

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As most of you know, this Sunday (July 25) is our joint worship service with Peace Lutheran Church in Tomah. We will meet at the lower shelter in the park in Wilton at 9:30 a.m. Since the service is connected with our Family Vacation Bible School, the scripture passages have been changed to coincide with our VBS Theme: "River of Life." Sunday's lesson is Genesis 1:1-2:1. The VBS lessons, and Bible Study topics for the next 3 days are: Exodus 17:1-6 (Monday), Matthew 3:13-17 (Tuesday) and John 13:3-15, 33-35 (Wednesday). (For a complete listing of scripture passages for the month of August, please see the July/August newsletter.)

The gospel passage for Sunday, August 1, is John 6:24-35. We will not have worship at St. Paul's this morning, so that you can attend the community worship service at Wilton Fest. (I do not know if the community worship service will use this gospel passage or not, but it is the one designated for this Sunday in the Revised Common Lectionary.) Children with Story Bibles can continue to learn about the Exodus, in our reading from the Old Testament. This reading is related to a Bible story that they learned during VBS. It is entitled, "Just Enough." The story is found on pages 96-97 in the Story Bible.

The gospel passage for Sunday, August 8, is John 6:35, 41-51. Children with Story Bibles can read about our Old Testament passage taken from 1 Kings 19:4-8. It is entitled, "What Are You Doing Here?," and can be found in the Story Bible on pages 136-137.

The gospel passage for Sunday, August 15, is John 6:51-58. Children with Story Bibles can read about Jesus sharing meals with other people in the story, "The Bread of Life." It can be found on pages 334-335 in the Story Bible.

The gospel passage for Sunday, August 22, is John 6:56-69. Children with Story Bibles can read the Old Testament lesson about Joshua's speech to the people. The story is entitled, "Remember, Choose, Serve." It is found on pages 104-105 in the Story Bible.

The gospel passage for Sunday, August 29, is Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. Children with Story Bibles can read about our Second Reading of the day from the Book of James. The story is entitled, "A Loving Heart Helps Others." It is found on pages 314-315 in the Story Bible.

As we move into the final month of the summer, and prepare for the start of the school year, may these scripture passages keep us connected to God and God's word. God, who is our maker, redeemer and sustainer. Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy