

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES – SPRING 2021

**All Bible Studies and Groups are dependent upon the State Guidelines.
Please call and verify.**

ADULT MINISTRY

ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES:

To align with the Governor’s Executive Orders, all in-person Bible Studies this fall will be exercising appropriate social distancing and face masks will be required. The tables, chairs and common surfaces will be sanitized after each group uses the space.

Participants are asked to bring their own Bibles, pens and other materials.

Contact the Church Office to get connected to a Small Group.

SUNDAY

Gospel Readings of the Church Year – ZOOM ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY (On-going and in progress)

In this study we will discuss the Gospel reading for the day. The Gospel text carries the theme for the Sundays of the Church Year. As we gather, online via Zoom, we are ensconced in the safety of our own home, yet able to see fellow participants and engage in edifying discussion. A weekly discussion handout will be emailed each week the participants.

LEADER: Pastor Michael Roth
ONLINE: (contact the church office for the Zoom login link)
TIME: Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

THE UPPER ROOM, Lenten Bible Study Series

It is Passover night, Thursday, the night before Jesus is crucified. John, the gospel writer, uses 5 chapters or 25% of his gospel to relay to us what happened on that one special night. The Passover is the celebration of the night before freedom from bondage to the Egyptian slaveowners. So our setting for our Bible study is the Upper Room of a guest house. Jesus uses this Passover meal with his 11 disciples to prepare them for his going to the cross to free them from the bondage of sin. He will be arrested, tortured, convicted and executed on the cross in just a few hours.

The disciples are filled with fear and foreboding. Today, we ourselves, are much the same: We are filled with fear and foreboding regarding the future. Jesus can prepare us for the future which is full of troubles and unknowns. To us, much like his disciples, Jesus promises and provides comfort and peace.

We will be studying John 13-17, join us as we study the “Upper Room”

LEADER: Tom Bird
LOCATION: Church Fellowship Hall
TIME: Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

United in Thought, Word, and Deed; the Church of the New Testament

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” This is how Peter, in his first epistle, instructs the church to live. There are so many questions nowadays about how the church should think, act, and speak in the 21st century. Do these instructions from Peter still hold up? In this

class we will be looking at how the New Testament speaks of the life of the Body of Christ, the church: her thoughts, words, and actions. From the Gospels to Revelation, we'll look at the church's life then and what we are to learn from her today.

LEADER: Vicar Alvaro Witt Duarte
LOCATION: 2nd floor of School, Rm #205
TIME: Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

MONDAY

Life Light Bible Study "Ezekiel"

Small Group Study

This study will help you enter the world of Ezekiel and understand the message of God that he proclaimed. Learn how, through all His dealings with people, God reveals that He is the Lord. Read how the Lord will make a new covenant with His people, fill them with His Spirit, and give them a faithful Shepherd who will lead them with justice.

- Session 1: A Priest Called to Prophecy: 2 Kings 24–25; Exodus 33; Numbers 12; Matthew 25; Revelation 4–5; 8; 11; 22
- Session 2: Heavenly Vision in the Land of Exile: Ezekiel 1-2
- Session 3: The Watchman's Judgment: Ezekiel 3-9
- Session 4: Breaking Down Whitewashed Walls: Ezekiel 10-17
- Session 5: Accountability for Sin: Ezekiel 18-24
- Session 6: Wrath Upon All Nations: Ezekiel 25-32
- Session 7: The Watchman Warns of the End: Ezekiel 33-36
- Session 8: Dry Bones, Hear the Word! Ezekiel 37-39
- Session 9: A Temple Not Made with Hands: Ezekiel 40-48

LEADER: Pastor Roth
LOCATION: Lighthouse Café
TIME: Mondays 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

TUESDAY

Book Study "*Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*" by Rowan Williams

Williams always writes beautifully yet simply on the life of the Church. In this short book he addresses the basics of being a disciple of Jesus. "Discipleship," says Williams, "is a state of being. Discipleship is about how we live; not just the decisions we make, not just the things we believe, but a state of being." This book is not just about following Christ, but also about growing in that discipleship, not being stagnant in our faith. Williams provides us with plenty to discuss and reflect on.

The book is only \$10 on Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.com/Being-Disciples-Essentials-Christian-Life/dp/0802874320>

TIME: Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
ONLINE: (contact the church office for the Zoom login link)
LEADER: Vicar Alvaro Witt Duarte

Adult Instruction Class (*began 4/13/2021*)

Membership Class or Review of Christian Doctrine

This is a class that is designed for those who would like to learn about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. It prepares people for membership in the Lutheran Church and Trinity. It is a great way to get your questions answered in an informal and non-threatening atmosphere. Childcare and all the necessary materials are provided. The following topic will be covered.

- God's Word
- God's Grace
- The Triune God
- Jesus Christ
- The Holy Spirit
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Living the New Life of Faith
- Fulfilling the Great Commission and Living the Great Commandment
- Rejoicing in God's Gift of Community
- Integrating into the Life of the Church

TIME: Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Ministry Center

LEADER: Pastor Roth

WEDNESDAY

Son-Risers Bible Study

Lutheran Spirituality – Cross

Small Group Study

Spirituality is a common term today, but what does it mean? To find the right answer, *Lutheran Spirituality* directs adult Bible study participants to God's Word. *Lutheran Spirituality* explores the Bible, Luther's *Small Catechism*, and the Lutheran hymnal as integral resources for living out our faith in a spiritually confused--and sometimes confusing--world.

In this study, you'll unpack what Scripture has to say about afflictions in the life of the Christian, that is, the cross we will endure in various shapes and sizes, not *even though*, but *because* we are Christians.

Session 1: Cross Meets Man: Baptism

Session 2: Cross and Sacrifice

Session 3: Temptations and Other Afflictions

Session 4: Our Cross with God

Session 5: God Tests, the Devil Tempts

Session 6: The Purpose of Our Cross

TIME: Wednesdays 6:45 – 7:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Lighthouse Café

LEADER: Pastor Roth

“The Wired Word”

The Wired Word class uses questions and Scripture considerations from current events, topics, and happenings in the United States and around the world as a basis for adult, intelligent and provocative discussions. Members of the class are truly thinking about their beliefs and the Biblical applications to their own day-to-day lives.

LEADER: Rich Hackbarth
LOCATION: Lighthouse Cafe, Ministry Center
TIME 6:30-8pm

THURSDAY

Adult Bible Study

This class has been combined back into one group. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Batsky or the church office to let us know of your intention to attend.

TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Lighthouse Café
LEADER: Pastor Tom Batsky

DAILY

“Jn831” Facebook Daily Study and Discussion

This is a daily, online devotional discussion in a Facebook group. Jn831 is a reference to John 8:31 – Jesus said, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.” Even when meeting face to face is not possible, we can still read the Word together and share some encouraging thoughts. Join the group and participate as you are able.

LEADER: Pastor Michael Roth
LOCATION: Facebook Private Group
TIME: available Daily, 5:00 a.m.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Jn831/>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (Preschool through 4th Grade)

In person Children’s Sunday School-This is open to children ages 3-4th grade and we will meet at 9:15 in the Children’s Ministry Room. This year we will be using Simply Loved by Group Publishing, this curriculum walks through the Bible with your child and helps to form a strong relationship in Christ. We will also be sending out online materials that you can do with your child if you prefer to teach them in your home as opposed to in person Sunday School. If you have any questions regarding Trinity’s Children’s Ministry please contact Melissa Graham at Melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org. We’re excited to dive into God’s Word together this year!

5TH / 6TH GRADE BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School for 5th and 6th grade will meet in the 4th grade room, located upstairs of the school at 9:15 on Sundays with Mrs. Bird. They will be going through the Bible together and getting prepared for Confirmation. If you have any questions about Sunday School please contact Melissa Graham at melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

SENIOR HIGH

SUNDAY

HIGH SCHOOL \ YOUTH GROUP

Sr High Youth group will meet in the Solid Rock every Sunday from 6:30-8:00. This group is open to all students in grades 9-12. Below is our schedule May through July. If you would like more information about this please email Melissa Graham at melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org.

LEADER: Melissa Graham

LOCATION: Solid Rock Café (outside as weather permits)

TIME: Sundays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation for our 8th grade students will take place at 12:30 on Sunday May 2nd. Public School Confirmation Class has ended for this year and the students have completed their instruction. Congrats to our 2021 Confirmands!

If your child is not in our day school but would like to be confirmed and you have not received any information about it please email Melissa Graham at melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org to be placed on our email list.

FRIDAY

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Jr High Youth Group: Jr High Youth Group will be held on Friday, May 7th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and continue meeting once a month. This is open to all students in grades 5th-8th, if you have any questions regarding Jr High Youth Group please contact Melissa Graham at melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org.

CARING MINISTRIES

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministries Mission: Christ caring for people through people.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing challenges in life- such as grief, loneliness, divorce, job loss, anxiety, and many other life difficulties. God didn't plan for you to have to carry the burdens of life by yourself! Let our Stephen Ministers walk with you!

To learn how to receive care from a Stephen Minister, or if you have an interest in becoming a Stephen Minister, or just want to know more about Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Roth, a Stephen Leader, or the church office.

STEPHEN LEADERS: Pastor Michael J. Roth, John Kroonblawd, Sheila Kroonblawd, Betty Perrone and Jean Christensen.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC MINISTRY at Trinity Lutheran Church:

- Want to do something but not sure what? If you sing or play an instrument, contact Paula Steuernagel at paula.steuernagel@discovertrinity.org or (269) 983-3056, ext. 113 to get connected to serve the church with your musical talent. We are utilizing Soloist and Duets (family units) for both our On-Line Worship and our Sunday Morning Worship.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join other women for a lively discussion of a book of the Month.

Check the Women's Ministry page in the Connected for the current book selection.

The Book Club meets on the third Saturday of the month, dependent upon the State Order.

LEADER: Nancy Pedde

TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Martins, Stevensville MI

FAMILY MINISTRY

We are actively finding ways to stay connected to our Trinity Families, and we have some plans in the works!

Last month we had a successful Mini Golf Activity for families, and we are excited to provide more opportunities for families at Trinity! Below are events for the following months, dates are TBD:

- May: Bonfires with S'mores at Trinity!
- June: Frisbee Golf Family Activity
- July: Church Picnic
- August: Vacation Bible School

If you have any questions contact Melissa Graham at melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org

Please don't hesitate to contact the Church
Office at 983-5000, if you have any questions