

Adult Faith Formation

Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday Morning Learning

There are learning opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings at 10:30am and childcare is available until 12:00pm. All adults are welcome at either adult learning group:

GIFT Studies are short-term commitments on a variety of topics each year. The classes listed to the right are the GIFT short-term studies.

Ongoing Learning group is for those who do not want to commit to a short-term study, and it is easy for anyone to come to without feeling like they have missed out from prior weeks.

Mid-Week Studies

Adults are encouraged to attend a study during the week (daytime and evening options are available). These studies are led by the ministry staff of Peace.

Monthly Forums

On the 1st Thursday of each month (6-8pm), we will host a community Forum that connects to a culturally relevant topic and will often involve a panel discussion or speaker.

Retreats / Learning Experiences

Adults are invited to participate in various learning experiences and retreats each year to grow in their faith.

Online Learning

Our website will soon have a page with a variety of online learning opportunities for individuals or small groups.

Fall / Winter 2016

Sunday Morning Learning

Aug. 28; Sept. 4, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9 (6 weeks)

Faith Out Loud

Me? Talk about my Faith? This study will offer some hope for us tongue-tied Christians to identify that we have a faith story to share.



October 16 & 23 (2 weeks)

Katie and Martin: An Untraditional Marriage

As we approach the 499th anniversary of the Reformation, come learn about the couple at the forefront, Martin Luther and Katharina von Bora.

Nov. 6 & 13; Dec. 4 & 11 (4 weeks)

Developing Christian Patience

Just can't wait? Patience is something our faith can help us develop. In this study, we will be introduced to the history, meaning, and practice of Christian patience.

Mid-Week Study

October 3rd—24th ~ Mondays at 2pm OR 6pm

A Prostitute, Two Prophets, & Poor Ol' Job

Come meet four characters from the Bible. Walk with *Gomer* as her story points out the faithfulness lacking in Israel but found in abundance in God, or with *Isaiah* and *Jeremiah* as they deliver God's Word, or with *Job* as he and his friends question the relationship between God and suffering.

Visit to Temple Beth-El

Friday, September 16th at 6:30pm



Meet at Temple Beth-El at 6:30pm.

Rabbi Larry Karol will give an introduction to Judaism and Shabbat worship. We will participate in their service and have an opportunity for questions and conversation with Rabbi Karol.

Winter / Spring 2017

Sunday Morning Learning

January 8th—29th (4 weeks)

Jonah

The book of Jonah paints a picture of a God who pushes God's people to go beyond religious and ethnic boundaries to share the love and mercy of God. Jonah is caught between a fish and a hard place as he struggles with God's will and his own wants.

Feb. 5, 12, 19; Mar. 5, 19, 26; Apr. 2 (7 wk)

Animate: Practices

Explore 7 central practices of the Christian faith through video, discussion, and personal reflection. Each week will focus on a different practice: Prayer, Food, Worship, Sacraments, Money, Service, and Community.

April 23rd—May 14th (4 weeks)

Earthkeeping: Stewardship of Creation



Caring for creation is an essential component of religious faith and witness. Faithful "earthkeeping" can deepen our relationship with both God and others.

Mid-Week Study

January 16th—March 1st (7 weeks)

Mondays at 6pm OR Wednesdays at 11am

One Hope: Re-Membering the Body of Christ

This short book is a rich ecumenical resource with several essays designed to help Catholic and Lutheran communities mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

All-Day Retreat

Saturday, January 21st (9am-5pm)

Lutheran Reformation—You will have an opportunity to learn, discuss, and gain a deeper understanding of the Reformation.

GIFT Ministry

Growing In Faith Together

is a ministry of intentional faith formation for adults that leads to the Affirmation of Baptism.



GIFT is a ministry that gives an intentional process and milestone to deepening and growing your faith through learning opportunities and faith experiences. This process can take 1, 2, or 3 years to complete, working at your own pace. Peace Lutheran will provide opportunities to complete the guidelines of this ministry. Each participant will be engaged in all of our ministry areas: Faith Formation, Communal Worship, Public Witness, Healthy Connections, and Expanding Vision

Participants will receive a GIFT Notebook that will include more details on the specific guidelines and have space for personal reflection throughout the process.

To get a Notebook or receive more information, please see Laura Carson, AIM.

Women's Bible Study

4th Monday (10:30am-12pm)



All women are welcome to join this monthly group for Bible study and discussion centered around lessons in the Gather Magazine, a Lutheran publication. Contact Susan Mitchell for more information at (575) 521-4146.

Monthly Forums for 2016

Sept. 1st — LGBTQ Inclusion in Faith Communities: Part 1 (Movie)

Oct. 6th — LGBTQ Inclusion in Faith Communities: Part 2 (Panel)

Nov. 3rd — Las Cruces Chief of Police

Dec. 1st — Upcoming NM Legislative Session (Ruth Hoffman, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry)

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