

# Sound Words Academy 2018-2019

## Children

**Rhythm of Faith Choir (12 September – 8 May, 5:00-5:40 p.m.; Johnson)** Rhythm of Faith uses God's gift of music to confess the truth of His Word in song. Develop life-long skills in singing, ringing, and reading music. Participate as a choir in Wednesday Evening Offices and Sunday services. Learn the rich heritage of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy. Enroll after Sunday services now through 9 September or contact Bethany Johnson.

**Jr. Lutherans (12 September – 8 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Sweet)** This fast-paced Bible, Catechism, and Lutheran history quiz game places Lutherans aged 4 – 12 yrs. in competition with one another and teams from other congregations—with “trivia” that is hardly *trivial*. Enroll after Sunday services now through 9 September or contact Daniel Sweet.

## Adults

**The Entire Bible in Four Weeks (12 September – 3 October; 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kerns)** Ever get bogged down while trying to read the Bible? Sure you do! Do you have a difficult time seeing the whole picture? My guess is, you do. Would you like to have your love for the Bible kindled or rekindled? Who wouldn't? **The Entire Bible in Four Weeks** will help you understand easily and forever the way God has revealed Himself in His Word.

**The History of the Reformation In 2 Weeks (17 – 24 October, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss)** A quick review of the chief issues, dates and players of the Wittenberg Reformation in preparation for the Feast of the Reformation.

**The Resurrection of the Flesh (7 November – 12 December, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss):** Yup. That's how the creed actually puts it. Flesh. Raised incorruptible immortality. The Resurrection of the Flesh picks up where left off last year in Dying the Lutheran Way and examines what the Bible says about the body's rest in the grave, the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to “raise up me and all the dead,” and the everlasting life He has promised all His believers.

**Everyone His Witness (2 January – 6 February; 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kerns)** Witnessing. What's it all about? The *Every One His Witness* Lutheran evangelism program puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with people in our everyday lives. Participants learn: What is witnessing? Why do we witness? And the “how-to” of witnessing using the LASSIE approach—Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage.

**The LCMS and the Other Denominations (13 February – 27 March, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss):** Why doesn't our church have pulpit and altar fellowship with our neighbors' churches? What are the differences? Are they that big of a deal?

**Tackling Supposed Contradictions (3 April – 8 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kerns)** “How can you believe a book that's full of contradictions?” If you actively witness for Christ, it won't take long before you hear these words. Are you prepared to give an answer? This class will examine the seeming contradictions which people encounter in their Bible reading.

## College Students and Young Adults

**Martin Luther, *The Antinomian Theses* (12 September – 12 December, 7:45-8:40 p.m.; Bruss)** Luther fought it, too—the impulse to think that all of God’s Word could be summed up just in the Gospel and that the only thing worth proclaiming was just that (aka Gospel-reductionism). After all, if Christ has abolished the Law, of what use is it to believers in Christ? Should a Christian regard the Law as friend or foe? Does the Law do anything else than condemn? Answers to these questions and many more.

## Adult Catechesis

**Adult Catechesis (12 September – 8 May 7:45-8:40 p.m.; Kerns through December; Bruss January through May)** The central teachings of the Christian faith. What does God say *about* me in His Law? What does God say *to* me in His Gospel? How am I to relate to God? And where can I find Christ and what He wants to give to me? This September through May course, with breaks scattered throughout those 8 months, weaves together the teachings of Scripture and *The Small Catechism* and shows how God encounters you in the Divine Service. For those interested in becoming members of St. John’s or those seeking a refresher in the guts of Lutheran theology.

## Youth Catechesis

**YCat I (12 September – 8 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kinnett)** Typically for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. 1 year long.

**YCat II (12 September – 8 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss & Kerns)** Typically for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 2 years long.