

Dear Friends:

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Have you ever heard of "giving something up for Lent"? This year, instead of giving something up, let's *take something on* for Lent. Instead of eliminating something, add something new! My suggestion? Weekly Bible study. Every week, we have three Bible studies for you to choose from. Here they are:

Tuesday nights, at 6:30pm - "Sing the Faith Bible Study"

In this study, each week we sing a hymn, and then we look for related Bible verses. It's a great way to study many different parts of the Bible. Often this becomes a *theme* driven Bible study. Does a hymn sing about God's glory? We'll look up "glory" in both the Old and New Testaments. It's a great tour through the whole Bible; and the hymns become more meaningful too.

Friday afternoons, at 12:30pm - "Exodus Bible Study"

In this study we don't move around through the entire Bible, guided by a theme. Instead, this is a *book* driven Bible study, in which our goal is to move verse by verse through the entire book of Exodus. Its story is an exciting adventure: the saga of God rescuing the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, and bringing them safely to the promised land. Every week we find countless insights for our own daily lives.

Sunday mornings, at 10:30am (during Sunday School) - "Adult Forum"

In this study, we look up the Scripture readings that will be the basis of the following week's worship services. It's great preparation, both for you as worshipers and for me as worship leader. And just like in the Tuesday and Friday studies, there is always lively and thoroughly enjoyable discussion.

This year, take something on for Lent! Come to Bible study.

Sincerely in Christ, Pastor Carl L.M. Rasmussen