

Sound Words Academy 2017 – 2018

Children

Rhythm of Faith Choir (6 September – 9 May, 5:30-5:55 p.m.; Johnson)

Calling all 3rd – 8th graders! Join together in God's gift of music to confess the truth of God's Word in song. Rhythm of Faith develops life-long skills in singing, ringing, and reading music. You'll have opportunities to participate as a choir in Evening Offices at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning services and to appreciate the rich heritage of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy.

Jr. Lutherans (6 September – 9 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Sweet)

This fast-paced Bible, Catechism, and Lutheran history trivia game places Lutherans aged 4 – 12 yrs. in competition with one another and teams from other congregations in order to assist heads of the household fulfill their vocation to teach the Christian faith to their children. But the trivia is hardly *trivial*. Instead, it places in the minds and hearts of our children fundamental Christian knowledge that can be built upon in formal catechesis.

Adult Offerings 2017 – 2018

Dying the Lutheran Way (Six weeks; 6 September – 11 October, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss)

When does Christian death start? Ever wondered what a pastor does when he comes to the deathbed of a Christian? How about that white thing on top of the casket—what's that about? How in the world does a funeral service get planned? And what about cremation and burial? This class will address these and many more questions, culminating in an opportunity to work alongside the pastor and your fellow Christians as you think about what your own funeral might look like. For the dying.

Heresies of the Early Church (Five weeks; 18 October – 15 November, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kerns)

There are five major heresies which have plagued the Church, and the same ones keep creeping in. The earliest one (1st century) is that of the Judaizers. We will look at that one discerning truth from error. We will then look at the Gnostic heresy, the Arian heresy, the Pelagian heresy, and the Socinian heresy. While these heresies arose centuries and millennia ago, they are by no means extinct.

Reading & Understanding the Psalms (Three weeks; 29 November – 13 December, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss)

"Pastor, I think I should read the psalms, but I don't understand them." What is the "Hymnal of Israel" all about? Are there psalms elsewhere in Scripture? Is there a key to understanding the psalms? And how about their use in the Divine Service and Offices of the church? This class will introduce you to a handful of principles useful for making the psalms your own hymnal and prayer book, with time to put it into practice.

Leviticus: The Life Is in the Blood (Six weeks; 3 January – 7 February, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kerns)

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Leviticus was given to instruct Israel how to live in worship before God. God is holy, and Leviticus shows us how He gives His holiness to

us. From the New Testament, we learn how the tabernacle worship foreshadows the redemption found in Jesus Christ.

The Personalities of the Lutheran Reformation (Four weeks; 21 February – 14 March, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss)

You've heard the names before: Cranach, Bugenhagen, Bodenstein von Karlstadt, Staupitz, Müntzer, Philipp von Hessen, John the Steadfast, Frederick the Wise, Albrecht von Mainz, Tetzel, Melanchthon (how do you even *say* that?). Luther was surrounded by these, a host of helpful, and sometimes not-so-helpful, colleagues and opponents, all of whom played a key role in the Reformation. You'll find out their key contributions, get to know them by face (through the paintings that have been left to us), and consider their legacy.

Portrayed as Crucified before Your Eyes: The Art of the Lutheran Reformation (Six weeks; 4 April – 9 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kerns)

When Martin Luther nailed his list of complaints against the Catholic Church, he was claiming that the Catholic Church had become obsessed with money and power, and did not encourage people to live by their faith in Christ. As you know, this began a division within the Christian church known as the Protestant Reformation. This religious division impacted numerous things including major changes in the arts.

Hebrews (Fall Term, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Hintz)

Luther describes Hebrews as a marvelously fine epistle. It discusses Christ's priesthood masterfully and profoundly on the basis of the Scriptures and extensively interprets the Old Testament in a fine way. Join this class for a wonderful look into the mysteries of God in Christ.

College Students and Young Adults Offerings 2017 – 2018

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (Eleven weeks; 6 September – 15 November, 7:45-8:40 p.m.)

Mere Christianity is a classic work of apologetics that all Christians do well to encounter at least once in their life. In his winsome manner, Lewis defends and explains the Faith. Perennially relevant.

Adult Catechesis

Fall Adult Catechesis (Fourteen weeks; 6 September – 13 December; 7:45-8:40 p.m.)

Youth Catechesis

YCat I (6 September – 9 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kinnett)

YCat II (6 September – 9 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss & Kerns)