

A New Nine Week Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, **September 22** at 9:30 a.m.

"Journeys Through Revelation"
"Hope for Today"

The author of this study is **Barbara R. Rossing**, an ELCA pastor and professor at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, where she has taught since 1994. In her introduction to this study she has written:

"Many people's impressions are that the book of **Revelation** is violent and fearsome; four horsemen unleash destruction and calamity upon the earth; mysterious numbers like "666" spell destruction; mutant locusts and multiheaded beasts terrify; a scarlet -whore of Babylon seduces nations with her cup of fornications; and an end-times battle of Armageddon leaves millions slaughtered. As every pastor knows, this is the book of the Bible that provokes the most curiosity. "

Are you curious too? Have you wondered about this strange and seemingly difficult to understand book of the Bible? What about the novels the "Left Behind" series? Does this book have a timetable for the coming end of the world? Can some people really predict the future when they rightly understand this final book of the New Testament? What's this about a "millennium"? Will there be a "rapture" of people taken to heaven? Some even claim that this book says the world has to be destroyed before Jesus can return.

If you have even the least bit of curiosity about this wonderful book of hope and promise, maybe you should consider making this class a part of your fall/winter plans. You just might find it the most exciting continuing education you have been involved in for years. You will even discover from where the great Norwegian hymn "Behold A Host" (Den Store Hvite Flok) and Handel's "Hallelujah" Chorus came.

Each class will be held in the comfortable "**Fellowship Room**" and is scheduled **Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**, with a break for coffee.

A study book

"Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today"

will be available from the church for \$8.00. There is no other enrollment fee.

"Journeys Through Revelation" will be taught by **Pastor Ole Winter**.

The class is open to all members of Decorah Lutheran Church and the Decorah Community.

