

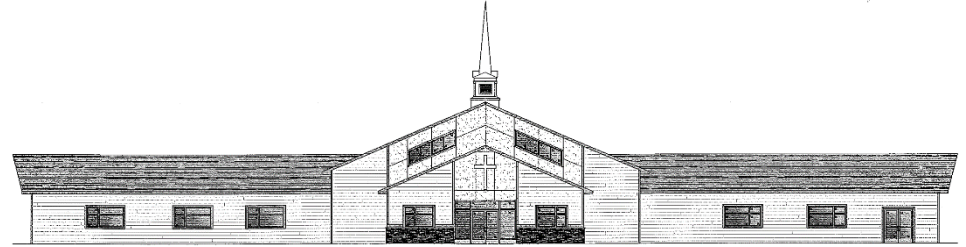
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“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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“Come, let us return to”
THE LORD.
He...will bind up our wounds.”

Hosea 6:1, NIV

October 2021

Bible Study - What Are You Waiting For?

"How can they believe if they have not heard the message?"
(Romans 10:14)

We enjoy freedom of worship in this land. Most people of the world don't. We can own a Bible. We can read it freely and join with others in studying its contents. Most people of the world can't do either. I have a unique Bible cover from a group called Voice of the Martyrs. On the cover is a patch that explains the Bible is currently forbidden in 54 countries of the world. Surprised? I was.

Let's not take our freedom for granted. The Bible is still the number one best seller in America. We know its contents have guided untold billions of people to purpose, hope and peace. Recall how Gideon missionaries have shared with us stories of its power. Perhaps you have a story of your own. There is true power in its contents that's why so many are afraid. They seek to silence its message. Sadly we too often silence its impact as we leave it dusty on the shelf.

We can't even believe without hearing its message (see above). The Bible is a living and active word when its heard! How are you hearing it? Christian missionaries get the Bible into North Korea by balloon drop. Can you imagine reading the scriptures dropped from the skies? Much blood was shed to get the Bible translated into English. Google the story of William Tyndale to see what I mean.

We have ample opportunity to be in God's Word through your congregation. Free daily devotionals and magazines are given out by the dozens. You may wish to share the free Teen Bible with others. Our Sunday school is built on the Bible but it won't do any good if parents and children don't make a regular commitment. Confirmation classes study the Bible with Junior Highers every Wednesday of the school year. Sunday worship is a school for faith as we work through the story of Jesus every Sunday. In addition to those popular options, please consider one of the ongoing Bible study groups as follows:

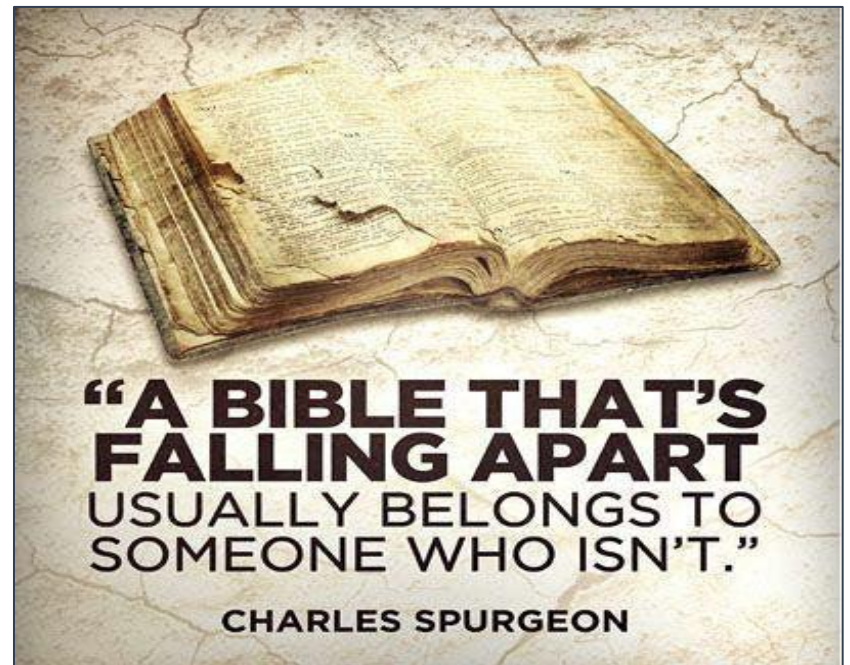
- Men's Bible study fellowship meets every first and third Saturday of the month for breakfast at 6:30 AM and

7:00 AM study. We are currently in the book of Revelation, investigating the end of all things to come.

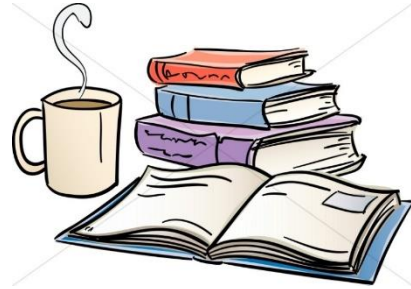
- There are three women's Bible studies. Joanna meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM at the Ridgeview Apartments. Priscilla meets monthly at church. Because their schedule varies check the calendar. Evening Grace meets on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at church. All the women's groups are studying scripture unpacking what it means to be walking together as Christians.
- Our High School often has devotions at youth events. In addition, they meet Wednesday mornings before school at 7:00 AM for fellowship and study on various topics.

Maybe you desire to start up a group of your own. Get going then. It's time to get into God's Word today.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



Are you ready to try something new that will be fun and yet won't require a lot of your time? How about a book discussion on becoming a more welcoming church? Do guests feel like they are crashing a private party when they visit at First Lutheran?



Bestselling author Thom S. Rainer

has a game plan for churches to become more hospitable.

In his book, *Becoming a Welcoming Church*, Rainer guides readers toward a practical framework for making a difference for those who visit their church. The church council recently read a chapter of this short six-chapter book at the start of council meetings and enjoyed it so much that it was decided to invite everybody in the congregation to join in this book discussion.

After each service on October 3rd, those interested will gather around a table in Fellowship Hall with a beverage and a treat to iron out the details for starting a book discussion group. Once the details are ironed out, we'll set a schedule and order the books. I hope this is what you have been looking for.



There is sufficient interest to receive another group of new members into the congregation. An informational class will be held after the 10:00 AM worship service Sunday, October 17th. Those interested should notify the church office (263-2846) so adequate supplies can be on hand. New members will be officially received into the congregation on Sunday, October 24th. Please speak to Pastor Bryan if you should have any questions.



Memorials Given to Memorial Garden Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Max Jackson	Brad & JoAnne Nilssen
Jerry Thompson	Brad & JoAnne Nilssen
Damian Weiss	Brad & JoAnne Nilssen
Carol Flath	Brad & JoAnne Nilssen
Jerry Thompson	Bob & Terri Moe
Jerry Thompson	Dennis & Cindy Nelson

Memorials Given to Building Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Carol Flath	Gail Clark
Jerry Thompson	Gail Clark
Jerry Thompson	Judi Desmond
Jerry Thompson	Lois Campion
Jerry Thompson	Dennis & Nancy Luehman
Bud Green	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson
Jerry Thompson	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson
Jerry Thompson	Tim & Patti Wyss
Jerry Thompson	Ed & Darlene Neitge

Memorials Given to Unspecified Memorial Fund

In Memory of	Given by
JoAnn Sells	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Bud Green	Gloria Hedquist
JoAnn Sells	Gloria Hedquist
Carol Flath	Gloria Hedquist
Jerry Thompson	Gloria Hedquist
Jerry Thompson	Carole Larson
Jerry Thompson	Mike & Rosemary Johnson

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Jackie Goodmanson & Nancy Luehman

ACOLYTES

3 Seth Brihn
10 Alexis Buhr
17 Evan Cain
31 Trevor Gilbertson

READERS

3 Eva Wilson
10 Bill McIntire
17 Linda McIntire
24 Bert Petersen
31 Jane Scholz

COUNTERS: Bill McIntire & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Bill McIntire

USHERS

3 & 10 Eric Brihn
17, 24 & 31 Jason Monson

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

3 Eric & April Brihn Family
10 Potluck - Dale & Sherry Wirth Family
17 Jason & Erica Monson Family
24 Kyle & Shari Overby Family
31 Tracy Olson Family



We will return to Potlucks on the second Sunday after the 10:00 AM worship service.

October Birthdays



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| 1: Deb Arcand | 12: Russell Arcand |
| Sherry Klinger | 13: Tim Prusak |
| Darla Cain | Kyle Fritz |
| Chris Petersen | Kelsie Barney |
| 3: Matthew Magnuson | Nicholas Haley |
| Samantha Haley | 14: Brenda Campion |
| Mackenzie Ward | Weston Nilssen |
| 4: Angela Harris | 15: Terri Moe |
| 5: Leona Voss | Nickolas Witthoft |
| Abigail Monson | Paul Warner |
| Aaron Buhr | 16: Rhianna Campion |
| 6: Shannon Arcand | Nolan Arcand |
| Nancy Luehman | 17: Amber Paulson |
| 7: David Callaway | 18: Crystal Sloan |
| 8: Jordan Witthoft | 19: Ben Kobernick |
| Kristen Otis | Maurice Hanson |
| Eric Moll | Barb Juleff |
| Norma Solum | Tracy Brabec |
| 9: Greg Dodge | 21: Patti Wyss |
| Rachel Nuese | Melanie Cuper |
| Anna Wilson | 22: Eric O'Connell |
| 11: Dale Wood | 23: Gina (Somsen) Akselrod |
| | 24: Burton Beckman |
| | 25: Jordan Olson |
| | 26: Steven Paulson |
| | 27: Denny Benson |
| | 29: Brooke Hadac |
| | Emily Hadac |
| | 30: Richard Becker |
| | 31: Carrie Jo Gullickson |
| | Ken Iverson |

