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Lutheran Church

The Festival of Pentecost



**The Holy Spirit Comes
to Comfort and Empower the Church**



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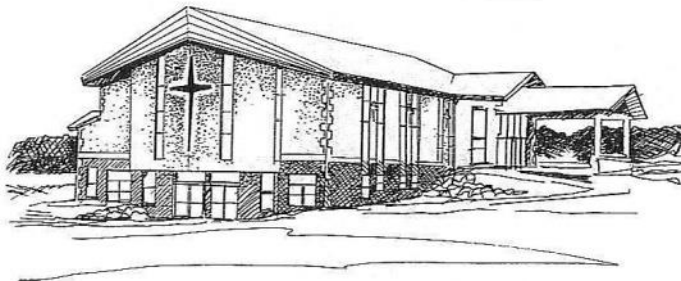
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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May 23, 2021

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 176)

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



be out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
And call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



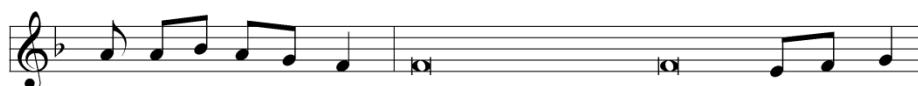
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵ Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹² They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ *Even on my servants, both men and women,*

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ *I will show wonders in the sky above,*

and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰ *The sun will be turned to darkness*

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ *And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord*
will be saved.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30)

Step by Step (with Lead Me, Lord)
Ruth Elaine Schram

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. (From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)

STAND

GOSPEL

John 14:25-27

²⁵ *“I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.*

²⁷ *“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN (CW 181 v. 1-3)

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

1 Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity!
May your power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.

2 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.

3 With our spirit, Lord, bear witness That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ² He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'"

⁵ This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸ As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live."

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' ¹² Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

The Giver of Life to Dry Bones

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10:30)

*This morning, four of our young adults become communicant members of this congregation by the Rite of Confirmation. They are:
Ava Ehlenbach, Jack Holzman, Kayden Zech, and Kourtney Zech*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you.” And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

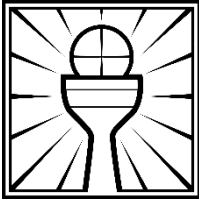
C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

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LORD’S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*The recorded service for members at home concludes here.
We continue with the sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 186)

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God



1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Re - veal - er
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, En - light - en
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, In - crease our
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Lead us to



of God's ho - ly Word, You come to us from
 us by that same Word; Un - less your grace the
 faith in our dear Lord; Teach us to know the
 love your sa - cred Word; The ho - ly flame of



God's great throne, From God the Fa - ther and the
 pow'r should give, None can be - lieve in Christ and
 Fa - ther's love And his dear Son, who reigns a -
 love im - part, That kind - ness may in - spire each



Son, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 live, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 bove, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 heart, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–68, abr., adapt.; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt.

Tune: O JESULEIN SUSS (10 8 88 10) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

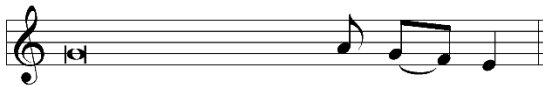
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN (9:00 a.m.) (CW 183 v. 4-5)

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

**Holy Spirit, Pow’r divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev’ry idol throne;
Reign supreme and reign alone.**

**See, to you I give my heart;
Cleanse my life in ev’ry part;
Your own temple I would be
Now and for eternity.**

CLOSING ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Go Now in Peace
Don Besig and Nancy Price

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Confirmation

Ava Ehlenbach

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and do not be terrified before them, because the LORD your God is going with you. He will not abandon you and he will not forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

Jack Holzman

“Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” Isaiah 43:1

Kayden Zech

As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14,15

Kourtney Zech

Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6,7



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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Pastor Willitz' Call

On April 18, Pastor Willitz received a divine call to serve as Pastor at St. John's in Goodhue, MN. This past Sunday May 16, he returned the call and will continue to serve here at Lord of Love Lutheran.

Please keep the congregation of St. John's Lutheran church and school in your prayers as they continue their search for a pastor.



Sunday May 23: Pentecost

The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am

For Private Communion, contact the church office to set a time.

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

Confirmation at the 10:30 service

At-Home Sunday School #13: The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman: Mike Wilson (9:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Gene Freund and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Matt Heath and Mark Heath
- Altar Guild: Candace Saidler/Erica Willitz
- Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Sunday May 30: Trinity Sunday

The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

Last Day of At-Home Sunday School #8: Paying Taxes to Caesar

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: TBA (9:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Bob Degnan
- Ushers 10:30 am: Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Candace Saidler/Erica Willitz
- Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Irie Krueger (5/23), Kayden Zech (5/24), Kourtney Zech (5/24), Dianne Dobrin (5/25), Sef Fox (5/27), Nettie Beyer (5/28), Bill Kopplin (5/28) and Veronika Turnbull (5/29) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Dave & Jen Olson (5/23), Sally & Wayne Kaalberg (5/25) and Steve & Sharon Kalscheuer (5/26) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Jack Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Sunday Devotion at 8:00 am - The Family Altar

Families of all ages are invited to this morning devotion. The group follows the format of *The Family Altar* which is available each week at the back of church, or on our website under **Devotions**. The group meets in the sanctuary.

At-Home Sunday School – May 23

Lesson: The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21

In person Sunday School and Teen group begins September 12. All children ages 4 years – 8th grade are invited. Sunday School is from 9:15 – 10:15 each Sunday during the school year. Teen group is for students in 9th – 12th grade and meets at the same time as Sunday School. To register your student, fill out the enclosed form and place in the office.

Tuesday Bible Study at 9:00 am



This **Tuesday, May 25th**, we begin a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. “Gospel” means “good news”! The good news Mark brings us is Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. In a world that constantly unsettles us with bad news, Mark’s good news offers us lasting peace and joy! Bring

your Bible and join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00! The group meets downstairs and uses the lower doors. Coffee is served.

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm

Topic: Man: From Glory to Ashes and Back

This study meets in the sanctuary.

Friday Breakfast/Bible Study at 6:00 am

Topic: Acts

The group meets each Friday morning at the DeForest Family Restaurant. (505 W. North Street, DeForest) Breakfast is at 6:00 am with the study starting at approx. 6:50 am.

