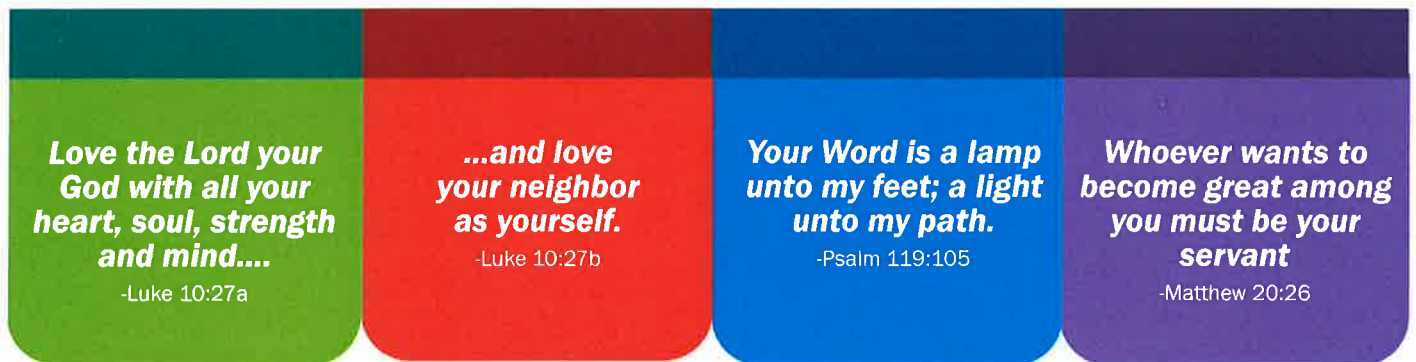




# SERVANT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



## Opportunities to **LEARN**

Winter/Spring 2018



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



# You were made for **MORE**

## Growth Guaranteed.

That seems like a big claim but **God has promised that if we seek him, we will find him.** We invite you to join us in our quest to LEARN more about our God.

The following are the opportunities for growth through large and small group studies. All learning opportunities fall under the umbrella of "Servant Leadership Academy."

*While some classes are for confirmation-age kids to receive credits, all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

### Large Group Bible Studies

Adult Study

**Every Sunday, 10:10 a.m. and Thursday at noon (lunch available), Adult Ed Room**

Dig deeper into the Scripture text for each week by coming to a Bible study usually led by Pr. Corey. This is a time of great fellowship, questioning, and learning. Come when you can (and hopefully often!)

### Wednesday Night Men's Lifegroup

Men's Study

**Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Old Broadway Back Room**

Great fellowship, food, and faith building devotions to help you in your Life's journey. Led by Rollie.

### People of the Lie

Women's Study

**Thursdays, January 4-February 8; Noon or 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall (lunch provided for noon study)**

Satan, the father of lies, loves it when we allow ourselves to believe negative and distorted statements about ourselves. Yet this wrong thinking produces wrong emotions, wrong reactions, and wrong behavior and steals the abundant life Christ came to give us. Learn how to identify these lies and replace them with the truth of who we are in God. Recognizing these misbeliefs for what they are is the first step on the road to freedom. "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32). This study was written, and will be led by, Pastor Laurie.

### Beth Moore: The Quest

Women's Study

**Thursdays, February 15-March 22; Noon or 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall (lunch provided for noon study)**

In this six-week excursion with Jesus, Beth Moore uses questions from Scripture to lead you into intimacy with the One who knows you best. Learn to dig into the Word, to respond to the questions of God, and to bring your questions before him. Let the crooked punctuation mark (the question mark) be the map that points you into a closer relationship with the Father. Led by Pr. Laurie.

### Bible Basics 2

All ages

**Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17 and 24; 7 p.m., Adult Ed; or Sundays, Feb. 25, March 4 and 11; 10 a.m., Luther Room**

We cannot know God if we do not know his Word. In this class, we will follow the golden thread of grace from Genesis to

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We have many small groups that meet together over a book or Bible study. They are called "Lifegroups." If you would like to be a part of a Lifegroup, please contact Pr. Laurie ([lneill@flcfargo.org](mailto:lneill@flcfargo.org)) or Shirley ([stietz@flcfargo.org](mailto:stietz@flcfargo.org)).

Revelation and learn how all of the Bible points to Jesus. If you've ever felt intimidated by the Bible, join us! Led by Pr. Laurie.

## Ethics and Morality

All ages

**Wednesdays, Jan. 3, 10 and 17; 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall; or Sundays, Jan. 7, 14 and 21; 10 a.m., Luther Room**

The Ten Commandments seem like a list of "don'ts" but they really are life-giving instructions on how to live at peace with God, our neighbors and ourselves. Even though they were given long ago, they still speak to our ethical and moral dilemmas of today. Led by Pr. Dave.

## How to Pray

All ages

**Wednesdays, Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7; 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall; or Sundays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and 11; 10 a.m., Luther Room**

We cannot have a relationship with someone we hardly talk to, yet prayer is one of the hardest practices we do. Jesus taught us to pray through the Lord's Prayer. We'll explore that plus other ways to bring prayer into our daily lives. Led by Meggie Bjertness.

## Faith and Footholds

All ages

**Sundays, Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 11; 6-8 p.m., Y Climbing Wall**

Learn the physical skills and techniques of good climbing and belaying but our higher purpose is to grow emotionally and spiritually as men and women of faith. Each training session will involve Bible study, discussion and prayer time. Rock climbing offers multiple parallels to life and our faith journey with Jesus. Led by Rollie.

## Who am I Created to be?

All ages

**Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31; 7 p.m., CrossTalk Cafe**

We are all created in God's image and are called to serve him. This course is designed to help you better understand yourself and to listen for that calling. By the end of this course, you will be able to articulate your values and gifts and have a better understanding of how God has called you. Led by Stephanie Ahlfeldt.

## Worried Sick

All ages

**Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7; 7 p.m., Adult Ed room**

If we would go around the room and list all the things we are worried about, it would take a week! If you look at the Bible, you'll see worrying isn't just silly, it's the opposite of what God wants us to do. So how do we stop? Led by Pr. Laurie.

## Theology Pop

All ages

**Wednesday, Feb. 7 or Wednesday, April 25; 7 p.m., Luther Room**

What if I have doubts about my faith? Why do things like divorce happen? Why does God allow people to starve to death? Why do bad things happen to good people? Bring your hard questions, and let's have a conversation over a soda pop. Led by pastors and family life team.

## Seeing the Word

All ages

**Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, and 14; 7 p.m., Adult Ed room**

Art teacher Anne Kaese will help us explore the world of art and faith. In class, we will create an

embellished letter, play around with gelli pens and calligraphy, learn about the religious symbolism of color in art and then create our own illumination of our favorite text.

## Scary, Gross and Weird Stories

Students only

**Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7 and 14; 7 p.m., CrossTalk Cafe**

Bloody tent pegs, disembodied fingers, cow-poop fires and more. Together we'll discuss some of the Bible's weirdest stories! Demons, dragons, and lice? It's all there. Come find the truths buried in the bizarre. Led by Meggie Bjertness.

## Keeping Tech Positive and Healthy

Parents and students

**Wednesday, March 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Celebration Hall**

Professor Dave Eisenmann talks to students candidly about cyber bullying and harassment, sexting, the dangers of pornography, why they should be cautious about what information they share online and the permanency of their digital record. The presentation is for kids and parents and is very engaging and highly visual.

## Faith and Science

All ages

**Wednesday, Feb. 21, 28 and Mar. 7; 7 p.m., Luther Room**

How can you believe in the Bible and evolution? Doesn't science prove faith is obsolete? Faith and science can go hand-in-hand. This class will facilitate a conversation of how faith intersects with our existing understanding of creation. Led by Katie Oster from Oak Grove.



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## A Means of Grace

All ages

**Wednesdays, April 4, 11, and 18; 7 p.m., Adult Ed room; OR Sundays, April 8, 15 and 22; 10 a.m., Luther Room**

Baptism and Communion are an outward sign of the inward grace we have received but cannot earn. Learn about these sacraments of the church and how they can infuse your daily living and faith life. Led by Pr. Laurie.

## Your Amazing Body

All ages

**Wednesdays, April 4, 11 and 18; 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

God has given us our bodies as a gift and they are to be a temple for the Holy Spirit. We have many choices as to the food we eat, the beverages we choose, and what we put in our bodies to get through the day. Led by Rollie.

## I Believe In...

All ages

**Wednesdays, April 25, May 2 and 9; 7 p.m., Adult Ed room; OR Sundays, April 29, May 6 and 13; 10 a.m., Luther Room**

What are the core beliefs of Christianity? We will take a look at the Apostles' Creed, each article of the Creed, and their goal of unifying the body of Christ. In other words, we will explore the question "What do I believe?" Led by Pr. Dave.

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*Draw near to God  
and he will  
draw near to you.*

James 4:8

## Skeptics Welcome

All ages

**Wednesday, May 2; 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Doubt is not the opposite of faith, but a part of it. Come with your questions and ideas. From your questions, we will generate courses in the future that YOU have a say in offering. Led by Pastors and family life team.

## "Seamless" Bible study for Girls

Girls only

**Wednesdays, April 4,-25, May 2-16; 7 p.m., CrossTalk Cafe**

Cover the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. You will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word. Led by Keshia Ham.