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# News And Views



# April 2013

## Pastoral Perspective



### Read Through The Bible With Pastor Carl

The responses to a recent Education Survey of the congregation were very telling. Eighty-two percent of those responding indicated a lot of interest in learning the Bible. The best way I know to learn the Bible is to read it. I'm aware, however, that the Bible is not always easy to read. The Bible is actually a collection of sixty-six books written over a very long period of time by a number of authors using different styles and languages. Without an understanding of how it all fits together and how the story is developing, it's easy to get bogged down and confused. It's hard then to apply the message to life or even grasp the message of the Bible at all.

I'd be honored to help you read though the Bible in such a way that you'd understand its message clearly and be able to apply its message to life situations effectively. This is what I propose.

First, let's break down the Bible into manageable daily readings. I'll provide material to help you understand what you're reading each day. Then, once a week, let's get together to discuss what we've read and how it fits into the big picture of the Bible and applies to our lives.

In the Education Survey, the great majority of those responding preferred classes to be no longer than about fifteen sessions. So let's take

several breaks in our reading to fit in with this schedule. We'll start with reading from Genesis through 2 Samuel. Then we'll take July and August off. We'll get going again in the middle of September with 1 Kings through the Psalms. Then we'll take a few weeks off for Christmas and New Years. We'll continue in the new year with that same basic pattern. That way we'll read together through the whole Bible, but in manageable portions. Also, new folks can join us along the way.

Sound good? Then join me for an orientation session on Sunday, April 14 at 9:15 AM in Room 3 of the education wing or Tuesday, April 16 at 10:15 AM in the church office. If you decide you would like to join me in reading through the Bible, we'll get started the next Sunday, April 21. I'll have a schedule of daily readings for the first ten weeks at the orientation meeting. If you can't meet on Sunday or Tuesday mornings but would like to take part, let me know and I'll do my best to work with your schedule.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you'd like more information about this exciting opportunity to really learn the Bible.

*Pastor Carl*





The Evangelism Board would like to find out if there is a need for recording our worship services and making them available to those who are no longer physically able to attend on Sundays

Do you know anyone who might appreciate receiving a worship service CD once a month so that they can enjoy the music and Pastor Carl's sermons? If you had a temporary illness that prevented you from attending worship, would you appreciate receiving a CD? Please call me at 685-6345 or email me at [egred-head@aol.com](mailto:egred-head@aol.com) to let me know if you or someone you know would find this program helpful.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair

**LET'S EAT OUT, TUESDAY, APRIL 30**



The Evangelism Board has arranged a Benefit Event for Tuesday evening, April 30, at Noodles & Company, 7405 Laguna Blvd. (in Target shopping Center between Pinkberry and

DWS shoes (formerly Borders bookstore). Please join us anytime between 5-9 pm. If you like to eat early, come between 5-6:30pm; maybe 6-7:30 might work better for you; or if you like to eat a little later, come between 7:30-9 pm and, if you can't stay, you may order take out. No matter what time you come, you are in for a treat. Noodles & Company offers several noodle and pasta dishes as well as soups, salads and sandwiches. The only challenge will be which one to choose! Be sure to ask Pastor Carl about his favorite dishes.

What is even better is that Noodles & Company will donate 25% of our purchases back to St. Luke's. Not only will you enjoy some delicious food and great fellowship, but you will help us earn money for future ministry programs.

Please look for a sign-up sheet, menu, flyers and bulletin announcements for more information. Put the date on your calendar now—this is one event you don't want to miss.

Blessings,

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



Thank you for your participation in the recent Education survey! Based on your feedback, we learned that

you want to learn more about the Bible, how it applies to your life and engage in conversation with others.

We listened! Pastor Carl has a comprehensive plan designed to help us learn all about the Bible. Read his article in this month's News & Views to find out the details. Next month we will elaborate on another study we will have available in May. Thank you again for your participation in the survey.

Respectfully submitted by Missy Jensen, Education Board Chair



**Passover Supper**

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way in the planning and preparation of the Passover Supper this year. Without everyone's support this wonderful and meaningful meal could not be organized so seamlessly. Thank you especially to Linda Duffek for volunteering to chair this very significant meal.



Jon Linfor, Laura Weaver, Paul Linfor

Joe & Jennifer Payne

Phyllis Englund

Irma Lowe



### Diner's Group (Five or Six)

Have you noticed how you don't recognize everyone in the pews on a Sunday morning? The Lord has blessed our congregation with a number of new members and friends in the last few years. Starting in May, we are going to revive a very successful diners' group from several years ago to help us get to know one another better and grow closer together in the Lord. Here is how it will work. You are invited to sign up to have a meal once a month for three months with a group of five or six people.

After sign ups are completed, the participants will be put into groups of six people by the coordinators of this activity. One of the couples or singles will be assigned to arrange the first month's get together and then the others will trade off arranging the next two months. The get togethers might be meals

in homes or restaurants. The meals in homes might be potluck or the host(s) might provide them. If a meal is in a restaurant, it is understood that the group will split the check. There might be an activity along with the meal. There is no one way to do it. The get togethers can be any time of day and any day of the month. After three months, we will take a month off and take new sign ups. The groups will then be remixed and we will share in another three months of great fellowship together.

The first groups will get together in May, June and July. Sign up for the Diner's Group on the sheet in the church entryway or call the church office to sign up. Sign ups for the first groups will end on Sunday, April 14. This activity will be coordinated by Triss and Carl Hoppman and Pat and Ron Webb. Please contact them if you have any questions or would like more information.



### April W-ELCA Meeting

Please join us on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am for a wonderful treat of your favorite appetizers and finger foods. We are collecting gift cards to fast food restaurants, small flashlights & batteries, toiletries, and snacks for WIND Youth Services. We hope you will join us this General Membership Meeting.



Congratulations to Marc and Alison Thomas upon the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Sarah Louise. Lets not forget big brother Cannon, big sister Megan and proud Grandpa Bob Behr. Sarah was born, March 13, she weighed 9lb 9oz and is 20 3/4" long.



Benjamin Allen Iniguez, son of Jesse and Katie Iniguez was baptized on March 17. Sponsors are: David and Christa Flewellyn. Proud grandparents are Al & Peggy Moser and Richard & Cheryl Iniguez. We welcome Benjamin into the family of Christ.



It's A Girl!!! Please join us after church on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for a luncheon to celebrate the anticipated arrival of baby Victoria. Come help us celebrate with Deanna Dockter and Anthony Diaz. The couple is registered at Target & Babies R Us.



The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Luke's Crab & Shrimp Feed was a huge success this year! This year's Mardi Gras Masquerade was held March 2<sup>nd</sup>, with 220 people sitting down to eat in Schultz Hall and another 20 plus volunteers working hard.

A big thanks goes out to the volunteers that made this event such a success. Between selling tickets, setting up or cleaning up; cooking the pasta, mixing salad, providing bread, snacks, drinks or antipasto; by decorating, dressing in costume, serving food, collecting or donating raffle prizes, selling sodas and providing baked goods for the dessert table this could not have happened without you!! Thanks to everyone!

With income and known expenses taken into account now, we were able to raise just over \$8,400. The ministry and property projects that will be completed with this money are much needed. Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Crab and Shrimp feed; we'll see you next year!

Holly Hoppman  
Crab Feed Chairperson





## A Successful Work Day

Wow! The March 16 “All Members Work Day” was indeed a success. An ambitious group of 20 members completed many, much needed, tasks. Several members were so eager that they began the work on the Friday before the scheduled Saturday Work Day.

The significant tasks completed included:

- Tore down the old shed used for newspapers. *Note: The shed was in bad shape and becoming a nuisance.*
- Installed latch guards. *The guards make it more difficult to compromise the locks.*
- Installed yellow “lock up” notices on the doors. *Hopefully, the notices will remind all to ensure the doors are locked and latched. Recently, too many doors have been found accessible.*
- Spread 100 pounds of fertilizer on the Tangerine and Center Parkway lawns.
- Removed the weeds from the planting area along the south side of the courtyard. Subsequently, weed blocker material and mulch were placed in this area.
- Weeded other planter areas.
- Sprayed “Round Up” on the weeds growing in the pavement cracks.
- Cleaned the ADA restroom and the original Women’s restroom.
- Picked up trash throughout the church lot.
- Repaired the door for the main electrical panel enclosure.
- Washed all the windows in the Office and Education Wing.
- Removed the lower, dead limbs from the trees in the lawn area.

- Removed and tossed old, unused cabinets.
- Cleaned and vacuumed pews. *This work will be completed next week.*
- Installed additional LED lights for the pianist and organist.

The Property Board expresses their appreciation and thanks to all who participated in this Work Day – Bob Behr, Kelly Boyer, Carol/Jerry Carney, Deanna/Larry Dockter, Micki/Jack Fenske, Dorothy Haney, Kristen/Ed Ireton, Karen/Bruce Kiser, Eric Linblade, Peggy/Al Moser, Carol/Mack Vance, Pat Webb, and Pastor Carl.

A special thanks to Karen and Bruce Kiser for providing a pick up and trailer for hauling the debris to the dump and unloading the trailer at the dump. Thank you Karen and Bruce.

The next schedule “All Members Work Day” is on June 15. The Property Board would welcome your help, on this date, to accomplish minor, but critical, tasks. The Board needs you.

Once again, the Property Board thanks all for a successful “All Members Work Day”.

*St. Luke’s Property Board*



The Community Concerns board has started to work on some new projects that will greatly benefit the community around St. Luke’s. The board is working on a Baby Clothing Exchange and Room 1 is being worked on to improve the space and make it, once again, a functioning nursery. The Baby Clothing Exchange will be available to everyone; congregation and community alike, where people can bring the clothes their kids have outgrown and pick out



new clothes. We hope to install a speaker system in the room, so that families with small ones can hear the service in the sanctuary from the nursery during church services. Many thanks go out to Deanna Dockter and Karen Kiser for working on getting Room 1 cleared out. If you are interested in being involved in the clothing exchange or the nursery refurbishing, please contact Pastor Carl or Al Moser, Community Concerns Chair. Lynn Gavia and Holly Hoppman will be working on setting up the room to be a working nursery for use during church, and community meetings and to hold the Baby Clothing Exchange supplies. Once the room is ready, the board plans on hosting a Baby Shower to help stock the exchange with items that families need and can use.

Another project the Community Concerns board would like to work on is an End of the Month meal for the community. There are so many people in the community that are paid monthly, and by the end of the month are scraping the bottom of the barrel; to assist those families the board wants to host a community meal, free to families that need a hot meal when they have little else. If you have an interest in getting involved, please contact anyone on the Community Concerns Board: Al Moser, Lynn Gavia, Pat Hamilton, or Holly Hoppman and keep an eye out for other projects the Community Concerns Board is working on!



- April 3 Richard Almeida Jr.
- April 3 Chelsey Fernandez
- April 4 Adeline Weston
- April 4 Chris Wilke
- April 6 Larry Dockter
- April 9 Don Englund
- April 12 Clarence Korhonen
- April 14 Janie Muhlig
- April 16 Erwin Kiser
- April 16 Marilyn Sodergren
- April 16 Charles Yakabe
- April 17 Heidi Harrison
- April 17 Megan Shower
- April 19 Reuben Jones
- April 20 Margaret Crooks
- April 20 Mary F. Harris
- April 21 Brooke Barr
- April 24 Connie Reule
- April 25 Rylee Shower
- April 27 Lisa Englund
- April 30 Rachel Kiser



- April 7 *Reule Family In Fondest Memory of Our Very Dear Betty Jo; Deanna Dockter For Larry's Birthday*
- April 14 *Erwin Kaiser and Betty Olson Birthdays Larry & Deanna Dockter For Megan's Birthday*
- April 21 *Mary F. Harris for April 20th Birthday Larry & Deanna Dockter For Rylee's 6th Birthday*
- April 28

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Acolytes

April 7 Daniel Encinas  
April 14 Katy Etchison  
April 21 Selena Connell  
April 28 Joshua Bell

## Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin  
10:30 AM Carol Carney

## Communion Servers

*If you are unable to serve as acolyte, altar care or communion server as scheduled, please call the church office at 421-5039.*

## Counters

April 7 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen  
April 14 Don Schell, Bob Behr  
April 21 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
April 28 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

## Greeters

April 7  
April 14 Larry and Deanna Dockter  
April 21  
April 28

*If you would like to be a greeter, please call Pat Hamilton at 682-3818.*

## Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin  
10:30 AM Jerry Carney

## Prayer Leaders

April 7 Alison Thomas  
April 14 Betty Englund  
April 21 David Saxby  
April 28 Tracy Etchison

## Psalm Leaders

April 7 Aiyana Tice  
April 14 Micayla Shower  
April 21 Isabella Basquez  
April 28 Derrick Mihanovich

## Readers 8:15 AM

April 7 Christiana Wilson  
April 14 Kelly Boyer  
April 21 Maribel Herrera  
April 28 Ron Webb

*If you are unable to serve as prayer leader, psalm leader or reader as scheduled, please call Nick Manlapig at 383-9376.*

## Readers 10:30 AM

April 7 Holly Hoppman  
April 14 Triss Hoppman  
April 21 Ruth Heaton  
April 28 Al Moser

## Refreshments

April 7 Mack and Carole Vance  
April 14 Ofelia Ojeda  
April 21 Deanna Dockter/Anthony Diaz  
Baby Shower  
April 28 Kelly Boyer

*If you would like to help provide and or serve refreshments, please call Pat Webb at 685-6345.*

## Visitor Greeters

April 7 Thelma Williams  
April 14 Pauline Arndt  
April 21 Kelly Boyer  
April 28 Pat Webb

## Welcome Leaders

April 7 Peggy Moser  
April 14 Pat Webb  
April 21 Chet Madison  
April 28 Carolyn Andrews



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## Mardi Gras At The Crab Feed!



Mark Brown and  
Karen Linfor sure  
know how to  
have a good time.