



# Christian Education for Adults

January - May 2017

PRINCE OF PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Sunday Morning Learning**

Sunday School for adults;  
Bible studies and topical discussions;  
Sundays at 9:30 am in the Chapel.

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### **Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

Dinner, Class and Prayer Around the Cross;  
for all ages.

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### **Bible Studies**

Ongoing studies of the scriptures;  
in the Conference Room or the Chapel.

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### **Occasional Studies**

Bible studies and other Christian curricula;  
usually 4-6 weeks in length;  
throughout the year;  
in the Conference Room or the Chapel.

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# SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING

## 9:30 am – in the Chapel

### January 1

**Happy New Year. No class today.**

### January 8

#### **In God's Name – Part 1**

*First broadcast on CBS in 2007, "In God's Name" "explores the complex questions of our time through the intimate thoughts and beliefs of 12 of the world's most influential spiritual leaders" (including past Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson). "These diverse and powerful voices offer provocative, compelling and enlightening perspective on myriad issues in our post-9/11 world, including the rise of terrorism, fanaticism, intolerance and war. Ultimately, through [the eyes of these religious leaders], the filmmakers discover common ground among believers around the world" (<http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/6091>). Join us as we watch and discuss this compelling documentary.*

### January 15, 22

**My Neighbor is a Muslim: Understanding the Muslim Faith** led by Christian Reimer, member of the Global Missions committee, and Dr. Mouhamed N. Tarazi, Director of the International Academy of Columbus and professor at Franklin University

*Because we live in increasingly diverse communities, many of us now are now friends, neighbors, colleagues and fellow students with Muslims. In spite of this, we don't always have an accurate understanding of the Muslim faith or the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity. Join us as Dr. Tarazi explains the core teachings of the*

*Muslim faith and answers our questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your knowledge of and appreciation for our Muslim neighbors.*

## **January 29**

**In God's Name – Part 2**  
*(see description above)*

## **February 5**

**Young Adults in Global Mission**  
led by Pastor John Morris

*This ELCA program provides young adults, ages 21-29, with a year-long transformative journey in international service. Join Pastor John upon his return from a visit to the YAGM program in Argentina.*

## **February 12**

**Haiti**  
led by Vicar Dan Potaznick

*Prince of Peace, through its Global Mission Team, is looking at a new exciting ministry partnership both domestically and internationally with The Western New York Impact Foundation. This foundation serves the people of Western New York, as well as communities on the Island of Ile-a-Vache, Haiti. On this island, Grace Ministry runs a school, a church, and an orphanage, with a hope of building a medical clinic. Come hear about the many ways we can serve these communities, and listen to a few stories from Vicar Dan's trips to Ile-a-Vache.*

## February 19

### **Meet our Director of Music, Jeremy Bankson**

led by Jeremy Bankson

*Our new Director of Music will share his journey to becoming a church musician and some of the critical events that led to his love of church music. This will also be a time to ask Jeremy some questions about him and his work.*

## February 26

### **The Gift of Planning**

led by the Parish Health Ministry Team

*Come and learn about Advanced Directives: Living Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney for Healthcare. These documents allow you to ensure your health wishes are followed in a situation when self-decisions are not possible. Your pre-planning is a gift to you, your family, and your healthcare providers.*

## March 5

### **Understanding the Hymnal**

led by Jeremy Bankson

*What's in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book? Would you like to have a better sense of the basics of musical notation? Would you like to learn how to navigate the various parts of our hymnal and the wealth of information it contains? Join us for this very informative session led by our new Director of Music.*

**March 12, 19, 26, April 2, April 9**

**Bible Study on Matthew**

led by the pastoral staff

*This year during worship we will be reading from the Gospel of Matthew. Join us as we explore the Gospel of Matthew and his unique way of telling the story of Jesus. Placed first in the New Testament because of his love of and connection to Jewish Prophecy, Matthew gives us a Jesus who is Moses, Elijah, and the Messiah wrapped up into one person. Be with us both to learn about Matthew and to enrich your hearing of this gospel throughout this calendar year.*

**April 16**

**Happy Easter. No class today.**

**April 23, 30**

**Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, and How to Reverse It**

led by Nancy Shuman, Local Missions chairperson

*Based on the book by Robert D. Lupton, this class will discuss how we can serve the needy in our community and the world in a way that will lead to lasting change.*

**May 7**

**Cold-Brewed Theology**

led by Vicar Dan Potaznick

*Each year, our intern is required by his/her seminary to do an Internship Project. Vicar Dan's project is "Cold Brewed Theology" and it's a conversation – over a tasty beverage – to discuss different aspects of life and how Christ shows up in the least expected places. Come and learn more about the theory behind Cold Brewed Theology.*

**.May 14, 21**

**Faith, Sexism, Justice:  
Conversations toward a Social Statement**  
led by the pastoral staff

*In 2009, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA authorized a social statement process “on the topic of justice for women in church and society.” In these two classes we will look at the study designed for congregations by the Task Force on Women and Justice. (Churches are invited to give their feedback by Aug. 31, 2017, which will help the task force to shape the social statement’s first draft.) As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes, this process “is a call to hear new things and to explore together how matters of justice and sexism intersect with faith.”*

*We’ll take a look at some questions and issues:*

*Why do we need to talk about women and justice?*

*What problems do women face and what does justice*

*require? How is sexism personal and how are we the body*

*of Christ together? How can we address violence against*

*women and girls? Why do images and words for God matter?*

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

**Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, April 5**

### **Cities of the Reformation**

led by the pastoral staff

*Join us as we journey to five key cities of the Reformation. We'll begin with Martin Luther's city of Wittenberg on the eve of the Reformation. Then we'll head south to Rome to look at Pope Leo's view of the upstart German cleric. After visiting mainland Europe, we'll visit London and see how the English Reformation got going – and then go back to Geneva, Switzerland to visit the city that John Calvin set up for dispensing Protestantism. Finally, we'll set sail for Philadelphia with Henry Melchior Muhlenberg to see how the Reformation got a toe hold in the Americas.*

**6:00 pm – Dinner**

**6:30 pm – Class** (childcare provided)

**7:15 pm – Prayer Around the Cross**

*March 8: Wittenberg*

*March 15: Rome (the counter-Reformation)*

*March 22: London (the English Reformation)*

*March 29: Geneva (French Reformation/Calvinism)*

*April 5: Philadelphia (Lutherans in America)*

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Wednesdays at 9:15 am

#### **Women's Morning Bible Study**

Join us for a time of fellowship and study. Studies are a combination of group discussions, video lessons, and/or pastor-led lectures. Sign up at the display in the Fellowship Hall or contact Janice Joos at [janicejoos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janicejoos@sbcglobal.net) Check *Peace Signs* for topics.

### Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

#### **Women's Evening Bible Study**

Join us for a time of fellowship and study. Studies are a combination of group discussions, video lessons, and/or pastor-led lectures. Sign up at the display in the Fellowship Hall or contact Pam Mayer at [pammayer1@yahoo.com](mailto:pammayer1@yahoo.com) Check *Peace Signs* for topics.

### Wednesdays at 7:30 am

#### **year round, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks**

#### **Women's Early Morning Bible Study**

led by Chasity Kuttrus;  
all are welcome; join anytime

### Thursdays at 11:00 am

#### **year round**

#### **A Study of the Scriptures**

led by the vicar and the pastoral staff;  
all are welcome; join anytime

### Fridays at 7:00 am

#### **year round, every other week**

#### **Men's Group**

led by Rob Cooper, Adam Biehl, Paul Butler;  
all are welcome; join anytime

## OCCASIONAL STUDIES

**Saturday, February 4**                      **9:00 am to 12 noon**

**Saturdays, April 22 and 29**    **10:30 am to 12 noon**

### **New Member Orientation**

led by Pastor John, Pastor Amanda, Vicar Dan,  
Barb Hoyt, and church committee leaders

*Interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace?  
Join us for this orientation class. Topics include the history of  
Christianity and the Lutheran Church, local and global  
ministries of Prince of Peace, and expectations of church  
membership. Open to all current and prospective members.*

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