

Weekly Bible Study

Participants in the "40 Days" program agree to attend a Bible Study once a week during the Lenten season (six sessions). Participants may choose to study in a small group, in a pastor led study, or with a group on the internet.

Home Group Study

These study groups meet primarily in member homes (or in church or other agreed upon locations, such as a coffee house), includes 6—10 people per group and are organized by a facilitator.

Pastor Led Study

Bethel will host pastor led Bible Studies eleven times per week during Lent (see schedule at right). These studies will be limited to one hour.

Internet Group Study

The on-line Bible study group is for those who cannot regularly meet in a small group at church or in a home, and have access to high speed Internet. In a way, the 1-hour small group meeting is spread out over the week, so participants can respond to each other and generate an on-line discussion. The on-line group also meets one Sunday morning at church in the Genesis Café.

Pastor Led Bible Studies

Sundays	10:30 am	Laura Sutherland
young adult	6:00 pm	Sarah Harrold
Mondays	12:00 noon	John Swanson
Tuesdays	12:00 noon	Bill White
Oakwood West	1:00 pm	Curt Everson
Oakwood East	1:30 pm	Laura Sutherland
Wednesdays	1:15 pm	Sarah Harrold
	6:30 pm	Curt Everson
couples	6:30 pm	Bill White
Fridays	9:30 am	Curt Everson
Saturdays	men 8:30 am	John Swanson

**Unless noted, all Bible studies are held at Bethel Lutheran Church

One Service Activity

To answer Jesus' command to help those in need, Bethel is coordinating a Diakonia Day on Saturday March 20, 2010. Our goal is to send numerous groups of people to provide a day of service in the city of Madison.

Watch our website and the Bethelite for up to date information and how to participate.

Remember – this is YOUR program and you design it to enrich your relationships with God and others.



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RENEW YOUR LIFE

For the past four years Bethel Lutheran Church has organized a spiritual growth program that lasted 40 days. What we have learned during this time is that hundreds of people would like to improve or “grow” their life with God, but they aren’t sure about two things: when they ought to start or where to begin.

As far as “when,” Lent appears to be the perfect time to begin. It is a 40 day period of time that Christians have been using for just such a purpose for well over 1,300 years. Some have called Lent Christian basic training, or a spiritual refreshment course.

Where to begin? We suggest that you use the five steps listed in this brochure to improve your life with God. You will discover what hundreds of people have found to be true: a program that includes prayer, Bible reading, Bible study and service will improve your spiritual muscles.

This year our Lenten Bible Study will focus on the amazing Biblical book entitled, “The Acts of the Apostles.” It begins shortly after the resurrection of Jesus and tells the story of how the Christian faith grew from a handful of the followers of Jesus to a religion that covered the entire Mediterranean world. One man has said it was like a *spreading flame*, thus the title for our Lenten study program.

If you choose to use Lent for your journey of renewal you will begin February 17—Ash Wednesday. You will join hundreds of others in the basic Christian disciples outlined elsewhere in this brochure.

We hope that not only will you participate in the Spreading Flame, but you will invite a friend to join you.

It is our hope that during Lent you will experience a time of spiritual renewal.

--Pastor Bill White

Daily Scripture

2010 Lenten
Devotional
Book



Martin Luther commented in a sermon, “You should diligently learn the Word of God and by no means imagine that you know it.” The “40 Days” materials provide you with a daily reading from the book of Acts. You may choose to enhance

your reading with the daily devotional provided by Bethel staff and leaders.

Daily Prayer

Prayer is an essential component of renewing your spirit and strengthening your relationship with God. Time for personal reflection and prayer is encouraged in addition to the daily devotionals provided.

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Daily:

Prayer & Scripture

Weekly:

Worship & Bible Study

Once During Lent:

Service Activity

Weekly Worship

Worship is an important aspect of spiritual renewal and participants agree to worship at least once each week during Lent. In addition to the regular weekly worship opportunities at Bethel, mid-week Lenten services will provide seven options at Bethel to fulfill this commitment. Worship at another church is encouraged for those who will be out of town at any time during the Lenten season. Bethel’s worship schedule during Lent is as follows:

Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday	7:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:30 pm
	8:00 pm Spanish Worship
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:55, 9:15 and 10:45 am
Sunday	12:30 pm Spanish Worship
Wednesday	11:30 am and 6:30 pm



40 DAYS OF THE SPREADING FLAME 2010

Name: _____

E-Mail _____

Address: _____

Phone 1: _____

Phone 2: _____

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- I am already in a home Bible study
- I would like to be placed in a home Bible Study
- I plan to attend a pastor led Bible study at Bethel on _____ (day and time)
- I would like to participate in an "on-line" Bible study program