



# Adult Christian Education

September 11—December 18, 2011

Sunday 9:30—10:30 am

Mid-Week Classes

**Special Sundays 9:30—10:30 am**  
September 11 *Brain Gains*

We will take a look into current brain research and how exercise, diet and rest can greatly affect our ability to serve God. Mark Schoepp has served as a DCE for 20 years and performed with his family in the Fitz Family Ministries. He is currently an ambassador for Wheat Ridge Foundation

October 2 *Breast Cancer*  
 Dr. Robert Witkowski from Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington will speak about breast cancer as well as the newest research and treatment. Invite a friend to hear this important information.

October 23 *Lutheran Church Charities*  
 Executive Director, Tim Hetzner and Rich Martin (former St. Matthew member) will share the work of LCC in our worship services and education hour. LCC has grown from regional disaster response to serving the LC-MS on a national level. Learn about various elements of their ministry including: Comfort Dogs, UCANDO events, disaster response and ways individuals and congregations can become 'Jesus with skin on' for those in need.

October 30 *Reformation Film Fest*  
 Several of the popular Luther/Reformation films will be shown to youth and adults including:

- The classic 1950 film tells the story in historic detail.
- 2002 PBS special explores the reformer's inner struggles
- Junior & Senior Youth will view "Here I Stand".

September 18—December 28

Each Sunday without a special adult presentation, there will be a Pastor-led Bible Study. This year will begin where last year left off, as we present the second half of "The Gospel of Matthew". This Gospel served as the 'catechism of the early church.' It tells the life and ministry of Jesus Christ to convince Jewish readers that He is Messiah. The book also presents the Six Parts of Christian Doctrine that Martin Luther presents in his Small Catechism.

Sept 18, 25, October 9  
**Persecuted Christian**

We will take a look at what God's Word says about persecution, as well as the history of Christian persecution and the current world scene. What we learn can strengthen our resolve and give us hope as we proclaim Jesus as Lord to an unbelieving world

Leaders: Eunice Schalk & Sue Mullen

November 6—November 27

**Faith & Food**

We will be looking at the importance food has as part of our life at home, at our church life together and how we reach out to the world with the love of Jesus when we feed the hungry.

Leader: Pat Marks, RN

December 4— December 18

**Hymns of the Advent & Christmas Season**

St. Augustine is quoted as saying "He who sings prays twice." Learn the stories behind traditional and contemporary hymns of the Advent and Christmas season. Let the words and tunes of familiar and unfamiliar hymns deepen your faith as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child again this Christmas.

Leader: Gary Krohne

**Monday**

10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
 This friendly group is currently working through 1st Corinthians. It's a great way to start the week.

**Tuesday**

7:00 pm Bible Study  
 This class mirrors the Monday morning class currently working through 1st Corinthians. It's a great evening opportunity.

**Wednesday**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 Need some mid-week inspiration? Men gather each Wednesday over coffee and rolls to open God's Word. Lively conversation always ensues! This year-round group is currently studying I & II Corinthians.

9:20 —11 am Women's Bible Study  
 DVD series featuring Beth Moore. Join us as Beth helps us discover spiritual freedom and the abundant life God intends for all of us.  
 Child care is provided.

1:30 pm 1st Wednesday of every month  
 Currently using the DVD series "That the World May Know". This group meets monthly to view and discuss this video series by Ray Vander Laan as he visits Holy Land sites and connects them to our everyday faith.

**Thursday**

8:00—9 am Bible Study  
 Each week this group takes a look at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. By taking an in-depth look at God's Word, we hope to deepen our Sunday worship experience.