



## SMALL GROUP DETAILS

Host(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Day & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Reading Plan  
OT/NT Launch Events  
Monthly Small Groups  
Videos by BibleProject

## WELCOME TO THE BIBLE IN A YEAR!

Martin Luther believed so deeply that everyone should have access to the Bible that he secretly translated the New Testament into German before being joined by colleagues to do the same for the Old Testament. He taught that the sacred scripture was both the source and norm for our historic faith and should be studied as regularly and carefully as possible.

*“For some years now, I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant.” -Martin Luther*

And yet, today, we Lutherans are among the least biblically literate denominations in the U.S! It’s not because we’re not interested, in 2023 72% of our friends expressed interest in reading but they just didn’t know how. So, we’re hoping to bridge that gap and give you the tools and support to read the Bible in the next year!

### ABOUT YOUR BIBLE

Pick the one you like to read! Translation doesn’t matter, unless it is a road block to ease and understanding. I’ll be using The Message and recommend the Common English Bible.

### ABOUT THE COMMITMENT

Roughly 15-20 minutes per day will be the average. You’ll read a Psalm everyday and 3-5 chapters.

### ABOUT THE EXTRAS (CHECK OUT THE NEXT PAGE)

Join us on August 20 for our Overview of the New Testament with Dr. Richard Swanson. We’ll sort out monthly small groups (You can go solo!) and give ourselves a head start to reading success. Each time we start a new book of the Bible you’ll receive an email with the video introduction from The BibleProject to help you with context. On Sundays, we will study each book, or group of books at 10am in Galilee. And, in Lent, there will be a special family challenge to read the entire Spark Story Bible!

Thank you for making this commitment. One pillar of our community is that we do this exact work throughout our lifetime. I promise that the experience will be rewarding, interesting, formative, and difficult. And, I promise that we’ll do it together!



Pr. Eric Ohrtman

July			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		7-8	144
2		9-10	145
3		11-12	146
4		13-14	147
5		15-16	148
6	2 Corinthians	1-2	149
7		3-4	150
8		5-6	1
9		7-8	2
10		9-10	3
11		11-13	4
12	Galatians	1-2	5
13		3-4	6
14		5-6	7
15	Ephesians	1-2	8
16		3-4	9
17		5-6	10
18	Philippians	1-2	11
19		3-4	12
20	Colossians	1-2	13
21		3-4	14
22	1 Thessalonians	1-2	15
23		3-4	16
24		5	17
25	2 Thessalonians	1-3	18
26	1 Timothy	1-2	19
27		3-4	20
28		5-6	21
29	2 Timothy	1-4	22
30	Titus	1-3	23
31	Philemon	1	24

August			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1	Hebrews	1-2	25
2		3-4	26
3		5-6	27
4		7-8	28
5		9-10	29
6		11-13	30
7	James	1-3	31
8		4-5	32
9	1 Peter	1-2	33
10		3-5	34
11	2 Peter	1-3	35
12	1 John	1-2	36
13		3-5	37
14	2 & 3 John	1, 1	38
15	Jude	1	39
16	Revelation	1-3	40
17		4-6	41
18		7-9	42
19		10-11	43
20		12-13	44
21		14-16	45
22		17-18	46
23		19-20	47
24		21-22	48



May			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		15-16	88
2		17-18	89
3		19-20	90
4		21-22	91
5		23-24	92
6		25-26	93
7		27-28	94
8	Mark	1-2	95
9		3-4	96
10		5-6	97
11		7-8	98
12		9-10	99
13		11-12	100
14		13-14	101
15		15-16	102
16	Luke	1	103
17		2-3	104
18		4-5	105
19		6-7	106
20		8-9	107
21		10-11	108
22		12-13	109
23		14-16	110
24		17-18	111
25		19-20	112
26		21-22	113
27		23-24	114
28	John	1-2	115
29		3-4	116
30		5-6	117
31		7-8	118

June			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		9-10	119:1-32
2		11-12	119:33-64
3		13-15	119:65-96
4		16-18	119:97-128
5		19-21	119:129-152
6	Acts	1-2	119:153-176
7		3-4	120
8		5-6	121
9		7-8	122
10		9-10	123
11		11-12	124
12		13-14	125
13		15-16	126
14		17-18	127
15		19-20	128
16		21-22	129
17		23-24	130
18		25-26	131
19		27-28	132
20	Romans	1-2	133
21		3-4	134
22		5-6	135
23		7-8	136
24		9-10	137
25		11-12	138
26		13-14	139
27		15-16	140
28	1 Corinthians	1-2	141
29		3-4	142
30		5-6	143



**Overview Events**

Dr. Richard Swanson

August 20 @ 5pm - Overview of the OT  
 April 19 - Overview of the NT  
 Concluding Event August 2026

**Adult Sunday School**

Overview of the Entire Bible from Sept-May  
 10am on Sundays (calendar in Galilee and in front entry)

**Small Groups**

Small groups will meet monthly. Create your own, or sign up based on your schedule and availability. These will offer accountability and conversation about the scripture, but be focused on support and fellowship.



**BibleProject Bible Project Videos**

Each time that we start a new book, you'll receive an overview video from The BibleProject.

**Reading Plan**

A typical day will take 15-20 minutes. You'll read 3-5 chapters of scripture, including a daily Psalm.

**For Families**

In Lent, we will challenge you to read the entire Spark Story Bible. It's just 3-4 stories per day!

**Some Tips**

Grace. You'll miss days. Make it up! Skip. Try again.  
 Dedicate a specific spot and time of day.  
 Pick an easy to read Bible (The Message, ESV, and CEB).

ANCIENT JEWISH TRADITION:

LATER CHRISTIAN TRADITION

# Tanakh - the Old Testament



March			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		4-6	27
2		7-9	28
3		10-13	29
4		14-17	30
5		18-22	31
6		23-25	32
7		26-29	33
8		30-32	34
9		33-36	35
10		37-39	36
11		40-44	37
12		45-48	38
13		49-50	39
14		51-52	40
15	Lamentations	1-2	41
16		3	42
17		4-5	43
18	Ezekiel	1-4	44
19		5-8	45
20		9-12	46
21		13-15	47
22		16-18	48
23		19-21	49
24		22-24	50
25		25-27	51
26		28-30	52
27		31-33	53
28		34-36	54
29		37-39	55
30		40-44	56
31		45-48	57

April			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1	Daniel	1-3	58
2		4-6	59
3		7-9	60
4		10-12	61
5	Hosea	1-5	62
6		6-10	63
7		11-14	64
8	Joel	1-3	65
9	Amos	1-5	66
10		6-9	67
11	Obadiah	1	68
12	Jonah	1-4	69
13	Micah	1-4	70
14		5-7	71
15	Nahum	1-3	72
16	Habakkuk	1-3	73
17	Zephaniah	1-3	74
18	Haggai	1-2	75
19	Zechariah	1-4	76
20		5-8	77
21		9-14	78
22	Malachi	1-2	79
23		3-4	80
24	Matthew	1-2	81
25		3-4	82
26		5-6	83
27		7-8	84
28		9-10	85
29		11-12	86
30		13-14	87

January			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		32-34	119:129-152
2		35-36	119:153-176
3	Ezra	1-3	120
4		4-7	121
5		8-10	122
6	Nehemiah	1-3	123
7		4-6	124
8		7-9	125
9		10-11	126
10		12-13	127
11	Esther	1-5	128
12		6-10	129
13	Job	1-3	130
14		4-7	131
15		8-11	132
16		12-15	133
17		16-19	134
18		20-23	135
19		24-28	136
20		29-31	137
21		32-34	138
22		35-37	139
23		38-39	140
24		40-42	141
25	Psalms	1-2	142
26	Proverbs	1	143
27		4-6	144
28		7-9	145
29		10-12	146
30		13-15	147
31		16-18	148

February			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		19-21	149
2		22-24	150
3		25-27	1
4		28	2
5	Ecclesiastes	1-4	3
6		5-8	4
7		9-12	5
8	Song of Songs	1-4	6
9		5-8	7
10	Isaiah	1-4	8
11		5-8	9
12		9-12	10
13		13-17	11
14		18-22	12
15		23-27	13
16		28-30	14
17		31-35	15
18		36-38	16
19		39-41	17
20		42-44	18
21		45-48	19
22		49-51	20
23		52-54	21
24		55-57	22
25		58-60	23
26		61-64	24
27		65-66	25
28	Jeremiah	1-3	26

**THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**THE GOSPEL** - MATTHEW - MARK - LUKE - JOHN

**JESUS:** ISRAEL'S GOD BECOMES THE NEW HUMAN SON OF ABRAHAM

**ISRAEL'S DIVINE KING** - THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS HERE!

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** - THROUGH THE SPIRIT THE RISEN JESUS... INVITES ALL PEOPLE TO JOIN HIS FAMILY

**LETTERS FROM THE APOSTLES**

**PAUL:** FROM PHOENICIA TO SPAIN (ROMANS)

**JAMES & JUDE:** FROM JERUSALEM TO SYRIA (JAMES) & SPAIN (JUDE)

**PETER & JOHN:** FROM JERUSALEM TO ITALY (1 PETER) & PATMOS (REVELATION)

**THE REVELATION** - THE SLAIN LAMB IS THE DIVINE KING OF THE WORLD

**THE PROPHETS & POETS**

**GOD & ISRAEL** - IDOLATRY, VIOLENCE, BLESSING TO THE NATIONS, GOD'S PROMISE

**GOD & HUMANITY** - VIOLENCE, OPPRESSION, HUMANITY'S GODS PARTNER IN KILLING IN THE WORLD, GOD'S PROMISE

**BABYLON!** - A NEW HUMAN CIVILIZATION DESTROYED

**THE PROPHETS & POETS** - THE DAY OF THE LORD, SUFFERING SERVING PRIEST, LEADS HIS NEW COVENANT

**THE OLD TESTAMENT** - CORE THEMES: PLOT CONFLICT, DESIGN PATTERNS

**THE NEW TESTAMENT** - 27 BOOKS, 40 YEARS WITH 1000 YEARS BY JESUS FOLLOWERS

**THE OLD TESTAMENT ANTICIPATES A NEW ACT IN THE STORY.**

**THE TESTIMONY OF THE APOSTLES THAT SPEAKS A DIVINE WORD OF HOPE**

**THE STORY OF JESUS & THE SPIRIT POINT TO HIS STORY'S GOAL IN A RENEWED CREATION**

**EXILE IN BABYLON** - SLAVERY IN EGYPT

**OLD HUMANITY** - THE SAVAGE AGE

**NEW HUMANITY** - RENEWED CREATION

**NEW HUMANITY RULES THE WORLD** - THE NEW COVENANT

**NEW JERUSALEM** - NEW CREATION

**THE NEW COVENANT** - THE OLD TESTAMENT ANTICIPATES A NEW ACT IN THE STORY.

**CREATED BY THE BIBLE PROJECT**

September			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1	Genesis	1-3	1
2		4-7	2
3		8-11	3
4		12-15	4
5		16-18	5
6		19-21	6
7		22-24	7
8		25-28	8
9		29-31	9
10		32-34	10
11		35-37	11
12		38-40	12
13		41-42	13
14		43-45	14
15		46-47	15
16		48-50	16
17	Exodus	1-3	17
18		4-6	18
19		7-9	19
20		10-12	20
21		13-15	21
22		16-18	22
23		19-21	23
24		22-24	24
25		25-27	25
26		28-29	26
27		30-31	27
28		32-34	28
29		35-40	29
30	Leviticus	1-4	30

October			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		5-7	31
2		8-10	32
3		11-13	33
4		14-15	34
5		16-18	35
6		19-20	36
7		21-23	37
8		24-25	38
9		26-27	39
10	Numbers	1-4	40
11		5-7	41
12		8-10	42
13		11-13	43
14		14-16	44
15		17-18	45
16		19-21	46
17		22-24	47
18		25-27	48
19		28-30	49
20		31-32	50
21		33-34	51
22		35-36	52
23	Deuteronomy	1-3	53
24		4-6	54
25		7-9	55
26		10-12	56
27		13-14	57
28		15-16	58
29		17-20	59
30		21-23	60
31		24-27	61

November			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		28-29	62
2		30-31	63
3		32-34	64
4	Joshua	1-4	65
5		5-8	66
6		9-12	67
7		13-21	68
8		22-24	69
9	Judges	1-3	70
10		4-5	71
11		6-8	72
12		9-12	73
13		13-15	74
14		16-18	75
15		19-21	76
16	Ruth	1-4	77
17	1 Samuel	1-3	78
18		4-8	79
19		9-12	80
20		13-14	81
21		15-17	82
22		18-20	83
23		21-24	84
24		25-27	85
25		28-31	86
26	2 Samuel	1-3	87
27		4-8	88
28		9-12	89
29		13-15	90
30		16-18	91

December			
Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm
1		19-21	92
2		22-24	93
3	1 Kings	1-3	94
4		4-7	95
5		8-10	96
6		11-13	97
7		14-16	98
8		17-19	99
9		20-22	100
10	2 Kings	1-3	101
11		4-7	102
12		8-11	103
13		12-14	104
14		15-17	105
15		18-19	106
16		20-22	107
17		23-25	108
18	1 Chronicles	1-10	109
19		11-14	110
20		15-17	111
21		18-21	112
22		22-24	113
23		25-29	114
24	2 Chronicles	1-4	115
25		5-8	116
26		9-12	117
27		13-17	118
28		18-20	119:1-32
29		21-24	119:33-64
30		25-27	119:65-96
31		28-31	119:97-128