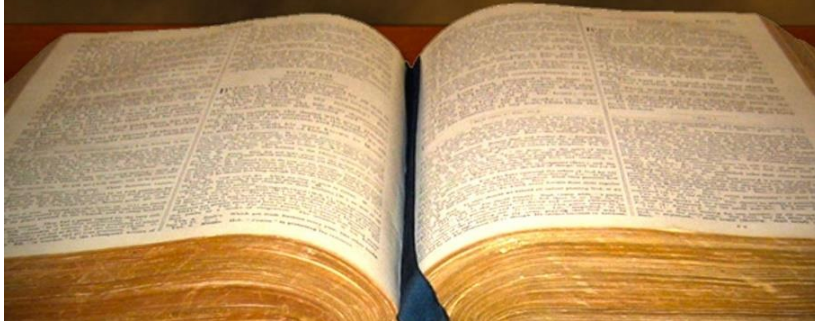


The Messenger



Are Christian Education & Bible Study Important?



Why Christian education and Bible study?

Regardless of your initial response, think about this – Jesus!

Jesus is the reason for Christian education of all ages. Jesus has the answer to any question we have. It's not just for children, we all need to participate in the Christian community in order to know Jesus. Through active Christian Education we can learn to know and walk in relationship with Jesus.

We need Christian education to help restore and be a blessing to those around us as well as to ourselves. We all need to grow in God's Word. As we walk with Jesus, He teaches and informs us and as we are learning, we are being formed to be more like Him.

As we become more like Him, it becomes easier to serve God and others and ultimately point them to the Truth that will stand for the ages. People are spiritually decaying at a rapid rate and Jesus is the answer to everything our culture lacks or destroys. Christian education is to be a light in this dark and dying world.

BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

And the Lord said (to Moses), 'Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen'" (Ex. 33:21-23).

There are times when we all are facing a difficult decision, trapped in indecision or perhaps we are simply in a place we do not wish to be.

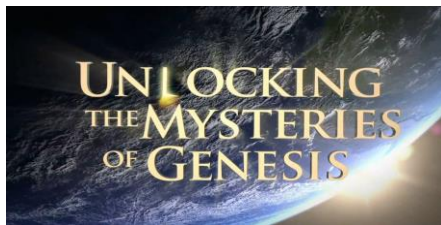
We want God to step in with dazzling might and power to save us and change the circumstances. We might feel crushed and helpless, pressed against a rock wall of sorrow or loss. God gently holds us even in that hard place and covers us with His comforting Word of forgiveness and hope.

We may be permitted to see a passing glimpse of God's glory in a sudden, unexpected healing or a miraculous answer to prayer. In God's Word we have already seen the glory of God, safely veiled in human flesh. Jesus defeated sin and death. He destroyed the rocks and hard places that threaten to crush us in grief and despair. In His death and resurrection, we have the sure and certain hope that one day we will not just see His glory, we will share it. Until that day, Christ shields us with His nail-scarred hand, "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen" (Jude 24-25).

Prayer - God and Savior, I know that You are with us as promised. Give me the eyes of faith to see Your glory hidden and revealed in your gifts of water, bread and wine of the sacraments. When I feel crushed and helpless, speak to me, as You spoke to Moses, in Your Holy Word. Strengthen me and uphold me until that day when I see Your glory face to face. Amen.

HOW CAN I GROW IN GOD'S WORD DURING THESE UNUSUAL TIMES?

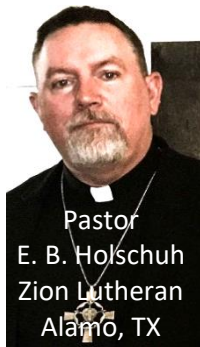
Along with St. Paul's Facebook Live adult Bible class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., other LCMS congregations are offering online Bible studies and welcome you to join in their studies. Below are a few adult studies that you can participate in now. Even if they've begun, you are welcome to join.



Thursdays on Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

[Register here](#)

Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis presents evidence for the biblical account of creation and offers defensible answers to some of the most provocative and controversial questions of faith and science. Each 22-minute video guides the viewer on a memorable journey through some of the most fascinating topics in creation science to help Christians find many of the answers they need to affirm and defend their faith!



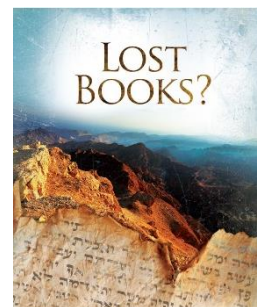
Pastor
E. B. Holschuh
Zion Lutheran
Alamo, TX

Monday Evening

on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? In this upcoming Bible study, via Zoom, we'll look at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short. Register to join this video study with Pastor Holschuh.



Click [here](#) to access the **Study Guide**

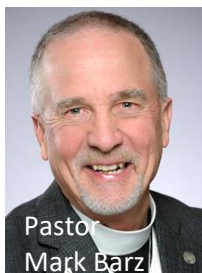
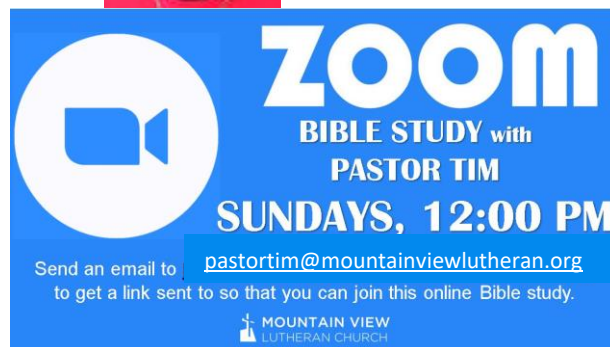
[Click here for the Zoom class](#)



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GREAT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

Prerecorded Bible Classes available on the Crown of Life Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX website. Click on the link above.

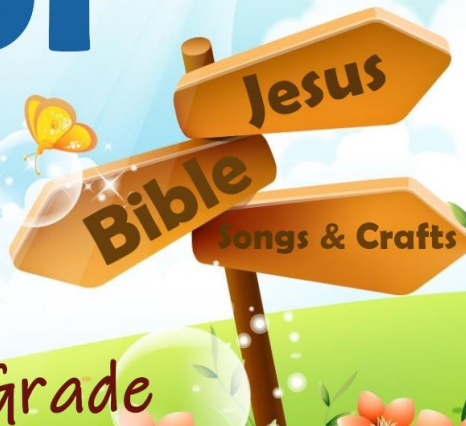


Pastor
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Sunday School

Begins
September 20th

Ages Preschool 4s thru 6th Grade



IT ALL BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 9:30 A.M.

Join the St. Paul Zoom Sunday School. Amie Smithley will host a Zoom classroom. Each week you can look forward to hearing a Bible story, singing, coloring and a craft. It'll be lots of fun! To receive Zoom meeting information, contact the church office at 334-272-6214 or stpauloffice@stpaulmontgomery.org.



John and Debbie Mikulka,
we Thank You for your dedicated
service to the St. Paul Christian
Education program.
You have been a blessing to St. Paul!



Both children's Sunday School and adult Bible study are in need of teachers.

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. 1 Corinthians 7:17a



Adults are needed on Sunday morning as well as during the week. Zoom classes can be scheduled at your convenience.

Please contact the church office at 334-272-6214 or speak with Pastor Elam.

Thrivent is coming along side of you to help those impacted by the devastation left behind from Hurricane Laura.

Here are three ways:

1. Make a donation; Thrivent will boost it!

Donate online to support organizations assisting with disaster relief efforts; Thrivent will boost it! For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform to one of the three organizations listed below, Thrivent will add \$1. Thrivent will also pay all the processing fees so 100% will go directly to the cause.

- [Convoy of Hope](#)
- [Inspiritus, Inc](#)
- [New Life Disaster Relief](#)



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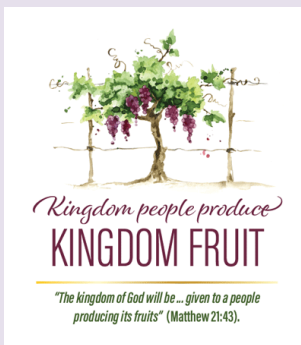
2. Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team

Note: Be sure to review and follow the guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control as well as additional guidelines by public and health officials in your community.

Jump into action and lead a Thrivent Action Team. Use promo code **HURRICANELAURA20** and you will receive your kit within two business days of approval. Visit our [website](#) for ideas to get started now!

3. Direct Choice Dollars®

If you are an eligible Thrivent client, click [here](#) to direct Choice Dollars to organizations helping with Disaster Response efforts.



LWML SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

This year's LWML Sunday theme is "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit," based on Matthew 21:43: *Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.* In Matthew 21:33-46, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God will be taken from the religious leaders of the day and be given to people producing its fruits. By God's grace in Christ, we are blessed to be these people in the kingdom of God. He graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. Because of your donations to mites, we can share the Gospel and bring others to Christ. Thank you for your support of LWML, enabling us to produce fruit for God's kingdom.

LWML BIBLE STUDIES

Looking for a short or single lesson Bible study? LWML has plenty to choose, just click [here](#) and check them out. You can choose from a delightful selection of well-written Bible studies for yourself or invite a few friends. The downloads are available FREE.

Due to COVID 19 there will not be an Oktoberfest this year.

LWML will have a bake sale fundraiser.

- + On Sunday, November 1 LWML members will provide a tasting of various baked goods.
- + On November 1 & 8 orders will be taken.
- + Orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 15th.
- + If requested, deliveries can be made. Please advance order.



MUSIC OF THE SEASONS

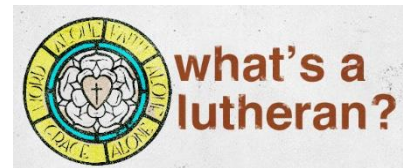
Be looking ahead to hear "Music of the Reformation" celebrating our Protestant heritage on the St. Paul website. www.stpaulmontgomery.org



WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on the 2nd and 4th
Thursday of each month at
11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

This Bible study addresses the prevalence of negative speech and encourages participants to choose God-pleasing words. By giving voice to their faith in a forgiving Savior, readers will influence others in their workplaces, homes and communities.



What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique? Why is Lutheran worship different than at the church next door? Does it have to be confusing? If you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers, or are just curious about the Lutheran church, Pastor Elam is beginning a class in October to answer these questions.

Interested? Contact the church office 334-272-6214 or talk to Pastor Elam.

NATIONAL MISSIONS The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The LCMS Office of National Mission works within the borders of the United States to support the programs and resources available to congregations, districts, schools, Recognized Service Organizations and other Lutheran organizations.

LCMS National Mission coordinates the work of many specific emphasis areas:

- [Black Ministry](#)
- [Campus Ministry \(LCMS U\)](#)
- [Deaconess Ministry](#)
- [Disaster Response](#)
- [Domestic Grants](#)
- [Health Ministry](#)
- [Hispanic Ministry](#)
- [Life Ministry](#)
- [Recognized Service Organizations](#)
- [Revitalization](#)
- [Rural & Small Town Mission](#)
- [School Ministry](#)
- [Soldiers of the Cross](#)
- [Specialized Pastoral Ministry](#)
- [Stewardship Ministry](#)
- [Urban & Inner-City Mission](#)
- [Veterans of the Cross](#)
- [Witness & Outreach Ministry](#)
- [Worship](#)
- [Youth Ministry](#)



Jon & Jill Garnto 9/20/2003
Frank & Linda Richardson 9/23/1963
Bryan & Jessica Smith 10/6/2012
Jeff & Becky Pierce 10/13/1988



Becky Pierce 9/16	Charlie King 9/29	Ozzie Able 10/5	Sandy Bunke 10/10
Adam Lueck 9/20	Jon Dunham 9/30	Karalyn Maevers 10/5	Lee Gaines 10/10
John Mikulka 9/20	Madison Blue 10/2	Aiden Boarts 10/6	Donna Trepagnier 10/13
Cindy Ahrendt 9/22	Katie Crew 10/2	Debra Howard 10/6	Kyle Arnold 10/14
Mary Ficzero 9/26	Drew Wilson 10/4	Johnnie Brown-Nelson 10/9	Renee Perry 10/15

Please submit pictures/information for the newsletter by the 12th of each month to dhoward@knology.net.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

To activate the prayer chain, contact Margaret Carlson at 334-567-0964 or the church office at 272-6214.