

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Carolyn Wilkins; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Cindy; Darlene Welsh

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: Pastor will continue the class this morning between services. It's not too late to join us!

PSALMS STUDY DISCONTINUED: Tuesday 3:00pm Bible Class will no longer meet. Instead, look for weekly videos studying the Psalms every Tuesday!

WOMEN'S GROUP: our Women's Group will meet at 9:00am this Saturday, February 26. After that we're thinking the third Saturday of the month moving forward. Join with sisters in Christ for refreshments, fellowship, and study.

PAVILION PROJECT: the Church Council invites you to join a committee to explore the possibility of adding extra storage onto the west side of the pavilion (replacing the shed). Contact Jeremy Hammel or Roger Bellis if you're interested!

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP & POTLUCKS: Vicar Woelmer has planned a series of services exploring the Small Catechism's teachings on the Lord's Supper. Join us for a potluck at 6pm and Divine Service at 7pm every Wednesday in Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, next Wed., March 2.

CALENDAR

Sun. Feb. 20 (Sexagesima)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study / Instruction 11:30am Confirmation
Tue. Feb. 22	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Feb. 23	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Feb. 24	7:00pm Bible Study (Galatians)
Sun. Feb. 27 (Quinquagesima)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study / Instruction 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group

HOLY GOSPEL: ST. LUKE 8:4-15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to Jesus, he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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I wonder what keeps us from reading the Bible as much as we would like to, or as much as we know we probably should. Maybe it feels like a bit of a chore, something we “have to do” instead of something we “get to do.” We might be afraid to be bored by the Scriptures, or unsure about the meaning of particular passages. I’d imagine we’ve all started a new reading plan with good intentions only to miss a few days and fall out of the habit again.

Take heart! Plans, resources, and reading groups abound. But the best advice I can give you is to simply start reading. If you read just four chapters a day, you’ll get through the entire Bible in about 10 months! In fact, if you started today and read just four chapters of the Bible every day, you’d still be done before Christmas!!

Let’s read the Bible this year. Let’s hear what God has to say. He inspired the Scriptures with you in mind. Find joy in reading His Word for you. Take your time and ask questions—read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Word! And do let me know if I can help. Your soul is worth it!