

Goodbye Summer!



September 2014

Back
to
School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Back to school</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>LABOR DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED</p>	<p>2 11:00 am - Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Bethania Ladies Auxiliary meets 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Young Adults</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am - Worship Committee</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 pm - Food Bank</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 11AM - WORSHIP SERVICE Gospel of Mark Sermon Series Speaker: Pastor Gary Martens Text: Mark 2:18-22 W.L: Leni Lousier Music: Klassen Family/ Piano - Trudy Voth 12Noon - Homecoming Lunch in Lower Auditorium</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 pm - Quilting Bees meet 7:00 pm - Mission Choir sings @ Bethania</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 am - Friendship Bible Coffee 1:00 - 3:30 pm - Community Kitchen 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Young Adults</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm - COUNCIL MEETS 7:30 - 9:30 pm - Youth</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Youth September</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Camping Trip 12-14</p>
<p>14 Cong. Constitution Meeting 11AM - WORSHIP SERVICE Gospel of Mark Sermon Series Speaker: Pastor Gary Martens Text: Mark 4:1-20 W.L: Kim Zacharias Music: Praise & Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 - 8:30 pm - Pioneer Boys Registration</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am - Friendship Bible Coffee 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Young Adults</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 pm - Caregivers meet 7:30 - 9:30 pm - Youth-Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 pm - Food Bank</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Cong. Constitution Meeting 11AM - WORSHIP SERVICE Gospel of Mark Sermon Series Speaker: Elisabeth Franz-Warkentin Text: Mark 8:1-21 W.L: James White Music: Corrina Voth & Trudy Voth</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 pm - Willing Helpers meet 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Pioneer Boys Meet</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 - 3:30 pm - Community Kitchen 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Young Adults</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30pm - Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry meet @ Alice Pound's 7:30 - 9:30 pm - Youth-Games Night</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 10am - Mission Choir serves at Bethania Personal Care Home 11AM - WORSHIP SERVICE Gospel of Mark Sermon Series Speaker: Pastor Gary Martens Text: Mark 10:32-52 W.L: Jennifer Toews-Grislis Music: Carol Martens & Trudy Voth</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:00 pm - Quilting Bees meet 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Pioneer Boys Meet</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 am - Friendship Bible Coffee 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Young Adults</p>	<p>Adult Sunday School Classes begin Sept. 28th at 9:45 am. Children's Sunday School Registration is Sept. 28th.</p>		<p>Welcome Back Class!</p>	

“The Gospel of Mark: The Way”

Part of our self-definition as Anabaptist Christians is that we are people of the word. This means that we work at knowing our Bibles so that we can better follow the way of Jesus. To help us work at this, the Worship Committee has decided to focus on the Gospel of Mark this fall. Beginning Sept 7, we will take six Sundays to work through the book, inviting you to read ahead in preparation. Here is our schedule:

Date	Sermon Text (Mark)	Read in Preparation	Sermon Focus
Sept 7	2:18-22	1:1-3:6	A time for change: following Jesus
Sept 14	4:1-20	3:7-6:6	Learning to listen: the kingdom of God
Sept 21	8:1-21	6:7-8:26	Understanding who Jesus is
Sept 28	10:32-52	8:27-10:52	what it means to follow Jesus
Oct 12	11:12-21	11:1-13:37	the function of the church (the world)
Oct 26	14:55-62; 15:25-30, 37-39; 16:2,5-7	14:1-16:20	the way of the cross (finding life)

In the Gospel of Mark, John Mark, relying on the apostle Peter for his information, takes us on a fast paced look at the character and life of Jesus. The theme of the book is wrapped up in Mark 1:15, “The time has come, the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”. The book is a life-giving invitation to embrace the true Jesus, and the message of the kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Mark does not have a clear outline, it is written more thematically than chronologically, more like a series of sermons than the story of Jesus ministry on earth. The only clear break in the book is at 8:26. Before this the writer talks about Jesus and his ministry in Galilee, and afterwards the focus is on Jerusalem, Jesus passion, and the call for us to be disciples

There are several themes which are woven throughout the book:

- Salvation, God is at work in Jesus bringing people back to himself
- The kingdom of God, which has come in Jesus with power
- Jesus and his message, which is seen though his preaching, and his miracles
- Discipleship, a radical call to follow Jesus in a new way of life.

You are invited to read ahead in the gospel in preparation for each Sunday, and come prepared to allow this book to touch and change your life.