

Synod Musicians' Meetings

Vision: Called into God's Marvelous Light: To Be To Be Joyful Witnesses

Objective: Organization of congregational worship leaders group



February 28 marked the first gathering of 2006 for a relatively new synod musicians group. The group met a few times last year and now is kicking off 2006 with renewed energy. At their last meeting they shared bulletin layouts, talked about licensure issues, and talked about favorite new hymns.

The group would like to invite any and all synod musicians to join them for future meetings to share with and

support each other. The meeting "agendas" are informal open discussion of worship ideas and church related musical materials that work for you (or don't work!). This group is truly intended to be for worship leaders and to offer them whatever is of use to them. Regular gatherings will bring fresh ideas to worship, offer support for those who come, and revitalize worship in congregations as a result of these other benefits.

If these sound like topics and issues you might like to share in discussing, please plan to join us at our next meeting on March 21 at 10 a.m. in the synod office at Assisi Heights in Rochester. For more information call the synod office at 507-280-9457 or 800-426-6376 (MN only) or email Ann Beatty at abeatty53@aol.com. All are welcome!



Called into God's Marvelous Light

To Be Joyful Witnesses

To Be Christ-Centered Disciples

To Be Strong Leaders

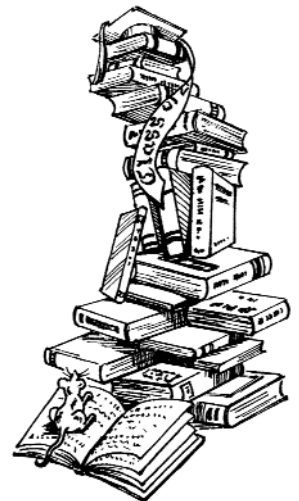
2006: A Synod Joined in Bible Study

A Start...?

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I will *start* with a confession: I have never been involved in a Bible Study during my adult years. I could have *started* many times with the numerous opportunities offered to me by my being a member of various congregations over the years. You know well the many resources and options that are available throughout our Church to support Bible Study.

Why didn't I participate? I suppose for the same reasons I don't do other things. The word itself - study - was referred to in last month's *River Crossings*. Has that been an obstacle to participate? How about not having enough time as a reason, even with understanding that time is a function of choice? Did I not feel knowledgeable enough, even though knowledge (gaining) is a reason for participation. Did I not feel the need? Did I not listen to the call to study scripture, when scripture is one of the ways we are called by God.



The Synod 2006 focus on Bible Study aligns with the Synod Strategic Plan, as articulated by the bishop when stating that, "If we are to be Christ-centered Disciples, we must devote time to study". There still are many of us who would benefit by a *start* down the road of Bible Study. If I had been on this road earlier, I know I would be doing much better trying to complete the *Lutheran Magazine* crossword puzzles.

During this Season of Lent, we can be refreshed by many *starts*. There are many of us who still need to *start* and it's never too late. May we continue to pray for and be blessed with many *starts*.

P.S. My *start* ... participation in a 40 Days of Purpose small group "study", during this 40 day Lenten Season.