

Adult Bible Study Options -- Fall 2008

Personal Study:

Church Library -- head to the little room off of St. Marcus' atrium and sign out any number of good books. Highlights would be the "People's Bible" series which has a book for each book of the Bible and includes the text of the Bible and comments in an easy to read format. My advice would be to start with Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, but they are all good.

Northwestern Publishing House -- just head to Watertown Plank Road just west of highway 45 and you can personally check out kinds of good materials for personal or family reading. You can also go to www.nph.net to check out what they have on-line

E-mail Devotions -- go to www.wels.net and then to "Faith" on the left and then click on "Devotions" and you can choose from a number of devotions and even have them sent to your inbox every day. There are also options for kids, teen and college devotions.

Small Groups:

Community Groups -- There are several community groups that get together weekly to discuss the messages from our Sunday evening worship and how it applies to them. They also support each other and look to serve. Contact Ben and Rebecca Hanneman bmhannem@versantsolutions.com about Mondays. Contact Katie Strandlund about Thursdays. Contact the Weinrichs jweinrich@Directs.com about their community group. Visit Pastor Ski's office for a map and see learn more about these and the groups that will be launched this September.

Schuessler Tuesday Bible Study -- Paul and Meg Schuessler host a Tuesday evening gathering at 7 PM. Location varies so contact the Schuesslers for the correct location and directions. They choose their own materials and are currently looking at the book of Job.

Women's Bible Study -- One is hosted by Lisa Finkbeiner at 2668 N. Palmer Street Fridays at 9 am. Little children are more than invited to join their moms as they discuss how the Bible applies to their lives. Contact Lisa to find out more and the topic they are discussing.

A second one meets on Monday evenings. Contact Cindi Holman for details.

New ones? Mike & Kathy Schuessler are planning to begin a small group study in their home. Jordan and Jen Beckman are looking to start a study for young couples in the near future. If you or someone else is interested contact Pastor Paul and he can assist you with materials, support, promotion etc.

Classes:

Foundations of Faith -- Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12:30 pm, the pastors of St. Marcus take turns covering the basics of the Christian faith. On the 1st Saturday of the month Pastor Paul teaches about the Bible and the person of Jesus. The 2nd Saturday, Pastor Ski teaches about the work of Jesus and the sacraments. The 3rd Saturday, Pastor Jeske teaches about the church and the history and action of St. Marcus. The 4th Saturday, Pastor Roger Plath teaches about prayer and the end of the world. There is no gathering on the 5th Saturday of any month. Attend them in order or whenever you can. This course also serves as an intro to St. Marcus and one who attends can be confirmed and become a member if he wishes.

Sunday 9:15 options -- Beginning September 7th, 3 adult options will be offered.

- **Power Passages** with Pastor Paul will be held in the gym. Each week will be an independent lesson that covers just one often used or memorized passage in the Bible. This is ideal for someone who knows they may not be consistent attending Sunday mornings but wishes a good Bible study when they do come. This is intended to be ideal for new people or first time Bible class attenders.

- **Sinai to Calvary** will be led by elder Mike O'Brien in the 3rd floor school faculty lounge. Learners will look at the meaning behind the Old Testament using the book and study guide written by former seminary Professor John Jeske. This is ideal for someone who will consistently attend who wants to grow deeper and strengthen their personal Bible study skills.

- **Meet Jesus** will be led by Terry Friedrichs a trained staff minister. This course will walk through the book of Luke and follow Jesus through his life, death and resurrection. Along the way learners will take a brief look at all of the Bible's teachings as they come up. This is ideal for people who have not studied the Bible before or want a basic review of what Christianity is all about. Those who complete this course can be confirmed and become a member if they are not already.

Your entire family can attend at this 9:15 time because Sunday school, teen Bible study and childcare are also offered at this time.

Sundays at 5:30 PM This is a repeat of Power Passages for the Sunday evening crowd. We meet in the church conference room.

Other:

Time of Grace -- visit www.TimeOfGrace.org and you can find messages, blogs, devotions, study guides etc.

On-line Courses -- are posted by Pastor Paul on www.StMarcusBibleStudy.com Currently he is posting his Sunday morning courses and a Meet Jesus course.

2 Hour Teachings -- In November, Pastor Paul will offer a one session / two hour class on angels at a variety of different days and times. Look for the schedule and sign up then.

Short Term Small Groups -- In October, people will be invited to host/lead/attend a small group in home Bible study that will last 3 weeks and will look at Mark 4. Invitations will be coming.