

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Black River Falls/Cataract, Wisconsin



BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

2016—2017

The meaning of our lives centers on Jesus. As long as we live, we will have an endless need for his message. He promises to nourish and nurture our faith through consistent contact with his Word.

That's the purpose of this booklet. Faith Lutheran Church is committed to providing opportunities for your faith to be nurtured and nourished. The single-most important thing that we can do to mature in our faith is to be in the Word.

We invite you to sit in the audience of Jesus' lecture hall. Hear how he speaks. Watch how he works. Praise him with your time and commitment. Then stare in amazement as he opens the door to your heart and to heaven with the perfect key: himself.

"You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me" (John 5:39).

MY VOCATION IN CHRIST



“What’s the point of my life? What does God want me to do with my life? I don’t have any college degrees. I don’t make much money. If I don’t really enjoy what I’m doing now, does this mean that God wants me to do something else?”

Do you ever ask these questions? Have you wondered, “are some vocations more God-pleasing than others?” Find out at our adult Bible class as we begin a study about understanding our calling(s).

5 Lessons

COST: Free

BLACK RIVER FALLS

START: September 14, 2016

END: October 19, 2016

WHEN: Wednesday 7-8 p.m.

WHERE: Church

CATARACT

START: September 11, 2016

END: October 9, 2016

WHEN: Sunday 11-12 a.m.

WHERE: Church



CIVIL GOVERNMENT: GOD'S OTHER KINGDOM

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Civil Government



God's Other Kingdom

People's
BIBLE
Teachings

The relationship between church and state in America is a tumultuous one, often regarded by Christians as a confusing mess best ignored. Yet both the temporal kingdom of government and the eternal kingdom of the church are God's blessings to us--both were established by him to carry out his will here on earth.

Civil Government, from the People's Bible Teachings series, leads us back to the Scriptures to seek principles for guiding and motivating our attitudes and actions as we wrestle with our dual citizenship. First looking to government as presented during biblical times and then historically tracing church-state relations since then.

Join us for this timely and fitting study of God's Word as we get ready for this year's presidential election.

**Please note these points:*

- Since we will be reading the People's Bible Teaching book as we go along, the church will purchase a book for all those who would like to participate. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering area in order to sign-up.
- Since this study will take place at Denny's, they are asking for an approximate number of people who will be there on Saturdays. Please mark this on the sign-up sheet as well.
- If you are unable to make it to this study but would still like to participate, the answers to the study guide will be put online as we go along so you can study from home or catch up if you miss a week.

9 Lessons

COST: Free

START: September 10, 2016
END: November 5, 2016
WHEN: Saturday 9-10 a.m.
WHERE: Denny's Restaurant Conference Room – Black
River Falls



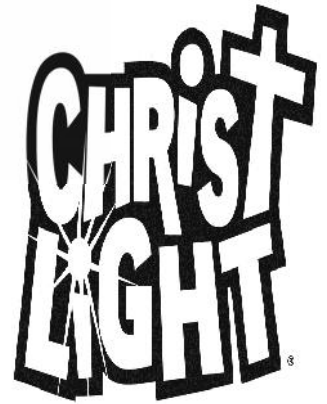
ADULT CHRIST LIGHT LESSONS

Christ Light is centered on Christ and grounded in God's Word and serves as an excellent way for adults to visit or revisit Old and New Testament Bible stories in group Bible study.

These lessons correspond with those offered during the Sunday School Year, so parents of Sunday School kids can discuss lessons during the week at home.

BLACK RIVER FALLS

START: September 11, 2016
END: May 21, 2017
WHEN: Sunday Mornings 9:15-10:15 a.m.
WHERE: Church



SUNDAY SCHOOL

If your child was sick with a high fever, what would you do? If your child was showing signs of eye strain and an inability to focus, what would you do? If your child's teeth ached and hurt from exposure to sweets and hot and cold temperatures, what would you do? If your child was a sinner and needed to know about the Savior, where could you go?

It's so logical to take our children to health care professionals for their physical well-being, but too often we neglect their spiritual needs. In Sunday School, every week your child can realize Jesus' redeeming love through biblical instruction provided by caring Christian educators.

BLACK RIVER FALLS

START: September 11, 2016
END: May 21, 2017
WHEN: Sunday Mornings 9:15-10:15 a.m.
WHERE: Church

ADULT BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS (BIC)



When was the last time you reviewed the basic teachings of the Bible and how those teachings applied to your life? Do you have questions about Communion, Baptism, prayer, marriage, money, parenting, or death? This class covers each of those topics, plus much more.

This class is for anyone and everyone. It is an introduction to the Christian faith for those who have not been confirmed or would like to join Faith, as well as a review for those who have.

13 Lessons

COST: Free

START: September 8, 2016

END: December 15, 2016

WHEN: Thursday Evenings 6:00-7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Church in Black River Falls

**Please note: If ever you know of someone who would like to learn more about what we teach but this class has already started, please talk with Pastor.*



MISSION PRESENTATION/BIBLE CLASS

Faith Lutheran Church is part of the Wisconsin Synod. The Wisconsin Synod is part of a group of more than 1200 churches. Those churches can be found in all 50 states.

But that's not all! We also have missionaries in 25 countries; and we join together with other confessional church bodies in helping to teach and train future generations of faithful men and women to serve people with God's Word.

One of those places is in East Asia. In October, Pastor James Korthals will join us as a guest preacher for our worship and then give a presentation on worker training in East Asia.



**Please note:*

- This Sunday there will only be one service between our two locations. That service will be at 8 a.m. in Black River Falls. The presentation will follow the service and a potluck brunch will follow the presentation.

1 Lessons

COST: Free

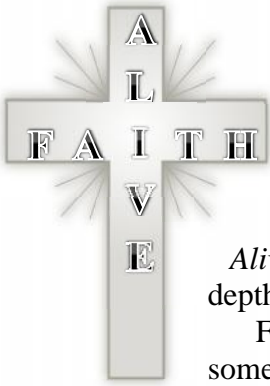
START: October 16, 2016

WHEN: Sunday Morning.....9:15 a.m.

WHERE: Church @ Black River Falls



STEWARDSHIP BIBLE CLASS



Stewardship is not about money. It deals with issues much bigger than money. A plaque with the following inscription once said: “What you have is God’s gift to you. What you do with what you have is your gift to God.” “What I do with what God has given me” – those words are a good working definition of stewardship.

In 2016, we continued our Capital Drive to spend down our debt under the theme *Faith Alive*. In order to keep that theme and what it means clearly in focus, we will be taking an in-depth look at the heart of our stewardship of life - - **Christian Faith**.

Faith is a wonderful creation of our gracious God. The subject of faith – a living faith – is something each of us can benefit from personally, because the development of faith in each of us is a unique gift of God. As we gather together for this study, we will benefit as a congregation of believers as we draw encouragement from God’s Word and from one another to live lives of faith.

1 Lesson (Offered multiple times in an effort to make it possible for every communicant member of Faith to attend)

COST: Free

BLACK RIVER FALLS

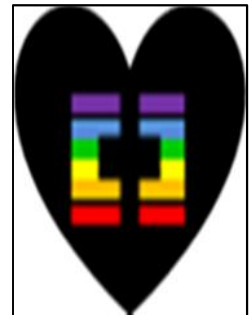
WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 26 (7-8 p.m.)
Saturday, Oct. 29 (1:30-2:30 p.m.)

CATARACT

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 23 (11-12 a.m.)
Tuesday, Oct. 25 (6-7 p.m.)



ABIBLICAL REVIEW OF SIN AND GRACE IN LIGHT OF THE ISSUE OF HOMOSEXUALITY



You’re waiting on your oil change. To kill time you check your Facebook status updates on your smartphone. To your surprise, one of your church friends from long ago has come out and is professing to be gay. In fact, he/she is now apparently an advocate for the cause. Yet, under their profile, they still claim to be Christian. Even more mindboggling is the fact that many of your other Christian friends have “liked” their status update...

Your son who was raised in the church comes home from college and after days of awkward silence, he comes out with it. He finally tells you he’s gay and that he’s afraid of what you might think about him now. He’s even afraid of what God thinks...

What are ways Christians handle situations like this? What would God have us do? What role does the church have in this, if any? Find out answers to these questions and more as we go through a Biblical Review of Sin and Grace in Light of the Issue of Homosexuality.

12 Lessons

COST: Free

BLACK RIVER FALLS

START: November 2, 2016

END: February 8, 2017

WHEN: Wednesday 7-8 p.m.

WHERE: Church

CATARACT

START: October 30, 2016

END: February 5, 2017

WHEN: Sunday 11-12 a.m.

WHERE: Church



A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The New Testament begins with the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – which detail the life and work of Jesus our Savior. Unfortunately Mark, the shortest of the Gospels, sometimes seems to be forgotten.

But we do our faith a great disservice if Mark gets “pushed aside.” For Mark’s gospel is very practical. It helped the church of his day and helps the church of today to answer mankind’s questions about sin and salvation, about Christ and Christian living.

14 Lessons

COST: Free

BLACK RIVER FALLS

START: February 15, 2017

END: May 24, 2017

WHEN: Wednesday 7-8 p.m.

WHERE: Church

CATARACT

START: February 12, 2017

END: May 21, 2017

WHEN: Sunday 11-12 a.m.

WHERE: Church

*The following is for your personal use.
Cut it out and hang it in a prominent place.*

My Plan for Bible Class

In humble and faithful recognition...

✝ that I am a child of God through faith in Jesus,

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

*for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

✝ that God desires that I make regular use of his Word,

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. The Bereans...received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

✝ that God wants me to join with my brothers and sisters in the faith whenever I can,

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

✝ that faith remains and grows only through the Word,

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

I willingly and joyfully make the plan to attend
this/these Bible Class(es) for the coming year...
