



Welcome to ... MT. HOREB'S BOOK OF FAITH WEB-SITE PAGE

WHAT IS THE BOOK OF FAITH?

For many of us, the encounter with Scripture is limited to the excerpts that are read on Sunday morning. Many of us—and many of our neighbors—are biblically illiterate, unsure of how to engage Scripture. Many of us are unaware of the rich Lutheran insights that have been helpful in understanding the many ways that God engages us through the Bible. The challenge of Book of Faith is to address these realities directly and to experience more fully the power of the Word.

The Goals

- Individual members, congregations, synods, agencies, institutions and the churchwide organization will:
Learn together about Lutheran approaches to Scripture which have been so helpful over the centuries
- Enter fully into a conversation which is deep and broad, reaching across all ages and the many cultures that inform who are as a people of God and...
- Experience more fully the power of the Word.

The Objectives

- 100% of ELCA synods commit to the Initiative by signing on as Book of Faith Synods
- 75% of ELCA congregations commit to the Initiative by signing on as Book of Faith congregations
- 15,000 people trained with enhanced skills for teaching the Bible
- 10,000 lay leaders trained (an average of 3 sessions with 50 participants per synod)
- 5,000 rostered leaders trained (an average of 75 per synod)
- Strong participation by ELCA agencies, institutions and networks
- A healthy and thriving social networking site

WHY ARE WE AT MT. HOREB PARTICIPATING IN THIS INITIATIVE?

We are busy and distracted by many activities and forms of entertainment. We know the importance of the Bible, but struggle with developing disciplines of reading and studying its words. A majority of members feel inadequate reading and speaking about God.

WHAT IS OUR STRATEGY at MT. HOREB?

We will invite members to “Read Through the Bible” as a congregation and encourage one another to take part in discussion groups. This will build familiarity with the Scriptures, increase our knowledge of the Bible, and give us confidence in speaking God’s Word.

HERE IS THE PRAYER WE PRAYED ON BOOK OF FAITH SUNDAY:

Pray along with us and join us as we commit ourselves to being filled with God’s Word

Lord, today we stand to confess that your Holy Word is light and direction for our lives. On this Book of Faith Sunday, open our minds and hearts to know you better. Help us to take new steps as a congregation to making the Bible our first language of faith, so that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered and sent by your Word.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, fill us with your word. Shine forth your presence in our lives.

Lord, in the midst of our busy lives, help us not to be entertained by distractions, but by your Word. Through our Book of Faith Initiative teach us new disciplines of reading and studying the Bible, so that we may be filled with your Word and bold to speak the gospel.

People: Help us, Lord, to take seriously your Word of truth in the Bible, to hear and tell of its story, so that others may know the story of Jesus and his love.



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.