

In the Word

Fall-Winter 2018

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES—The complete schedule of Sunday and midweek classes are listed on the back of this letter. Please note that we will offer childcare in one of the preschool rooms for those children who are too young for Sunday school. (Please also note: we are always looking for volunteers to staff this. Sign up in the entryway or talk to Pastor Martin for more information.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (SUNDAYS 9:15-10:15 AM)—We offer classes for ages three and up. Preschool-6th graders study Bible stories along with music and crafts. Grades 7-8 discuss topics that apply to their young Christian lives. **CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9TH.** Classes are held in the school building. If you have any questions, contact the Church office or SS Superintendent David Slovik (262-352-3566).

IGNITE (GRADES 9-12) (SUNDAYS 9:15-10:15 AM)—The teens will meet with either Pastors for Sunday morning Bible study and encouragement. Mrs. Antczak will help coordinate service projects and fun outings throughout the year. We will meet in the conference room this Fall.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(RESUMES 9/9/2018)

SUNDAY 8 AND 10:30 AM

MONDAY 6:45 PM

Sunday Classes

September 9th-October 21st—The Gospel of Mark

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four gospels, action-packed and with time and attention spent on sinners and outcasts, those hurting and in need. And does your Jesus have compassion and mercy on those in need?!? Join us as we start at Mark chapter 1 verse 1, and see where this study takes us. Through the Evangelist Mark will go through the hills and valleys to the place where all true Christian theology leads: Calvary's cross and Easter's empty tomb.

October 28th and November 4th—Reformation Insights

Dr. Wade Johnston from Wisconsin Lutheran College will join us as we celebrate the 501st Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Pr. Johnston has preached and presented often in the past at St. John's and has written and lectured extensively throughout our church body and beyond. Make plans now to attend. (More information about Dr. Johnston can be found at <https://www.wlc.edu/faculty/wade-johnston/>)

November 11th-November 25th—Gospel of Mark

We'll continue our study of Mark's Gospel as noted above.

December 2nd—December 23rd—End Times/Eschatology

We enter a new church year with hearts and minds focused upon the Advent of our King. Jesus will return. We live in the last days/end times. We will look at the different prophecies in Scripture and receive comfort and peace in the promises of our Savior and His victory that is ours. We need not fear await with eager expectation for our Savior to return.

Adult Instruction Class

Thursdays 6:30-7:50 pm

(Begins September 27th)

This class is just as much for our current members as it is for those who are interested in learning more about Scriptures and the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Just think--the guy who wrote the Catechism is the one who said he needed to keep learning it every day! The Bible itself is the textbook and we'll provide you with a study guide. By the end of the class, you'll have a good grasp of the main message of Scripture: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." You'll also grow in your ability to read (and understand!) the Bible on your own. Is there someone you might invite to attend with you?

- September 27- Lesson 1 "Resurrection, Life, Light"
- October 4-Lesson 2 "God's Word, Law and Gospel"
- October 11-Lesson 3 "God's Law"
- October 18-Lesson 4 "Worship—Why We Do; What We Do"
- **October 25 NO CLASS--FALL BREAK**
- November 1-Lesson 5 "Creation—God the Father"
- November 8-Lesson 6 "I Believe in Jesus Christ"
- November 15-Lesson 7 "The Work of the Holy Spirit"
- **November 22 NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING**
- November 29—Lesson 8 "Holy Baptism"
- December 6—Lesson 9 "Holy Communion"
- December 13—Lesson 10 "The Church, Ministry, and Confession"

Wednesday Classes (9:30 AM/6:30 PM)

Defending the Faith, Then and Now

In 1577 (roughly 30 years after Luther died) the Formula of Concord (one of the six Lutheran Confessions) was written by a group of Lutherans (six writers and over 8000 signers) to defend the Faith from attacks from within and without. The errors it combats are still alive and well today. Please join us for this timely study for the strengthening of your faith and also to help prepare you to witness to others. (Please note: Class participants may buy a Book of Concord for \$20 or may use one of the church copies free of charge)

Dates for Fall 2018 classes: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28.

Updated information always available at www.stjohnslutheran-muk.org