

SUNDAY MORNING, JAN 7-FEB 11



Isaiah, Herald of the Messiah — Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Bob and Barb Shimmel

Dates: January 7-February 11 **Time:** 9:30-10:30 am

Materials: Participants who register, study guide will be available for \$10.

Description: This 6-week study is from the Concordia Publishing House series: God's Word for Today. Each session will combine a presentation of the scriptural focus in Isaiah, followed by opportunities to explore relevant applications for life today.

Isaiah was called by God to speak His Word to a people who were committing spiritual adultery. Through Isaiah, God warned them to repent before the coming day of His wrath. And He gave them wonderful promises of the Messiah to Come and of the glorious future of God's restored people. In all, 33 prophecies of the Messiah are found in Isaiah – we will look at the prophecy and the fulfillment in the New Testament.

This study seeks to help God's people today in the following ways:

- Develop an appreciation for how the Lord revealed parts of His plan of salvation in Jesus centuries before Jesus birth;
- live out their calling to reflect the light of God's salvation to people from all nations;
- look forward to a peaceful, joyous, and righteous life in the new heavens and new earth.

Sunday School for Children

Leader: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

Dates: January 7-May 19

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

Room 132 - Preschool

Room 130 - Kindergarten-1st Grade

Room 131 - 2nd and 3rd Grade

Room 133 - 4th and 5th Grade

All classes are held in the Family Life Center.

Connection Café for 6th-12th Grades — Room 253, The Warehouse

Leader: Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

Dates: January 7-May 19

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

The Middle School and High School Youth will be finding out just what it means to be Created in Christ. Curriculum is a collection of 52 Bible studies that helps guide youth through God's unchanging Word, which is especially helpful in their changing lives. Thought-provoking questions encourage group discussion and engage students in active exploration of the Scripture. We take a look at the Old Testament stories and then add in the Good News from the Gospel. Every lesson aims to apply the "old" stories to the everyday life of a teenager.

Stephen Ministry, From Broken to Whole — Room 151

Leaders: Pastor Alan Shaw, Jan Boyer

Dates: January 7-May 26

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Materials: Will be provided.

Description: The RLC Stephen Ministry group is hosting a training session for those with a servant heart. Sound like you? Or do you know someone that could benefit from having a confidential listening partner? Your Stephen Ministry group is a great resource that helps walk alongside broken or breaking people; people experiencing difficult circumstances and need someone to talk to. We're looking for people to join this ministry. Training is provided so you don't have to feel like you're being asked to do anything without a support system behind you. We only ask that you prayerfully consider this ministry. Look for anyone with a Stephen Minister badge or Pastor Alan Shaw.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORKSHOP, JAN 3-FEB 7

Start with a delightful dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian education classes, confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals.

The schedule is as follows:

5:00-6:00 pm

Dinner in Family Life Center Gym
(online reservations at rlcary.org)

5:00-5:30 pm

Jubilee Bells (2nd-6th Grade) in Sanctuary

5:30-6:00 pm

Rainbow Choir (4 years-1st Grade) in Sanctuary
Sonshine Singers (2nd-6th Grade) in Choir Room

6:00-7:00 pm

Kidz Live (Kindergarten-5th Grade) in FLC Gym
Ignite, Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th Grade)
in Room 253 (The Warehouse)
Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears

6:30-7:30 pm

Heavenly Handbells in Sanctuary

6:30-8:00 pm

Adult Christian Education Classes:
Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose
in the Power of the Holy Spirit
Men with Kids
Grace-Full Women

7:00-8:15 pm

Confirmation in Room 240, Family Life Center

7:30-8:45 pm

Sanctuary Choir in Sanctuary

Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears — Room 240

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

Dates: January 3-February 7 **Time:** 6:00-7:00 pm

Materials: Mama Bear Apologetics Book

Description: Learn how to raise kids who think critically, love Biblically, and stand firm against the cultural tide. This book study will equip you to teach your kids how to affirm Biblical beliefs about what is true and what is false. Through transparent life stories and clear, practical applications — including prayer strategies — these Mama Bears offer you tools to train yourself, so you can turn around and train your kids. You will want to attend if you interact with children on a regular basis. Anyone with an intentional relationship with kids should join us.

Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit — Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Tim Kearby, Mindy Stephani

Dates: January 3-February 7 **Time:** 6:30-8:00 pm

Materials: Help is Here Study Guide by Max Lucado

Description: We will use Max Lucado's five-session study to learn more about this "helper" whom we know as the Holy Spirit. You will receive the tools and encouragement you need to become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God; learn who the Spirit is and how he can help you; find true rest and peace as you let him carry your burdens; and discover your unique gifts to further God's kingdom. Help Is Here reminds us that our Good Shepherd doesn't just feed us; he leads us. He does more than correct us; he directs us. God keeps us on track — and best of all, he's commissioned the Holy Spirit to guide us down the winding roads of life, wherever they may lead us. Study guide is available at FaithGateway.com or Amazon.com.

Men with Kids — Room 247

Leader: Tom Gebbia

Dates: January 3-April 24 **Time:** 6:30-7:45 pm

Materials: Will be provided.

Description: This group is designed to bring men in a similar season with similar life experiences and goals together.

Grace-Full Women — Room 251

Leader: Shane Jarvis

Dates: January 3-February 7 **Time:** 6:30-7:45 pm

Materials: Ruth: More Than a Love Story by Elizabeth Ahlman

Description: There are many studies of the Book of Ruth available, so why one more? In Ruth, God tells us so much more than how to be a better woman or about the marriage relationship. Embedded in the historical narrative of this short Old Testament book are connections to God's fulfilled promise of a Messiah and how God loves us and cares for us in Christ. As we read through the in-depth Bible study of "Ruth: More Than a Love Story" by Elizabeth Ahlman, we will come to see how God watches carefully over every little detail so His grace may come to fruition and fully abound. Book is available from Concordia Publishing House and Amazon. Participants who register will have the book available for \$20.

CLASSES THAT MEET DURING THE WEEK

Monday Night Women's Bible Study Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success — Room 151

Leaders: Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

Dates: January 8-May 20 **Time:** 7:00-8:00 pm

Materials: Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success by Sharla Fritz

Description: How does God measure success? In the Bible, you'll find no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and broken people. People like Joseph, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, The Samaritan Woman, Peter, and Paul. Yet, we don't think of these people as failures. Rather, we see them as people God transformed, turning their lack into faithfulness for His good. Study these eight biblical figures to see that God does the same for you. He takes what you or society perceives as failure and transforms you for His plan. God does not judge based on earthly standards. No blunder is too big for him. No mess-up is beyond repair. His goodness goes beyond and turns your missteps into miracles. Books are available through christianbook.com, cph.org, or Amazon (Kindle version also). No class on March 25 and April 1.

Monday — Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship, A Study of Heroes of the Faith — Room 240

Leader: Mark Otten, Tom Gebbia

Dates: January 8-May 20 **Time:** 7:00-8:15 pm

Materials: Will be provided.

Description: Are you curious about some of the less famous men and women in the Bible? Would you like to learn more about their lives, how they responded to God's call, and how we can apply these lessons to our lives today? The Monday men's group will study and discuss some of these using the Heroes of the Faith Series of studies published by Concordia Publishing House. We will start with a study called "Intrepid Heroes of the Faith," which includes Joshua, Gideon, Sampson, and Daniel. We will study one person each week. We will learn about the cultural setting and life story of each person, examine the joys and challenges they faced, and see how God forgave and empowered them. We will discuss how these lessons can apply to our lives as Christian men today. No class on March 25 and April 1.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study — Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

Dates: January 2-May 21 **Time:** 10:30-11:30 am

Materials: None

Description: Join us as we look at the appointed readings from each week that are used in the weekend sermons. No class on March 26.

Tuesday — Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears — Room 240

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

Dates: January 3-February 7 **Time:** 2:00-3:00 pm

Materials: Mama Bear Apologetics Book

Description: Join us for a book study on Mama Bear Apologetics. We will offer two identical sessions each week, Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

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Saturday — This Is the Church, Christian Doctrine — Room 151

Leader: Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Dates: January 20, January 27, March 3

Time: 9:30-11:00 am

Materials: Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.

Description: Three 90-minute gatherings, Conversations around the Basics of the Christian Faith, will focus on what Christians believe and how the Christian faith can be understood in distinction from other world religions.