.

"A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE"

Psalm 22:1 - *My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?*

I wonder what it was like for King David, writing his song to honor the Lord, and knowing that God was speaking through him. What did he think when God inspired him to write the song we know as Psalm 22? It speaks very clearly of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. David must have wondered what the Holy Spirit was referring to.

To be sure, David himself had some experience with feeling forsaken. *"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest"* (Psalm 22:1-2). David could have cried out those words at any time while he was hiding in the wilderness, staying away from King Saul who wanted to kill him.

Or this part: *"All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"* (Psalm 22:7-8) It's a very good description of what happened to David when his son Absalom rebelled against him and David had to leave the capital city. But it fits even better as a description of what people said when Jesus hung on the cross, mocked by the very people he came to save.

But as David continued to write, there could be no confusion about what came next. *"For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots"* (Psalm 22:16-18). None of that ever happened to David—no piercing, no being stretched out on the cross as a bony skeleton of a man, no gambling for his clothes. That was clearly about Jesus, David's greater Son. Did David tremble when he wrote those words?

I don't know. It's a mystery. But it's a mystery that reveals Jesus' great and everlasting love for all of us for whom he suffered—for David, for you, and for all of us.

THE PRAYER: When I suffer, Lord, be with me and keep hold of me. Amen.