



## Small Group Bible Studies

This fall we observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In recognition of this milestone, Zion will engage in a 12-week Congregation-wide study of Martin Luther, the Man and the Teacher.

For the first five sessions we will utilize an excellent study: *A Man Named Martin* that will examine the life and times of Luther the reformer. From his humble beginnings in Germany to his tenacious efforts to understand the Scriptures and share the truths of the Bible, Luther inspired a Reformation that still reverberates throughout the world to this day.

The second part of the class will use a new 7-session study of the Small Catechism entitled *By Heart*. This study will explore Luther's teachings on the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion.) A workbook/study guide will be available for this course for \$10. The 12-week Small Group Studies of Martin Luther will begin in mid September and conclude in mid December. Sessions will be offered at a variety of times and days of the week. You may sign up for a group at the front desk in the Lower Commons.

Martin Luther and the Small Catechism Small Group Studies will be offered at the times listed below:

- Mondays 2:00 PM—meet at Church, led by Pastor Connie & Pastor Sue
- Tuesdays, 7:00 AM—Men's Study at Church, led by Pastor Brent & Greg Bergeron
- Wednesdays, 10:00 AM—meet at Church, led by Pastor Jim Barsch
- Wednesdays, 5:30 PM—meet at Church, led by Pastors Connie, Sue, & Jim
- Wednesdays, 6:45 PM—meet at Church, led by Pastor Brent
- Day & Time TBD – Young Adults (20's & 30's)\* – meet every other week, led by Pastor Mike  
(\* if interested contact Pastor Mike at [mrueckert@zionanoka.org](mailto:mrueckert@zionanoka.org))

## Special Sunday Morning Classes for Parents

*Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* a five-session class beginning on Sunday, September 24 at 10:00 am in the Legacy Room (formerly Room 100) in the lower level. The Sticky Faith Curriculum is a video-based study that presents powerful strategies and practical ideas, enabling parents to impart a deep and lasting faith in your children. Pastor Connie Tiede will lead the class.

## Special Sunday Morning Classes for Couples

Coming later this fall, *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*. Mark Gungor, one of the top marriage and family speakers in the U.S., leads this video-based study. Experience Mark's humorous, practical and no-holds barred advice about marriage. Laugh and learn as we explore ways to enrich marriage. Pastor Sue Wallager will facilitate this class. Watch for details in the *Life Together* bulletin insert and the October *Herald*.

# Support Groups

- **Grief Support Group** - Six sessions, offered twice a year, for those who have lost loved ones (Watch for more information.)
- **Divorce Care Group** - Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Theater facilitated by Sandy Wallace. For Information contact Sandy L. Wallace at sandylwallace@yahoo.com

## Adult Forum & Small Group Class Schedule

Sundays 9 & 10 AM  
Fellowship Hall

- Sep 10 *Honoring Choices: Health Care Directives* Part 1, Pastor Chris Wheatley  
Sep 17 *Honoring Choices: Health Care Directives* Part 2, Pastor Chris Wheatley  
Sep 24 Family Promise *Home for Keeps* Initiative, David Frei, Director  
Oct 1 Ministry of Welcome and Hospitality, Pastors Brent and Connie  
Oct 8 Ministry Fair in Fellowship Hall  
Oct 15 *A Peace of Mind* presentation by John Noltner  
Oct 22 Stewardship Brunch in Fellowship Hall (open to all)  
Oct 29 Lutheran Partners in Global Mission, Speaker: Pastor Dan Ruth, Director  
Nov 5 *Simplify Study*, Session 1 DVD by Bill Hybels (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Nov 12 *Simplify Study*, Session 2 DVD by Bill Hybels (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Nov 19 *Simplify Study*, Session 3 DVD by Bill Hybels (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Nov 26 No Forums (Thanksgiving weekend)  
Dec 3 *Simplify Study*, Session 4 DVD by Bill Hybels (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Dec 10 - - topic to be determined- -  
Dec 17 No Forums, Advent Choral Worship  
Dec 24 No Forums, Christmas Eve  
Dec 31 No Forums, New Year's Eve  
Jan 7 *Gospel of John*, part 1, Dr. Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary  
Jan 14 *Gospel of John*, part 2, Dr. Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary  
Jan 21 Session 1: *The Word of God*, DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell, Trinity Seminary (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Jan 28 Session 2: *What Lutherans Say About the Bible*, DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Feb 4 Session 3: *Where the Bible Comes From*, DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Feb 11 Session 4: *Interpreting the Bible in Context*, DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Feb 18 *Faith and Living with Cancer* part 1, Dr. Deanna Thompson, Hamline University  
Feb 25 *Faith and Living with Cancer* part 2, Dr. Deanna Thompson, Hamline University  
Mar 4 Session 5: *Determining Right from Wrong*, DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Mar 11 Session 6: *The Many Meanings of the Bible*, DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell (Pastor Jim Barsch)  
Mar 18 Session 7: *Devotional Bible Reading*, DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell (Pastor Jim Barsch)

### WELCOME

We invite you to come experience God's love at Zion Lutheran Church.

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### OFFICE HOURS

M-F: 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM  
SUN: 8:00 AM TO NOON