

What Do Lutherans Believe, and Why?

Pastor Bloch+ Wednesdays + 7:00pm + Heritage Room

See description for Sunday class page 2. **Class begins 1/18/2023**

Men of Immanuel

Vicar Farney+ Tuesday + 7am + Fellowship Hall

Join Vicar Farney on Tuesday mornings, 7 AM, in the Fellowship Hall (breakfast provided by members on a rotating basis). We will be working through the Sunday readings Year C in the Lectionary. Come and be strengthened by the Word, encouraged and supported in fellowship with your fellow brothers, and fed and nourished with some great food!

Women's Bible Study

Michelle Downey + Wednesdays + 6:30 pm + Fellowship Hall Walnut Room + **Class Begins 1/11/2023**

Women's Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, January 11 from 6:30-7:30p.m in the Oak Room**. We will begin with a study of Luke 1:1-4 and Luke 24:13-35. By the systematic presentation of eyewitness events and facts surrounding the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the hearer (both Theophilus and the modern-day Christian) will "come to recognize" these events as reliable, certain, factual, and indisputable. This brief study on the book of Luke will act as an introduction to the "Taste and See" Women's Retreat curriculum. As we review the materials together, we will be looking for and pulling out the theme of "tasting and seeing God's faithfulness" throughout Scripture and in our own lives. No book is necessary, but please bring an empty folder to keep your materials in. May God grant that we will see HIM more clearly in 2023 and always!

Holy Hops

Vicar Farney + Fourth Thursdays + 7:00pm + Poplar Street Restaurant

Looking for a way to fellowship and study God's Word on a weekday evening? Well look no further! We are gathering every fourth Thursday night at 7 PM at Poplar Street Restaurant (513 South Poplar Street). Come for a casual time of fellowship, conversation, and a couple beers with brothers and sisters in Christ as we focus on relevant and current issues and topics and then seeing what God's Word has to say regarding these issues! These gatherings are open to the community, as well, so invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or a random person you run into at the grocery store!

Jesus: A Study of the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Pastor Bloch + Fridays from 10:30—11:30am + Walnut Room + **Begins 1/27/2023**

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Winter Bible Classes

Sunday Classes January 15-April 2, 2023

Sunday Mornings 10:15 am

Exiles: Recovering a Biblical Experience for God's People Today + Pastor Fredstrom + Social Room

The Christian life is a life in exile. When we are made new in Christ, we become citizens of a new Kingdom – and that means we are "*sojourners and exiles*" in this world until Christ's return. For generations in North America, Christians have been blessed to feel "at home" in ways that our brothers and sisters in places like China and the Sudan have not. The tension and upheaval of the last few years has made the experience of exile more obvious to Christians, but it has always been true. So how might we navigate this experience of exile? By drawing on the Biblical books of 1 Peter, Daniel, and Esther, this class will explore how God's people have navigated this experience before us and for our instruction. We will then discuss how these narratives and characters broaden our imagination by providing tactics for mission, raising families, working in our jobs and vocations, and living alternatively while in exile. Whether we're in positions of power or weakness, influence or marginalization, all of us are called to live as exiles in a world waiting to be restored by Jesus. This is our mission. This is our great opportunity!

Partners in the Gospel + Pastor Blomenberg + Oesting Room

The season of Epiphany is all about Jesus being revealed as true God and Savior of the world and the part we play in that mission. Immanuel's mission support has a global reach. We often hear missionary names in our public prayers, but who are they and what is their mission about? Week by week, Pastor Blomenberg will help us look more carefully at the missionaries and missions we support and the Biblical reasons we do this.

Journeys Through God's Word + Pastor Rodriguez + Oak Room

The Book of Acts records the events that testify to the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the church to gather, equip, and enliven its members so that all people might receive God's gift of eternal life. Beginning with the Ascension, Acts gives a history of the beginning of the Church and tells of Paul's ministry among the early Church.

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Pastor Bloch + Heritage Room (Room 203)

While everyone has hopes, only those which are based on God's truth and promises can be counted on. Amid things that we cannot control, God's desire is that we live with a sense of confidence and purpose with Him and in community with others. This class explores key teachings of the Bible to deepen and apply faith for members while also preparing people to join our church if they wish to. Among the topics covered are: Who is Jesus, and why is He so central in the Christian faith? Is the Bible trustworthy and do its teachings apply today? If God created the world, why is there so much suffering and evil in it? What is Baptism, what is Communion, and who are they for? What do we know about heaven, hell, angels, devils, and the future? Bibles, a workbook, and Catechism will be provided. This class meets Sunday mornings starting January 15 and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 starting January 18.

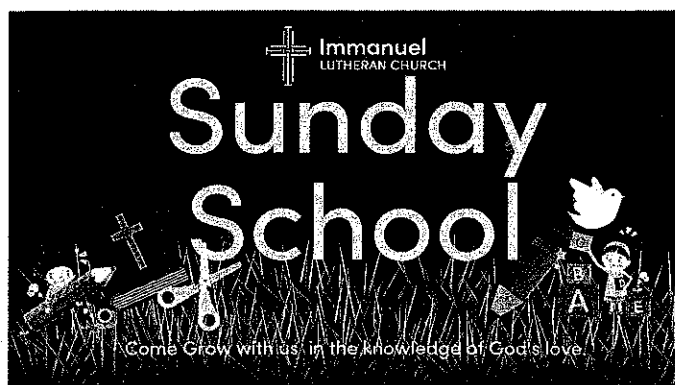
The Words of Martin Luther + Vicar Farney + Walnut Room

Luther was one of the most prolific writers of his day. A person could spend years reading through them and still not get to the end. In this class, we'll spend our time looking at a few of the most important words and phrases from the great reformer. Each week, we'll dive into a different Luther quotation and make sense of the history and theology behind it. From apple trees to prayers to shoes, we will see how Luther applies faith to every aspect of life.

Heroes + Youth Room

Matt Nieman + Youth Room + Ages: 7-12th grades

Thor, Superman, Captain America, Wonder Woman...sure they can fly, throw a shield, deflect bullets, or carry a hammer. But they have NOTHING on the heroes that served the Lord throughout Scripture. From Gideon to Esther to David to Zaccheaus, God used every day normal people to serve His divine purpose. Every morning we will be discussing what makes the heroes of the Bible so important, and what we can learn from them to be heroes as well. Even if you don't get into super heroes you will enjoy the heroic deeds that our Bible heroes have accomplished and be challenged to perform your own heroic accomplishments. Excelsior!



Sunday School for

All Children

Toddler—6th Grade

Ages 1 and 2—Upstairs Toddler Room

Preschool 3 and 4—Room 206

Weekday Bible Studies

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled: Discovering Comfort and Wisdom for Life in John 13-17

Pastor Fredstrom + Monday 12 pm + Heritage Room + **Begins on 1/23/2023**

On the night when Jesus was betrayed, our Lord had dinner with his disciples. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke record what Jesus did. The Gospel of John records what Jesus said. When someone dies, a person leaves their last will and testament. This records what a person is leaving to their family in both words and gifts to remember them by. John 13-17 records Jesus' last will and testament for us until he returns. In this class, we will explore these words of Jesus and discover the comfort and wisdom that is found in them until we see our Savior face-to-face.

Jesus: A Study of the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Pastor Bloch + Tuesdays from 9:30- 10:30am + Walnut Room **Begins 1/24/2023**

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Christ Light

Pastor Bloch + Walnut Room + Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm + **Begins 1/24/2023**

This Bible study will explore the main Bible narratives from Genesis to the Early Church. Each lesson contains brief opening worship, questions under discussion based on the Biblical narrative, a summary of the lesson, a meditation, for further study, and devotions for the week that strengthens the material just studied.

Lunch with Pastor

Pastor Blomenberg + Thursdays 12 Noon + Fellowship Hall + **Begins 1/19/2023**

Whether retired or working in town, you are welcome to Lunch with Pastor on Thursdays! We allow time for people to get here from work and return to work as they need, so our class time is from 12:15-12:45. Bring your own lunch, if you would like.