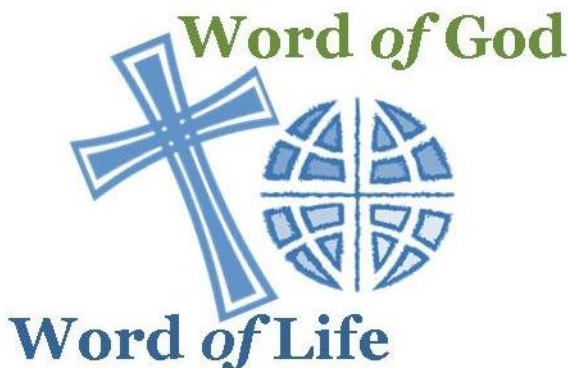


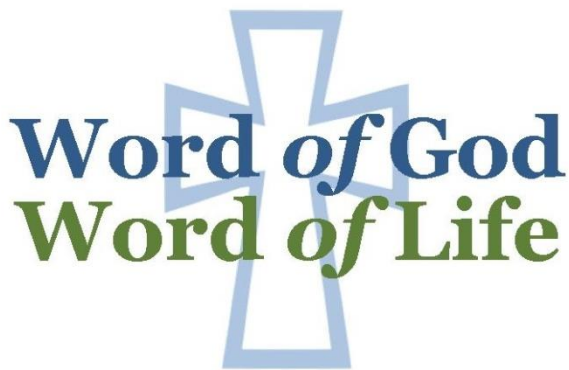
# Word of God - Word of Life

September: Ephesians 1:15 – 2:10

As we begin our communal listening to this core passage from Ephesians please consider the following suggestions:

- While generous use of Bible study resources is encouraged, the emphasis is in striving to hear God speaking to us personally through the Word of Life.
- Pray for the *eyes of our hearts to be open*, before, during and after reading the passage.
- The goal is not to see how often we read the passage, but to listen intently whenever we encounter God through this Word of Life.
- It may be well to focus on just a section of this multi-faceted, somewhat longish passage. It divides rather naturally into two sections.
- It might be well for us to begin by praying the “explosion of praise” that begins Ephesians (chapter 1:1-14). This Christ-centered blessing encompasses what has been accomplished, is being accomplished, and will be completed in and through Christ.
- Throughout the month we will be offered several ways to share our response to praying this passage, including the Adult Forum on the last three Sundays of the month. For now, simply allow yourself to be prompted by the Spirit, to share with one another as you have opportunity. The intent is, that all circles and meetings will begin by meditating on at least a portion of this passage.





# Word of God Word of Life

*A Commitment to living with the Scriptures Together*  
September 2018 – May 2019

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer of the Day from the *Book of Common Prayer* for the Sunday closest to November 16)

Our focus Scripture passages for 2018-19 are as follows:

- Ephesians 1:15-2:10      September      (From Death to Life)
- 1 Peter 2:1-10              October        (Stewardship)
- Isaiah 43:1-7                November     (Protection)
- Luke 1:26-56                December    (Incarnation)
- Romans 8:14-39            January       (Children of God)
- Luke 9:28-36                February     (Transfiguration)
- Philippians 2:1-11         March         (Lent)
- Luke 24:1-51                April         (Easter)
- Psalm 104                    May          (Care of Creation)

In this initiative we are confident that our still-speaking God will bless our efforts to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest God's Word of Life.