

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 - March 7, 2010
Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them —do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ 6 Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” 8 He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’



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.