



"Together in Christ's love, we joyfully serve, actively witness, and dedicate ourselves to caring, teaching, and growing through the Word."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, U.A.C.

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JULY 2024

EIGHT RULES ON HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

THE FIFTH RULE—LOOK FOR THE INTENDED MEANING

In the Middle Ages, the most popular way of understanding a Bible passage was to look for four meanings in the text — the one the author intended for his readers to find and other “deeper” meanings. The problem Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers found with this method is that it allowed people to find anything they wished to find in the Bible. So they insisted on this principle—“there is one intended meaning in each passage.”

They observed that God used human beings, using human language, to speak to His people. To understand what God wants us to believe, we find that original message by paying attention to the author’s words, sentences, paragraphs, grammar, and figures of speech. We look at the kind of literature it is. Is it intended as history, poetry, a letter to someone, or a sermon? What were the customs of that time and place? Most of the time, we do this out of habit. However, a good “Study Bible” is beneficial with these efforts when we do a serious study of a passage.

When most Christians talk about interpreting the Bible literally, they do not mean that we should always take it at face value. It means to understand it according to the words—what the author intended it to say to his readers. So, no one thinks that when Isaiah said—“**the trees clapped their hands**” [Isaiah 55:12], cedars literally grew limbs and clapped. They understand it to be poetry to describe how they move in the wind. When we read the Bible, we know what its meaning is when we study the book, its literature and context. Is it written as a letter or a history? Or is it written as poetry, parable, or similar kinds of writing?

So, this rule tells us to work to find the meaning the author intended to send. It is that message that God wants us to hear and believe. We assume that the passage has only one of these meanings, unless the text tells us otherwise.

Next Month, we will look at the Sixth Rule—Location, Location, Location

God Bless,

Pastor Barlau



MEN OF FAITH—8 AM SATURDAY, JULY 6—all men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and study.



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST—8:30 AM THURSDAY, JULY 11—all are invited. So we can have enough tablespace, please call Gertie B., 785-571-7153.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY—9 AM THURSDAY, JULY 18—LifeLight is a series of in-depth Bible studies. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ, enjoy fellowship with the members of His body, and reach out in love to others in witness and service.

SALINA RESCUE MISSION—5:45 PM TUESDAY, JULY 16—We will be providing chapel service and helping serve a meal. All are invited to serve. Contact Chris Bielefeld if you have any questions.

SEMINARIAN TREVOR FLANICK AND FAMILY VISITING FAITH—SUNDAY, JULY 21



QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING—10:15 AM SUNDAY, JULY 21—following the worship service. All members 18 & older are eligible to vote. Please make it a priority to be involved in the life and mission of your church.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB—3 PM SUNDAY, JULY 28—Book club will meet in the church basement. They will be discussing *The Lady's Mine* by Francine Rivers. Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (785-479-7013) if you would like more information.



Faith Lutheran has a "prayer chain"

To begin a prayer request, call Kathy Minneman (785-819-2167) or Pastor Barlau (785-263-1842). If you would like to be added as a caller to the prayer chain, please speak with Kathy.



MID-WEEK BEGINS—5:15 PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21—the start of Midweek classes is around the corner! Wednesday, August 21st is our first midweek. There will be a meal provided before study.




RALLY DAY—SUNDAY, AUGUST 18—God's Word is the wisdom that builds Christians in faith and righteousness! Join us as we begin a new Christian Education Year.

NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE—I am working on getting the newsletter out for each month by the last Sunday of the prior month. I am asking for all items that will be included in the newsletter to be submitted to the office by the 15th of every month to give me time to get it completed in a timely manner. Also, any announcements for the bulletin need to please be submitted by Tuesday at noon. Thank you all for helping me with this! Tiffany Rahe

MINISTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY—JC Pregnancy Center is hiring for the salaried ministry position of Nurse Manager. On-the-job training in ultrasound and other skills for this specialty can be provided. Contact JCPC's Executive Director at 785-579-5799, or jcpc@jcpcclife.com; www.jcpcpregnancycenter.com

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July Anniversaries

Scott & Debbie Jenne	7-9-1994		Shannan & Heather Bohannon	7-29-2005
Chris & Rachel Barlau	7-18-2020		Matt & Heather Gustin	7-29-2006
Kirk & Sharon Byarlay	7-24-1981		Mike & Laurie Aufdemberge	7-29-2011
Lyle & Ella Westendorf	7-28-1984			



FAITHFUL SERVANTS FOR JULY



Elder: C. Eaton

Organist: K. Gilchrist

Altar Guild: A. Kuntz & T. Rahe

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, July 7 - 9:00 am	E. Horsfall	C. Ascher	K. Bowers & L. Bowers
Sunday, July 14 – 9:00 pm	M. Jenne	M. Aufdemberge	R. Hayes & C. Bielefeld
Sunday, July 21 - 9:00 am	M. Rogge	L. Brake	K. Horsfall & M. Aufdemberge
Sunday, July 28 - 9:00 am	M. Kuntz	J. Rippert	C. Bielefeld & R. Sanders

NOTE: A master assignment list reflecting any changes will be posted in the upstairs office/cry room.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FLC Firework Stand Open 9 am - 9 pm	1	2	3	4 FLC Firework Stand Open 7 am - 4 pm	5 1 pm Elder's Meeting	6 8 am Men of Faith Breakfast
7 THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service	8	9 6:30 pm Book of Concord Monthly Study	10 11:30-1 pm Lunch with Pastor	11 8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast 6/6:30 pm Council/Boards	12	13
14 THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service	15 <i>August Calendar items due</i>	16 5:45pm Salina Rescue Mission	17 11:30-1 pm Lunch with Pastor	18 9 am LifeLight Bible Study	19	20
21 THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service 10:15 am Quarterly Voter's Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service 3pm Book Club	29	30	31			