

Upcoming Bible Studies & Topical Discussions with Pastor Bode



A GRIEF OBSERVED

Grief can and will enter all of our lives at some point. Grief of loss, of loved ones, of dying ourselves. In the classic, "A Grief Observed" by C.S. Lewis we can with honesty and without embarrassment begin to visit with mutual consolation about the purpose and meaning of love, loss and God in the midst. The book is only four chapters long (76 pages) and by reading it together (one chapter a week) it will serve as the guide, discussion and source of our mutual conversation. You will probably want to purchase the book (any bookstore has it) or rent it from a library. We will plan to meet Sundays at 8:00 AM (before worship ~ starting September 7th). This study is particularly intended for anyone who has experienced the sadness of the loss of a loved one.

RUTH

Beginning this fall with regular adult Sunday morning bible class (10:30-11:15AM) we will study the Old Testament book of Ruth. Ruth is a story that pulls us quickly into its unfolding saga of two women, Naomi and Ruth, who in the midst of widowhood and poverty find unexpected joy and renewed hope in all places... Bethlehem. Centuries later the angels would sing over Bethlehem... *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* Come see how even in this Old Testament lesson we find unexpected joy, which serves as a symbol of things to come... the joy of a Redeemer born in Bethlehem.

DANIEL

The Old Testament equivalent of the book of Revelation. This study in the course of this coming year (Sunday Morning Bible Study) will explore how God in the book of Daniel brings to pass His everlasting will. We will review familiar stories... Daniel in the fiery furnace, in the lion's den, and the handwriting on the wall. Come learn what God reveals to Daniel about the End Times.

CHRISTMAS IN LUKE

Last Christmas we took a look at Matthew's birth narrative of Jesus, this year we look at the other Gospel that tells the story of the nativity of our Lord, the Gospel of Luke. Focusing on chapters one and two we will study who God sent even before Jesus to "prepare the way" for the coming of our Lord. And too, we will spend time learning of the reaction of people to the Child of Promise... people such as Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Anna and Simeon and finally ending with the last reference to Jesus childhood as a boy in the Temple teaching the teachers of the Law.

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of:

- * Doug Anderson to Debt Retirement from Roger and Phyllis Raebel.
- * Kathryn Kuester-Olswold to Bathroom Remodel from Ron and LaVonne Dahltorp
- * George Sveine to Carillon Fund from Elsie Sturm.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Cheryl Lewis and Family.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Colleen Dahltorp.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Correen Dahltorp.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Christa and Steve Warner and Family.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Roger and Caryl Yarger and Family.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Buddy and Darlene Martens.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Paul and Julie Martens and Family.
- * Jacob Forstner to Youth Fund from Phyllis and Alan Gag.
- * Jacob Forstner for Vacation Bible School from Curt and Darryl Hanssen.
- * Jacob Forstner to Debt Retirement from George and Angie Portner.
- * Jacob Forstner to Carillon Fund from Howard Blume.
- * Jacob Forstner to Undesignated Fund from Jerry and Bernice Harmening.
- * Jacob Forstner to Undesignated Fund from Jack, Jan and Nick Larson.
- * Jacob Forstner to Undesignated Fund from Gary and Annette Berg.
- * Jacob Forstner to Undesignated Fund from Roger and Joanne Hulke.

HANDICAP BATHROOM REMODELING PROJECT

A handicap bathroom remodel fund has been started. You can donate to this fund through your offerings or through memorials. Please always note the fund that you are donating to on your offering envelope. The Trustees/Church Council hope to start this project by year's end. The Stewardship Board will be working on a future stewardship campaign to fund this project along with Bleick funds as approved by Council and Voters.

OUTDOOR FLOWERS/PLANTS WATERING SCHEDULE

There are still some open dates in August if you are interested in helping out with watering. Sign up on the bulletin board by the offices.

OFFICER AND BOARD REPLACEMENTS

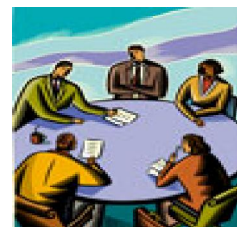
We are currently in the process of looking for candidates for some board and officer positions for the 2009 church year.

The officer positions open for election are:

- *President (1 year term)
- *Vice-President (1 year term)
- *Secretary (1 year term)
- *Treasurer (1 year term)

The board positions open for election are:

- * 3 Elder positions (3 year term)
- * 2 Trustee positions (3 year term)
- * 1 Stewardship position (3 year term)
- * 1 Education position (3 year term)
- * 1 Finance position (3 year term)
- * 2 Youth positions (2 year term)



Please prayerfully consider involvement with one of these committees.

Thank you

- ◆ We wish to say thank you to the people who came to our 45th anniversary. We had a wonderful day and lots of hugs, cards, and handshakes. We are truly blessed!
~Myron and Audrey Kassen.
- ◆ Thank you to the LWML ladies who defrayed the hymnal ribbons and sealed the ends of the ribbon. Please be gentle with the ribbon markers in the hymn books since many needed to be repaired.
- ◆ Thanks to all who made the 2008 'LHM Sunday' campaign a success. Many coordinated 'LHM Sunday' efforts or gave donations, and by the grace of God, this year's event has raised more than \$145,000, making it the most successful special Sunday in LHM's history! Praise God!
- ◆ Sincere Thanks- We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the overwhelming support shown to our family during this very difficult time. A special thank you to Pastor Bode for guiding us through those early days of sorrow and for his continued support as we continue on this journey. To everyone who helped with the service and luncheon, your generosity and acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

~ The family of Jacob Forstner
Mike, Joan & Jessica

"The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

Kinder Haus is ordering shirts...

They will say Kinder Haus Daycare and Preschool with the rainbow and cross symbols. Long/short sleeve denim shirts, sport shirts and youth/child T-shirts are available. We will be ordering by August 5th. If you are interested in ordering call Jeanne at 354-1220 or Cindy at 354-5102.

HOME FROM JAPAN— CAROL BECKER sponsored by Lutheran World Mission
Carol Becker will be home in Mankato for 2 weeks after a year's ministry in Japan. She will then return to Japan for one more year and then will graduate with a Director of Christian Education degree. She was here with us and spoke last August before she left for Japan. She will make a presentation of her activities in Japan her at Redeemer on Thursday, August 21 at 7:30pm. Everyone women as well as men are invited to attend. Immanuel Courtland has as been invited to attend. The LWML group is hosting this event and a free will offering will be taken for Carol's mission with Lutheran World Missions. Please plan on joining us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Teachers are needed for the Rotation Sunday School which begins September 7th. You only need to commit to a 3-week rotation. We will be using the Growing in Christ Concordia Publishing House materials which are very teacher friendly. You may be asked to lead a video session, a craft session, etc. A meeting will be scheduled in late August to go over the schedule and materials. Please consider serving in this very important mission of sharing the Gospel of Christ with our children. Please give Tammy a call if you can help.

**MIDWEEK CONFIRMATION
TEACHER NEEDED!**

We are in need of a teacher for the 6th Grade class...classes are from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights beginning September 3rd. Please let Tammy know if you can teach.



15TH ANNUAL LUTHERAN NIGHT
Tuesday, August 19, 2008 @ 7:10p.m.
Minnesota Twins vs Oakland Athletics

This year marks the 15th year of the Lutheran Night at the Twins. Here's your chance to join family and friends for a night of big league fun and excitement! Since 1994, over 76,000 Lutherans of all ages have joined together for an evening of fellowship at the park. Again this year, \$1.00 from every ticket sold from Lutheran night program will go to the Thrivent Build with Habitat for Humanity to help better lives for Minnesota families.

Ticket prices and more information are on the bulletin board by the offices.

KINDER HAUS HAPPENINGS

Celebrating in the Son!

July Themes:

- ◆ Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses and OT Stories
- ◆ 4th of July– Freedom
- ◆ Picnics/Bugs
- ◆ Beach
- ◆ Vacations/VBS
- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Rodeo

The Old Testament is filled with wonderful stories of God’s promises and faithfulness. We learned about God’s call to many people to follow Him even though the path was not always easy or laid out for them to see clearly. Noah and the flood came to life for us as we helped with flood relief in Iowa. We brought things to help the victims of the flood. We talked about Abraham who left his home to follow God’s direction. We did a relay game to help us remember the story. We had to dress up, ride camel, undress, get clothes back in suitcase for the next Abraham and Sarah to go. (Look for pictures on our display board.) We sang “I’m Gonna Follow Jesus” and walked on big footprints. Then we made our own footprints on cowboy boots (rodeo) to remind us to follow Jesus. We built structures out of popsicle sticks as Solomon built the temple. The Old Testament reminds us of God’s call to many and now that call is for us also. We are branded with the sign of the cross.



Our Fourth of July picnic and parade was a lot of fun as you were able to see on the video and display at the beginning of the month. We built a grill out of block to pretend grill for our picnics. We painted with ketchup and mustard bottles to complete our hamburger and hotdog picnic pictures. We had a teddy bear picnic. Picnics bring bugs, so we played with rubber bugs. We froze them in ice cube trays and had fun melting them on a hot day outside.

The beach theme was a big splash. We dressed up in swimming suits and pretended we were at the beach. We played in the sand and made beach crosses for our birthday friends. We had a beach/water day with everyone dressed in swimwear (except me). We splashed, poured water, and stuck our feet in. We had a lot of fun at the beach on these warm July days!



Vacation is a big part of summer. Before I went on vacation to the Institute on Worship, Liturgy and Music in Seward, Nebraska I packed a suitcase for the staff and children to go on vacation also. The children went camping in a tent, to grandma’s house, to the zoo, and to Disneyland on an airplane. The staff did a great job and I’m sure the children had a good time. I had a mountain top experience, an inspirational vacation! Three of our children at Kinder Haus II were old enough to go to Vacation Bible School at Redeemer. They were inspired to know Jesus as their friend, meet other children, and have lots of fun. What a JOY!



The rodeo is always a big hit. We wore cowboy boots, rode horses, roped cows and were branded with the sign of the cross. Pictures and projects are included in our display at Church.



Our new swing set/climber is up and running. Thanks to all who helped with construction and funding. A special thank you to Thrivent for matching funds.

Sing to the Lord a new song!
In His Service,
Jeanne Holten

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

DATE	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	LAYREADER	FINANCE	USHERS	FELLOWSHIP
August 3	Stephanie Dalluge	Lee and Judy Kastman	Duane Laffrenzen	Kevin Kolstad Lauren and Ardith Longworth	Steve Leske Group	Nancy Hanson and Scott and Terry Krueger
August 10	Nick Gutknecht	Arlyn and Irene Schulz	Gloria Effenberger	Carol Hoffmann Jim and Sarah Schwarz	Emery Haus Group	Schwarz Family and Tom Wheeler
August 17	Adam Evers	Wayne and Kathy Luepke	Ernie Schauland	Ed Bode Rita Schugel Tom Wheeler	Scott Krueger Group	Board of Education
August 24	Robin Kolstad	Harold and Ethel Roth	Wayne Luepke	Mark Schneider Dick and Elaine Poulson	Ron Dahltorp Group	Rita Schugel, Marsha Reinhart and Shirley Purrier
August 31	Kathryn Schroeder	Chuck and Ruth Kiecker	Connie Moll	Kevin Kolstad Dave and Laura Keene	Gary Moll Group	Board of Youth

USHERS FOR MONDAY NIGHT SERVICES- August 4- Jim and Jan Krapf

August 18- Arlyn and Irene Schulz