

Fall Worship Series: Villains in the Bible

Earlier this year in *Do Something Superheroes* Vacation Bible School, we looked at some of the “Heroes of Faith” in the Bible. But every great heroic story also needs great villains! The Bible is no exception. **Beginning Sunday, September 20, join us for six weeks of looking at stories of “Villains in the Bible.”**

- September 20: *The Serpent*
- September 27: *The Pharaoh*
- October 4: *The Fallen Hero*
- October 11: *The Crown*
- October 17: *The Devil*
- October 25: *The Crowd*

By exploring these villains’ stories, we’ll better learn how to discern the evil in our world today. And as we notice the evil around us, we can then reflect on how God and God’s people respond to the abuses of power with transformative love and liberation. Evil is a reality in our broken world, but it never gets the last word. **God is greater than any villain.**

A new worship series offers a great opportunity to invite a friend to come join you for worship. Or, if it’s been a while since you’ve been here, make the commitment to grow in faith this fall by coming to worship. Services are 8:30 at Christ the King or 10:30 at Living Hope, and there’s a place for you here! Miss a week? Catch up on our YouTube page at youtube.com/@pwslutherans or [listen to the sermon podcast.](#)



Herod believed that
might makes right.
Jesus showed that
another kind of
Kingdom is actually
stronger.

—REV. DEREK TRONSGARD

The Devil tries every
trick in the book — and
none of them work.

—REV. DEREK TRONSGARD



You come to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression
and rule in equity.

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Growing in Faith

*Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching...
Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.*
—1 Timothy 4:13, 15

How do you grow in faith? One key way is through worship, gathering together week after week to hear God's word, sing praises, listen to a sermon, receive Holy Communion, and pray. Discipleship is formed in worship. Each week we're fed and nourished, then sent out to live out our faith.

Another way we grow in faith is through studying Scripture with other people. One of my seminary professors loved to refer to talk about "Loving God with your mind." Between our two congregations, we have an abundance of opportunities to gather for conversation, fellowship, and study beyond Sunday morning worship services.

This summer, we've focused a lot on our call to "Do Something" and how we live out our faith by serving others. Following Jesus as a disciple involves action, using your time, resources, and abilities to love your neighbors.

Now as we enter a new season, I want to invite you to "Learn Something." **Our fall newsletter highlights a variety of opportunities we offer to help you grow in faith.** Of course, our churches do many other things too (Stone Soup, Family Promise, Choir, Food Pantries, just to name a few) but this month we're focusing on education. Discipleship involves action, but our action is rooted in faith. As Christ the King's mission statement says, we are about the work of "Nurturing Faith." At Living Hope, we are "Alive in Faith."

As you peruse these opportunities, I hope you'll find something you can check out and perhaps get involved in. **I want to highlight that everything in here is open to both Living Hope and Christ the King folks** (we're "Stronger Together!"), as well as to newcomers not yet connected to either congregation. Maybe one of these is the perfect opportunity for you to invite a friend or neighbor to come with you to explore faith questions together!

Finally, there are many topics and opportunities for Christian education and small groups happening already, but there are always more topics to explore. What would you like to focus on in the future? Let me know if you have particular areas of faith you'd like to explore.

In Christ,
Pastor Daniel

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Dig deeper into your faith and apply God's word to your life beyond Sunday mornings! Each Sunday following worship at Christ the King, grab some refreshments and stay for a small group study. This month concludes a study on the Prime Video series, "House of David" exploring powerful themes of faith, obedience, and courage. Watch for more information coming soon on the next topic.

Wednesday Men's Group

Each Wednesday morning at 9:30 am, men's group meets at the McDonald's in Saukville. Although they haven't solved all the world's problems (yet), they enjoy coffee, conversation, and good company. There is always room at the table for more!



Do Something Summer of Service

This summer, Living Hope and Christ the King focused on living out our love for God by serving our neighbors. Together, over 100 people contributed over 700 hours of community service through large events like *Do Something Superheroes* Vacation Bible School, the Lighthouse service trip to Nashville, and the adult mission trip to Chicago, as well as local service projects through The Food Pantry, Ozaukee Food Alliance, Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, and more!

On Sunday, August 23, our two Lutheran congregations along with First Congregational Church gathered at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church to worship together and celebrate what God was up to through our work this summer.

Remember, there's a lot of hurt in this world and no one can do everything, but **everyone can do something!**

DO SOMETHING



MomCo

Being mom to little ones is wonderful, and it's also really challenging at times. But you're not on this journey alone! MomCo is a local community for moms who want connection, encouragement, and real friendships. Meetups are first and third Wednesdays at 9:00 am at Living Hope, and include conversation, learning, relationships, food, and childcare.

This year's MomCo theme is "Good Company" and it's about the people you choose to keep close. The kind of friends who shape your life and help you become the woman God is calling you to be. Not curated, but authentic. Real, analog friendships. Learn more at livinghopesaukville.org/momco.



Hearts to Hands



Do you learn best when your hands are busy? On first and third Thursdays from 10:00 - 12:00 at Living Hope, Hearts to Hands comes together to knit and crochet hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and prayer shawls to be donated to anyone in need of warmth and prayer. At the same time, this group digs into God's word through video-based studies and good conversation.

Starting October 1, this group will be doing a study entitled *When God Doesn't Fix It* by Laura Story. Laura shares her journey through her husband's diagnosis of a brain tumor and how it changed her life, bringing her into a deeper intimacy with God and letting God rewrite her story.

One Voice in Prayer Community Prayer Group

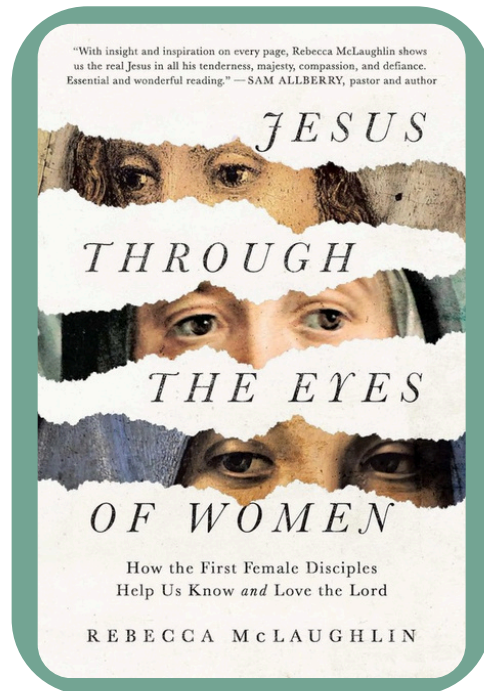
Want to develop a closer personal relationship with our Creator, but not sure where to begin? Join us in a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere to pray for our neighbors, creation, and this world God loves. While this is not a Bible or book study group, coming together in prayer means connecting with God—the source of all knowledge—and listening for the nudging of the Holy Spirit. One Voice in Prayer meets first Wednesdays at Christ the King at 9:30 am.



Sister Circle

Sister Circle is an ecumenical group welcoming women of all faiths to share our faiths, support each other, and explore the friendship of sisters in faith. Sister Circle meets on the third Thursday each month (except December) at 7:00 pm at Christ the King. This year's book is *Jesus Through the Eyes of Women: How the First Female Disciples Help Us Know and Love the Lord* by Rebecca McLaughlin.

Wherever Jesus went, women sought him out. They sat at his feet and tugged at his robes. They came to him for healing, for forgiveness, and for answers. So, what did women see in this first century Jewish rabbi and what can learn as we look through their eyes today? By entering the stories of the named and unnamed women in the Gospels, this book gives readers a unique lens to see Jesus as these women did and marvel at how he loved them in return.



Sunday School

Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity for kids to learn more about the love and word of God through stories, crafts, games, and other age-appropriate, hands-on activities. And it's a lot of fun too! We offer Sunday School for kids age 3 through 5th grade, and friends are always welcome!

Living Hope's Sunday School is before worship each week of the school year from 9:15-10:15. Christ the King's Sunday School meets after the worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9:45.

Rachel Circle

Focusing on friendship, community, and faith exploration, Rachel Circle is a monthly women's Bible Study group meeting at Christ the King. There are two options each month: An afternoon gathering on second Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and an evening gathering on second Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Studies use the Women of the ELCA's *Gather Magazine*.

This fall's study is *Bold Faith on an Unexpected Journey*, by Rev. Tiffany Chaney. Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained, and sent to carry good news into the world. Winter studies will focus on the prophets Amos and Micah.



Daily Devotionals

One way to grow in faith is to intentionally spend a few moments each day in prayer and Scripture. Daily devotionals help you to frame your day and notice God's presence in your life. If you're looking for something new to use for a daily devotional, here are a few free options:

- **GodPause** is a daily email devotion from Luther Seminary. Each week has a different writer and looks ahead to Sunday's lectionary readings. Daily emails include Scripture, a brief reflection, and a prayer.



luthersem.edu/godpause

- Available at CTK, **Christ in Our Home** is a quarterly printed devotional encouraging readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily Scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary.

- **d365** is a free daily devotion app following a five-step format – Pause, Listen, Think, Pray, Go. Included in each day are Scripture passages, devotional thoughts, a prayer prompt to expand into your own conversation with God, and a call to action launching you from this moment toward acting on what you have heard.



d365.org

- **Sound Bites** (*this one is Pastor Daniel's favorite*). This weekday email devotion includes a Scripture verse as well as inspirational quotes about faith and life from a variety of authors and sources.



soundbitesministry.blogspot.com

Bonus Resource for Exploring Faith:

Curious about digging deeper into a story, character, or even a whole book of the Bible?

Enter the Bible is a wonderful resource from Luther Seminary designed to help everyday disciples and spiritual seekers engage Scripture in ways that are thoughtful, accessible, and faithful—with an aim to encourage and strengthen faith in the God revealed in the Old and New Testaments. Check out resources for each book of the Bible, podcasts, timelines, and online courses, all for free.



enterthebible.org

Church Council

Are you curious about the range of ministries we do together as a church? Are you interested in the nuts and bolts of how ministry happens? Please prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to serve in a new leadership role as a member of the Church Council.



The council meets monthly, and roughly every third meeting is a joint council meeting with both Living Hope and Christ the King councils together. Members are elected at the congregational annual meeting in January. Talk to Pastor Daniel or any current council member for more information.

Here We Grow 25th Anniversary Celebration

Here We Grow Preschool & Childcare was founded in 2001, which means 2026 is our 25th year of serving working families in our community with childcare, preschool, elementary day camps, and more!

All Living Hope and Christ the King members, as well as the whole community are invited to **join us Sunday, September 20, from 4:00 - 6:30 to celebrate!** The party includes a free community supper and dessert, family games and bounce houses, a silent auction fundraiser, and an opportunity to look through photos and reminisce about how Here We Grow has grown and expanded over its first 25 years.

Polka Service

Join us at Christ the King for a Polka Worship Service on Saturday, October 17, followed by a German Supper of bratwurst, sauerkraut, and German potato salad.



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OCTOBER 17, 2026

**4PM POLKA WORSHIP
SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A
GERMAN SUPPER**



Upcoming Blood Drives

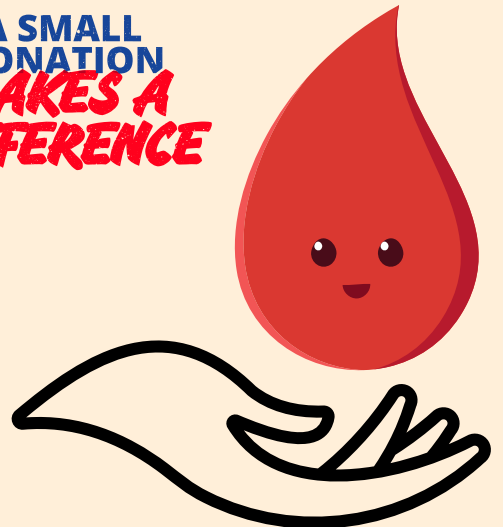
We're excited to announce that Christ the King will be hosting three American Red Cross blood drives in the coming months! Mark your calendars and consider giving the gift of life to someone in need.

- Tuesday, November 17th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 12th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 16th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Each donation can make a meaningful difference in the life of someone in our community. Whether you've donated before or this will be your first time, we invite you to give blood and save a life!

More details and sign-up information will be shared as each blood drive approaches. We hope you'll join us in this important ministry of caring for others.

**A SMALL
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**





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FOLLOWED BY COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

Lighthouse

Our congregations are part of Lighthouse Youth Ministry, an ecumenical collaborative supported by five churches of three denominations, and any and all youth in grades 5-12 from Port Washington, Saukville and the surrounding area to participate in group activities, fun events, and service projects. Come explore faith and life questions in a safe, fun, and supportive community.

In addition to the big events like service trips and retreats, each month includes a "Lighthouse Life Night" of games, conversation, and activities centered around a particular faith topic. This year will highlight different aspects of spiritual growth including prayer, worship, and how faith impacts daily life. Visit lighthouseyouth.org/events for the current schedule.

