

# WINTER ADULT FORUM SERIES 2012

(and Saturday Evening Sermon Series)

## “Through This Vain World”

### Bible Study on the Book of Ecclesiastes

*“Through this vain world He guides our feet, and leads us to His heavenly seat.  
His mercies ever shall endure, when this vain world shall be no more.”*

— Isaac Watts —



The Book of Ecclesiastes takes an honest look at life. The writer struggles with the same kind of disappointments and doubts we all share, as he looks for purpose and hope in the real world.

This Bible Study series will be led by Pastor King during the Sunday Adult Forum Hour (9:15-10:15 am), and also used as the basis for his Saturday Evening Sermon Series (5:00 pm) — from January 29th to Palm Sunday.

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**MEET & GREET WITH PASTOR TOM:** You're invited to one of three brief, informal gatherings (with light refreshments) where you can become better acquainted. First Session:

**- THOSE WITH LAST NAMES THAT BEGIN WITH A-H**  
Wednesday, February 29th 7:45-8:30 pm (after service)

**\* NOTE: If you can't make it at the time assigned, feel free to come on another date. \* See monthly newsletter for dates.**

**FIRST ANNUAL “SPAGHETTI WITH A MISSION” DINNER Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> (11:45 am)** Come enjoy a delicious meal, while helping our Youth Group raise funds for their June mission trip to Waterloo, Iowa, where they will help remodel and paint homes for underprivileged families. Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, pistachio salad dessert, plus milk/water/coffee. \$9 for adults (12 and older), \$5 ages 3-12, & 2 and younger are free. **Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available before and after services on March 3rd, 4th, 10th, & 11th or by contacting Brian Warner at 763-245-4426 to make a reservation.**

We are looking for PARENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED ADULTS to sit in on YOUTH 4HIM forum at 9:15 on Sunday mornings and participate in the fun discussions. If interested, contact Pastor Pete or Judy Van Lith. Thanks!

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22ND:** Throughout the Lenten season, we will join together on Wednesday evenings for a special Soup & Sandwich fellowship supper and worship service:

**6:00 pm - Soup and Sandwich Supper (Fellowship Hall)**

**7:00 pm - Mid-Week Lenten Service (Sanctuary)**

Our Wednesday Evening services will feature a sermon series entitled: “Great Prayers of the Bible”. Leading this six-week series will be Pastors Jim Tetlie, Tom Wright, Steve King, and Pete Martinson from Faith in Silver Creek, Abounding Joy in Sartell, and Holy Cross Lutheran churches. You can read Psalm 51 in preparation for the message in the series.

*As we study together these prayers of God's people, we'll be inspired in worship and brought more deeply into God's promises for our prayer life.*

**\* Confirmation students are expected to attend the Lenten services and discuss questions with parents following the service.**

**\*\* Parents of fifth graders and those who have not received First Communion Instruction should attend the Info Meeting on February 26th at 9:15 am in the Preschool classroom.**

**\*\*\* Worship Volunteers are needed for Ash Wednesday and Easter. Please sign up in the narthex. Thanks for your help!**

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS – WE NEED YOU!** The Lenten Soup Suppers start this week on Ash Wednesday. All proceeds from this six week event are used to help our youth with Bible Camp scholarships. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for food items needed and kitchen help, and also a monetary donation box. *Thanks for your help!*

**BIBLE CAMP SIGN UP IS THIS MONTH:** Pick up a brochure on the table in the church entry or visit [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) if you are interested in hearing more about Green Lake and Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camps. Early Bird registration and down payment is due to camp by **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. *Each year Holy Cross gives an optional scholarship to each camper to defray cost. Amount is to be determined.*

**WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOLY CROSS CHURCH?** Interested in joining our congregation? You're invited to attend an **“INQUIRERS SESSION”** on Tues. Feb. 28 from 7-8 pm. New members will next be received on Sun., Mar. 18th during worship.

Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm – “FIRST OF ALL” prayer group meets in Pastor Pete's office. One hour of fellowship, mutual support, Bible Study, and praying. Everyone is welcome!