

From Pastor Jim's Desk – January 2016

The Challenge of the New Year 2016

The Bible in 180 Days

An Extraordinary Experience with the Word of God

The Bible holds riches untold and for the most part untapped for many Christians. That's why Pastor Jim is challenging the whole congregation of St. John Lutheran Church to commit to reading through the Bible, from cover to cover, in 180 days, as we begin the New Year 2016. This is a huge challenge, but one that is very possible if you agree to put aside the time and effort to do so daily.

Each day, Pastor Jim has identified 6 to 9 chapters of the Bible to read. Each Sunday, Pastor Jim will review what was read the previous week and answer any questions you might have from your weekly reading. This is your chance to join fellow believers of St. John to have an ***extra-ordinary experience with God's Word that will change your life forever.***

In the 180 day period, Pastor Jim has also identified 5 "Catch up Days" or "Free Days" where you can take a break without feeling guilty. These days are listed at the end of the schedule of reading.

Will you commit to reading through God's Word in 180 days? If so, watch for a coming commitment form, which you will make to God, ***and God alone,*** that you will give Him priority in your life starting January 3rd, 2016.

Walk through the Bible Class



For January 2016

In December, we continue our study of the New Testament Books, particularly the Gospels. Our Walk through the Bible Class will meet most Tuesdays in January at 1 or 7 PM. **There will be no class on January 5th.**

As we study the New Testament, this would be a good time to reconsider your participation in this class. If you have not been involved so far, I would personally ask you to think about joining our study. If you decide to join us for the first time, simply let Pastor Jim know, so that ample amount of materials can be prepared. Thank you.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 NO Bible Class | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Bible Class @ 1 & 7 PM | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Bible Class @ 1 & 7 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Bible Class @ 1 & 7 PM | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

Could You Help?

We are in need of additional volunteers to help supervise the gym rentals. This is not hard work. All one needs to do is make sure doors are open for the rental, remain on site should any questions come up and close up after the rental is over. If you can help out, either fill out the form below, or simply give Kim Koepp a call and get your name on the list. Thank You!

Volunteers are needed to supervise the gym for rentals on weeknights and weekends.

Some rentals are only a few hours and others are for an evening. You are not required to set up tables or chairs or to clean up—just be present to answer questions, lock up, and turn on/off the heat. Most times there is no money being handled. If you can help with this very important aspect of the church's ministry, please leave your name and telephone number OR contact Kim Koepp directly at 440-387-2132. Thank you!!

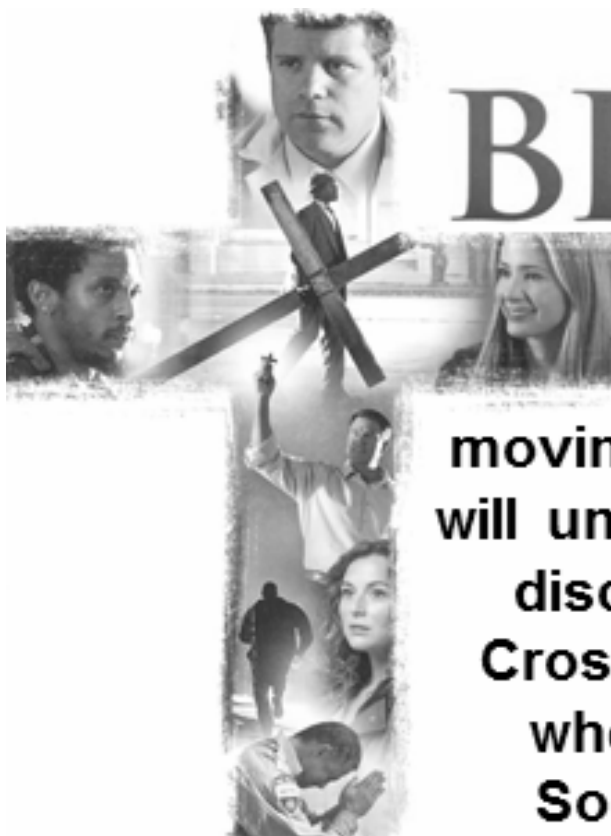
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Coming Winter Weather: If you are ever in doubt if our worship service is on or off, simply call the Church Office. If you hear the “normal” greeting, services are on as scheduled. If there is a cancellation, the first thing you hear will be Pastor Jim saying that the service has been cancelled.



Next Teaching Event in the New Year



DO YOU BELIEVE?

“The Movie”

12 different people, all moving in different directions, will unexpectedly intersect and discover the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ, even when they don't believe. So... “Do You Believe?”

On Sunday, January 17th at 7 pm, Pastor Jim will show the movie “Do you Believe?”

Louie Giglio Presents

ALIVE

Your life is a miracle, right down to the smallest molecule. Every facet of who you are has been meticulously created by the hand of God. But Jesus promised "the abundant life." Are you really living the "abundant life" or just living?

On Sunday February 21st @ 7 PM, Pastor Jim will show Giglio's two-part presentation "Alive."

"Are You Really Alive?"

Jewish Roots of Believers in Yeshua (Jesus)

FEASTS & HOLIDAYS *of the* BIBLE

On Sunday, March 20th at 7 PM, Pastor Jim will lead you to an understanding of the Jewish Feasts and Holidays and how Jesus fulfilled each one of them, especially through His Death and Resurrection.