

●INSPIRE●

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
Adult Faith Information Class
Wednesday Noon
Wednesday Women's 7pm
Thursday 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.

Sunday Morning & Thursday Night Bible Study

We are utilizing LCMS Pastor Jonathan Fisk's book *Echo: Unbroken Truth Worth Repeating Again*. A study in which we will learn "the distilled, unbreakable Christian Echo, the very thing that has radically changed humanity in every nation and tongue where it has been repeated."

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Starting this Wednesday, we will be beginning a new Bible based study. Please join us!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Mike has started a new Sunday morning bible study on the book of Genesis. "The Beginning" will be held in the Narthex.

Youth Group Bible Study

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

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 Janet Essig's mail box.

●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

After 50+ years, the HVAC system that supplies the sanctuary with cool air is in need of replacement. An HVAC fund drive has begun. Amount needed is approx. \$165,000.00. Amount

collected to date is \$64,321.86. Thank you to those that have already started this extra giving! We will keep everyone updated as to the progress of the new systems and our giving progress.

Debt Reduction Envelopes are available at the welcome center

Volunteering

There are so many opportunities, here a just a few. Redeemer Little Steps Daycare-reading to a class or helping serve lunch. Lincoln Elementary-lunch buddies, 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.
WHEN: MAY 17TH AND 18TH
WHERE: 2511 WESTWOOD RD, WINONA LAKE

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.
Deuteronomy 31:6

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 join an awesome Bible Study! *attend as many as you like!*

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 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!*



The Gospel's Two Edged Sword

The gospel, the good news of Jesus is indeed a two-edged sword.

- One edge brings salvation, release, the good news that God loves us.
- The other edge, convicts us of sin and challenges us to service.

A) At first people welcomed him with open arms to _____ in their church.

- 1) At first people welcomed him with open arms to _____ in their church.
- 2) They were expecting him to perform _____ among them too.
- 3) But as he preached, he said that God's grace was for _____ people.
-Jesus said: *"and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."* (Luke 4:26-27)

B) The people were angry, forcing Jesus to the edge of a _____ to _____ Him.

- 1) The gospel works the same _____;
-It can make us angry.
-It can cause us to change our ways.
-It can be received with indifference, or boredom.
- 2) At the same time the gospel can free us from _____;
-It can release us from our brokenness.
-It can give us hope and encouragement.
-It comes to us in God's loving grace in bread & wine, in body & blood.
- 3) This gospel, this good news of Christ can _____ us to change our lives;
- It can challenge us to die to self, our pride, our self-will.
- It can challenge us to let go.
- It can challenge us to release things that are pulling us down the broad path of destruction, instead of leading us down the narrow path of salvation.

Close: In that relationship, Jesus gives us himself, to empower us for service.
As Jesus rides with us in the journey of life, others see His love through us.

The Conversion of St. Paul

Named Saul at birth, he was both a Jew and a Roman citizen, brought up in the Roman colony of Tarsus. Saul saw Christianity as a major threat to Judaism and was zealous persecuting early Christians.

While on the road to Damascus to continue his persecution activities, Saul saw a bright light and heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him. It was a vision of the resurrected Jesus, which left him temporarily blinded. (Acts 9:1-31; 22:1-22; 26:9-24)

After his conversion, Saul continued to Damascus where he regained his sight and was baptized by Ananias of Damascus. Saul's name would become "Paul." He traveled to Arabia and then returned to Damascus. (Gal. 1:17) Three years after his conversion Paul went to Jerusalem where he met James and stayed with Simon Peter for 15 days. (Gal. 1:13-24)

St. Timothy, Pastor

On his second visit to Lystra in 50 A.D., Paul met Timothy, taking him as a colleague, but first circumcising him out of respect for his Jewish mother and the custom of the Jews in whose communities they were to do mission work (Acts 16:1-3). Timothy worked with Paul and Silas and helped found churches, notably in Corinth, Thessalonica, and Philippi. He apparently accompanied Paul to Ephesus and Asia Minor (Acts 19:22; 1 Corinthians 16:10-11).

As the presence of his name in the first verses of Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians indicates, he was subsequently associated with Paul's imprisonment at Ephesus. In the Pastoral Epistles he is solely in charge of the Christians at Ephesus, possibly the site of his release from prison as chronicled in Hebrews 13:23.

Paul's two Pastoral Epistles addressed to Timothy reveal concern for his well-being, and he is praised in 1 Corinthians, Philippians, and Romans. He is also mentioned in 1 and 2 Thessalonians and 2 Corinthians.

Tradition, says Timothy was the first Bishop of Ephesus, where he was martyred.

Answers: A) home town, 1) preach, 2) miracles, 3) all, B) cliff, stone, 1) today, 2) sin, 3) challenge.