

Spiritual Growth

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will gather Monday, March 13, 2017, for lunch at Fazoli's (east of church) followed by the monthly Bible Study, 1:00pm, at the church. This series of lessons being studied: "Galatians, Christian Faith and Christian Freedom." The study for March, "HEIRS OF THE PROMISE." Bible Texts: Galatians 3:24-4:31; Romans 8:14-17; Genesis 17:15-21. In the first two chapters of Galatians, Paul gave a clear statement of the good news of justification by grace through faith. Although the Galatians had heard the gospel from Paul before, they were being challenged by Jewish Christians who insisted they also needed to obey the Law in order to be in a right relationship with God. In Chapter 3, Paul drew on the first-hand experience of the Galatians themselves as well as the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament) to make the case that the Galatians are part of God's family because of God's gift and promise, not because of whether or not they obey God's law. In Chapter 4, he continues to reinforce this understanding. This lesson is found in GATHER magazine, page 26, March, 2017. The studies have been provided by The Rev. Dr. Kathryn A. Kleinhans who holds the Mike and Marge McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. She is the editor of TOGETHER BY GRACE: Introducing the Lutherans, published by Augsburg Fortress in 2016.

Growing Your Faith

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

Since the time when Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism Lutheran Youth have studied the Small Catechism. It is our traditional way of helping parents and Pastors teach the major tenants of the Christian faith. At our congregation, it is now a three year program of growing their faith. The Word of God is shared in a group setting for understanding the way of Christ to be lived out in their lives. The Holy Spirit enriches their life as they study the Ten Commandments, The Apostles Creed, The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Prayer, and the Office of the keys.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Growing faith in our busy lives is a real blessing when we take a few moments to do this discipline. We are encouraged to read the Word of God each day to help us be in fellowship without Lord. Just 15 minutes of reading the Bible and meditating with a brief prayer will give the Holy Spirit opportunity to grow our faith in God. Setting aside a time during the day to read from the Bible will help you be the person you want to be as you live to love and serve God.

SET SUNDAY APART FOR YOUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Adoring the Good Lord each Sunday is a joyous pick-me-up for each week. In "church" we are enlivened in our fellowship with Christ and our fellow Christians. As we confess our sins and our faith—As we sing our praises—As we hear again the Gospel—As we hear and apply the Sermon--As we share the peace that Christ gives—As we eat and drink the meal in the Lord's Supper—As we pray for the needs of Faith Congregation and the needs of the Church and the world—As we depart with the blessing from God. In this adoration we "love, serve, and gather in Christ".