

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. Classes on Sundays are short-term (1-6 weeks) on a variety of topics each year. The classes are all listed to the right with a description and dates. Although most of these classes are a series, adults can come any week and jump into the class (ask the leader for any materials from prior weeks).

Mid-Week Studies

Adults are invited to participate in a study during the week (daytime and evening options are available). These studies are typically led by the ministry staff.

Monthly Forums

On the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00pm, we host Community Forums that connect to a culturally relevant topic and will involve a speaker, panel discussion, or video presentation. In the past these have included topics on Islam, LGBTQ, Hunger/Poverty, and Advocacy.

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. If you have a particular area of interest, contact Deacon Laura for a recommendation.

Fall / Winter 2017

Sunday Morning Learning

Aug. 27; Sept. 3, 17, 24 (4 weeks)

True Confessions: A Lutheran Witness to the Christian Faith Come explore the Lutheran confessional documents to understand their historical significance and application for a life of faith in a post-modern world.

October 8th—22nd (3 weeks)

Be Our Guest! Hospitality and Accessibility in Our Congregation This ancient and central Christian value, the practice of welcoming others and seeing their needs, will be discussed using our ELCA social statements on cultural diversity and disabilities.

November 5th—19th (3 weeks)

Seasons of the Church Year

Why do we change colors in the sanctuary? This study will help you gain a better understanding of the church year and seasons.

December 3rd-10th (2 weeks)

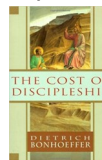
Borders of the Heart: How far does hospitality take us? Join Vicar Day for guided conversations about the possibility of Peace as a bilingual congregation.

Mid-Week Study

Oct. 4th—Nov. 8th ~ Wed. at 10am OR 7pm

The Cost of Discipleship

Explore this book about discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, which reflects on Matthew's Sermon on the Mount.



Mini-Border Immersion

Fri., Sept. 15th (6pm) — Sat., Sept. 16th (8pm)
Spend time immersed in the Border and life of the Cristo Rey community as we come face to face with the immigration system in our country and hear several first-hand stories. Cost: \$75

Winter / Spring 2018

Sunday Morning Learning

January 7th—February 4th (5 weeks)

Becoming an Inclusive Faith Community

This series will explore the most just and dignified approach to including people with disabilities in our congregation and community, personally and as a collective.

Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 4, 18, 25 (6 weeks)

The First Gospel

The Gospel of Mark is centered on the baptism, transfiguration, and crucifixion of Jesus. The evangelist depicts a faith in Jesus that is counter-cultural to both Judaism and the Greco-Roman world.

April 8th—May 13th (6 weeks)

By Heart

This in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism will include historical context and connection to the faith and life of Martin Luther and our lives today.



Mid-Week Studies

February 16th—March 1st (10 weeks)

Koinonia: Group Spiritual Direction

Koinonia, meaning fellowship or communion, will allow participants to create a safe space, share openly, listen actively, practice self-reflection, experience silent meditation, and pray together.

Prayerful Living + Joyful Giving

April and May - Small Group Conversations

Retreat: How Do Christians Read the Bible

Jan. 26th (6-9pm) — Jan. 27th (9am-4pm)

Participants will learn and experience four different ways that Christians read the Bible through large and small groups. Cost: \$15

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 learning opportunities to complete the guidelines for 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 Deacon Laura Carson.

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 2017-18

Sept. 7th — Alzheimer's Association

Oct. 5th — To Be Determined

Nov. 2nd — "Luther and the Reformation"
(Video and Discussion)

Dec. 7th — To Be Determined

Feb. 1st, March 1st, April 5th, & May 3rd

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