

# Cornerstone

SEPTEMBER 2022

## THE APOSTLES CREED

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Starting September 11th

### I Believe?

When we say “I Believe” what are we actually stating? A statement of belief is a powerful statement, one not to be taken lightly. Our beliefs define who we are — they play a large role in determining our values, goals, and behaviors. We live our lives out of what we believe, and our entire lives are affected by what we believe. After all, if our beliefs don’t affect how we live then can we really call it a belief?

Have you ever wondered where we get our beliefs from? Some beliefs are passed on from our parents, things we learn at a very young age. Others are beliefs we hold because we identify with one group or another, and yet other beliefs are formed simply because of the desire for them to be true

and the emotional benefits they supply. Finally, there are beliefs that arise from intuition, experience, and evidence.

So, what kind of belief are we professing when we start the Apostles Creed off by saying “I Believe?” Are we just confessing a vague kind of spiritualism that has little to no connection with the way we are living our lives? Or are we confessing the very truth of God that is contained in the Bible that affects how we act every day?

Starting September 11th, we will be taking a look at the Apostles Creed, that creed that begins each section with the statement “I Believe” and asking these very questions. This is a very personal series because the creed itself is a personal creed. We say “I

Believe” in the creed because faith is personal; no one can be saved by someone else’s faith. We want to be sure we know exactly what we are professing is true when we make these statements! Is this ancient statement of faith important to us still today, or is it merely something that we find pleasing to say but doesn’t really apply anymore?

After all, what we believe matters!

In Christ,

Pastor Wes

# Scandalous Statements from our Scandalous Stories Series on the Parables

*This summer we have been going through some of the parables of Jesus that are recorded in the Gospel of Luke. Now that the series has wrapped up, let's take a moment to review the scandalous statement that each parable made!*

**Parable of the Good Samaritan** - *We are not the Samaritan in the story. Jesus is the Samaritan, and WE are the half dead victim that Jesus comes to save. (Luke 10:25-37)*

**Parable of the Midnight Caller** - *For Prayer to be prayer it MUST be wholehearted, persistent, longing for God, and longing for His answers, otherwise it's not prayer, it's just a wish list. (Luke 11:1-13)*

**Parable of the Rich Fool** - *Anyone can become possessed by possessions, rich or poor. (Luke 12:13-21)*  
(Luke 13:1-9)

**Parable of the Barren Fig Tree** - *"Leave it alone for one more year" means more undeserved grace for us and all humanity. (Luke 13:1-9)*

**Parable of the Places at the Table** - *"Not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet" means that those who try and fit Jesus into a little box will find they are left out of the kingdom because they traded Jesus for a lesser god. (Luke 14:7-11)*

**Parable of Building a Tower and Defending a City** - *Everyone has a master. We are all servants. The only question is to who or what, God or the things of this world. (Luke 14:25-35)*

**Parable of the Two Lost Sons** - *You can rebel against God and be alienated from Him by either breaking His rules OR by keeping them all diligently. (Luke 15:12-31)*

**Parable of the Shrewd Manager** - *"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly" means that this parable is about the mercy of God first and foremost and that we are to use generously what God has given us to build relationships with others for the sake of the gospel. (Luke 16:1-8)*

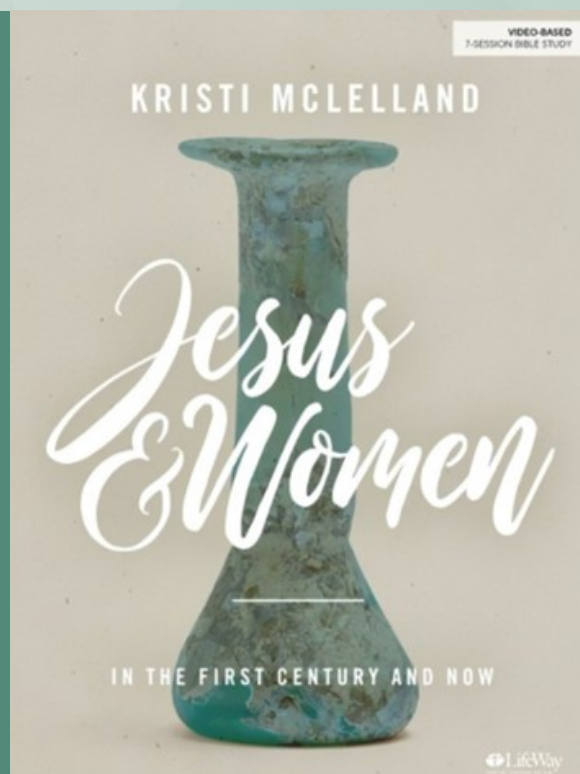
**Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector** - *To see ourselves accurately we need to compare ourselves to God instead of other people and realize we don't measure up. The kingdom of God is ONLY for those who know they don't deserve it and don't measure up and are willing to turn to Jesus. (Luke 18:9-14)*

## Take Heart, Daughter *Matthew 9:22*

This encouragement from the lips of Jesus surely comforted a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago. And it offers a similar gospel hope to us today too. Join us as biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland takes us back to Jesus' first-century world, explaining the historical and cultural climate of His day.

This 7-session study will be Tuesdays, starting Sept 20th. We will meet at 6:30-8:00 pm at church.

Let Deb Stueven know if you want to attend. Books are \$10. Let her know by Sept 4th so we can order you one!



## Coffee and Cookies with C.S. Lewis!

*Following the Worship Service  
Starting September 28th*

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging account of spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.

C.S. Lewis gives us "correspondence" of Screwtape, a senior demon in the bureaucracy of Hell, as he writes letters to his incompetent nephew Wormwood, a junior devil. In these letters Screwtape gives fiendishly clever advice on Wormwood's new assignment: to corrupt a new Christian living in London during the tumultuous days of World War II.

Join us after the worship service as we look at this imaginative yet impactful (and one of my all-time favorites) book! Starting September 28th.

~ Pastor Wes



## Charis Women's Bible Study

*Attention Ladies! We will begin a study on the minor prophets on Thursday, Sept. 15th at 9am. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall at church. **All women are invited!** For questions, please contact Renee Burrows or Becky KenKnight.*

**DRAW NEAR  
TO GOD,  
AND HE WILL  
DRAW NEAR  
TO YOU.**  
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## Memorial Funds - Bell Project 2023

The Bell Project 2023 is a two-year memorial project to raise dedicated memorial funds for a digital carillon system. The congregation approved the plan to support this project at the 2021 annual meeting. We have received memorial gifts totaling \$5,700 with a goal of \$13,000 by November 30, 2023.

Memorial gifts can be designated anytime throughout the year. Once we have the funds, we will have the carillon system installed. We will keep you updated on the progress.

## Redemptive Compassion

Jim Holmlud from Love INC will be here Sunday Sept. 18 to promote a 6-week class starting on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 6:30pm called Redemptive Compassion. Redemptive Compassion is the philosophy Love INC uses to help people struggling financially. The class will focus on answering the following questions:

- Why do so many of the commonly-used methods seem so ineffective in reducing or alleviating ongoing need?
- Why have good intentions to help others produced such devastating results?
- Is the crippling lifestyle in which thousands of individuals find themselves trapped all that God desires for them?

*"Join me on a Biblical exploration of how God has called us to love and serve our neighbors. I believe it's time to change how we address need. Together we can make a defining difference." Jim Holmlud*

## A Last Look at the "stuff" in the CLC Storage Building....

A group of volunteers has been actively cleaning the shed since the last garage sale to reduce all the items in there and to prepare it for future ministry opportunities. This is your opportunity to grab something that might be useful or that might have sentimental value to you.

### Items include:

- Decorations from the St. Lucia meals
- Numerous plastic storage containers
- China Hutch
- Wooden Chairs

The congregation will have a chance to take anything that interests you on Sunday, September 25 after church and Monday, September 26 from 10 am to 12 pm.

**If you have questions, please call Bonita at 612-245-8244.**



**Serving Team: Jericho**

**Month: September**

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Greeter</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>
<b>4</b>	John Samuelson & Marilyn Samuelson	<b>4</b>	Dale Anderson
<b>11</b>	Yvonne Breeschoten	<b>11</b>	Paula Weis
<b>18</b>	Derek & Heather Nieuwsma	<b>18</b>	Renee Burrows
<b>25</b>	Skip Flatten	<b>25</b>	Kirsten Shanahan

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Altar Care</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee</u></b>
<b>4</b>	Marilyn Ronnkvist	<b>4</b>	Renee Burrows + JoAnn Ree
<b>11</b>		<b>11</b>	
<b>18</b>	Sandy Carson	<b>18</b>	Russ & Barb Jerde
<b>25</b>	Brenda Anderson + Tammy Gruehagen	<b>25</b>	Sandie Larson + Sandy Carson

**Intercessory Prayer:** Marilyn Rönkvist

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*Thank You  
for  
Serving!!!*



# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ~ Hebrews 10:22</i></p>						
<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> <p>10:00am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>5</p> <p> MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:30pm Kingdom Kids</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Rally Day/Pork Chop Fest</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Pork Chop Fest</p> <p>11:20am Anchored in Christ Begins</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Quilting</p> <p>10:00am Coffee Time &amp; Devotional</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Charis Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> <p>10:00am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:20am Anchored in Christ</p> <p>10:20am Intro to Redemptive Compassion</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Quilting</p> <p>10:00am Coffee Time &amp; Devotional</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Team</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30pm Kingdom Kids</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am Charis Women's Bible Study</p> <p>First Day of AUTUMN</p>	<p>23</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> <p>10:00am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:20am Anchored in Christ</p> <p>10:30am Coffee &amp; Cookies with C. S. Lewis</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Quilting</p> <p>10:00am Coffee Time &amp; Devotional</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30pm Redemptive Compassion</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Charis Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Oct 1</p>