St. Paul's

Journey through the Bible



Join Kevin the Lamb and his pals as together we seek God's Word (and "green pastures.")

Reading Plan 2023

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, NC www.stpaulswilmington.org

St. Paul's 2023 Journey through the Bible:

A Conversation

So what is this "Bible Journey" I've been hearing about?

It's an opportunity for our church family to read through the Bible cover to cover. By reading all the books, we shall witness the awesome depth of God bringing us all into the wonderful story of God's love for us all. As we read through each book, you can mark your progress using this guide.

I've always wanted to read the whole Bible, but whenever I've started, I always give up by Leviticus.

That's a common experience. That's why our reading order shifts between Old and New Testaments, generally in chronological order, and sometimes grouped by types of books (examples: Minor Prophets and Pastoral Epistles). Hopefully this plan will encourage both enthusiasm and perseverance. Read a chapter... check it off.

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Will we have any "in person" Bible study to go along with this? I think that would help.

Yes, we will be have two "in person" weekly

sessions in the Church Parlor on Wednesdays at Noon and 6:00 PM. For those who prefer, we will have a "Zoom" session on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM. Links to the Zoom will be posted each week.

So what can I hope for in making this "journey?"

You will not only experience the joy of being able to say as a Christian "I have read the whole Bible," but you will gain a deeper appreciation of God's amazing love for us and our creation throughout human history. You will recognize more clearly what Martin Luther meant when he said, "The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid."

One other thing. What's with all these lambs reading the Bible?

Oh, that's Kevin, our church lamb and his flockmates. Kevin showed up a few years ago and has been eager to be part of our church family ever since. He has indicated that he and his friends also want to read their "Baa-bles."



January 2023

Week of 01/11

Luke (24 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 5	○ 9	○ 13	○ 17	\bigcirc 21	Psalm
\bigcirc 2	○ 6	○ 10	○ 14	○ 18	○ 22	\bigcirc 1
\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 7	\bigcirc 11	○ 15	○ 19	○ 23	\bigcirc 2
\bigcirc 4	○8	○ 12	○ 16	○ 20	○ 24	\bigcirc 3

Week of 01/18

Acts (28 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 5	○ 9	○ 13	○ 17	○ 21	○ 25	Psalm
\bigcirc 2	○ 6	○ 10	○ 14	○ 18	\bigcirc 22	○ 26	4
\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 7	\bigcirc 11	○ 15	○ 19	○ 23	○ 27	○ 5
\bigcirc 4	○8	○ 12	○ 16	○ 20	○ 24	○ 28	○ 6

Week of 01/25

Genesis (50 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 8	○ 15	○ 22	○ 29	○ 36	○ 43	○ 50	Psalm
\bigcirc 2	○ 9	○ 16	○ 23	○ 30	○ 37	044		7
\bigcirc 3	○ 10	○ 17	○ 24	○ 31	○ 38	○ 45		8
\bigcirc 4	\bigcirc 11	○ 18	○ 25	○ 32	○ 39	○ 46		\bigcirc 9
○ 5	○ 12	○ 19	○ 26	\bigcirc 33	○ 40	47		
○ 6	○ 13	○ 20	○ 27	○ 34	○ 41	○ 48		
\bigcirc 7	○ 14	○ 21	○ 28	○ 35	○ 42	○ 49		



February 2023

Week of 02/01

1 Thess	Thessalonians (5 chapters)					Galatians (6 chapters)			
O 1	○ 2	○ 3	O 4	○ 5	○ 1○ 2	○ 3○ 4	○ 5○ 6		
Philippians (4 chapters)					Philemon (1 chapter)				
\bigcirc 1	○ 2	○3	0 4		\bigcirc 1	Psalm	O 10	11	12

Week of 02/08

Exodus (40 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 6	\bigcirc 11	○ 16	○ 21	○ 26	○ 31	○ 36	Psalm
\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 7	○ 12	○ 17	○ 22	○ 27	○ 32	○ 37	○13
\bigcirc 3	○8	○ 13	○ 18	○ 23	○ 28	\bigcirc 33	○ 38	14
\bigcirc 4	○ 9	○ 14	○ 19	○ 24	○ 29	○ 34	○ 39	○ 15
○ 5	○ 10	○ 15	○ 20	○ 25	○ 30	○ 35	○ 40	

Week of 02/15

1 Corinthians (16 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	○ 5	\bigcirc 7	○ 9	\bigcirc 11	○ 13	○ 15
○ 2	0 4	○ 6	○8	O 10	○ 12	O 14	○ 16

2 Corinthians (13 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	○ 5	\bigcirc 7	○ 9	\bigcirc 11	○ 13	Psalm	17
\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 4	○ 6	○8	○ 10	○ 12		○ 16	○ 18

Week of 02/22

Leviticus (27 chapters)





March 2023

Week of 03/01

Romans (16 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	○ 5	\bigcirc 7	○ 9	\bigcirc 11	○ 13	○ 15	Psalm	23
\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 4	○ 6	○ 8	○ 10	○ 12	○ 14	○ 16	22	24

Week of 03/08

Numbers (36 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 5	○ 9	○ 13	○ 17	○ 21	○ 25	○ 29	\bigcirc 33	Psalm
\bigcirc 2	○ 6	○ 10	○ 14	○ 18	○ 22	○ 26	\bigcirc 30	○ 34	○ 25
\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 7	\bigcirc 11	○ 15	○ 19	○ 23	○ 27	○ 31	○ 35	○ 26
\bigcirc 4	○ 8	○ 12	○ 16	○ 20	○ 24	○ 28	○ 32	○ 36	27

Week of 03/15

2 Thessalonians (3 chapters)	Colossians (4 chapters)
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1	\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	Psalm	○ 29
			\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 4	\bigcirc 28	\bigcirc 30

Ephesians (6 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 5	
○ 2	\bigcirc 4	○ 6	



Week of 03/22

Deuteronomy (34 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 5	○ 9	○ 13	○ 17	○ 21	○ 25	○ 29	\bigcirc 33	○ 32
\bigcirc 2	○ 6	○ 10	○ 14	○ 18	○ 22	○ 26	○ 30	○ 34	○ 33
\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 7	\bigcirc 11	○ 15	○ 19	○ 23	○ 27	○ 31	Psalm	
\bigcirc 4	0 8	○ 12	○ 16	○ 20	○ 24	○ 28	\bigcirc 32	○ 31	

Week of 03/29

1 Timothy (6 chapters)		2 Timothy (4 chapters)		Titus (3 chapters)				
\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	○ 5	\bigcirc 1	○ 3	\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	○ 34	○ 36
○ 2	0 4	○ 6	\bigcirc 2	○ 4	\bigcirc 2	Psalm	○ 35	

April 2023

Week of 04/05

Joshua (24 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 5	○ 9	○ 13	○ 17	○ 21	Psalm
\bigcirc 2	○ 6	○ 10	○ 14	○ 18	○ 22	37
\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 7	\bigcirc 11	○ 15	○ 19	○ 23	○ 38
\bigcirc 4	○8	○ 12	○ 16	○ 20	○ 24	○ 39

Week of 04/12

Hebrews (13 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 5	\bigcirc 7	○ 9	\bigcirc 11	\bigcirc 13	Psalm	\bigcirc 41
\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 4	○ 6	○8	○ 10	○ 12		40	42

Week of 04/19

Judges (21 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 4	\bigcirc 7	○ 10	○ 13	○ 16	○ 19	Psalm	45
\bigcirc 2	○ 5	○8	\bigcirc 11	○14	○ 17	○ 20	43	
\bigcirc 3	○ 6	○ 9	○ 12	○ 15	○ 18	○ 21	44	

Week of 04/26

James (5 chapters)

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 Psalm ○46 ○47 ○48



May 2023

Week of 05/03

Ruth (4 chapters)

01 02 03 04 Psalm 049 050 051

Week of 05/10

- 1 Peter (5 chapters)
- $\bigcirc 1$ $\bigcirc 2$ $\bigcirc 3$ $\bigcirc 4$ $\bigcirc 5$
- 2 Peter (3 chapters)
- ○1 ○2 ○3 Psalm ○52 ○53 ○54



Week of 05/17

1 Samuel (31 chapters)

\bigcirc 1	○ 5	○ 9	○ 13	○ 17	\bigcirc 21	○ 25	○ 29

- \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 6 \bigcirc 10 \bigcirc 14 \bigcirc 18 \bigcirc 22 \bigcirc 26 \bigcirc 30 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 7 \bigcirc 11 \bigcirc 15 ○ 19 \bigcirc 23 \bigcirc 27 \bigcirc 31
- ○4 ○8 ○12 ○16 ○20 ○24 ○28
- 2 Samuel (24 chapters)

	\bigcirc 1	○ 5	○ 9	○ 13	○ 17	○ 21	Psalm
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- \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 6 \bigcirc 10 \bigcirc 14 \bigcirc 18 \bigcirc 22 \bigcirc 55
- $\bigcirc 3$ $\bigcirc 7$ $\bigcirc 11$ $\bigcirc 15$ $\bigcirc 19$ $\bigcirc 23$ $\bigcirc 56$
- 4 8 12 16 20 24 **57**

Week of 05/24

John (21 chapters)

- 01 04 07 010 013 016 019 Psalm 060
- \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 5 08 \bigcirc 11 \bigcirc 14 \bigcirc 17 \bigcirc 20 **58** \bigcirc 6 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 9 \bigcirc 12 \bigcirc 15 ○ 18 \bigcirc 21 **59**

June 2023

Week of 06/07

 \bigcirc 1

 \bigcirc 2

 \bigcirc 3

 \bigcirc 4

 \bigcirc 5

 \bigcirc 6

 \bigcirc 7

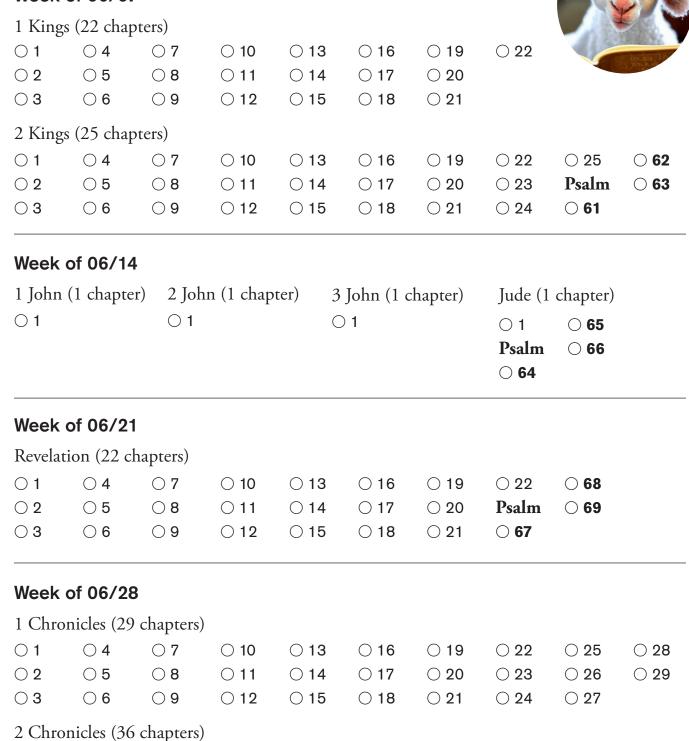
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 \bigcirc 31

 \bigcirc 32

 \bigcirc 33

○ 34

 \bigcirc 35

 \bigcirc 36

Psalm

70

71

 \bigcirc 72

July 2023

Week of 07/05

Ezra (10 chapters)

○ 1
 ○ 3
 ○ 5
 ○ 7
 ○ 9
 Psalm
 ○ 74
 ○ 76
 ○ 2
 ○ 4
 ○ 6
 ○ 8
 ○ 10
 ○ 73
 ○ 75

Week of 07/12

Nehemiah (13 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 7 \bigcirc 10 \bigcirc 13 **Psalm ○ 79** \bigcirc 82 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 5 0 8 \bigcirc 11 **77** \bigcirc 80 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 6 \bigcirc 9 \bigcirc 12 **78** \bigcirc 81

Week of 07/19

Esther (10 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 5 \bigcirc 7 **9** ○ 84 ○ 86 **Psalm** \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 6 \bigcirc 8 \bigcirc 10 ○ 83 **85 87**

Week of 07/26

Job (42 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 7 ○ 13 ○ 19 \bigcirc 25 \bigcirc 31 \bigcirc 37 **Psalm** \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 8 \bigcirc 14 \bigcirc 20 \bigcirc 26 \bigcirc 32 \bigcirc 38 ○ 88 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 9 O 15 \bigcirc 21 \bigcirc 27 \bigcirc 33 \bigcirc 39 ○ 89 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 10 O 16 \bigcirc 22 ○ 28 \bigcirc 34 \bigcirc 40 \bigcirc 90 \bigcirc 5 \bigcirc 11 \bigcirc 17 \bigcirc 23 ○ 29 \bigcirc 35 \bigcirc 41 **6** \bigcirc 12 ○ 18 ○ 24 \bigcirc 30 ○ 36 \bigcirc 42



August 2023

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08

 \bigcirc 12

○ 16 ○ 20

○ 24

○ 28

O 105

Week	of 08/02	Prover	bs (31 ch	apters)				
\bigcirc 1	○ 6	\bigcirc 11	○16	○ 21	○ 26	○ 31	Psalm	
\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 7	○ 12	○ 17	○ 22	○ 27		91	
○3	○8	○ 13	○ 18	○ 23	○ 28		92	
0 4	9	O 14	○ 19	24	○ 29		○ 93	
○ 5	O 10	○ 15	○ 20	○ 25	○ 30			
Week	of 08/09	Ecclesi	iastes (12	chapters)				
\bigcirc 1	○3	○ 5	\bigcirc 7	9	○11	Psalm	95	
○ 2	O 4	6	○ 8	O 10	○ 12	94	○ 96	
Week	of 08/16	Song o	of Solomo	n (8 chapt	ers)			
\bigcirc 1	○3	○5	\bigcirc 7	Psalm	98			
○ 2	0 4	6	○8	97	○ 99			
Week	of 08/23	1 Isaiah	ı (chapter	s 1-39)				
\bigcirc 1	○ 6	\bigcirc 11	O 16	○ 21	○ 26	○ 31	○ 36	
\bigcirc 2	\bigcirc 7	○ 12	○ 17	○ 22	○ 27	○ 32	○ 37	
○3	○8	○ 13	○ 18	○ 23	○ 28	\bigcirc 33	○ 38	
0 4	9	○ 14	○ 19	○ 24	○ 29	○ 34	○ 39	
○ 5	O 10	○ 15	○ 20	○ 25	○ 30	○ 35		
2 Isaial	h (chapters	40-55)						
○ 40	○ 42	44	○ 46	○ 48	○ 50	○ 52	○ 54	
○41	○ 43	○ 45	47	○ 49	○ 51	○ 53	○ 55	
3 Isaial	h (chapters	56-66)						
○ 56	○ 58	○ 60	○ 62	○ 64	○ 66	Psalm	O 101	
○ 57	○ 59	○ 61	○ 63	○ 65		O 100	○ 102	
Week	of 08/30	Matth	ew (28 ch	apters)				
\bigcirc 1	○ 5	9	○ 13	○ 17	○ 21	○ 25	Psalm	
\bigcirc 2	○ 6	○ 10	○ 14	○ 18	○ 22	○ 26	O 103	
\bigcirc 3	\bigcirc 7	\bigcirc 11	○ 15	○19	○ 23	○ 27	O 104	
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September 2023

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Week	of 09/06	Jeremia	h (52 cha	pters)					
\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 7	○ 13	○ 19	<u></u>	○ 31	○ 37	○ 43	○ 49	
\bigcirc 2	○8	○ 14	○ 20	○ 26	○ 32	○ 38	044	○ 50	
\bigcirc 3	○ 9	○ 15	○ 21	○ 27	\bigcirc 33	○ 39	○ 45	○ 51	
\bigcirc 4	O 10	○ 16	\bigcirc 22	○ 28	○ 34	○ 40	○ 46	○ 52	
○ 5	\bigcirc 11	○ 17	○ 23	○ 29	○ 35	O 41	47		
○ 6	○ 12	○ 18	○ 24	○ 30	○ 36	○ 42	○ 48		
Lamen	tations (5 c	chapters)							
\bigcirc 1	2	\bigcirc 3	0 4	○ 5	Psalm	○ 106	O 107	○ 108	
Week	of 09/13	Ezekiel	(48 chap	ters)					
O 1	O 7	○ 13	O 19	○ 25	○ 31	○ 37	0 43	Psalm	
2	8	O 14	20	○ 26	○ 32	○ 38	O 44	0 109	
○3	9	○ 15	○ 21	○ 27	○ 33	○ 39	O 45	110	
0 4	O 10	○ 16	○ 22	○ 28	○ 34	0 40	0 46	O 111	
○ 5	○11	○ 17	○ 23	○ 29	○ 35	041	47		
○ 6	○ 12	○ 18	○ 24	○ 30	○ 36	○ 42	○ 48		
Week	of 09/20	Daniel	(12 chap	ters)					
O 1	0 4	7	O 10	Psalm	O 114	117			
○ 2	○ 5	○ 8	O 11	112	115				
○3	○ 6	○ 9	○12	O 113	O 116				
Week	of 09/27	Hosea	(13 chapt	ters)					
\bigcirc 1	○ 3	5	O 7	9	O 11	○ 13			
○ 2	0 4		0 8	○ 10	○12				Mile
Joel (3	chapters)							J.	
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○ 2									1
Amos (9 chapters)					`	No. of the last	
\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 3	○ 5	\bigcirc 7	○ 9	Psalm	○ 119			
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October 2023 Week of 10/04 Obadiah (1 chapter) 1

Micah (7 chapters)

○ 1
 ○ 3
 ○ 5
 ○ 7
 Psalm
 ○ 122
 ○ 2
 ○ 4
 ○ 6
 ○ 121
 ○ 123

Week of 10/11

Jonah (4 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 Psalm \bigcirc 124 \bigcirc 125 \bigcirc 126

Week of 10/18

Nahum (1 chapter)

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Habakkuk (3 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 Psalm \bigcirc 127 \bigcirc 128 \bigcirc 129

Week of 10/25

Zephaniah (3 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3

Haggai (2 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 Psalm \bigcirc 130 \bigcirc 131 \bigcirc 132



November 2023

Week of 11/01

Zechariah (10 chapters)

Malachi (4 chapters)

 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 Psalm \bigcirc 133 \bigcirc 134 \bigcirc 135

Week of 11/08

Mark (16 chapters)

Special 083 \bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 7 \bigcirc 10 \bigcirc 13 \bigcirc 16 **Psalms** \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 5 \bigcirc 11 08 \bigcirc 14 **84** \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 6 \bigcirc 9 \bigcirc 12 ○ 15 **82**

Week of 11/15

Psalms (15)

○ 136○ 138○ 140○ 142○ 144○ 146○ 148○ 150○ 137○ 139○ 141○ 143○ 145○ 147○ 149

Please use the rest of the year to catch up on missed chapters and books.



A few more questions: I forgot to ask earlier. What Bible do you recommend?

Good question. There are many to choose from. Any version will be fine, though for a large reading project like this, an old King James with small print and narrow columns will tire the eyes quickly, not to mention being slowed by the tedium of the old language. Many are discovering the value of adjustable print versions on Kindle or iPads. The staff has found the Common English Bible to be quite easy to follow. Pastor Mark would love to guide you through some electronic options. NIV, NRSV, NLT, NKJV and a host of Bibles will work.

So what do I do if I just can't find time for all this reading?

Again, let us recommend going to YouTube and search for "Bible Project." They have many great video intros, including one for every book in the Bible. Most are about six minutes each. If you watch all sixty-six, you will learn a lot and we believe you will surely want to read more. The videos are that good. We know you can spare six minutes a week for this. You may wish to use your bookmark to keep track of your video watching progress. The main thing is to keep working some on each current week's book, and catch up later.

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Just out of curiosity, how did you put this guide together, and where'd you find all those lambs reading the Bible?

This guide was originally created using Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher. The Kevin graphic on the cover and final booklet design was created by graphic artist and member Joan Connors using inDesign. The dates and suggested reading order was envisioned by Pastor Jonathan. Except for one photo of Kevin reading the Bible, all of Kevin's other "friends" and "flockmates" were created by Pastor Mark Opgrand using "Playground AI", an artificial intelligence art creator using prompts such as "happy cuddly wooly smiling lamb with big ears reading a book in a meadow." Media Minister Mike Berg has offered assistance with publishing and posting, and Deacon Susan Jackson has been developing supplemental online help resources. It's been a great team.

Any other questions and thoughts can be shared with us via:

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