

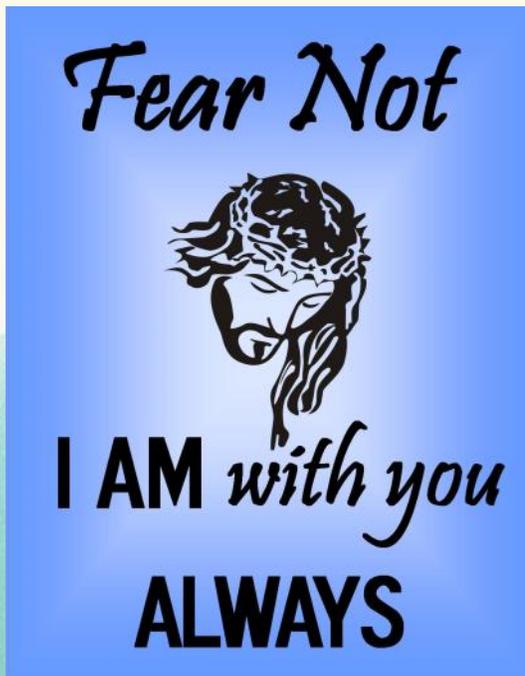


Supplement to
the September
Progress

Christian Education 2016

“Fear Not, I Am with You Always”

2016 has been a very diversely challenging year so far. The concern level of most Christians has risen to new heights with threats of terrorism, gun violence, racial tension, conflicting social issues... and an upcoming Presidential election to boot! Is it any wonder that “fear” has placed itself in the forefront of our lives? Of course, it has always been around, but sometimes it seems less obvious. In the midst of all this, God is continually reaching out to us: “Fear not, I Am with You Always.” It is meant to give us reassurance, a reliance on God... a remembrance that He is the only One who can save us from this broken world. That’s why “fear not”, “do not be afraid,” “have no fear,” etc. are mentioned 125 times in God’s Word (more than any other command). For a Christian, the significance is important, especially right now. So this Rally Day, we celebrate His command and look forward to discovering how His Word soothes and calms our fears, and His Presence brings Joy and Blessings eternal.



Sundays Soothing Reassurances- Beginning September 18

- h Worship (8:15 and 11 AM)
- h Education Hour (9:45 AM), featuring:
- h Sunday School—JAM or “Jesus and Me”
- h Confirming Faith
- h Sr. High Youth
- h Adult Bible Study
- h Family Bible Study
- h Faith Forums—held every 4-6 weeks for one Sunday. Lay speakers, ministers, and theologians will present lectures and discussions on a variety of theological topics

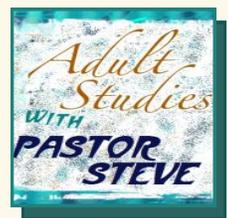
Weekday Reliances- Beginning Sept 20

- h Tuesday Morning Text Study with Pastor Schumacher, 10 AM
- h Pilgrim Wednesdays beginning Sept 21 with dinner @ 5:45 PM, followed by Bible Study & activities @ 6:30.
- h Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study—at 9:15 AM beginning September 22

All our new studies are enriching and exciting. We hope you will see something that interests you enough to add a little “fear therapy” into your spiritual journey.

Guaranteed, the Holy Spirit will be present to offer all kinds of “relief support.” In addition, the devotional “God is With You Everyday” by Max Lucado is available to the first 50 congregants who would like to have one. So join us for a full year of study, and remember: “Fear Not, I Am with you Always!”

Julie Halpin & Kim Waterstraat, Co-Directors, Christian Education



“JAM!!!” Jesus and Me!

Sunday School for Preschool-Tweens: Feasting on the Word



Our curriculum series for JAM, "Feasting on the Word" connects the scripture kids hear in church to the lesson and activities they will participate in during Sunday School. This way, each person in your family will hear the same message so that the scripture and meaning can be applied at home and out in the community during the week. Each lesson will focus on four questions...

1. WHAT is important to know?
2. WHERE is God in these words?
3. SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?
4. NOW WHAT is God's Word calling us to do?

Throughout the year, we will focus on mission projects that are local, national, and international. The curriculum and projects are designed to help children and their families grow in their relationship with Jesus!

Each week begins with birthday songs, exploring the Bible, music, and **this year, each child will take home a “Verse of the Week” to memorize!** Fun little prizes will be given when the verse is memorized. Please contact Kim Waterstraat at jkwaterstraat@comcast.net for further information.

Confirming Faith



Pilgrim youth, facilitated by Rachelle Lessard, Duane Rhodes, and Sandy Tillotson, learn about the Bible, the Lutheran Church, and living a Christian life. After completing all of the modules (about two years), these young people will be ready to affirm their baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation. This program is geared towards 7th-8th graders (however, we welcome any student who may have missed this opportunity and who is ready to delve into a deeper study of their faith).

Coffee Talk



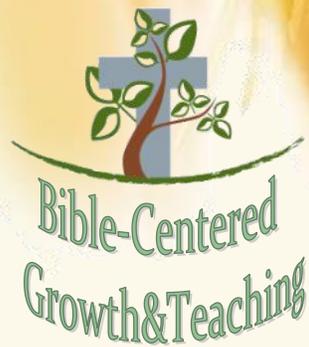
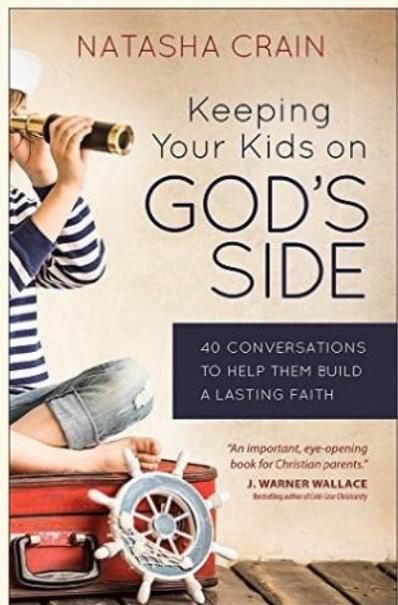
This program, led by Jeff Hobson, is geared toward Senior High youth who have completed the Confirming Faith program. A variety of interactive lessons will be used through the duration of the year, including Bible studies, DVDs, youth-led devotions, leadership in the church and amongst peers, service projects, role-modeling with younger youth, along with other things (and of course, the occasional coffee date!). Please contact Jeff Hobson for further information.

Pre-registration Requested

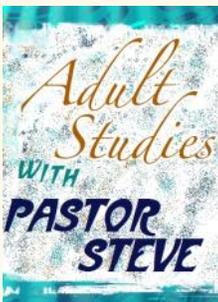
Please register your children for ALL youth Sunday School programs (J.A.M., Confirming Faith, & Coffee Talk). Forms are available online or in the entryway.

Sunday Morning Family-Centered Study:

“Keeping your Kids on Gods Side” by Natasha Crain is a book/scriptural study for all levels of family: parents, grandparents, guardians- you name it. Are your children facing criticism about their Christianity while they are at school, with friends, or online? Perhaps they’ve already expressed some doubts about God. This study will address those fears by examining and responding to 40 challenging questions that kids face today. Each Sunday is a new experience with different questions, so you can join in at any time. Learn how to replace their fears and doubts, with confidence, which can encourage open dialogue and equip them to defend their faith (if they have to). This group will meet every Sunday morning at 9:45-10:45.

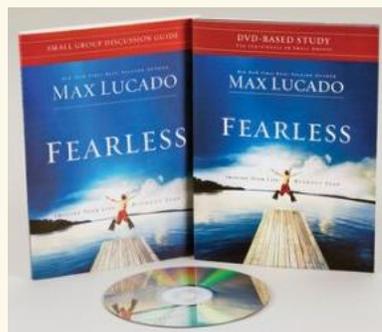


Adult Studies with Pastor Steve



Fearless, by Max Lucado: “Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. They’re talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, and upswings in global warming. But what if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, and doubt, what would remain?”

Sunday morning’s DVD-based study of Fearless by Max Lucado begins September 18. We meet during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join us! Learn how to “trust more and fear less.”



Tuesday Morning Bible Study Continues (10 AM each week)



Pastor Schumacher leads this informal group for all ages in examining the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday. For those who like to read ahead, the lessons are listed in the announcements each Sunday. This study is great for anyone whose schedule does not permit an every-week commitment, the coffee is always on, and there is always an extra chair at the table!

Pilgrim Wednesdays study of "Fearless" begins Sept. 21

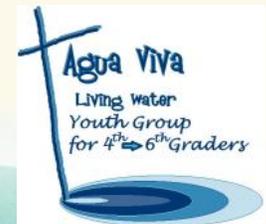
Try something new this year (if you haven't already) and join us on Wednesday, September, 21 at 5:45 for relaxing fellowship and a wonderful (free) meal! Pilgrim Wednesday is our family night, and it is open to all. After dinner, you are also welcome to stay for Adult Bible Study, Youth group, and children's activities (either or all). This year's Adult Bible Study is a DVD/book study by Max Lucado called "Fearless." Just think what you could do with your life if you completely emptied your heart of fear- and filled it with faith instead! Whether you're uneasy about life in all its ups and downs, anxiety can make life feel like a prison. Led by Heidi Wilkerson, learn how to break free and join us for "Fearless."



Pilgrim Wednesdays for children and youth



Wednesday nights at Pilgrim are a great way for kids to spend their time! After a fellowship dinner, youth of all ages will participate in activities that will help build friendships and grow closer to God. Activities are hands-on and great fun and laughter is provided for free. Come and check it out!

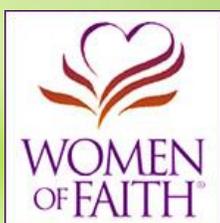


Women of Faith Bible Study, Thursday mornings

Although similar in many ways to the other Women of Faith studies that we have done, "Overcoming Fear" by Margaret Fienberg, has a slightly different format. Like all the others, it dissects the theme from simple to complex, always reinforcing the point with scripture. We learn how God's reassuring Word pulls us out of ourselves and our self-

revolved fears and moves us into real joy and confidence in God. Join women of all ages in this fun group full of lively conversation, wonderful insights, and treats too!

"Overcoming Fear" begins September 22nd at 9:15 AM.



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8:15 AM, 11:00 AM
Fifth Sundays and Summer: 9:30 AM
Sunday School for all ages: 9:45AM
(September - May)

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Mission Statement

We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, to live as God's servants and to reach out to all people.

