

**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 28, 2010

Luke 13:31-35

*At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ 32 He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’*



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:

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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.