



Supplement to
the fall edition
of *The Progress*

Christian Education 2017

Experiencing Jesus

2017 has continued to be a year full of challenging social, financial, and medical issues. With the stress that comes with that, being a committed Christian can be hard. The bar needs to be raised on the Faith, Hope, and Love that Christ gifts to us. That's why "Experience Jesus" is a good and constant reminder to us that He is with us always – through everything that is thrown our way. Christian education is meant to strengthen that in us and we have many old and new opportunities to experience how Christ's spirit is at work in us.

Here is a quick look at how we can experience Jesus on Sunday mornings – beginning September 17.

✚ Worship

✚ Sunday School at 10:15 AM featuring:

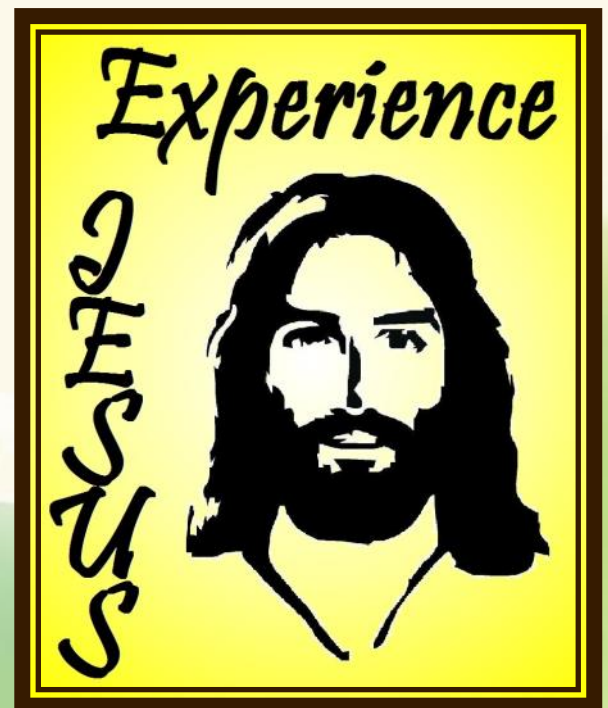
- ✚ JAM – or– "Jesus and Me" (PS–6th grades)
- ✚ Confirming Faith (7th & 8th)
- ✚ SR. High Youth (High school & college)

✚ Adult Education at 10:30 AM

- ✚ Luther's Small Catechism
- ✚ Sisters in the Spirit – Moms at PLC
- ✚ Faith Forums (occasional)

✚ Weekday 'Experiences' – Beginning September 19th

- ✚ Tuesday Morning Text study with Pastor Schumacher, 10:00 AM
- ✚ Pilgrim Wednesdays – September 20th with fellowship dinner @ 5:45 PM followed by Adult studies and youth activities @6:30 PM.
- ✚ Personal Bible study of 'The Wired Word'– available off the internet for your own study at home. Lessons are presented on Thursdays.
- ✚ Thursday morning women's Bible Study– beginning at 9:15 – 10:30 AM on September 21st.



All our studies are enriching and exciting. We hope you will take these opportunities to enhance your experience with Jesus.

Since this the 500th anniversary of Luther's declaration of reform: The 95 These, Pilgrim will also spend time in the Fall discovering Luther's important reformation. October will be the month. You won't want to miss any and all of the experiences Jesus has led us to present to you.

Blessings as we move forward into 2017 –2018 and 'Experience Jesus'.

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



“JAM!!!” Jesus and Me!

Sunday School for Preschool-Tweens:

LIVING THE WORD: Spirit and Truth Publishing



This year, Pastor Steve is switching his series of scripture readings to “The Narrative Lectionary Readings”.

Therefore, we decided to try a new curriculum series for JAM, "Living the Word", which goes hand in hand with the readings the kids will hear at church on Sundays. All lessons and activities connect the scripture to what they will participate in during Sunday School. And each person in your family will hear the same message, and therefore the scripture and meaning can be applied at home and out in the community during the week.

Each week, the kids will bring home a page that focuses on a short background of the lesson, family devotions and discussion questions to engage in during the week! This is a great opportunity to “put into practice” what we have learned and how to keep God in the center of our everyday lives.

We also will end each week with birthday songs, exploring the Bible, some music and a challenge to carry what we learned into the upcoming week! 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). We are beginning this year with the “re:form” DVD series.

Coffee Talk

This program, led by Jeff Hobson, is geared toward senior high and college-aged youth. 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!). First up: the NOOMA series. 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.

Sisters in the Spirit: a Moms Group

A new mom's book/Bible study group will be offered both Sunday mornings (starting 9/17) and Wednesday evenings (starting 9/20). Childcare will be provided, so you can choose which day and time works best for your schedule! Whether you are the mom of little ones, tweens, teens, or even adults (after all, parenting doesn't end when your kids are grown, it just evolves, right?) this group is for you. Stay-at-home mom? Working mom? Work-from-home mom? It doesn't matter; this group is for ALL moms. The first book we are studying is Hoodwinked: Ten Myths Moms Believe and Why We All Need to Knock It Off. Chapter one is available on the website if you are interested. If you would like to join an amazing group of women for a time of learning and laughter, contact Jaime Knox at jaimejac@comcast.net or sign up on the insert for more information.

Adult Studies with Pastor Steve

In Luther's Small Catechism, wrote Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA, "we have a rich treasure for communicating the faith from generation to generation." In our adult education class this fall on Luther's Small Catechism, we will search this treasure and rediscover its value for us as Lutheran Christians in the world today.

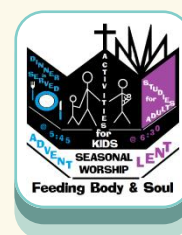
2017 is the 500th year of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. And as we mark this anniversary by studying Luther's Small Catechism we will join Lutherans throughout the ELCA, and other Lutheran denominations, "reading and studying," ... "rediscover[ing]," and being "renewed" by this treasure. Come join us! Sunday mornings, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Care For the Caregiver – October 1st

A new gathering will be offered to those of you who find yourself in the often difficult position of caring (short or long term) of a loved one. This gathering is open to all caregivers once a month (the first Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM). It is a time of nurturing the weary soul through the support of others in similar situations. The meditation 'Hope for the Caregiver' – Encouraging Words to Strengthen your Spirit' by peter Rosenberger (a 30 year caregiver) will be the focus of our time together. Join us if you are able- any 1st Sunday that enable you to come.

'The Wired Word' – A Personal Study

This internet study can be accessible to you if you would prefer to have a personal study in your own home. It is an interesting and exciting look at how the events that presently occur in our world influence our thinking – and how being attentive to The Word helps to reshape that thinking. If you are interested in this experience, see Melody in the office to be added to the list of subscribers. 'The Wired Word' will be continued as a group study starting in January as part of Pilgrim Wednesday.



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 begin on September 20th

Many of our Pilgrimites have not yet discovered the joy of Pilgrim Wednesdays. Not only does it offer a wonderful meal (at 5:45 PM) but there are studies for both adults and youth that enhance our experience with Jesus. The Fall adult study (6:30 – 7:30 PM) sessions will include:

- September 20th – An hour long, fascinating video: “Rick Steves’ Luther and the Reformation.” Filmed in Germany and Italy, it is sure to inspire as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
- September 27th – ‘The ‘Debtor’s Prison’ is a short presentation by a Christian drama troupe. The allegorical tale reminds us, with humor and real insight, what it means to have a Savior. As well as a Pilgrim Wednesday offering, it is also our first Faith Forum where discussion with the actors will follow the presentation.
- Beginning on October 4th, adults will study Philip Yancey’s DVD study “The Jesus I never Knew.” Take another look at the Savior you thought you knew so well. This insightful six-session study leads you through an examination of Christ in the Gospels; a great way to experience Jesus! Join us at 6:30 PM for this interesting and unique study.



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

Our Fall Women’s Study will return to the *Women of Faith* Series with “Living in Jesus’ by Marilyn Meberg. Are you in a rut, riveted to the routine, plodding through each day? If you are living in Christ Jesus, your life has meaning and this series teaches you how that happens: alive in Him, rooted in Him, complete in Him. Discover that the Christian life is vibrant, mysterious, and beautiful. In a word – sensational! Join women of all ages in this fun group – full of lovely conversation, laughter, exciting insights into the Spirit... coffee and treats, too! You are always welcome at any time over this 12 week study – beginning Thursday, September 21st 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.

