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# Eastminster Messenger

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## “What Are You Looking For?”



Last Sunday was Baptism of the Lord Sunday and we looked at Matthew’s account of the baptism of Jesus. We discovered that of the four gospels, it’s only Matthew who includes the dialogue that takes place between John the Baptist and Jesus. The other accounts are different from his.

This Sunday, we’ll take a look at one of the other accounts of that event that is also different – in a different way. John’s gospel is generally quite different from all three of the others – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The primary reason for that is that Mark serves as the first gospel and Matthew and Luke quite obviously had some version of his when they were writing theirs. John’s, however, seems to stand on its own and takes a very different approach.

This is evident in his account of the baptism of Jesus. It’s rather fascinating to see how he tells the story. He does so after the fact. In other words, he tells us the story by having John the Baptist share his recollection of the event with his own followers. It ends up being a fascinating way of looking at, not only the baptism of Jesus, but also the way the first disciples ended up following him.

Read John 1:29-42 where we find Jesus asking a very provocative question that we should all consider – “What Are You Looking For?”

Blessings,  
Dennis



## Prayers & Concerns



**Please pray for the following individuals:**

Walt Lowe, Jane Williams, Ray Schaefer, Austin Smith, Steve Robinson, Barbara, Jennifer Lanham, Jay Koller, & Jergen Hans.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Next Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It’s a national holiday and a holiday we observe at Eastminster. Interestingly, a case can be made for this holiday being one of only two national holidays that are both religious and secular, the other being Thanksgiving.

Virtually every other holiday is either one or the other. Think about it – President’s Day, Valentine’s Day, Memorial Day, Easter, Pentecost, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Independence Day, Flag Day, Halloween, Christmas, Reformation Day, Veteran’s Day, New Year’s Day – are all either a religious observance or a secular one.

Thanksgiving and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day both combine our religious and secular heritage as a nation. This year, the Sunday prior to our observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day happens to fall on the actual day it is set aside to observe – the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was born on January 15, 1929. His impact on the moral conscience of our nation continues to live on and changes that were brought about because of his courage and unwavering perseverance have profoundly changed us all. In honor of that impact, it is fitting that our church office will be closed next Monday as all Americans unite together in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



## *Chancel Flowers*

The new chancel flower calendar for 2017 is available for you to select your special date(s). Due to “Accent on Flowers” closing we will now be using “I Can Arrange That” florist. The new price is \$40.00.

**Sunday, January 15, 2017**

**8:00 A.M. SERVICE**  
**LITURGIST**  
Tony McClees

**USHER**  
Rebecca Conen

**10:30 A.M. SERVICE**  
**LITURGIST**  
Patti Garcia

**HEAD USHER**  
Mel Ellsperman

**USHERS & GREETERS**  
John & Carol Oglesby  
Ron & Patsy Sproatt  
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

**ACOLYTE**  
Tyler Kuhs

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Annie Engelbrecht

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## YOUTH NEWS

The youth group is still collecting new (unopened) socks for the homeless in the Evansville area. All sizes are needed from infant to adult. Please place socks in the big green barrel located in the Narthex or bring to the church office. Thank you for your help!



**STARWARS PARTY THIS SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 14TH!!!**



**OFFICE HOURS &  
BAD MOVIE NIGHT**

Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

### YOUTH GROUP

Every Sunday beginning at 6:30 PM in the Place

Master Commander Out!



Free HP 920 ink cartridge for printer. Call the church if you are in need.

Please continue to save your Campbell's products labels and you Box Top for Education labels for EPW. Drop them off in the kitchen in the box on microwave. These labels benefit the Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM, in honor of graduate Vitoria Humphrey



## Common Sense in Inclement Weather

Why does it always seem to happen on Saturday night – Sunday morning?! It's probably not really that way, but it seems as though winter storms come at the most inconvenient time for regular worship.



Many of us are left asking if we should try to venture out or stay home. Be assured that we will always be here and our Sunday morning schedule will remain the same. That being said, though, there are many times that a good number of folks should probably err on the side of caution and remain inside.



Remember – on those Sundays when you're not sure if it's wise to try to venture out, you're probably better off staying at home and staying safe! We know you're here with us in spirit!

## Wanted & Needed!



### Toddler Bed Needed

If you have a toddler bed that you no longer need and could donate to the church, please contact Mary. Thank you!

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

January 22 - Tim Fiedler

January 29 - Jarid Shofstall

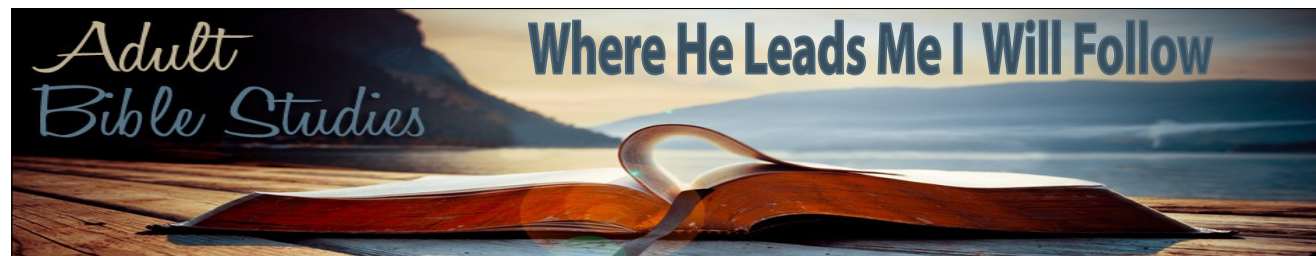
February 5 - 8 AM Dorothy Mans  
10:30 AM Karla Horrell

February 12 - Steve Fritz

February 19 - Gary Van Zandt

February 28 - 8 AM Tony McClees  
10:30 AM Shannon Irmscher

# Christian Education



As we continue our theme of learning "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," where can we find better example of people following God leading than in the lives of the disciples. Where can we find a better example of people walking in faith through open doors than when the disciples began to establish the early church as found in the Acts of the Apostles.

Perhaps that is why all three of our Adult Sunday School classes chose to study the Acts of the Apostles for the beginning of the new year.

Teacher of the Pioneer Class, Jim Van Cleave, meeting in room 101 states:

*"The book of Acts is full of the energy and excitement of the early Christians as they found God doing new things all over the place. They spread this Good News of Jesus all around the world. Acts shows the joy, conflicts, puzzles and problems that confronted the early church. These same problems and celebrations are found in contemporary churches."*

*Luke presented this story where Jesus is the principle actor in a play where the action on the stage crucially depends on a person whom the audience never actually sees. A play where the audience finds themselves in the middle of the action. There is no ending to the play because the story is still being written as we are part of this never ending story."*

Teacher of the adult class meeting in room 205, Rev. Dennis Davenport, began his classes new study by looking at passages from Acts last Sunday. He says his class "will be engaged in "Revision" that challenges us to look at who we are as a church and what really matters to us – individually and corporately. We'll be examining various aspects of our faith to determine what's essential, what's equivocal and what's expendable.

*Following that study, we will perhaps be moving into a series entitled "Becoming a Good Samaritan," based on a video series featuring as wide-ranging a group of individuals as can possibly be imagined. The series will feature both theological, political and social conservatives and liberals who all share a common commitment to Jesus Christ that compels them to act in His name in a variety of ways. Throughout it all, we will be challenged to examine who we are as Christians and how we are living out our faith in our daily lives.*

The Eastminster 201 Sunday School Class teacher Mike Lee, will also be leading in a study of Acts using the William Barclay Commentary. Mike says, "Using various resources, we look forward to having hearty discussions on the subject of Acts, Luke's role in writing Acts and how that affected the early church. Feel free to join us in room 201 as we dive in to one of the most important books of the Bible."

Why not join one of these classes this Sunday? A chair, a smile and a warm welcome await you. All classes meet each Sunday at 9 a.m. and last for one hour. Bibles will be provided if needed.



Do you find it difficult to set and keep healthy boundaries in your life? Do you have trouble knowing when to say yes and when to say no? Do you find the days do not have enough hours and you do not have enough energy?

A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible and those things for which we are not. Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Boundaries define who we are and who we are not.

Boundaries impact all areas of our lives. Physical boundaries help us determine who may touch us and under what circumstances. Mental boundaries give us the freedom to have our own thoughts and opinions. Emotional boundaries help us to deal with our own emotions and disengage from the harmful, manipulative emotions of others. Spiritual boundaries help us to distinguish God's will from our own and give us renewed awe for our Creator.

Often, Christians focus so much on being loving and unselfish that they forget their own limits and limitations. We will be offering a 1 hour, 9 week course that provides biblically-based answers on how to set healthy boundaries with our parents, spouses, children, friends, co-workers, and even ourselves. If you are interested in being part of this study, contact Emma Sue Davenport for the dates and times. We will need seven people enrolled for the class to take place.