

Monday Morning Bible Study

9:45-11:45am – Room 209

Facilitator: Betty Moore

This ongoing class uses a variety of materials to study books of the Bible. This is a focused Bible study that usually concentrates on one book at a time.

Circle of Sisters

Once a month on Tuesdays—7:00-9:00pm

September 20, 2011-June 19, 2012

Facilitators:

Pastor Greta Hietpas and others

This monthly women's ministry is designed to provide a small group experience to meet the unique needs women have to connect and share. The group began with a study of the book

You Matter More Than You Think
by Leslie Parrott.

Each meeting will include worship, prayer, book study and fellowship.

The Soloist

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

February 1-15

Facilitators:

Sharon Goodrum and Cynthia Stevens
Sometimes people randomly cross paths, and forever will be changed. That's the subtle, yet profound, message of The Soloist, a deeply moving and deeply human film and book about people and what, and whom, they connect with. One day on a walk, not far from his LA Times office, reporter/author Steve Lopez hears Nathaniel Ayers, a homeless street musician, playing lovely music on a battered two-string violin. Lopez learns Ayers once attended Juilliard before mental illness sent him into a spiral, and the column detailing Ayers' journey touches the community --as well as both men.

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am – Chapel

This ongoing class is an opportunity to learn a deeper way of being in relationship with God in the stillness of silence. It is a prayer of surrender to God's presence and activity within us.

Embracing Emergent Christianity

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

March 21-May 2 (will not meet April 4)

Facilitators:

Pastor Kris Androsky and Tom Taft

In her book The Great Emergence, author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. She surveys 2000 years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now. What are the implications of this "Great Emergence," both culturally and spiritually? What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? Where might we be headed next? And, perhaps most importantly, where are you, at this moment? Might you be an emergent Christian?

Christian Denominations

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

May 9-30

Facilitators: Dana Johanson and

JoAnn Wright

This class will explore the growth of the Christian church; its schism's, reformations and divisions; and its development over the last 2000+ years. It will be an overview of today's wide variety of Christian denominations that have been the result of centuries of debate and turmoil; how they came to be and what they believe.

Meeting God in The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe

Facilitators: Beth Ahlgren and Tracy Cleveland

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm

March 1-29

Clive Staples Lewis was far more than an educator and writer; he was, at heart, a theologian who wanted to use his talents to share the truth of the Gospel (the Bible) in unique ways that helped others understand. His Chronicles of Narnia series is just one example. Sarah McLaughlin's book covers a wide variety of the literary and spiritual aspects of Lewis' writing, including a basic understanding of the significance of it always being winter, and never Christmas in Narnia, as well as the symbolism of Aslan's self-sacrifice and resurrection from the dead. This study will combine the book with a look at the movie version of the story.

Thursday Morning Study Breakfast Group

7:00-8:00am – Room 108

This ongoing study is led by a variety of people. Study topics are short-term and of interest to the group. Discussion is accompanied by breakfast.

FaithLink

Sundays, 10:30-11:30am – Room 216

Facilitators: Tom Riese,

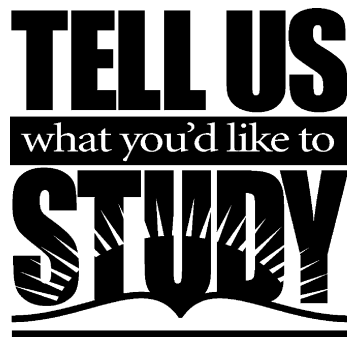
Gary Stevens and JoAnn Wright

Each Sunday a different topic covering a recent event or current issue is discussed. The class looks at the issue, studies how the Bible informs our beliefs and actions related to the issue. They then discuss how we relate and respond to the issue as individuals and as a church.

Men's Breakfast Study

Second Sunday of each month
7:00-8:30am – Dining Room

This ongoing group offers fellowship with other men of the church, good food and good discussions about being a man of faith in today's society. Each month a different discussion leader brings a topic for the group to discuss.



Other Opportunities

Justice for the Poor
Love God; Serve People;
Change the World

Dates and times TBD

Watch the bulletin for details.

Jesus' life and teaching shows a deep compassion toward the poor and marginalized. His messages often highlight the injustices shown to the poor and the prejudices the well-off have against them. How can we learn from the poor? What is our responsibility to care for the poor and to advocate for justice on their behalf?

In addition to the classes listed, we regularly offer short and long-term opportunities to study the teachings of Jesus and other aspects of scripture. If you have a particular interest, would like to be part of a study group or have an idea for a study, you can call the office or let us know by e-mail at eliza.0123@yahoo.com.

What is Spiritual Formation?

Spiritual Formation is focused on growing our souls on an ongoing basis. Our hope is that spiritual growth doesn't end with the end of children's Sunday School; but continues into our youth and through all of our adult lives.

All classes are open to everyone. You do not have to be a member of this church to participate in a group and people of all ages are welcome in any class.

We always value your input, so please let us know what other classes you would like to see offered. You can give your ideas to any of the Spiritual Formation team members: Beth Ahlgren, Shelley Carpenter, Dana Johanson, Emily Long Bob Moore, Ruth Sells, Gary Stevens, Tom Taft or Pastor Kris Androsky.



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