

Saint Alban's Bible Studies 2023-2024

Saint Alban's Women's Ministry (SAW)

SAW Bible Studies are held the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning September 26, 2023 from 7-9pm in the Church Fellowship Hall with Zoom Attendance Option. Dates: 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, 12/12 (Dec 12 is the only meeting in December-Home Eucharist and Cookie Exchange).

5 sessions 9/26-11/28 "O Come O Come Emmanuel"-The beloved carol and scriptures inspiring the verses guides us through to the Advent season.

10 Sessions 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/28 "Better: A Study of Hebrews". How we live and worship in the wake of Jesus' ministry, sacrifice, resurrection and ascension raises us to not fall back to old habits and dead ends, just as the Jewish believers in the first century were instructed in this riveting book of the Bible.

Questions? Call or text Kathy Pierce 724-516-9078.

Saint Alban's Men's Group (SAMs)

SAMs Bible Studies are held Friday mornings 7:30-9am at Dick's Diner back room (except if Franklin Regional calls off or delays school due to weather, and Thanksgiving Friday 11/25, Good Friday 3/29/2023, or if less than 3 SAMs members can attend). If you wish to join us via cell phone connection for the discussion time let us know! We use Bible studies with an Anglican perspective by noted authors N.T. Wright, John Stott, Tim Keller, J.I. Packer, and others. SAMs are currently finishing a 1 & 2 *Thessalonians* study by John Stott. Questions? Fred Carlson (412) 389-3289 or fred@carlsonstudio.com.

Confirmation Class and Reception

If you, as an adult, wish to be received into the Anglican Communion you can ask for this by speaking to Rev. Grissom. This rite could be fulfilled at the next Bishop's visitation this upcoming year after a brief set of Newcomers' Classes that can be arranged at mutually convenient times.

If you have youth in your household between the ages of 12 and 18 who wish to declare their faith publicly at confirmation please let Rev. Grissom know so the Confirmation team can schedule them into the next set of youth catechism sessions.

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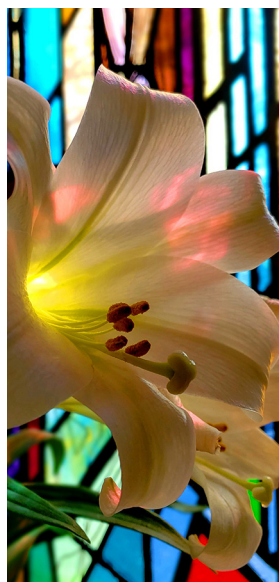


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Adult Education Mission Statement

Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..."

SAINT ALBAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ADULT EDUCATION 2023-2024

*"Committed to sharing Christ's Commandment:
To love God and love our neighbors as ourselves,
through worship, education, and outreach."*

Adult Education on Sunday mornings meets from
9:30am-10:25am in the pews between services.
Everyone is welcome!



*Celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ
with us at Saint Alban's Anglican Church!
53 Years proclaiming Jesus Christ in Murrysville!*

Adult Forum Sunday Bible Study

*All Sundays from September 10, 2023 to
May 19, 2024 (except where noted*)*

*Bible Studies for Men (all Friday mornings)
and Women (2nd and 4th Tuesdays)*

FALL 2023

September 10, 17, 24

Contemporary Challenges for Christians

A three-week primer to take what the scriptures tell us and apply it to a variety of complex issues raised by members of the congregation: Topics selected include When Friendships Cool, Social Media and the Deadly News Cycle, and Dealing with the Cults-Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons. Led by Jason Ingrassia of Saint Alban's Adult Education team.

October 1, 8

Colossians: Fighting the Heresies

Adult Ed team member Dottie Fleming leads two weeks on Paul's Letter to the Colossians: an early church in the Greek world buffeted by pagan heresies.

October 15

Song of Solomon: The True Love

Lawrence Silverstein leads one class on this often misunderstood book in the Old Testament.

October 22, 29

Our Favorite Hymns: Theology of the Hymns and Their Origins

Deb presented terrific sessions on the hymns of Advent and Lent last year. This year we invite the congregation to share their favorite hymns, traditional and contemporary, with Deb and let her focus on the theology presented in these hymns as well as their distinctive histories. Presented by Saint Alban's Music Director Deborah Silverstein.

November 5, 12, 19

Women in the New Testament

These DVD lessons by Dr. Ken Bailey are accessible and lead to compelling discussion on this topic. Dr. Bailey examines sets of New Testament scriptures that uphold women in congregational leadership and others that seem contradictory to that viewpoint. The two sets of scriptures do exist! Led by Craig Huntington of the Adult Ed team.

December 3, 10, 17

Deepening Your Bible Reading

12/3 and 12/17 will feature "Using the Prayer Book Lectionary as a Guide to Daily Bible Reading" led by Adult Ed Coordinator Fred Carlson. 12/10 will feature Tim Lyon leading the class through a Gospel using such common tools as a concordance and familiar commentaries.

WINTER/SPRING 2024

January 7, 14, 21

SUMMIT TALKS: WORLDVIEW SERIES

Our own Rector Rev. Dr. David H. Grissom presents three weeks on worldviews that conflict with Biblical truth. Looking at common competing worldviews can help us understand our own friends, family and neighbors who are not followers of Christ. Focusing on the main points of these worldviews help give us a clue of how to see non-believers' needs, identify Christ's supremacy over other worldviews, and help them understand the joy and fulfillment of the forgiveness of sin through Christ's sacrificial acts.

January 28 February 4, 11

Jesus Within Islam & the True Beliefs of Mohammed, Shame Culture and True Christian Freedom

The class will take two weeks to parse out how Jesus is elevated as a prophet in Islamic holy texts. Despite this, Islam prevents any kind of true invitation to accept Christ's divinity due to so many historic heresies and strange beliefs of Mohammed. In our third week, Fred Carlson examines the reality of "Shame Culture" evidenced in the Old Testament, and how this was a barrier to the first century acceptance of Jesus. This same sin of shaming has prodded the Islamic world to massive intolerance, and lives on through Christian history in denominational rivalries. Is the current "cancel culture" the secular equivalent against Christians today? Led by Jason Ingrassia (1/28, 2/4) and Fred Carlson (2/11).

February 18, 25 March 3, 10, 17, 24

The Hard Sayings of Jesus: Sunday Series in Lent

The Sunday sessions during Lent will focus on "The Hard Sayings of Jesus." Join us as we see that these hard sayings are truly Jesus' invitation to join Him in seeing a greater reality of heaven's life on earth. These sayings and explanations come from the F.F. Bruce classic text.

Lenten Program: Mere Christianity

February 22, 29 March 7, 14, 21 6-8pm

Lenten Soup Dinner and Study and Discussion of the key points in the C.S. Lewis blockbuster "Mere Christianity" will be presented for the 5 Thursdays between February 22 and March 21. The program will include simple soup and bread meals and program 6-8pm using the CS Lewis Doodle bullet point notes summarizing the various points of emphasis for each long chapter.

March 31 (Easter) No Adult Education*

April 7, 14 May 5

TBA

April 21, 28

An Anglican Giant and a Layman Look at the Eucharist

Adult Ed team member Tim Lyon focuses us on aspects of the Eucharist based on J.I.Packer's 'Concise Theology' essay The Lord's Supper. In the second week of this special offering, Lawrence Silverstein looks at the Holy Eucharist from a layman's perspective.

May 12, 19

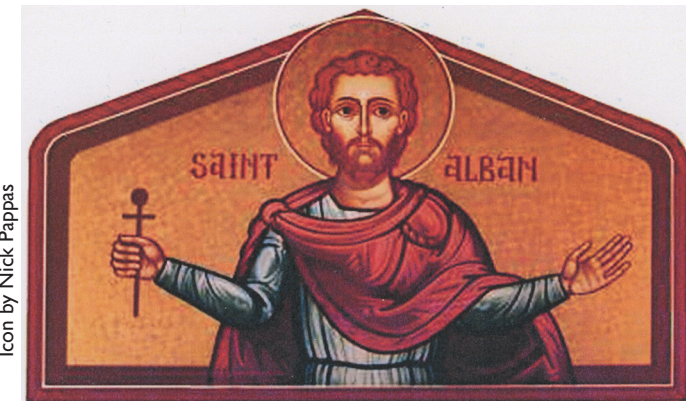
Early Church Fathers: Scriptures and Their Commentaries from the Beginning

Adult Ed team member Tim Lyon leads these two sessions on the scriptural record of the Apostolic age, and how these scriptures were proclaimed by who we know today as the Early Church Fathers, the next generation after the apostles. Recognition Sunday (May 19) expresses our thankfulness for our team leaders and also our class attendees' faithfulness in the Word.

Bishop's Visitation/Reception

TBA from the Diocese during Fall 2023

Adults desiring reception into the Anglican Communion can be received at this service, please discuss with Rector Grissom asap regarding your desire. Bishop Rt. Reverend Alex Cameron will be working with our confirmands during education hour and will celebrate the Confirmation Rite at second service.



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