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# MOUNT WEEKLY

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## IN WORSHIP TODAY

In worship today, we draw near to close out 2023. We leave our sins and regrets with our Savior, Jesus. He forgives and rules it all. We anticipate his rule in the 2024. The governments is on his shoulder. He is called, "Prince of Peace."

## FREE GIFT

If you are a first-time guest with us today, we have a gift for you. Please stop by the Welcome Table with your Connection Card. We'd love to share this gift with you.

## NEXT STEPS

If you're new with us today or would like a refresher study of the Bible's teachings, you're invited to take this next step. Learn more about God's ways through Christian Essentials. Ask Pastor Bourman for more information or sign-up here:

[https://bit.ly/CE\\_Interest](https://bit.ly/CE_Interest)



## NEW SERIES STARTS JANUARY 7

Whenever you're about to set out on a journey, there are a number of preparatory steps you need to take. You first need to figure out where you are. You will also need to figure out where you're going and how you plan to get there. Another essential part of preparation is getting the family excited about the trip. Mount Lebanon is setting out to climb a mountain. Over the next four years, we are planning to imagine our mission together as a family climbing a mountain. This first year is all about knowing where we are, determining together more clearly what our destination is, and rallying the family about that direction.

As we begin this journey, we're going to start with a look at Nehemiah. Nehemiah is a fitting book for us to study. The year is approximately 445 BC. The first round of exiles returned from Babylon 93 years earlier. It's been a long time since they began their mission back in Jerusalem (just like it has been 90+ years since our mission began here). Yet, they hadn't finished their work. Yet. This is the story of Nehemiah and how he rallied the people of God around the mission God had given them.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Saturday, January 6

8:30 am – Women's  
Ministry Bible Study

### Sunday, January 7

9:30 am –Worship Service  
11 am – Connect Group

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Pastor Krueger Farewell:

January 21 after worship

### Regular Voter's Meeting:

January 28 after worship

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# CONNECT GROUP SIGN-UP

The Mount is committed to helping people grow in their faith and in their relationship with God as we study the Bible together with fellow believers.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up. Also if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

People cannot grow in isolation. We want to velcro people to the two things that they need in every season in life, especially when times are tough: God's Word and God's people. We are all about “doing life together” filled with God's Word.

We have created Connect Groups with this very goal in mind. We want to connect you to the two things you need for life and eternity: 1) God’s Word and 2) God’s people.

We pray that first and foremost these connect groups will provide God’s people a safe and intimate place to wrestle with, understand and connect God’s Word to their life. We also pray that these groups will promote the development of significant Christian relationships centered around the study of God’s Word. These groups will run from the week of January 7 until the week of February 11.

Sign up now: <https://bit.ly/MountCG>

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 offering envelopes are available to take home. If you wish to have envelopes and do not see a box with your name contact the church office.

### PASTOR CALL

Pastor Chris Johnson has accepted the call to serve as our Mission Pastor here at Mount Lebanon. We thank God for this gift. We will announce more definitive plans as they are made in the new year.

### SOAP JOURNAL

We will be giving these away on Sunday, 12/31/23, along with a reading plan for the month of January. On January 10 at 8 pm, we will host an online Bible study and training to help you learn how you might make use of the journal.

if you would like to help offset the cost of the journals, you are invited to give an offering of \$5.

We are excited to share some new features with you in this new journal. One of those features will be regular encouragements, gatherings, and Bible reading plans.

Contact the church office or sign-up by the SOAP journals if you'd like to receive regular emails and updates and be included in a SOAP group we hope to kick off.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For Faith Schroeder, as she considers her calls to Mount Lebanon and to Kenosha Lutheran Academy.

For Steve Fredrich, who is recovering from a surgery to repair his broken leg. He has returned home.

For Kailyn Barber-Scott, who was born at 30 weeks, and her mother, Tonisha Barber-Scott.

David DeLay, the nephew of Karen Runge, who is in prison.