

Streams of Living Water:

Celebrating the Great Traditions
of Christian Faith

March 1 – May 31

This study is built on Richard Foster's acclaimed book *Streams of Living Water*. It is designed to help Christians accept the invitation to live a balanced and well-rounded apprenticeship with Jesus.

Group members will experience significant growth in their deeper appreciation for Jesus as the source of each of the great traditions of Christian spirituality:

- Contemplative – prayer-filled life
- Holiness – virtuous life
- Charismatic – spirit-empowered life
- Social Justice – the compassionate life
- Evangelical – word-centered life
- Incarnational – sacramental life

Teacher: TBA

Place: Pastor's Study

Format: Video/Discussion

Fee: \$20

ADULT EDUCATION

2008-2009

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WELCOME!

Beginning in September, adults will have a variety of offerings for Sunday Church School. Classes are from 9:15-10:15 every Sunday morning. Please plan to attend. Bring your coffee cup and a friend.

Atascocita Lutheran Church

***“Making Christ known through
Reflecting Christ in our lives”***

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CLASS SCHEDULE

September 14 – November 23

Adult Crossings: God's Journey with Us

November 30 – January 4

Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today

January 11

Estate Planning Seminar: presented by The Rev. John Hunsicker of the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest

January 11 – February 22

Come and Grow with Us: New Member Basics

January 18 – February 22

Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask

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On Earth as it is in Heaven: Making it Happen

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On Earth as it is in Heaven:

Making it Happen

March 1 – May 31

Are you tired of the routine, self-centered church life that makes little impact on the surrounding world? This study offers a Biblical agenda for a mission-oriented church. It understands the call of the gospel to participate in God's work in the world and helps believers to see their role in the advancement of God's reign. Sessions include:

1. God's All-Encompassing Agenda
2. God's Agenda and the Church
3. The Transforming Story
4. The Church is Failing to Fulfill God's BIG Agenda
5. Worldview Shift
6. The Cost to the Church
7. The ABC's of Culture
8. The Spread of Ideas
9. The Church as a Window
10. Kingdom Math
11. The Gates of the City
12. The Discipline of Serving Others

Teacher: Pastor Anholt

Place: Nave

Format: Video/Discussion

Fee: \$20

Christianity & World Religions: *Wrestling with Questions People Ask*

January 18 – February 22

With rapid advances in technology, the world seems to be getting smaller and smaller. It used to be that our neighbors were those who lived in our geographical community. They were predominately Christian. Now our neighbors can live anywhere in the world and adhere to a variety of religious traditions.

This fascinating study will satisfy the curiosity by answering common questions people ask about other religions – including why we should believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths.

In sessions on Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism, the author Adam Hamilton interviews leaders from those traditions, treating them with respect and recognizing the unique contributions of each before comparing and contrasting them with Christianity. In an open and honest fashion, this study summarizes the essential beliefs of Christianity in light of those alternative beliefs.

Teacher: TBA

Place: Nave

Format: Video/Discussion

Adult Crossings: *God's journey with Us*

September 14 – November 23

The Bible contains hundreds of stories – thousands of names. How does a person begin to understand and remember it all?

Adult Crossings is a unique Bible overview. It explores what many scholars consider the **eight core stories of the Bible**. This is what theologian Walter Brueggemann calls, “the primal narrative – that most simple, elemental, and non-negotiable story line that lies at the heart of biblical faith.” The core stories include:

1. God's Call
2. The Exodus
3. Sinai Covenant
4. Promised Land
5. Davidic Rule
6. Jesus' Life
7. The Cross
8. Resurrection Life

By studying these ancient stories we can begin to see how God continues to act, here and now, in us and through us.

Teacher: Pastor Gary Anholt

Place: Nave

Format: Video/Discussion

Cost: \$15

Countering Pharaoh's

Production – Consumption Society Today

November 30 – January 4

Countering Pharaoh shows how all of God's people – from Israelites fleeing Pharaoh's Egypt and slavery to today's Christians battling consumerism – struggle with the temptation to hang onto the status quo and the things that enslave us rather than step out of our comfort zone and claim God's promise of freedom from sin and bondage.

This enlightening series is hosted by Walter Brueggemann, an Old Testament scholar and retired Columbia Theological Seminary professor.

Sessions are:

1. The Way Out
2. The Decalogue
3. Countering Caesar
4. An Act of Imagination
5. On Not Doing God Any Favors

Teacher: Pastor Gary Anholt

Place: Nave

Format: Video/Discussion

Cost: \$10

Come and Grow with Us:

New Member Basics

January 11 – February 22

Explores the basics of what it means for us today to be disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the church, particularly the Lutheran Church. For some, this class will serve as an introduction; for others it will refresh past learning. Sessions include:

1. Come to Belong
2. Come to a Deeper Understanding
3. Come to Grow
4. Come to Worship
5. Come to Share
6. Come to Tell

These sessions explore particular dimensions of Christian discipleship and church membership – the characteristics of belonging to a faith community; the importance of a growing relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, and worship; and the ways we as individuals and in congregations live as Christ's agents in our world.

Teacher: Pastor Gary Anholt

Place: Pastor's Study

Format: Lecture/Discussion

Fee: No Fee