

●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 7pm, meeting here at church 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●

Sunday School Teacher

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

●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 \$63,748.25. 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.

Flock Note



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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 Sign Points & Faith Celebrates

The stone water jars at the wedding of Cana, are a sign reminding us about Jesus's miracle of turning water into wine. But, that miracle itself was meant as a sign. John points that out, "*This, the first of his miraculous signs . . .*" (John 2:11 ESV).

A sign that, "... his disciples believed in him." (John 2:11 GW).

A) Jesus cares about all my _____:

- 1) This sign helps us believe we can take even _____ things to Jesus in prayer.
- 2) Shows that Jesus cares, not only for _____ concerns, but yours and mine too.
 - People said, "*Blessed is the mother who gave you birth*" (Luke 11:27 NIV)
 - But Jesus said, "*Rather, how blessed are those who hear and obey God's word.*" (Luke 11:28 GW)
- 3)What keeps us from being _____ when we take our requests to Jesus?
 - By leaving concerns to Him, trusting Him to do what's right at the right time.

B) Jesus blesses my _____:

- 1) Why did Jesus warn us about the trouble that come when we _____ Him?
 - ...*whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*" (Mat. 10:38-39 ESV).
 - He makes it clear that following him isn't a promise of wealth or status in life.
 - If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first*" (Jn. 15:18 NIV)
- 2) How does that show Jesus really wants to bless us?
 - At that wedding He created over 100 gallons of the **best wine**.
 - Remember, how _____ we are, compared to the billions living in poverty.

C) Jesus reveals His _____:

- 1) Why does Jesus's glory lead our _____ to celebrate?
- 2)"*Cana in Galilee was the place where Jesus began to perform miracles. He made his glory public there, and his disciples _____ in Him.*" (Jn. 2:11 GW).
- 3)Jesus is our _____, the eternal, almighty Son of God in flesh, and is our Savior!

Close: Faith celebrates Jesus revealing His glory - His glory that came to save you!

"Ooh, Shiny!"

Isaiah 62:1-3 - *For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*

Have you ever noticed how attracted people are to shining things? It doesn't matter if it's gold, silver, diamonds, or even glass; if it shines, people love it. It attracts our attention; it makes us want to look at it more closely -- even to take it home, if we can. Isaiah the prophet uses shining language to talk about God's people. He says he is waiting for the time when our "*righteousness goes forth as brightness, and (our) salvation as a burning torch ... You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*"

What righteousness is this that Isaiah is talking about? Of course, he is talking about what Jesus has done for us and for everyone who believes in Him -- that Jesus has taken away our sin and made us clean, new, beautiful creations of God. He did this when He took our evil upon Himself and destroyed it through His death on the cross. When He rose from the dead, He raised us also from death, pure and spotless in God's eyes.

Because of Jesus' salvation, we are shiny now; and Isaiah expects the world to notice. "*The nations shall see your righteousness,*" he says, "*and all the kings your glory.*" God's Holy Spirit shines through us. As He lives in and through us, we become as noticeable and attractive as a crown in somebody's hand. Who could resist a closer look? What a great thing God has done for us!

But God is doing something even greater (and more humbling) for us. Isaiah says, "*You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*" We all know that crowns aren't meant to be kept in somebody's hand. They belong on a head. If God is carrying a crown in this passage, He must mean to give it to someone, right?

And who is that someone? Who could it be but our Lord Jesus Christ? We are the crown He has won so dearly through His sufferings and death. And this is the paradox: most crowns bring honor to the one who wears them; but in this case, Jesus gives honor to us. We are not worthy; by nature, we are nothing more than a crown of thorns, but He has made us His own crown of beauty.

THE PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, for making us Your own and giving us Your beauty. Amen.