

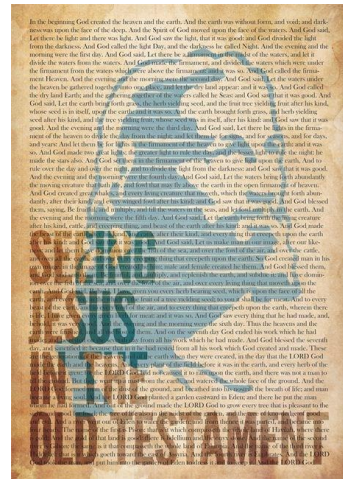


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# CBI e-Bulletin January 2018

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

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"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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## Happy New Year!

I'd like to extend a blessed new year in Christ to all of our CBI participants. We have many exciting events planned for 2018, so I look forward to seeing you!

Peace in Christ,  
Dr. Brian German



## The Circumcision of Jesus

It's around this time of the year, right when we hang up a fresh calendar, that the church remembers the circumcision of Jesus. Have you ever wondered about it? In just one verse Luke tells us that "at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (Lk. 2:21). While it may seem a bit passé for us, this event is actually loaded with significance for what it means to be the Christ-child...

First, you'll notice that our Lord is circumcised on the eighth day. Far more than just a matter of "playing by the rules" (see Gen. 17:12, where God instructs Abraham to circumcise males on the eighth day), the eighth day also marks the first day of a new week. It points to a new day, brought about by the one who has come to give us new mercies every morning. It would also be the day of this baby's resurrection from the dead in order to give us new life.

You'll also notice that it was at our Lord's circumcision that "he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel..." Just as the act of circumcision was closely connected with the giving of our Savior's name ("Jesus"), so also are we given a new name when we are baptized into him, "a circumcision," Paul calls it, "made without hands" (Col. 2:11).

Finally, circumcision, of course, involves the removal of the foreskin, something that the Bible associates with sin and death (see Col. 2:13). This special event not only represents what the Christ-child has come to do for us, but also marks the manner in which he would accomplish it: our Lord's circumcision is *the first time he sheds his blood for us*. This child was born to be cut off by his Father so that we might be brought near as dear children.

As we begin another new year, then, let us keep our eyes fixed on the one who has come to make all things new (Rev. 21:5), including you and me. With that in mind, it's a happy new year indeed!

Dr. Brian German

## Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

\*December 31 started in Mark 1, so feel free to read that in addition to the readings on January 1.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Luke 1:68-79 Mark 2	2 Psalm 30 Mark 3	3 Psalm 31 Mark 4	4 Psalm 32 Mark 5	5 Psalm 33 Mark 6	6 Psalm 34 Mark 7
7 Psalm 35 Mark 8	8 Psalm 36 Mark 9	9 Psalm 37 Mark 10	10 Psalm 38 Mark 11	11 Psalm 39 Mark 12	12 Psalm 40 Mark 13	13 Psalm 41 Mark 14
14 Psalm 42 Mark 15-16	15 Psalm 43 Genesis 1-3	16 Psalm 44 Genesis 4-6	17 Psalm 45 Genesis 7-9	18 Psalm 46 Genesis 10-12	19 Psalm 47 Genesis 13-15	20 Psalm 48 Genesis 16-18
21 Psalm 49 Genesis 19-21	22 Psalm 50 Genesis 22-24	23 Psalm 51 Genesis 25-27	24 Psalm 52 Genesis 28-30	25 Psalm 53 Genesis 31-33	26 Psalm 54 Genesis 34-36	27 Psalm 55 Genesis 37-39
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