

## Weekly Bible Studies and Groups

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	
Sunday Confirmation Class 5 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	The Gospels	Room 8
Sunday School 3yrs-4th grade	Sermons4Kids	Rooms 2 and 3
Sunday Bible Study @9:45am		Library

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	LOCATION
Tuesday AM Bible Study @10:00am	Ephesians	Library
Bible Babes Thursdays at 9:30am	The Books of Poetry	Room B
Men's Bible Breakfast: 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 9am	Various Studies	Big Boy in Brooklyn
Prayer Gathering: Mondays, 5:00pm		in the Sanctuary

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Greeting	Jan Bollin	Heidi Drake
Reading	Rick Scouten	Mary Lou Wyman
Elders	Steve Bauer	Mark Arledge
Altar	Diane Scouten	
Acolytes	The Bennett Family	Xander Berry
Ushers	Rick Gray Madonna Gray Julie Bauer	Lloyd Lash Bob Ressler

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	February 2025	YTD 2025
Income	\$19,526.00	\$51,231.00
Expenses	\$31,292.95	\$61,622.60
Net	-\$11,766.95	-10,391.60
Attendance last Sunday	8:15 53	10:30 98

May 4th, 2025

Welcome to



**"COME FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN"**

John 4:19

**Beginning in May the Men's Bible Breakfast will be held twice a month.** The dates for May are the 12th and 26th, 9:00am at the Big Boy in Brooklyn.

**There is a new prayer station in the old sanctuary.** Write down whatever it is you want prayed over and nail it to the cross. If you don't want share what you are asking in its entirety, you can write a date, a word, anything that means something and God will know. Pray over some or all of the other requests on the cross. When your prayer has been answered take the request off the cross and write it on a heart and drop the heart in the box. Let's show how many times God blesses us!

**From Dave Rains:** I am on vacation this week, but I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who generously offered notes, cards, hugs, and gifts for my birthday, Easter, and "Music Director Appreciation Day." Your love and support is genuinely appreciated. I am privileged to serve at Lutheran Church of the Lakes alongside many dedicated individuals who love Jesus. With sincere thanks, Dave.

**On May 11th at the 10:30 service,** Quinn and Elise McMordie will be celebrating their first Holy Communion. Join them for cake after the service.

**Suggested donations for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for May:** solar calculators, stickers, small notepads, bookmarks, small whiteboards/chalkboards, coloring books, picture books...

**Thank you to all who came to the church for National Day of Prayer,** and especially to those who helped with the event.

**Acts 9:1-22**

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

**Revelation 2:1-14**

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: "The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at

first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.' "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: "The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.' "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: "The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.

**The Holy Gospel will be up on the screen**

<b><u>8:15am Service</u></b>	<b><u>10:30am Service</u></b>
<p>#507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"  Welcome / Confession &amp; Absolution  Introit / Gloria / Collect  Scripture Readings  Gospel  #611 "Chief of Sinners"  Sermon  Nicene Creed  Offering  Prayer / Communion Preface / Lord's Prayer  Communion  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abide With Me" (video)</li> </ul> Blessing  Ministry Moment / Invitation to Connect</p>	<p>"Let It Begin"  Welcome / Confession &amp; Absolution  Psalm  "Is He Worthy"  Prayer of the Day / Passing of the Peace  Scripture Readings  "Children of God"  Sermon  Apostles' Creed  Offering  Prayer / Lord's Prayer  Blessing  Ministry Moment / Invitation to Connect  "Love the Lord"</p>