

NEW!
BOOK OF FAITH
Opportunities at St. Matthew's

The Book of Faith is an ELCA Initiative that invites EVERYONE to get involved in learning the first language of faith – the language of the Bible. Here's how you can grow in faith with us during this Lenten season.

Ask a Question

Each Sunday morning the Gospel message for the next Sunday will be printed on a “take home” page in the bulletin. Read the Gospel several times in preparation for the next Sunday. If you have a question – ask it! Just ask your question on the bottom of the sheet, tear it off, and leave it in the drop box in the commons when you come for Wednesday evening Lenten service (or anytime before Wednesday). The pastors will answer a question each week in their sermon.

Bring Your Bible

Sunday sermons will teach us more about the Book of Faith Methods of Reading the Bible: Devotional, Historical, Narrative, Lutheran Theological. Bring your Bible to worship on Sundays as you develop a deeper understanding of how to make your Bible reading time more meaningful.

Join a Group

Be part of a small group during Wednesday evening education time from 6:00-7:00 from February 24th – March 24th. 5 Wednesdays to *Meet Jesus in the Gospel of John*. We will explore the Gospel of John with the Book of Faith curriculum. This is an opportunity to learn more about Jesus in a very friendly and non-threatening environment. If you are running late, don't worry. Feel free to grab dinner in Fellowship Hall and join us with your dinner in the Upper Room. Sign up on the sign up panel in the bulletin or just come when you can!

Be Still

Our Wednesday evening worship, from 7:15-8:00 will be a devotional time. A time to listen, feel and encounter the Gospel in a way that is personal and relevant to you. Be part of this gentle experience that encourages you to be in the story with Jesus. Journal pages with reflective questions will be used to guide this meditative time.



“Be Involved in Next Sunday’s Sermon”

Gospel for Next Sunday - February 21, 2010
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ 4 Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.” ’

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ 8 Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” ’

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, 11 and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

12 Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’ 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



I have read this Gospel text for next week and have a question about this reading that I would like the pastor to consider in next Sunday’s Gospel Message

My question is:

Please place your question for the upcoming Sunday in the drop box located in the commons by Wednesday evening after the Lenten service. The Pastors will respond to one question each week in their Sunday morning sermon.