

# Adult Education



## Course Catalog Winter—Spring 2017

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## Introduction

Our Savior's lives by five core values: Worship, Service, Learning, Generosity, and Community. Our values shape how we live together and in the world.

What you are holding in your hands (or reading online) is an outgrowth of OSL's core value of Learning, as stated in OSL's Mission and Values: "Because growth in faith is a lifelong endeavor, we provide, promote, and facilitate learning for Christian faith and living." The opportunities detailed in this catalog enable each of us to broaden our understanding and deepen our faith through education, dialog, and reflection. Peruse the options and choose to participate in those that interest you. If you would like to see something offered that isn't detailed here, mention it to one of the pastors and we'll do our best to work it into the schedule. More than anything, use this catalog to guide you into opportunities that will help you not only engage more deeply the faith you carry but also become more fully the person God is calling you to be.



Note: all information contained in this catalog is subject to change. Watch the worship bulletins, *The Intercom*, weekly email updates, [oslchurch.com](http://oslchurch.com), and OSL's social media sites for up-to-date information for each learning opportunity. Still have questions? Call the Church Office, 336-2942.

Welcome to OSL U! It's going to be a great semester!

## Sunday Morning Adult Education 10:00–10:50 A.M., Fellowship Hall

### Introduction to the Reformation: January 8 and 15

The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation will be celebrated in 2017. As we begin this momentous year, we set aside some time to review what the Reformation was all about, how it was started, who was involved, where it all happened, and how it changed the world. By reminding ourselves of what we learned in confirmation and history classes and opening ourselves to things we never knew, we will gain a new appreciation for the impact the reformers had on history and be better prepared to truly celebrate the landmark anniversary on October 31.

Facilitators: Chris Croghan, Director, Luther House of Study, and Sarah Stenson, Associate Director, Luther House of Study

### Reformation Roots: February 5 and 12

Do you ever wonder why we have so many Christian denominations, and if there is really much difference between them? This series seeks to answers these questions by discussing the dramatic and turbulent times of the Reformation. These classes will bring to life the stories and struggles of Martin Luther, and how they still impact us today.

Facilitator: Pr. Tim Lemme



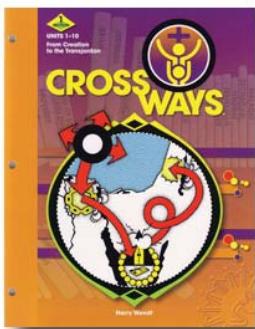
## Weekly Adult Education

**Adult Confirmation: Wednesdays,**  
January 6–April 6, 6:00–7:00 P.M.,  
Friendship Room

This course continues by taking a look at basic Lutheran teachings and engaging in conversation around how they connect with everyday life. Everyone is welcome to come as we engage some of Luther's best theological writings.



Facilitator: Pr. Randy Gehring



**Crossways Bible Study: Mondays,**  
January 9–March 27, 6:30–8:00 P.M.,  
Friendship Room

Crossways can change people's hearts and lives profoundly. With 40 units on the Old Testament and the intertestamental period, plus 20 units on the New Testament, Crossways serves as the ultimate travel-guide for an unforgettable, in-depth journey through the Bible. Having offered Year 1 of this two-year course last year, this year's course will focus primarily on the New Testament.

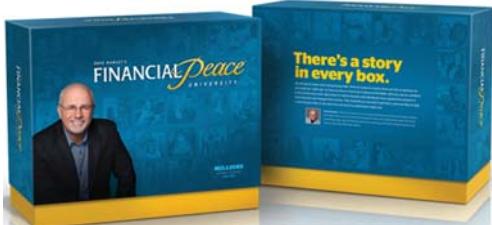
Facilitator: Pr. Sami Johnson

## Be an Everyday Evangelist: Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M., January 11–February 22, Friendship Room

If you started this course last fall, you are invited to finish the series. New-comers are also invited to begin now—it's easy to catch on. There will be a few books available on a first-come, first-served basis; otherwise just ask Pr. Sami if you need help finding it.

The title “evangelist” is a loaded term. People usually think of people living in far-off lands in difficult or dangerous circumstances when they think of evangelists, but Jim Henderson has something else in mind in his book *Evangelism Without Additives*. “Evangelism can be as normal as asking great questions and paying attention to people who need Jesus,” Henderson writes. “It involves doing things you already do, but with a new purpose... This isn’t another program or pitch. It’s a handbook on how to make real connections with nonbelievers. Think of it as evangelism for the rest of us.” Group members will walk through this simple book, chapter by chapter, and challenge themselves to become Everyday Evangelists by employing its ideas. A sign-up is available at the Information Center. This class is open to all women of the congregation, and friends.

Facilitator: Pr. Sami Johnson



Financial Peace University:  
Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 P.M.,  
January 10–March 7,  
Office Conference Room  
We all need a plan for our  
money. Financial Peace  
University (FPU) is that plan!

It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Facilitator: Pr. Randy Gehring

Cost: \$100 per household, payable at registration (includes FPU lifetime membership)

To register: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1022310>.

**Smart Money, Smart Kids: Sundays, 10:00–10:50 A.M., March 5–April 9;  
Fellowship Hall**



This is a new class for parents from Dave Ramsey and his daughter, Rachel Cruze. Learn to teach your kids to work hard, spend wisely, and give

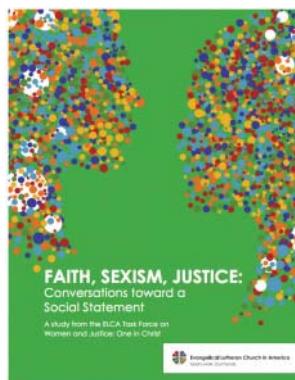
generously—all with a spirit of contentment that will transform their lives! These six practical and entertaining video lessons are perfect for a shared experience with other parents who want to equip their children with the tools they'll need for the rest of their lives.

Facilitator: Pr. Randy Gehring

Cost: Each participating parent/couple will need to order their own copy of the materials from [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) (\$59 as this catalog went to press). Included in the purchase price is a lifetime membership to many of the resources at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

**Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement: Tuesdays,  
6:30–7:30 P.M., March 14, 21, 28, April 4,  
18, 25, May 2; Office Conference Room**

The ELCA has initiated a process that could result in a social statement regarding women and justice in church and society. This study is part of that process, “a call to hear new things and to explore together how matters of justice and sexism intersect with faith,” says Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the



ELCA. All participants will have the opportunity to provide direct feedback to the task force charged with the responsibility of preparing a social statement for the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Again, from Presiding Bishop Eaton: “As a pastor who has served in congregations and in synodical leadership, I am quite aware that it can be challenging to have conversations on these complex topics that are so close to our homes, congregations and communities. I believe the task force has produced a study for these conversations that you will find spiritually enriching, engaging, respectful, clear, and well-balanced.

“As people of God, set free in Christ and brought together in loving community, we are called to work for justice and the flourishing of all God’s people. We can be confident that the Holy Spirit will faithfully lead us through this conversation. God bless you as you join in.”

Facilitators: Pr. Randy Gehring and Pr. Sami Johnson

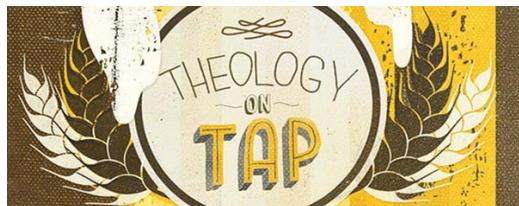
#### Faith Families: Dates and location to be announced

Families with children age three through ten are invited to participate in Faith Families, a new program for families to practice their faith together through meaningful activities, caring conversations, and time spent in fellowship with other families. This program is aimed at strengthening the bond of parents to their children, and helping them develop lifelong faith practices they can share together. The group will also practice Faith 5 together, a simple bedtime ritual developed by the Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim that you can do at home to hold your family together in faith.

Experts agree the number-one indicator of a child’s lifelong faith is what he or she experiences in the home, from his or her parents. But you are not alone in this. Join Faith Families and share these important life experiences! Keep an eye on the bulletin announcements, Crosstalk newsletter, and [oslchurch.com](http://oslchurch.com) for information about time, dates, and location.

Facilitator: Pr. Sami Johnson

Theology on Tap: Third Thursday of the Month, 8:00–9:30 P.M., Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.



Using Martin Luther's approach to discussing theology with his students, we'll gather monthly around a pub table to share in conversation, reflection, and prayer as we seek together to connect faith with everyday life.

Facilitator: Pr. Randy Gehring



## Mission and Values

The OSL Mission: Our Savior's is a people forgiven in Christ whose mission is to proclaim Christ and nurture faith that connects with everyday life.

Our beliefs and mission shape our values, and our values shape how we live. OSL has five Core Values:

**Worship  
Service  
Learning  
Generosity  
Community**

## OSL Caring Ministries Education

Caring Ministries offers a variety of additional classes, support groups, and presentations on spiritual, physical, and emotional care throughout the year. Check bulletin announcements, *The Intercom*, and oslchurch.com for listings of events as they are offered throughout the year.

### Ask the Expert: Sundays, 10:00–10:45 A.M., Caring Ministries Area

Ask the Expert is an informal setting where people gather for conversation and sharing with leaders who provide holistic services in the community. The spring schedule is being developed and will be published in weekly bulletin announcements and *The Intercom*, and at oslchurch.com.

### Recent Loss Group: Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 P.M., March 15, 22, 29, April 5, and 12, Room 101

When someone we love dies, grief begins. This normal, natural response to loss can take many different forms, it can affect people in many different ways, and it can last months or years. Come to OSL's Recent Loss Support Group (formerly When Mourning Dawns) to give and receive support from others who are in the early weeks and months of this challenging journey. The group will have a designated table at OSL's Wednesday evening supper, for those who wish to eat beforehand at 5:00. No preregistration needed. Questions? Contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com).

### Good Grief Group: Thursdays, 10:00–11:00 A.M., Room 103

Good Grief is a support group for those who are in different stages of the grief process. Each week members gather for a time of study, fellowship, and sharing, offering each other Christian caregiving and support.

**Hope for Living with Chronic Illness or Cancer: Tuesdays,  
2:00–3:00 P.M., Friendship Room**

Those who live with chronic illness know just how hard it can be, emotionally, physically, and spiritually, to live with a debilitating disease. Members of this group come together weekly to offer support to each other and to learn new ways of living and coping with chronic illness. Hope for Living with Chronic Illness or Cancer partners with the ELCA Ayuda initiative in supporting Spanish-speaking neighbors struggling with these illnesses.

**Memory Care Support Group: Saturdays, 10:00–11:00 A.M.,  
Friendship Room**

This group, for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, is a place to share and to receive understanding and empathy.



**Stephen Ministries: Become a Trained Minister of Christian Caregiving**  
All of us are called to be part of the Body of Christ. One unique way to be this is by becoming a trained Stephen Minister. Each year, new Stephen Ministers are trained at OSL in the art of Christian caregiving through a course that begins in January and runs through April, a total of 50 class hours. After

the class training, if a participant chooses to become a Stephen Minister, he or she is commissioned in a worship service and will receive a Caring Assignment. Stephen Ministry education continues with monthly supervision and continuing education meetings. Contact Pr. Tim Lemme ([tlemme@oslchurch.com](mailto:tlemme@oslchurch.com); 336-2942, ext. 19) or Deb Harlan ([dharlan@oslchurch.com](mailto:dharlan@oslchurch.com); 336-2942, ext. 48) for more information.

## LifeGroup Ministry

Locations and Times Determined by Groups.

Our Savior's members and friends are encouraged to "Do Life Together," connecting faith with everyday life. One way to do this is through LifeGroups—Living in Faith Everyday.



LifeGroups are small groups of eight to 12 people who gather regularly at a time and location decided on by the group to connect relationally and grow spiritually by participating in a discussion-led Bible study. Groups are encouraged to gather weekly for this time of study and fellowship. Each group is encouraged to commit to one another for a set period of time. After an initial commitment of four weeks, the school year is a good guideline for a minimal commitment.

If you are interested in being a part of a LifeGroup pilot, contact the Church Office, 336-2942.



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.*

## Worship Services

- Saturdays, 5:00 P.M. – Festive Worship, in the Sanctuary
- Sundays, 8:45 A.M. – Celebrate Worship, in the Celebrate Center
  - Festive Worship, in the Sanctuary
- Sundays, 11:00 A.M. – Celebrate Worship, in the Celebrate Center
  - Festive Worship, in the Sanctuary

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