



**Adult SME
Opportunities**

Opportunities to grow
in your faith
together

**September through December
Classes**



September 13th

A Sabbatical Journey - Pastor Jennifer will report to a joint adult class on her summer sabbatical.

Join us in the Sanctuary to hear and see how Pastor Jennifer spent her time away from Good Shepherd.





September 20th at a Glance

Discovering God's Vision for Your Life - You and Your Spiritual Gifts led by Pam Montgomery and Pastor Jennifer. This course will help to answer how you can know of God's will in your life as well as to how to live fulfilled as a Christian. Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Home Grown Faith led by Jennifer Haugland and Tania Grant. Focused training for passing on faith based on a book by the same title by David and Kathy Lynn. Meets in the Choir Room.

Theology, Ecology, and the Environment led by Casey Cep. A fresh look at scriptural, theological, and historical teachings on the Creation. Drawing on the Bible, early Christian writers, and contemporary environmentalists, we'll spend time discussing humanity's relationship to the rest of God's created order. This is a one week class that will meet in the Sanctuary.

Joining the Flock—New Member Class led by our Evangelism Team. Learn about Good Shepherd. Meets in the Library.

Lectionary Bible Study led by Jeff Dozer. Engage the weekly appointed scriptures. Meets in Pastor David's office.

Whittecar Class led by Gail Vaughn, Sally Sloop, Cathie Strawbridge and Peggy Ruopp. This class is for adults with/without developmental delays. Meets in E-7

Community Class led by Gordon Keehn. This class encourages participants to discuss topics faced in our daily lives and how to apply scripture to them. Meets in Underwood Hall.



Discovering God's Vision for Your Life - You and Your Spiritual Gifts

Have you ever. . .

- wondered what God's will is for your life?
- wanted to become more involved in meaningful ministry but weren't sure what you would excel at or enjoy?
- sought greater personal and spiritual growth?

If you have. . .

Then we have the Sunday School class for you! Beginning Sunday, September 20th - Sunday, November 8th, Pastor Jennifer and Pam Montgomery will teach a course entitled ***Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts***. This course will help you address these questions - and more! Each session combines lecture, discussion, experiential gifts discovery exercises and practical application of God's Word. You won't want to miss a class as each week builds on the previous session. The cost for the course is \$17 per participant. Please sign-up on the Wittenberg Wall so participant books and materials can be ordered for September!

Home Grown Faith Book Study

Many parents assume that to nurture faith in our children, we bring them to church and let church professionals and those trained by church professionals pass on faith to them. However, research shows that parents are the most influential people in the lives of their children – more than pastors, Sunday school teachers, or youth workers.

But parents are already overwhelmed and overscheduled with their kids' homework, sports, events, and carpools. They don't have time or training to pass on faith to their children. Or do they? How can it be done?

Join us for this opportunity to become the parent that your child needs you to be; to pass on your faith. Using David and Kathy Lynn's inspiring, empowering, equipping book, *HomeGrown Faith*, learn fun, faith-filled, practical ways to pass on faith as part of everyday life together.

Sign up on the Wittenberg Wall by September 4, please note if you would like a book. The optional book, *HomeGrown Faith*, costs \$13.

Joining the Flock—New Member Class September 20 - October 18

Learn about the structure and community of Good Shepherd and the Lutheran church through this five week class. We will also provide an overview of our mission and ministry, have the opportunity to meet staff members and engage others who are new.

To register contact Brenda Dozer at Brenda@GSLChurch.org.



* **Beginning September 27th Paul's Letter to the Romans**

(September 27–October 25)

Paul did not start the church in Rome and he wrote this letter without having visited the Roman Christians. Therefore, we have in Romans some of Paul's perspectives on God's relationship to creation. These sessions will address the nature of salvation, grace, suffering, mission and what God wants from us. No prior knowledge of Romans is needed.

Weekly classes offered every Sunday beginning September 20th

Lectionary Bible Study led by Jeff Dozer. This class examines the weekly lectionary readings, with an emphasis on the gospel reading. We explore the readings in some depth, but folks with all levels of Bible knowledge are welcome. We begin every class session with some time for each person to share how they have seen God at work in their lives. Meets in Pastor David's office.

Whittecar Class led by Gail Vaughn, Sally Sloop, Cathie Strawbridge and Peggy Ruopp. This class is for adults with/without developmental delays and utilizes the curriculum Seasons of the Spirit. The curriculum follows the lectionary to reinforce the readings of the day by integrating worship, learning and serving. Meets in E-7.



Community Class Join in an ongoing class where we will discuss the application of God's Word to issues that we face in our daily life. We will start out exploring "No Experience Necessary: On-the-Job Training For a Life of Faith", a look at how God has called others to a life of faith, and how we can recognize His presence in our daily lives. Meets in Underwood Hall.



A look ahead to the next series of classes

Book Study – As For Me And My House by Walt Wangerin

Marriage begins with the exchange of vows. Once uttered, the real work of marriage begins. If you are married or considering marriage, the purpose of this book study is to lead you to a better understanding of God's ideal for marriage, and the tools He provides so that you may work toward it. During this six session class, we will explore the topics in this book as a group and in couples. Wangerin's easy-to-read style combines humor and insights that will lead you into a new understanding of marriage, whether you are engaged or married for many years. The group discussions cover the concepts, but the real work is done in private between the spouses.

Requirements for the class include one or two copies of the book, signing of the class covenant, and reserving one hour per week as a couple to discuss privately the application of the concepts discussed in class.

"As for Me and My House" Book Study Group Covenant

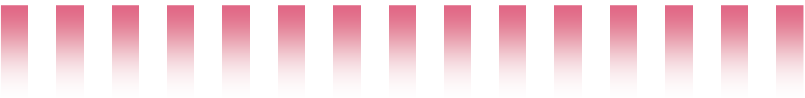
As a member of this study group I pledge that:

- I will carefully read the assigned section of the book, and make attendance at the sessions a priority
- I will listen to my spouse and to others in the group with compassionate energy, and without criticizing
- I will not do or say anything in front of the group that might hurt or embarrass my spouse
- I will keep in strictest confidence that which is shared within the group, not discussing anything outside the group except what pertains directly to me and my spouse
- I will enter wholeheartedly into dialogue with my spouse so that together we might discover God's grace in our marriage.

Sign up required. Watch the Wittenberg Wall in September to sign up.

Opening the Book of Faith—I John

These sessions will be held in the Sanctuary and led by Pastor David and Vicar Nathaniel from November 1 –November 22 (Four sessions)



Delve into this brief letter, five chapters, and you encounter the impact of following a God who loves. What does it look like to love one another? Wrestle with the John's emphasis on eternal life. Immerse yourself in the powerful imagery John uses to express faith.

Loving Well—A study for women

A women's study by Beth Moore. She invites us to join her by jumping into the Word to seek help in loving all the people God has for us. We will study several different kinds of people. Those that are easy to love, difficult and humanly impossible to love. We will discover that God wants to show His might by doing through us what we cannot possibly do on our own. God wants us to learn to love all these types of people and to love them well. This class will meet for 3 weeks in November and is led by Lorrie Houze.

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.”

