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The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45AM

Sunday Worship There will be Sunday School for all ages at 9:45AM. We invite you to join us for Worship in-person or on YouTube & Facebook Sunday Morning at 10:45 AM. This week we follow Paul through Thessalonica, Berea, and into Athens. In Athens, Paul proclaims the good news in an unusual way as he speaks with educated men who are far from God. Acts 17 shows us how to find common ground with unbelievers who are all around us.

Camp Joy Annual Supper April 23 5:00PM

Women's Clothing Swap April 27 6:30PM

Loomis Baccalaureate will be Sunday April 30 at 7:00PM

"Come One...Come All! VBS is coming May 22-26! 9:00AM

Question 26

What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good. Colossians 1:19–20 (New City Catechism)

April Memory Verse *1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures*

In 2023 we will be using the Navigators 5X5X5 New Testament Reading Plan as we seek to know God and his grace more. You can find the plan [HERE](#)

[\[navigators.org\]](https://navigators.org/).

April 24	Matthew 8	April 27	Matthew 11
April 25	Matthew 9	April 28	Matthew 12
April 26	Matthew 10		

Seek First! *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. [Matthew 6:33]* Are you reading God's word daily? As followers of Christ we have the privilege to hear from the Lord continually through his word. And yet, it is often difficult to make scripture reading a priority. We find time for social media, TV, and Netflix but then "forget" to read the Bible. The plan above is intended to motivate us to read through the New Testament together this year. If you have kept up—Great! If not, start today. Don't worry about catching up. Just start reading.

In today's passage from Matthew 6 we are encouraged to seek the kingdom of God above all other things. This comes from Jesus' Sermon of the Mount. In this section, Jesus urges us to live for the glory of God rather than the glory of man. We serve and pray humbly before the Lord rather than for the praise of man. The Lord's prayer is a model of prayer in which we put God and his glory first. Jesus then urges us to lay up treasure in heaven by focusing on the things that truly matter. Any wealth, fame or power in this life is fleeting while the Lord is forever. When we focus on putting Christ first we find that everything else works out. There is no point in worrying. God who controls all things will meet our needs as we seek him above all.

Like you, I struggle daily to seek the Kingdom of God first. Let's pray for wisdom and motivation to seek the Lord daily. Let's confess our distractions and make the Lord a priority. Let's humbly serve others for the glory of God. Let's lay aside worry and trust the Lord of all creation to provide what we truly need. Let's seek the kingdom of God first.