

*“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”*  
(Psalm 1:1-3)

**Getting into the Word.** Every Lutheran pastor urges it, and many Lutheran congregations offer a wide variety of Bible Classes.

Yet life is busy for most of us. Schedules are hectic. We can't always make it to the scheduled classes, and our church may not be able to start another study for us. So we need other ways to make Bible studies available to more people. I pray the Web can be one such way.

We are posting Bible studies we have used here at Peace Lutheran Church, Houghton, Michigan. These are studies that I have prepared over the years. I offer them freely with two disclaimers and one request.

- 1) **Disclaimer:** Solomon once wrote, *“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.”* (Ecclesiastes 1:9) In my personal files, I have notes going back some 30 + years. From High School, College, and Seminary. From Pastoral Conferences papers. From Summer Quarter. From Pastoral Institutes. From papers and books. From extensive personal Bible study. I always try to be careful in citing sources used in Bible studies. I pray I haven't missed any such proper credit.
- 2) **Disclaimer:** I typically teach these classes myself. So I see no need to prepare a teacher's guide. I have in my head the answers toward which I'm steering the class. At this point, because of time constraints, I'm not planning on posting teacher's guides on this sight. Despite that, I'm hoping these studies can be of some small benefit to God's people.
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*John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*