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Book of Job Bible Study

Vicar Ted will be starting a Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Job on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm

If you are interested, please email the office at tlcoffice2@comcast.net to be put on the Zoom Invitation email list or email Vicar Ted at wwilliams001@luthersem.edu

<u>READINGS</u>

Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

DEEPER WATERS TO BEGIN

All students in grades 6 through 8 are invited to participate in Deeper Waters, an educational ministry that helps participants to delve deeper into the waters of their Baptism and what that can mean for daily living. Due to COVID-19, we will not be meeting in-person, at least at first. We will begin meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2021, 12 noon by way of Zoom. Invitations will be sent out the week before the class with information on how to login.

To register a student or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ron, <u>TLCRevRon@gmail.com</u>.

DEEPER WATERS FAMILY PICNIC

All families of current or previous Deeper Waters classes are invited to attend our next DW Family Picnic on Sunday, September 26, beginning at 4 pm with dinner served at 5 pm. We end between 6:30 and 7 pm.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Pastor Ron, <u>TLCRevRon@comcast.com</u>, or call the church office 814-238-2024, and let us know how many will be attending. Also, watch for an email invitation from Pastor Ron.



TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 8:15 am Indoor Worship w/Communion 9:30 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion YouTube Worship Service Recorded Monday, September 20 10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study- CANCELED 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** 5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen 5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba 7:00 pm Zoom Council Meeting WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 8:00 am Faith & Fitness at Circleville Park **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** 5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba 7:00 pm Bible Study Zoom - Book of Job SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 10:00 am Outdoor Zumba 5:00 pm Outdoor Worship w/Communion (in Fellowship Hall if raining) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 8:15 am Indoor Worship w/Communion 9:30 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion YouTube Worship Service Recorded 4:00 pm Deeper Waters Picnic

PRAYER LIST

<u>TLC</u>DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Linda Leslie, Cleo Campbell, Tara Baney, Bonnie Knapp, John Fryer

TLC FRIENDS

Mike, Jayne, Alan, Steve, Jeff, Rita Shetler, Jessica, Peggy Smith, Gerry Davis, Laurel

From the Pastor's Desk

September 19 2021

Dear Beloved of God,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ!

As we continue through these trying times, many of us find ourselves grieving a wide variety of losses: we can't do certain things, we are supposed to wear masks, we are reminded daily of the wide array of perspectives on COVID-19, not to mention all the political wrangling. If we are honest with ourselves, every generation faces challenges and opportunities that test us and stretch us.

In Matthew 19, Jesus is confronted by a young man who wants to learn how to acquire eternal life. Jesus reminds him of the Commandments, which he claims to have kept, so what else does he need to do? Jesus instructs him to liquidate his wealth, give the resources to the poor then come and follow him. This, of course, the young man cannot or will not do as he is very wealthy. Then Jesus points out that it is hard for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus continues:

- ^{24b} "Again, I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
- ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"
- ²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, "With humans this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
- ²⁷ Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

Being a disciple of Jesus is not easy, it too offers challenges and opportunities. Surely the disciples, who left everything to follow Jesus, struggled with those losses just as we do today. Jesus never promises to protect or guard us from those difficulties in life, but he does promise to never leave us or forsake us. Our reward, if you will, for faithfulness may come in bits and pieces in this life but he makes an amazing promise to the disciples and us: "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."

Clearly, these are trying times and we struggle with many challenges, we face many difficulties, but we also have various opportunities to learn of Christ, to depend upon God, to celebrate the many blessings God still showers upon us, despite, perhaps even in light of COVID-19.

Until we are called from these labors, let us place our faith and trust in the one who gave himself for us that we might have life fully here and more fully in the world to come, Christ the Lord. May you know his blessings each and every day!

Yours in Christ,

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