

**“EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE (but were afraid to ask)”**

**Wednesdays, January 20-February 10, 2010 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Here is your chance to submit your questions to Pastor Kriesat about the Bible, the Book of Faith. Each week we will look at the submitted questions and try to find answers. This is an interactive class-the more questions you submit, the more interesting the class can become.

**“KINGDOM LIVING: THE PARABLES OF JESUS”**

**Mondays, February 22-March 22, 2010 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

How do you describe the Kingdom of God? Well, Jesus did it with parables and it is there that we will spend our Lenten journey. Come discover the richness of the gifts of God. **AND** as we did last year, we have a great companion devotional **Forty Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer** which probes the reality of living our faith in a creative way to engage directly with God’s Word during the Lenten season.

**OTHER GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES**

**“AGING: DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, DIFFERENT NEEDS”**

**Fall 2009, Winter and Spring 2010**

Two different programs that explore the unique challenges and gifts of aging. A day time program will gather folks who are getting older to explore the challenges and needs they face. A special evening program will gather caregivers to discuss ways to best be supportive of older parents, relatives and friends.

**“JUSTICE IN JANUARY”**

**Winter 2010**

A special time away for our “20 somethings” as we travel to America’s poorest city, Camden, New Jersey to share in servant ministry and reflect on God’s Word as an agent of change in a hurting world.

**“JEWISH/CHRISTIAN DIALOGUES”**

**Spring 2010**

Our ongoing conversation with Rabbi Friedman and the members of the Summit Jewish Community Center.

**“SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT”**

**March 5-6, 2010**

Quiet time to reflect on God’s good grace and the cost of our salvation. Time to take stock of our lives.

**“LENTEN MISSION WORK DAY”**

**Lent 2010**

A special time as we join our Mission Partner in Newark, to share in a work day together, enabling us to share in “hands on ministry” as well as enjoying the fellowship of the day.

**“APPALACHIAN MINISTRY XIII”**

**July 4-10, 2010**

A rich opportunity for servant ministry on this intergenerational ministry team that again heads to the hills of Tennessee. Housing construction and rehab, a day camp and nutrition program are our daily work as we live and worship in community.

**“SHOWTUNES”**

**Fall 2009, Spring 2010**

Join us as we journey to Broadway to explore our faith in the context of shows like *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Fiddler*, *Godspell* and others. Trips are preceded by one session classes for preparation.

**“THE EUROPEAN CHURCH”**

**Summer 2010**

Our exploration of faith that began in the Holy Land a decade ago and has continued across Asia and Europe, now moves to new explorations.

**“BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT”**

Throughout the year the Pastor gathers folks who have lost their spouses for mutual support and conversation.



**ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES  
2009-2010**

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Dr. John Girvin, Minister of Music

## ADULT FORUM-WEEKLY AT 9:40

**September 13 RALLY DAY:** “A MINISTRY CELEBRATION” A “Ministry Fair” that shares the richness of our Family’s ministries. Sights, sounds and tastes of the Family at work.

**September 20 “FAITH’S GRATEFUL RESPONSE”** Time to consider the magnitude of God’s blessings, our response and the implications for our ministry.

**September 27 “MINISTRY CENTER, NEW BEGINNINGS”** A congregational update on the next steps for our Ministry Center and the status of LSM’s Continuing Care Retirement Community.

**October 4 “AFRICAN MISSION SUNDAY”** A special Sunday to lift up our 19 year partnership with our Mission Partners, Masama Mboreny Lutheran Parish in Moshi, Tanzania.

**October 11 “FEEDING A HUNGRY WORLD!”** An overview of the rich variety of Family ministries that battle world hunger, here and around the world.

**October 18 “BROADWAY HOUSE”** A special time to explore our AIDS ministry in Newark.

**October 25 “AFTER MINNEAPOLIS”** How do decisions made at this summer’s church wide Assembly affect our Family of Faith?

**November 1 “TENNESSEE TALES XII”** Our Appalachian Ministry in review and looking ahead to 2010.

**November 8 “LUTHERAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC RELATIONS”** Time to explore the status of Ecumenical relations with Pastor Kriesat.

**November 15 “MY FELLOW LEPERS”** A personal journey with cancer with Pastor Mac.

**November 22-December 13 “THE GIFT OF WORSHIP”** A four week study that includes:

**November 22** “A THREE YEAR BANQUET” The Lectionary for worship.

**November 29** “THE GIFT OF THE GOSPEL LUKE” with Pastor Mac

**December 6** “THE MUSIC OF ADVENT” with Dr. Girvin

**December 13** “LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD”

**January 3 “CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP RILEY”**

**January 10 “AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER”** A special time as we share news from our Mission Partner.

**January 17 “A MISSION PLAN FOR THIS TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS”** Resources for a new year and new opportunities.

**January 24 “GOD’S TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS”** Where we’ve been in this God given year.

**January 31 “ANOTHER NEW BEGINNING** Where we’re headed in this new time God has given.

**February 7 & 14 “MONEY AND FAITH: The Search For Enough”**

**February 21-March 28 “A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH THE WORD OF NEW LIFE”** God’s Word reminds us of the gift and call of Christ in this, our six week Lenten Bible Study.

**April 11 “GLORY TO GOD ALONE: THE LIFE OF J.S. BACH”**

**April 18 “A CONVERSATION WITH BARBARA”** Our annual Holocaust observance begins with one of our own members who survived the Camps.

**April 25 “A CONVERSATION WITH COR”** Our Holocaust observance continues as Pastor Mac shares his conversations with Cor Sujuik, a member of the Dutch underground and a prisoner in the Camps.

**May 2 “AMISH-MORE THAN BUGGIES”** A look at the common roots we share with the Amish and the significant differences that have created their unique society.

**May 9 “SIKHS IN OUR MIDST”** A special day as a leader of the local Sikh community joins us to share background on this often unknown or misunderstood faith.

**May 16 “AN UNFINISHED EASTER STORY?”** And they ran away... afraid. This ‘Easter special’ takes a look at the earliest Gospel’s account of the resurrection.

**May 23 “A TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS”** Share this special time as we rejoice at the gifts of our confirmands and give thanks for the ministry of our peer leaders.

**May 30 “A TIME TO GIVE THANKS”** Join us as we mark the end of our Sunday Church School year and as we look ahead to significant moments in our Family’s life.

## PARENTING BIBLE STUDY

**BAPTISMAL ORIENTATION** Fall 2009 and Spring 2010  
Time to learn more about our Family’s Baptismal ministry.

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** March 20, 2010  
A gathering of parents to prepare as their children begin confirmation ministry.

**FIRST COMMUNION ORIENTATION** June 6, 2010  
A special gathering of those preparing for First Communion and their parents.

**TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT GOD** Spring 2010  
Time to look at models for productive faith conversations with your little ones.

**TACKLING TEENS** April 2010  
Time to gather perspectives and resources for what is often the most trying time of parenting.

## NEW TO THE “FAMILY” OPPORTUNITY

**“REJOICE” NEW MEMBERS’ EXPLORATION GROUP** Fall 2009, Winter and Spring 2010  
A “no obligation” evening for folks who want to learn more about the Lutheran Church in general or our Family of Faith in particular.

## DAYTIME AND EVENING STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**“CARING AND COMMUNITY: PERSPECTIVES ON EPHESIANS” and “THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS** Mondays, 7:30– 9:00 p.m., September 14-October 12, 2009

In the tradition of last Lent’s dual offering, our Fall study will see us working through a study guide on the book of Ephesians, that wonderful letter that does such a wonderful job of exploring the reality of living in Christian community. In a companion excursus we’ll explore the dynamics of forgiveness with the likes of Elie Wiesel as our guide..

**“THE LETTER OF JAMES”** Wednesdays, 10:00—11:30 a.m., November 4-25, 2009

The letter of James is found in the New Testament but gets little attention or study, especially in Lutheran circles. Martin Luther once called it “the Epistle of straw!” Join Pastor Kriesat for this insightful study and see how James speaks to us today.