



## A Word from Pastor Schielke

Josiah reigned as King of Judah from 640 to 609 BC. Unlike his father and grandfather who caused the people to worship false gods, Josiah sought to do what was right. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings describes Josiah this way, "He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left." Although Judah would fall to the Babylonians not too many years after Josiah's death, God blessed Judah and Josiah during his reign.

One of the most striking accounts that took place during the time of Josiah was the rediscovery of "the book of the Law" (likely the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch) in the temple while repairs were taking place. Here is how 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings describes the event: "And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. Then Shaphan the secretary told the king [Josiah], "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And

Shaphan read it before the king. When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes. And the king commanded [his servants], saying, "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us." (2 Kings 22:8-13).

Though Josiah had been seeking to do the Lord's will, he had been "flying blind," not really knowing what God's will was. When he learned what God had said through Moses, he was terrified because he saw just how sinful the rulers and people of Judah had been. He feared God's wrath. Josiah took council with a prophetess and later with Jeremiah the prophet. He then tore down the shrines of the false Gods and worked to restore the worship of Judah to Yahweh the true God. Josiah would also learn of the mercy of God. The

destruction for sin that God had promised would not occur during his reign.

We also have a tendency to "fly blind," going our own way, making our own assumptions about God's law and about His mercy. Without God's word, we human beings tend to make up our own ideas about what God's will is. But God's Word reveals to us what is true about ourselves, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." And it also reveals to us what is true about God, "And are justified by [God's] grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." We need God's word to do its work on us just as Josiah and the people of Judah needed it. Unlike Josiah, we have ready access to that word: in our worship services, our Bible studies, in our printed Bibles, and on our phones. So, let us continue to avail ourselves of this gift, the life-giving Word of our Lord.

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**1 Corinthians 15:57**

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**The Augsburg Confession** - Below are the ninth, tenth, and eleventh articles of the Augsburg Confession. These are what we believe and confess as a Lutheran congregation. When they say “they teach” the mean our churches teach.

### Article IX - Of Baptism

<sup>1</sup>Of Baptism they teach that it is necessary

<sup>2</sup>to salvation, and that through Baptism is offered the grace of God, and that children are to be baptized who, being offered to God through Baptism are received into God’s grace.

<sup>3</sup>They condemn the Anabaptists, who reject the baptism of children, and say that children are saved without Baptism.

### Article X - Of the Lord’s Supper

<sup>1</sup>Of the Supper of the Lord they teach that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present, and are distributed

<sup>2</sup>to those who eat the Supper of the Lord; and they reject those that teach otherwise.

### Article XI - Of Confession

<sup>1</sup>Of Confession they teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches, although in confession

<sup>2</sup>an enumeration of all sins is not necessary. For it is impossible according to the Psalm: Who can understand his errors? Ps. 19:12.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
2 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	3	4 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	10	11 Picture Day 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
16 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	17	18 Pastor Winkle 1 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	24	25 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	26	27	28	29
30 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon Graduation 2 p.m.	31					

**Answers to March's Bible Questions:**

1. A vineyard, 1 Kings 21:1
2. God's plan was to have Solomon build it because of the warfare that David was involved with.  
2 Sam. 7:13 and 1 Kings 5:3
3. Elijah, 2 Kings 2:11
4. Michal, David's wife, 2 Sam. 6:16
5. Rehoboam, Abijam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Jehoram (Joram), Ahaziah, Joash (Jehoash), Amaziah, Azariah (Uzziah), Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah
6. Jeroboam, Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Tibni, Omri, Ahab, Ahaziah, Jehoram (Joram), Jehu, Jehoahaz, Jehoash (Joash), Jeroboam II, Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah, and Hoshea
7. A priest, 2 Kings 11:9
8. Abigail, 1 Sam. 25:3
9. Jonathan, 1 Sam. 18:1
10. The widow's son, 1 Kings 17:22
11. The Shunammite woman's son, 2 Kings 4:35
12. Provide cedars from Lebanon, 1Kings 5:6
13. Maybe Sargon, the king of Assyria, 2 Kings 17:6
14. Hilkiyah in the house of the Lord, 2 Kings 22:8
15. 450, 1 Kings 18:22
16. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, 2 Kings 24:12
17. Athaliah, 2 Kings 11:3
18. 7 times, in the Jordan River, Gehazi, 2 Kings 5:10 and 2 Kings 5:27
19. He was in charge of David's army and his nephew.  
2 Sam. 8:16 and 1. Chron. 2:16
20. Jonathan's son, 2 Sam. 9:6
21. Mount Gilboa, 1 Sam. 31:8
22. Absalom, 2 Sam. 15:6

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1. After the fall of Judah, what king was charged to build God a house in Jerusalem?
2. King Uzziah became angry when he was challenged by 80 priests. What did they challenge him about? How was he punished by God?
3. When the temple of the Lord was beginning to be rebuilt, who was king?
4. Who was Mordecai, and what did he become?
5. After the Israelites were captive for 70 years, a decree was made. What was the decree?
6. Who was Hadassah?
7. How many people did David set aside for "song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps?"
8. How long did it take to build the wall around Jerusalem?
9. Who opposed rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem?
10. How long did it take the exiles to journey from Babylon to Jerusalem?
11. Who was Nehemiah, and what king did he serve?
12. Who was Haman?
13. Name the kings in Ezra?
14. Who was Ezra?
15. What sin was being committed by the people of Israel when the exiles returned?
16. Who was Vasti, and what did she refuse to do?
17. What king chose Esther as queen?
18. Mount Zemaraim is notable for being near the site of a battle between these two nations.
19. Who died for placing his hand on the Ark of the Lord?

**For 2021, I would like to challenge every member of this congregation to read through the Bible in one year. The Bible readings for May and part of June are listed below, and above are questions over the readings to see how well you are reading. List the chapter and verse with your answers.**

May 1: 1 Chron. 3-5	May 15: 2 Chron. 18-20	May 29: Neh. 12-13
May 2: 1 Chron. 6	May 16: 2 Chron. 21-24	May 30: Esther 1-5
May 3: 1 Chron. 7-8	May 17: 2 Chron. 25-27	May 31: Esther 6-10
May 4: 1 Chron. 9-11	May 18: 2 Chron. 28-31	June 1: Job 1-4
May 5: 1 Chron. 12-14	May 19: 2 Chron. 32-34	June 2: Job 5-7
May 6: 1 Chron. 15-17	May 20: 2 Chron. 35-36	June 3: Job 8-10
May 7: 1 Chron. 18-21	May 21: Ezra 1-3	June 4: Job 11-13
May 8: 1 Chron. 22-24	May 22: Ezra 4-7	June 5: Job 14-16
May 9: 1 Chron. 25-27	May 23: Ezra 8-10	June 6: Job 17-20
May 10: 1 Chron. 28 - 2 Chron. 1	May 24: Neh. 1-3	June 7: Job 21-23
May 11: 2 Chron. 2-5	May 25: Neh. 4-6	June 8: Job 24-28
May 12: 2 Chron. 6-8	May 26: Neh. 7	June 9: Job 29-31
May 13: 2 Chron. 9-12	May 27: Neh. 8-9	June 10: Job 32-34
May 14: 2 Chron. 13-17	May 28: Neh. 10-11	June 11: Job 35-37

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**May Birthdays:**

2 Benjamin Schielke

6 Haley Mitchell

21 Gabrielle Funke

21 Joshua Rohloff

28 Marge Brockoff

29 Cheryl Foltz



**May Anniversaries:**

21 Neil and Verna Hale

23 Gary and Sharon Rohloff

25 Don and Cheryl Foltz

30 James and Suzanne Richardson



Picture Day

## VIC Happenings

**Picture Day** - The Academy is having pictures taken by a professional photographer for their yearbook on Tuesday, May 11, at 9 a.m. If you would like your picture taken, please see Ruth Rohloff for details.

**Academy Graduation** - The Academy is have a graduation is Sunday, May 30, at 2 p.m.



Graduation

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