

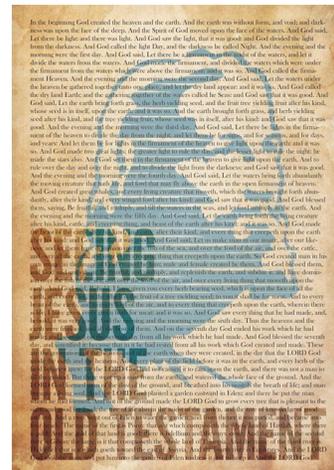


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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"Brick Brick, Burn Burn"

As you likely know, the account of the tower of Babel in Genesis 11 places a lot of focus on language. The opening verse of the narrative, after all, tells us that “the whole earth had *one language and the same words*” (Gen. 11:1). A bit later, the Lord himself acknowledges that the people “have all *one language*” (Gen. 11:6), and he even attributes to that language the profound ability for the people to do whatever they propose to do.

This focus on language is enhanced in an amazing way by what the builders say. They speak only twice, but what they say speaks volumes. Their first line is “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly” (Gen. 11:3). Their second line comes just one verse later: “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth” (Gen. 11:4).

Notice first how each line begins with “Come, let us...” Why do the builders need to say anything at all? We all know there’s strength in numbers, but *the builders rely on speech to garner this strength*. Moreover, the fact that they say the same thing each time—“Come, let us...”; “Come, let us...”—gives the impression of repetition. They keep saying the same thing, again and again. This is how they work.

What's really interesting, however, are the Hebrew words they use for their first line. When the builders say "let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly," the Hebrew reads literally "let us make *bricks* for *bricks*, and *burn* for a *burning*." "Brick...brick," "burn...burn." Not only is their method monotonous, but their very words are monotonous. They are a redundant people. They appear mindless and repetitive, mindless and repetitive.

Does that sound familiar? Here are the terms the world wants you to say. Now repeat after me: "love is love." "Diversity, equity, inclusion." Here are the acceptable pronouns you may use. Now say them back to me. In the meantime, be sure to diversify diversity, make equity equitable, and include inclusion.

At some point, of course, something needs to cut through all this, and break up our linguistic slavery like our Lord busted up the builders building Babel.

Intriguingly, the English word "confess" comes from a Greek word that essentially reads "homo-logos," or "*same-word*." To "confess," then, is literally to "same-speak," or to speak the same thing, typically back to the one who spoke it in the first place.

Do you see what's happening here? *We will either speak the language of the Scriptures, or get caught up in the language of the world.* We will either mindlessly repeat cultural buzzwords—"brick...brick," "burn...burn"—or take refuge in the word made flesh. Little wonder why Pentecost also placed so much focus on language: "tongues," "utterance," "speech," "language," "saying," and so on. While Babel showed us the language of the builders, Pentecost shows us the language of our Lord, the language of the Spirit, the language of the Gospel.

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

Seeing the Resurrection Today



The accounts of Jesus' resurrection are often seen as describing something that happened a long time ago. That may be true, but the greatest part of these narratives is how they put the resurrection right into the church's worship of all times and places. Come take a fresh look at these beloved texts on the following dates with Dr. Brian German, Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute.

***May 3, 10, and 17 from 6:30–8pm
Pilgrim Lutheran Church in West Bend***

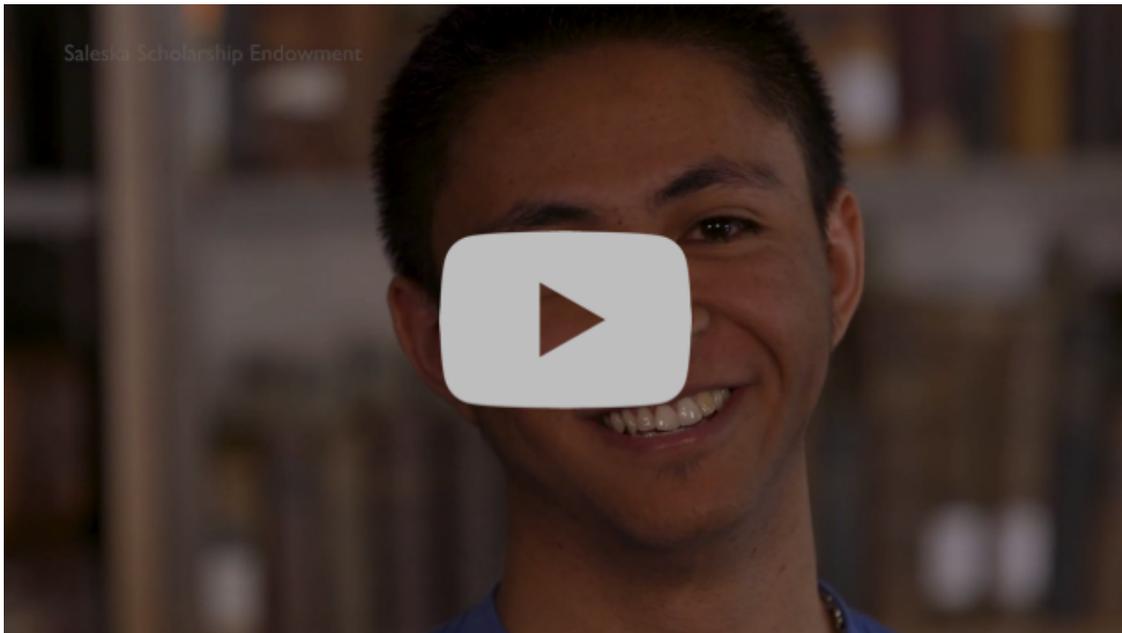
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Thank you! Blessings in Christ,

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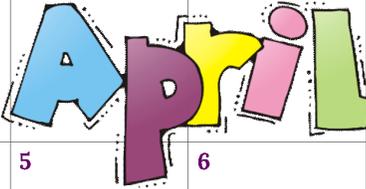


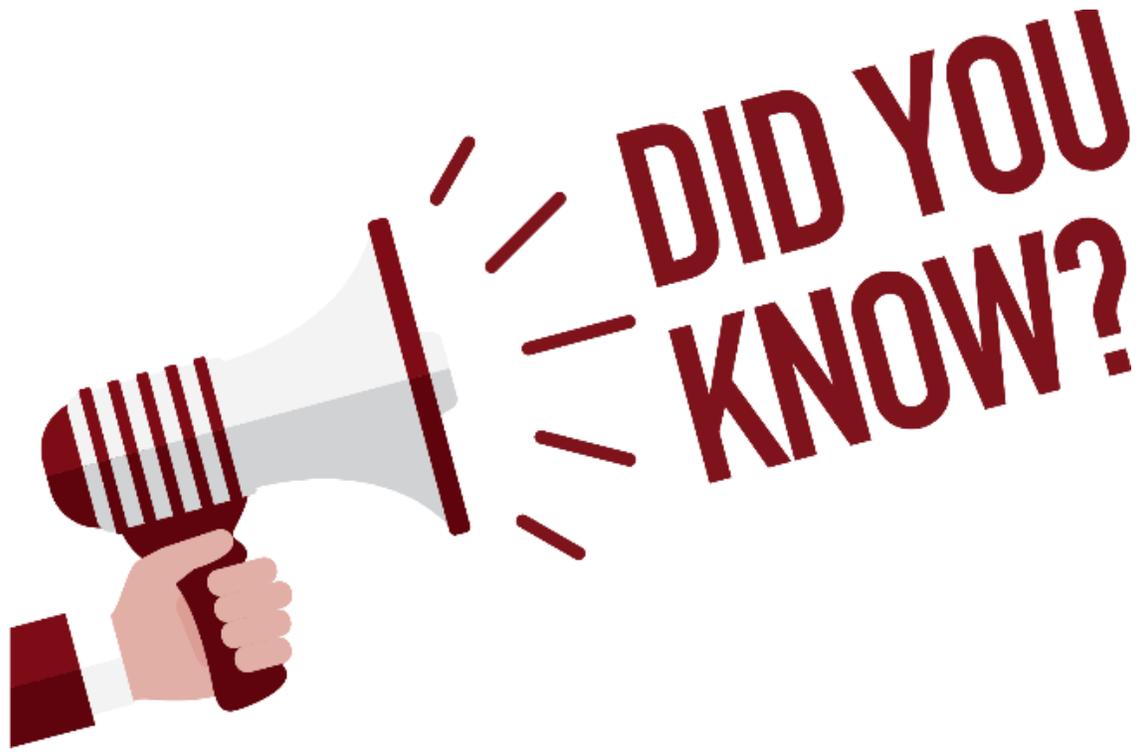
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Isaiah 25:1-9 Romans 1-3	2 Psalm 114 Romans 4-6
3 Psalm 115 Romans 7-9	4 Psalm 116 Romans 10-13	5 Psalm 117 Romans 14-16	6 Psalm 118 1 Cor. 1-3	7 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Cor. 4-6	8 Psalm 119:9-16 1 Cor. 7-9	9 Psalm 119:17-24 1 Cor. 10-11
10 Ps. 119:25-32 1 Cor. 12-14	11 Ps. 119:33-40 1 Cor. 15-16	12 Ps. 119:41-48 2 Cor. 1-4	13 Ps. 119:49-56 2 Cor. 5-7	14 Ps. 119:57-64 2 Cor. 8-10	15 Ps. 119:65-72 2 Cor. 11-13	16 Ps. 119:73-80 Galatians 1-3
17 Ps. 119:81-88 Galatians 4-6 Happy Easter!	18 Ps. 119:89-96 Ephesians 1-3	19 Ps. 119:97-104 Ephesians 4-6	20 Ps. 119:105-112 Philippians 1-2	21 Ps. 119:113-120 Philippians 3-4	22 Ps. 119:121-128 Colossians 1-2	23 Ps. 119:129-136 Colossians 3-4
24 Ps. 119:137-144 1 Thess. 1-3	25 Ps. 119:145-152 1 Thess. 4-5	26 Ps. 119:153-160 2 Thess. 1-3	27 Ps. 119:161-168 1 Timothy 1-3	28 Ps. 119:169-176 1 Timothy 4-6	29 Psalm 120 2 Timothy 1-2	30 Isaiah 25:1-9 2 Timothy 3-4



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