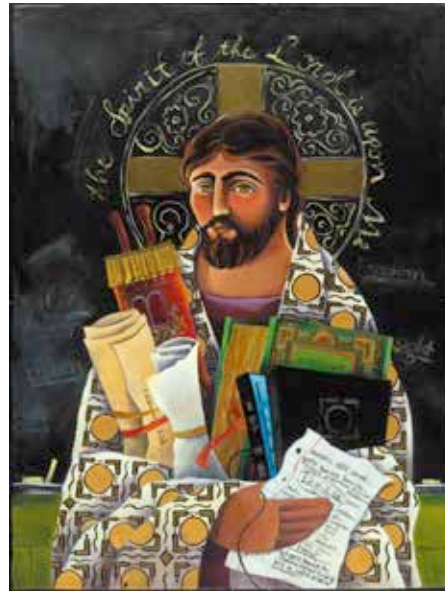


# PRESENTATION

## FORMING FAITHFULLY (PART 2)



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## Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation

- **Engage** people with a wide variety of faith forming content for all ages - anytime, any place
- **Extend** church events into people's daily lives via online content and experiences
- **Connect** faith formation in gathered settings with faith formation in online settings
- **Offer** a variety of online faith formation content, experiences, and courses for self-study and small group study

The screenshot shows the website for Holy Trinity Adults. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Worship, Seasons, Scripture, Spirituality, Study, Discerning Faith, Service, Life Issues, and Development. Below the menu is a large group photo of diverse adults. The main heading reads "Holy Trinity Adult Faith Formation Winter-Spring 2015 Season of Programming". A welcome message states: "Welcome to Holy Trinity's adult faith formation center designed specifically for adults in their 40s through 70s who seek a faith community that..." followed by four bullet points:
 

- engages them in meaningful spiritual growth and faith enrichment
- provides enriching worship services
- engages them in making a contribution to the church & world
- connects them to each other and the other generations in the faith community

 Below this is a section for "Lent 2015 Scripture Enrichment 'The Death and Resurrection of Jesus'". It includes an image of a crucifix against a sunset sky and a painting of the Resurrection. The text says: "Deepen your understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels as we prepare Holy Week 2015." and "The passion and resurrection of Christ are at the core of Christian faith and form the capstone of each of the four gospels. This Lent we will explore the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to discover the special insights each presents into Jesus' death and resurrection. Examining the passion and resurrection will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living."
 

1. Participate in a Four-Session Presentation Series at Church
2. Watch the Four Video Presentations on Your Own or with a Small Group
3. Participate in a Six-Week Small Group Scripture Study
4. Study the Death and Resurrection of Jesus of On-Your-Own

**Holy Trinity Families**

Home | **The Parents** | Family Life | Sunday Worship | Services of the Day | Practicing Our Faith | Church Programs

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**Just For Parents - Winter-Spring 2015**

The 2015 "Just for Parents" programming offers a variety of ways for you to enhance and enrich your knowledge and skills for parenting children and teens. Take a look at our offerings:

1. Participate in the "First Wednesdays" Webinar Series - without leaving your house!
2. Learn More About... resources for you!
3. Participate in a small group study with the best selling book *The Secrets of Happy Families* by Bruce Feiler
4. View an Online Webinar, "Parenting for the Long Haul"

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**"First Wednesdays" Parent Webinar Series**





We bring the program to you!  
9-10 pm Monthly

January 7 - Establishing Family Traditions & Routines  
February 11 - Managing Time and Commitments  
March 11 - Developing Values in Children and Teens  
April 8 - Celebrating Family Milestones

[LEARN MORE FOR WEBINARS](#) | [VIEW A WEBINAR - SEARCH THE LINK](#) | [VIEW YOUR REGISTRATION HISTORY ONLINE](#)

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**Learn More About . . .**

<p><b>Children's Development</b></p>  <p>Every child is unique, and every family deals with different issues. There are some things, however, that many parents deal with around the same time. The way parents choose to deal with these issues has an important impact on how healthy and competent their children grow up to be. Just click on the age of your child to learn about the significant characteristics at that stage of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ages 0-2</li> <li>• Ages 3-5</li> <li>• Ages 6-8</li> </ul>	<p><b>Adolescent Development</b></p>  <p>Every child is unique, and every family deals with different issues. There are some things, however, that many parents deal with around the same time. The way parents choose to deal with these issues has an important impact on how healthy and competent their children grow up to be. Just click on the age of your teenager to learn about the significant characteristics at that stage of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ages 10-14</li> <li>• Ages 15-18</li> </ul>	<p><b>Developing Positive Values</b></p>  <p>How do you raise a child with character? By teaching positive values. Values are like an integrated compass that helps guide the way to thinking and acting appropriately. Search Institute has identified six positive values that are central to healthy development: caring, respect, social skills, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and resource.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Learn how to identify these six positive values.</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Family Communication</b></p>  <p>Today's families have to deal with many issues: faster schedules, new technologies, and ever-changing day-to-day challenges are just a few of the things that you, as a parent, have to address. Fortunately, many of the issues you face can be made easier with open communication. By intentionally building good communication practices, you can ensure that your family remains strong, even when things get tough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Learn skills and tips for effective communication.</a></li> </ul>
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**Secrets of Happy Families Small Group Study**

Join a Fall Small Group Study of Bruce Feiler's book, *The Secrets of Happy Families*

Best selling author and New York Times family columnist Bruce Feiler found himself squeezed between aging parents and raising children. He set out on a three-year journey to find the smartest ideas, cutting-edge research, and novel solutions to make his family happier. Instead of the usual psychologists and family "experts," he sought out the most creative minds from Silicon Valley to the country's top regulators, from the art of Mission: Impossible to the Green Berets and asked what team-building exercises and problem-solving techniques they use with their families. Feiler then tested these ideas with his own wife and kids. The result is a fun, surprising original look at how families can draw closer together, complete with 200 never-before-seen best practices. Feiler's life-changing discoveries include: A radical plan that can reshape your family in 30 minutes a week; Warren Buffett's guide for setting an allowance; and the Harvard hypothesis for resolving conflicts. *The Secrets of Happy Families* is a timely, counterintuitive book that answers the questions countless parents are asking: How do we manage the chaos of our lives? How do we reach our kids' values? How do we make our family happier?

Watch his Ted Talk: "Agile Programming for Your Family"

Bruce Feiler has a radical idea: To deal with the stress of modern family life, go agile. Inspired by agile software programming, Feiler introduces family practices which encourage flexibility, bottom-up idea flow, constant feedback and accountability. One surprising feature: Kids pick their own punishments.

For more information go to: <http://www.bbc.com/1/health>

**Parenting for the Long Haul Online Webinar**

Everyday Strategies for Creating a Positive Future with Your Kids - Dr. Eugene Roelhkauptain

We want our kids to grow up well--for health, happiness, and achievement. So what is smart? Search for a meaningful job or career. Get better, healthy relationships. Give back to their communities, nations, and world. Sometimes these aspirations can seem far removed and it is for this reason the day-to-day realities are experienced as our kids grow up. As parents, it's easy to get so caught up in what's new that we forget to focus on the things we can do every day that make a big difference in the long term. We the way we parent "today"--when our kids are growing through childhood and adolescence--will play a key role in both long-term health and success, whether it's about college and career, health, or positive citizenship.

In this webinar, you will:

- Reflect on how you already use parenting strategies that make a difference in the long run.
- Learn tangible tips for using these strategies in your everyday life.
- Identify a priority for growing in new areas as a parent this year.

**9 Parenting Strategies - Search Institute**

Before we enter strengths and challenges in parenting by using our 9 Parenting Strategies in a springboard, please identify one or two areas for growth and focus in the coming year. Go to [ParentCulture for more information](#).

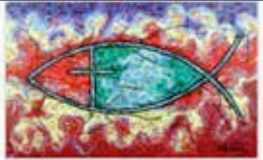
[9 Parenting Strategies.pdf](#)  
Download This

**Boys Town Parent Center & National Parent Hotline: 800-448-3011**

Raising a happy child is truly the goal of a lot of world. That's one thing it's not. Well, sometimes it's hard to know if you're doing what's best for your kids. And with new media "experts" popping up every day, it's hard to know who to trust to help you stay connected with your kids. The good news is that's always there and backed on the experience of working with millions of kids and families. Here's what:

- Call us at 1-800-448-3011
- Use our [parent forum](#) to ask for a question.
- Email us at [info@parentcenter.org](mailto:info@parentcenter.org).
- Visit our website: [www.BoysTown.org](http://www.BoysTown.org)

## The Third Sunday in Easter: April 19, 2015



**Key Bible Verses:**

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, Jesus said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. (Luke 24:41-43 NRSV)

**Devotions for the Week**


For Adults


For Youth


For Families

Pray in Color Easter

**For Fun**







## FAMILY GOD TIME

brief moments of holy time for busy families.

**what is Family God Time?**

My family and I have made the commitment to set aside one day per week for family Sabbath time. This means we spend time together as a family, for leisure, and for God. Part of each family sabbath day is about 20 minutes of "God Time." It includes a Bible story, a song, a prayer, and an activity that is age-appropriate for our 4 1/2 year old and 20 month old kids. Thank for joining us on our adventure!

*fisher on March 26, 2015 in whatisgodtime | Like 4 | Comment*

**The Ten Commandments.  
Exodus 20**

In my parish, this week will be Confirmation Sunday for our 8th grade youth. Part of what they had to learn as a part of confirmation class was the Ten Commandments, because it is the first section of Luther's Small Catechism. Even if your children are younger than eighth grade, it never hurts to learn the rules. Enjoy learning and growing together!

**Supplies:** God Time pillows, candle and holder (see "Gathering" below), My First Hands-On Bible (or other children's or family Bible).

**Song:** The Ten Commandment Song Here is a song that I wrote and would love to share with you. When my kids were still learning this, they sang the "I am the Lord Your God" refrain, and I sang the commandments. We added one every few times until we could switch parts.



**Activities:** My older daughter is working on learning to write out numbers, so we traced the Ten Commandment tablets onto card stock and let her cut them out and number them. Our younger daughters decorated them. We put them on the shelf next to the television in the living room so that we would remember to work on keeping the commandments. Here is a picture of the finished products.




**Prayer:** (This can be done all together, or as a "repeat after me" prayer, depending on hearing ability) Dear God, we thank you helping us to know the rules. Help us to follow them, and forgive us


## Vacation Bible School Sunday: June 7, 2015

The children and youth of our parish have spent the last week learning to reach others the power of God! Below, find images, Bible verses, videos

**Day One: The Ravens Feed Elijah**




**Day Two: God Speaks to Elijah (1 Kings 19)**




**Key Bible Verse:**  
He conducts us in all our troubles so that we can overcome others. (1 Corinthians 1:4)

**Day Three: God Heals Naamu**




**Day Four: Jesus Dies and Comes Back to life (Luke 22-24)**



**Key Bible Verse:**  
You are a God of forgiveness. (1st Corinthians 9:17)

**Day Five: Jesus Promises Us an Eternal Home (John 14:1-3)**



**Key Bible Verse:**  
Everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. (John 1:15)

**See the story for yourself:**  
Watch the youtube video!

**Learn how you can help Nepal:**


[Lutheran World Relief](#)

# Tri-Saints Lutheran Parish

## Monthly Bible Study

Dwelling in the Word Together

### Peace! Be Still!



**Mark 4:35-41 (New Revised Standard Version)**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."<sup>35</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>36</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>37</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>38</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>40</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**Book of Faith Devotional Questions:**

1. What scares, confuses, or challenges me in this text?
2. What delights me in this text?
3. What stories or memories does this text stir up in me?

The image shows two overlapping screenshots. On the left is the church's website, and on the right is its Facebook page.

**Website Screenshot:**

- Header:** St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. A Mission Center of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- Navigation:** HOME, WHO WE ARE, CONTACT, NEWS/INFORMATION, PARTIAL ACTION, DISCUSSIONS.
- Welcome to St. Paul's:** On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the early Church, and which continues to move in our world to bring grace and renewal to our world. Let us give thanks for that Spirit, which shows where it wills and creates new opportunities for us to encounter God and serve the world God has made.
- Image:** A painting depicting Pentecost with tongues of fire.
- Text:** Come, Holy Spirit!
- Interim Lenten Daily Readings:** The Interim Lenten focuses our congregation on one Scripture reading each Sunday. Below are some suggested readings to make connections between this past Sunday's and next Sunday's texts or to examine related verses in Scripture from the free Bible at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). Further resources for reflection can be found in the inserts in Sunday's Bulletin. (Lutheran Ministries.)
- Services:**
  - Sunday, May 24 (Day of Pentecost) - Sending of the Spirit (10:00, 11:00)
  - Monday, May 25 - Healing Can Separate Us (Romans 6:18, 23)
  - Tuesday, May 26 - Do Not Judge Another (Matthew 7:1, 2)

**Facebook Page Screenshot:**

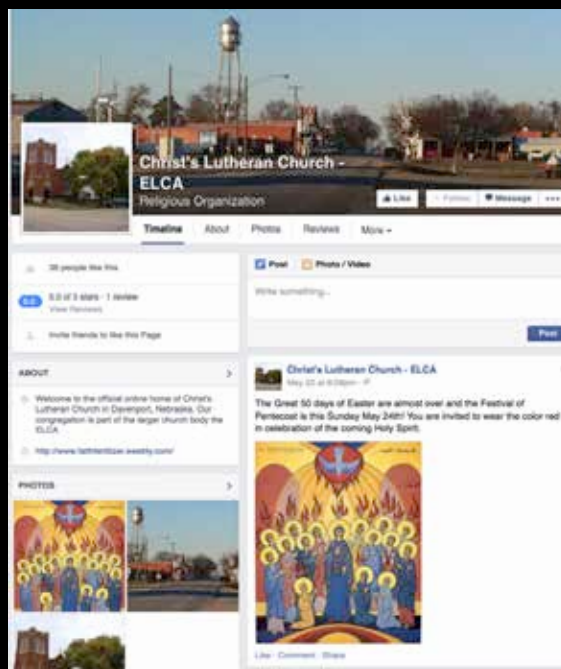
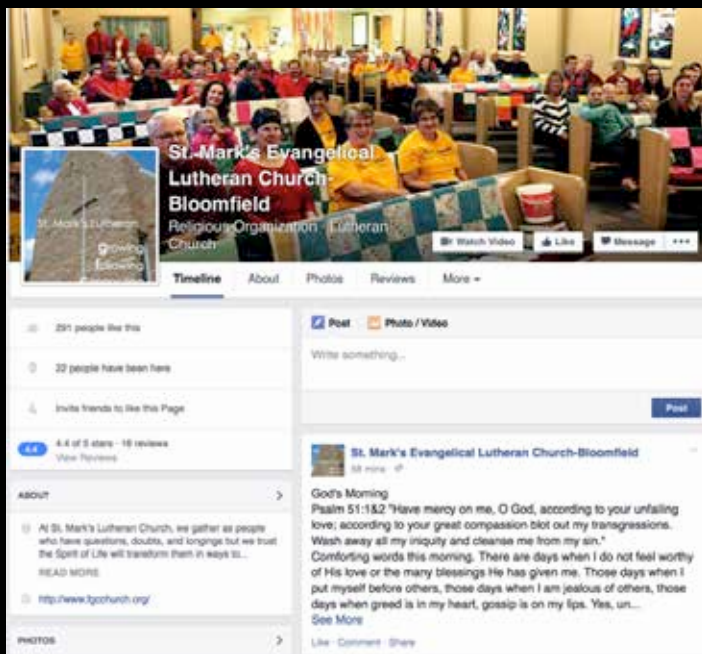
- Header:** St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Lutheran Church.
- Timeline:**
  - Post: Write something...
  - Post: Sunday's Readings: Complimentary Text: Matthew 6:24 Preaching Text: Romans 6:1-14 As chapter six of Paul's letter to the Romans begins, the apostle has made some sweeping claims about the problems that face humanity and the solution to those problems that was revealed in Jesus. In chapter three, lays out the stark truth for the community at Rome. All people - without exception - have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. [ 1032 more words ]
- About:**
  - Worship: 10am Sunday (Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month), 8:30am on the Saturdays before the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

The image shows the website for St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The design is clean and modern, featuring a large background image of a church interior.



**Website Content:**

- Navigation:** HOME, SERVICES, WEDNESDAY, LEARNING, HISTORY.
- Header:** St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran. Gathered together around the cross.
- Text:**
  - Worship at 8:30am every week to find God Jesus in the place we find ourselves today.
  - A congregation of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA.
  - Click on each icon to learn more.
- Services:**
  - Join Daily Devotions on our FB Page
  - God's Morning: James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourself. Do what it says! ... Everything I open the Bible for devotion, for hope, for strength and encouragement. I pray that God would open my eyes and heart to see, hear and feel His word, that some those morning devotions, I can lead to life with the words to share with my brothers and sisters. I can only hope that... See More
- Seminars:**
  - Here are links to the latest seminars at St. Mark's. Worship 9:30. Learning 10:30.
  - Personal Finance 101**: What advice can you give? ...
  - Banking 101**: ...
  - How to Start a Business**: ...
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# St Mark's Daily Devotion




Lenten series on change with companion materials for families at home

Christ's Lutheran Church, Davenport  
St. James Lutheran Church, Edgar

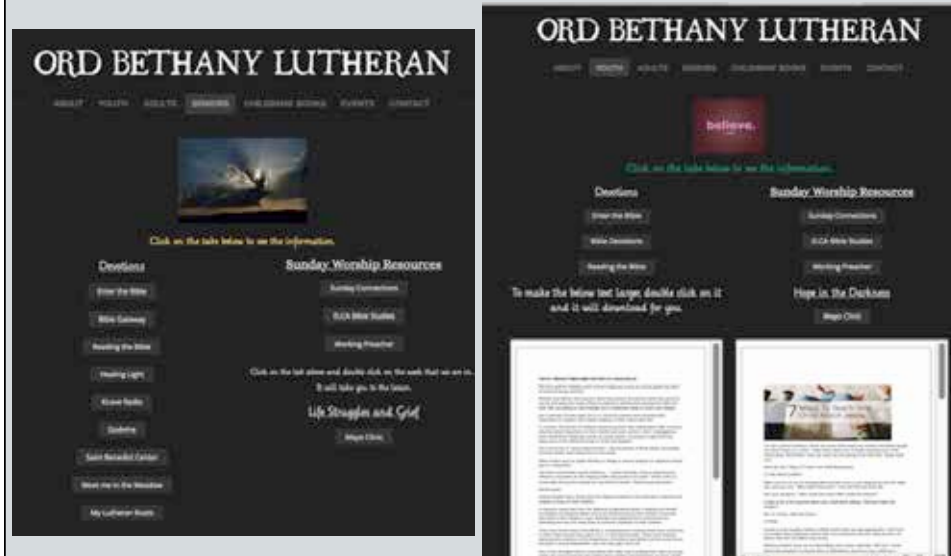
As the pastor of two churches, I am unavailable to teach Sunday School classes, so I decided to try posting online study materials for reading through Scripture so that parishioners can access it on their own and choose to form their own groups if they wish.



WEEK	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
1	Gen 1 - 2	Gen 3	Gen 4 - 9	Gen 4 - 9	Gen 10 - 22	Gen 23
2	Gen 12 - 13	Gen 14 - 15	Gen 16 - 17	Gen 18 - 19	Gen 20 - 21	Gen 22
3	Gen 22 - 24	Gen 25 - 26	Gen 27 - 28	Gen 29 - 30	Gen 31 - 32	Gen 34 - 35
4	Gen 36 - 37	Gen 38 - 39	Gen 40	Gen 41	Gen 42	Gen 45 - 46
5	Gen 47 - 48	Gen 49 - 50	Ex 1	Ex 2	Ex 3 - 4	Ex 5 - 6
6	Ex 7 - 8	Ex 9 - 10	Ex 11 - 12	Ex 13	Ex 14 - 15	Ex 16 - 17
7	Ex 18 - 19	Ex 20 - 21	Ex 22 - 23	Ex 24	Ex 25 - 26	Ex 27 - 28
8	Ex 29 - 30	Ex 31 - 32	Ex 33 - 34	Ex 35 - 36	Ex 37 - 38	Ex 39 - 40
9	Ex 41 - 42	Ex 43 - 44	Ex 45 - 46	Ex 47 - 48	Ex 49 - 50	Lev 1 - 2
10	Lev 3 - 4	Lev 5 - 6	Lev 7 - 8	Lev 9 - 10	Lev 11 - 12	Lev 13 - 14
11	Lev 15 - 16	Lev 17 - 18	Lev 19 - 20	Lev 21 - 22	Lev 23 - 24	Lev 25 - 26
12	Lev 27 - 28	Lev 29 - 30	Lev 31 - 32	Lev 33 - 34	Lev 35 - 36	Lev 37 - 38
13	Lev 39 - 40	Lev 41 - 42	Lev 43 - 44	Lev 45 - 46	Lev 47 - 48	Lev 49 - 50
14	Num 1 - 2	Num 3 - 4	Num 5 - 6	Num 7 - 8	Num 9 - 10	Num 11 - 12
15	Num 13 - 14	Num 15 - 16	Num 17 - 18	Num 19 - 20	Num 21 - 22	Num 23 - 24
16	Num 25 - 26	Num 27 - 28	Num 29 - 30	Num 31 - 32	Num 33 - 34	Num 35 - 36
17	Num 37 - 38	Num 39 - 40	Num 41 - 42	Num 43 - 44	Num 45 - 46	Num 47 - 48
18	Num 49 - 50	Deut 1 - 2	Deut 3 - 4	Deut 5 - 6	Deut 7 - 8	Deut 9 - 10
19	Deut 11 - 12	Deut 13 - 14	Deut 15 - 16	Deut 17 - 18	Deut 19 - 20	Deut 21 - 22
20	Deut 23 - 24	Deut 25 - 26	Deut 27 - 28	Deut 29 - 30	Deut 31 - 32	Deut 33 - 34



## Ord Bethany Devotions & Sunday Worship Resources



**BE the change  
You want to see!**  
*Gandhi*

Home Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4 Session 5 Session 6 Session 7 Contact Me Prep

**PLEASE NOTE...**  
Your next in-person session is  
**Sunday, April 19th 11:30 - 1:30**  
*You must be ready to present your project to the class. (You don't have to bring all your pictures and/or power points, posters etc. but be ready to explain and answer questions.)*

**Please have ALL on-line Sessions (7) COMPLETED**

Please comment with your NUMBER. DO NOT USE YOUR NAME. If you don't leave your # at the end of your comment, you won't get credit for the assignment...I won't know it's you!

If you forgot your number or did not get one yet, please Contact Me (see Tab bar)

I look forward to reading your comments and seeing you soon.

**Tutorial on how to complete an on-line session...**  
To watch a short video on how to complete a session [click here.](#)

Please watch the video below...

**One Spirit  
Many Gifts**

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**Gifts Are For Sharing**

Did you realize that YOU are made in the image and likeness of God with special gifts and talents that make you ONE of a kind? So, do think God wants you to keep your gifts all to yourself? I think NOT!! One of the things that you are taught while preparing for Confirmation is that there are 7 "Gifts of the Holy Spirit". God gives you these gifts to help you live as a disciple.

**Part (1) Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

[Click HERE](#) and read the article "Gifts of the Spirit."  
(when you are finished reading the article...click on your "back" arrow in the upper left corner on your computer to return to this page.)

Then...

**(A) Comment on something that "spoke to you"**  
(something you agreed with, disagreed with, or maybe you didn't understand).

**(B) Chose one of the 'Gifts' and give an example of how someone you know used that gift.** (Or an example of using it yourself)

Along with these Gifts, God has given you talents that He expects you to use. What are your talents?

**What can YOU do?...**

Are you artistic, a good listener, athletic, a "handyman", etc.? Sometimes God puts desires in your heart...something He wants you to work on (helping someone, becoming a teacher, a mentor, maybe a priest or nun, mother, father, doctor, writer, or maybe an inventor...watch video below)

Remember you never know what you can do unless you GO FOR IT! It is better to have tried and failed than to never try at all... and maybe you will be a GREAT SUCCESS !!

## Comments from St. Paul's, Fall City

We've seen people respond well to our expanded online ministry. The new website has generated much more traffic than our previous one - as much as 100x more each month - leading people to learn more about our congregation and increasing the number of first-time worshipers (and folks who have returned after extended absences).

Members and non-members alike have expressed their appreciation for the ability to access Sunday's sermons when they are unable to attend, for the daily text recommendations that connect them to Scripture between Sundays, and for seasonal devotional and informational items, particularly during Lent.

## Comments from St. Paul's, Fall City

We haven't been as successful at facilitating conversation online as we'd like, and that will probably be the next growing edge developing this aspect of our ministry, along with getting more people involved in the day-to-day task of keeping content fresh and interesting.

We're excited about the possibilities, and looking forward to seeing where the Spirit leads us to go next.

Andrew Chavanak, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church  
Falls City, Nebraska