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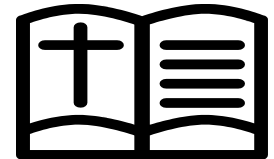
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GOOD HOPE WOMEN OF THE ELCA



CIRCLE

Morning Circle

WHEN

Thurs., Sept. 12 @ 9:15 a.m.

WHERE

Church

Study Leader: Pastor John Hostess: Carole Tuecke

COMMUNION SET-UP FOR SEPTEMBER:

Harold & Sandra Harms

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:

September 8: Donovan & Karla Beenken

September 22: Sam & Pam Schmidt

COMMUNION HELPER: Sue Heyer

SEPTEMBER USHERS: Rob Brandt, Jeff Hofbauer,
Kenn Larson & Nick Trunkhill

SEPTEMBER KITCHEN DUTIES: Laurie Harms

ALTAR FLOWERS:

September 8: Sue Thilges

September 15, 22 & 29 : Dawn Schutter



September 2024

What was Jesus why?

People who are hearing and learning about Jesus for the first time often wonder about Jesus' motives. They wonder what reasons did Jesus have to step towards people? Some people put the question this way, "What was Jesus why?"

Maybe the best way to answer that question is to look at a story about Jesus' and a desperate mother. Mark tells us this mom came looking for Jesus (Mark 7:24). But Jesus said he wasn't looking for this woman or her daughter. This mom needed help. Her daughter was troubled by an unclean spirit and this mom trusted that Jesus would meet her deepest need. But when Jesus met her his response was harsh. He spoke about his mission to his own people. Jesus said he came for the people of Israel. And fact is this women and her daughter weren't Israelites. This mother, no matter how desperate, came from a different faith and a different ethnic group. She was Syrophoenician.

Jesus talked about this woman and her daughter with harsh words. He literally said the food shouldn't be thrown to the dogs but given to the children. It sounded like Jesus was saying no. It sounded like Jesus saw the lines between different groups in his homeland and Jesus wasn't going to step over the lines. But this woman knew Jesus could help. Even his harsh words did not deter her faith. Jesus was her daughter's best hope. She came to the one person she believed could help and he did.

What's our why?

One of the biggest questions for churches today is what's our why?

There is no doubt churches in North America have changed a lot in the last 50 years. And many people wonder "What comes next?" Our 3 congregations have changed and still are changing as our area changes. In the middle of change it's good to look towards Jesus and the new life he came to brings.

Jesus came bringing hope for hopeless people—and following him means sharing the hope with hopeless people in our world today. In so many ways we can look at the faith of this desperate mother and see the hope that we have for ourselves and our families—and this hope in Jesus is exactly what we are called to share. A desperate mom came to Jesus, and so can anyone, trusting that He is the answer to our deepest needs. There's a lesson in this mother's faith for all of us today.

Thanks for your partnership,
Pastor John Heille

September 2024: 10-minute Bible study

Geography and local history played a huge part in Jesus' ministry and the stories we have about him in the 4 gospels.

In Jesus day the land we often call Israel was home to different ethnic groups and religions. Many empires conquered the Holy land and each of these different empire moved groups of people in and out of Holy land. When an empire fell small ethnic settlements and religious communities would be left behind as another new empire took over.

Mark 7:24-30 tells a story about Jesus' traveling in the northern border lands of Israel. In Jesus day Rome was the imperial power—but there were many other groups of people scattered throughout the Roman provinces of Judea and Syria. Mark 7 tells the story of a woman was from a small ethnic group, a Syrophenician. This woman descended from a long-forgotten empire—the Phoenicians were at their greatest power around 2000 BC. And all those years later her small group remained. She was definitely not one of Jesus people. But she was desperate.

What was Jesus' initial response to her plea for help?

What reason did she have to not give up?

How is her faith an example for people 2000 years later?

How did Jesus respond to her faith in him?

Mark 7:31-37 tells a story about Jesus traveling next to a region of ten Greek cities called the Decapolis. Jesus wasn't among his own people; but he came bringing hope and healing. And he met a man who couldn't hear.

What was Jesus response to the man's needs?

Jesus asked that no one to talk about this miracle, but the people couldn't contain the story. Why do you think they just had to talk about this miracle?



Rally Day 2024
will kick off the 2024-2025
Sunday School Year
with a Rally Day Celebration on
Sunday, September 15th at 9:15 a.m.
Followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

All children ages 3 and up are invited to attend Sunday School.
You do not need to pre-register and children are welcome to attend any time.

We love having visitors!
Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. each week.

More details will be posted on the
Good Hope Lutheran Church website, Facebook page,
and the Good Hope Lutheran Sunday School Facebook page.
Please contact Vicky Nelson if you have any questions. 515-928-7152





CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation program is a three year program,
6th through 8th grade. Classes will start on
Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope
**ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS OR A GRANDPARENT
are asked to attend!**

YOUTH GROUP

(Good Hope, Immanuel & St. John's)
Open to all youth 6th grade and up
Sunday, September 8, 2024
Meet at Good Hope at 6:00 p.m.



**Parents and interested adults are strongly
encouraged to attend!**

Let's get off to a great start this year!
Youth nights will happen the 2nd Sunday of Every month at 6:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!



*The Good Hope Women of the ELCA
are serving a brunch of scrambled eggs (gluten free
available), breakfast ham, frozen fruit cups,
muffins (gluten free available), orange juice and coffee
on Sunday, September 29th from
11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*



*There will be sign-up sheets in the back of the church for food
donations and workers on September 8th, 15th & 22nd.*

*Please be generous with the food donations
and donating your time! Thank you!*

*All proceeds from your FREE WILL
donation will be given to the
Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund*





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Return Service Requested

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Prayer for Students & Teachers



Dear Heavenly Father,
Please guide and direct our
students and teachers as they
begin a new school year.

Lord, wrap your arms around them
and put them in your hands.

Please protect them.

Give them the wisdom they need
to be successful.

Give them the dedication and
determination they need for a great
school year. Help them to have a
smile on their face and to treat
others the way you would want
them to.



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