

Parish Messenger

CLC January 2022

HOPE.

So much is so bad in so many ways and nothing seems to be getting fixed or even ending! Absolutely true. God, I pray, many have prayed, and You are not fixing it! True and not true. God may have already done a great deal. God may have given guidance that people are refusing and God will not violate anyone's free will so it continues. God may be teaching us. God may be helping us through these difficulties and that is amazing grace in itself. God may have tried to guide many people who have ignored Him, so He will guide others who will do what is best. So many possibilities. Three possibilities I keep reading about that can change our world for the better. Fusion power may be available in 10-20-30 years; non-polluting endless power. That would change our lives and our world for the better. Also a possible new battery that could power a car for weeks-months-years on one charge; this with fusion power would stop a huge amount of pollution. Also a way to relatively easily change salt water to fresh water may have been invented. If sea water to fresh water does work in a far easier way, especially if it can work on a massive scale, then deserts the world over can become farmland. Those plants will take huge amounts of water that could stop global flooding from ice melts. The farm plants could also add immense amounts of oxygen to the air that may help our world in other ways. Just these three inventions would help us immensely the world over for all time. Wow, our Father God may be helping us by putting ideas into the heads of scientists! These are just three areas our scientists are working on. So much more is being done. Maybe our loving Father God is changing our world for the better right now yet it will take years to work out. I will continue to pray, please everyone continue to pray for God to help our world concerning whatever you have in your mind. We do have possibilities. God is so there is hope. We hope in God: Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit; for today, for tomorrow, for eternity.

Shalom, *Pastor Jeff*

Join us as we renew after a December break two Bible studies:

Sunday 6 pm we continue considering the **two connected prophets: Elijah and John the Baptist.**

Tuesday 10 am: we will consider the topics **Christian Believer and/or Disciple; Christian Ethics do Work in Life Today and Following the Example of Jesus.**

In both adult Bible Studies, we ask for and will strive to consider topics and Bible books participants request.

QUOTES TO CONSIDER:

Leaving the safe place is an act of discipleship in which we follow the road of Christ, who entered death with nothing but bare hope. Henri Nouwen

I have come to believe that prayer is not a matter of my calling in an attempt to get God's attention, but of my finally listening to the call of God, which has been constant, patient, and insistent in my inner being. Virginia Mollenkott

Do not be angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be; since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. Thomas a Kempis, The Imitation of Christ

God's miracle is in you and me. We grow in faith; we grow in Christian ethics. The miracle is not usually immediate, but compare yourself now to yourself 20 or 40 years ago and the changes are dramatic. Yes, it took a while, and God is not done with us. God's patience is a miracle; our change for the better is so often a miracle.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS February 3-5; Thursday 7-9; Friday 7-9 and Saturday 9-1

Join the Confirmation students as we read, watch, and discuss the Gospel of Jesus as a whole. Often we hear or read the gospels a paragraph or a chapter here and there. It is helpful to experience the Gospel of Jesus in total in a short time span.

We ask that you read the Gospel of Luke beforehand; this is the gospel written for people who are not Christian or new Christians who have very little Jewish or Christian background. The basics of Christianity are shared in Luke.

Thursday thru Saturday we will watch the movie Jesus of Nazareth; a six- and one-half hour movie that includes most of the Gospel accounts from Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. Each session will begin with questions from the Confirmation students concerning each chapter of Luke and ends with talking and discussing questions from everyone concerning the movie and the gospel accounts. Afterward everyone is asked to read within a week time for each, the gospels of Matthew and John. Matthew begins the gospel for people who know the Old Testament and connects the Old Testament with the New Testament.

Then the Gospel of John which was written for Christians who already knew the Gospels of Luke and/or Matthew. Reading these three gospels (Mark is the basis of Matthew and Luke and is present word for word in each) all within a three-month period will help each of us to know Jesus and His ministry far better.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	3	4	Men's Group 6:45AM Confirmation Family Night @ Heritage 6:30PM 5	6	7	8
		Crab Creek 7PM	Youth Group 7PM	AA 7PM Open		
9 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	10	11	Men's Group 6:45AM Confirmation Youth Group 7PM 12	13	14	15
Bible Study 6PM	Council 7PM	Bible Study 10AM Crab Creek 7PM	Confirmation Youth Group 7PM	CLCW 1:00 Study 2PM Business AA 7PM Open		
16 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	17 M L King Day	18 Bible Study 10AM	Men's Group 6:45AM Confirmation Youth Group 7PM 19	20 Quilting 9AM	21	22
Bible Study 6PM		Crab Creek 7PM	Youth Group 7PM	AA 7PM Open		
23 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	24	25	Men's Group 6:45AM Confirmation Youth Group 7PM 26	27	28	29
Bible Study 6PM		Crab Creek 7PM	Youth Group 7PM	AA 7PM Open		
30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Bible Study 6PM						

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	<i>Groundhog Day!</i> Men's Group 6:45AM 2	3	4	5
		Bible Study 10AM	Confirmation			
		Crab Creek 7PM	Youth Group 7PM	AA 7PM Open Mtg		
6 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	7	8	Men's Group 6:45AM 9	10	11	12
		Bible Study 10AM	Confirmation	CLCW 1:00 Study 2PM Business		
Bible Study 6PM		Crab Creek 7PM	Youth Group 7PM	AA 7PM Open Mtg		
13 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	14 <i>Valentine's Day!</i>	15	Men's Group 6:45AM 16	17	18	19
		Bible Study 10AM	Confirmation	Quilting 9AM		
Bible Study 6PM	Council 7PM	Crab Creek 7PM	Youth Group 7PM	AA 7PM Open Mtg		
20 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	21 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	22	Men's Group 6:45AM 24	25	25	26
		Bible Study 10AM	Confirmation			
Bible Study 6PM		Crab Creek 7PM	Youth Group 7PM	AA 7PM Open Mtg		
27 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	28	1	2	3	4	5
Bible Study 6PM						