

## **Sound Words Academy 2017 – 2018**

### **Children**

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

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Themes in Genesis (4 April through 9 May, 5:55-6:55 p.m.; Pr. Kerns)**

Pr. Bruss says, "We can never get enough of Genesis!" He's right. This class will cover five themes drawn from the book of Genesis. The themes include: The Fall of Man, Cain and Abel, the Flood, the Two Covenants and Justification by Faith.

**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**

**Book Study (through 9 May, 7:45-8:40 p.m.; Pr. Kerns)**

We are working our way through the wonderful book, *The Theology of Martin Luther* by Paul Althaus. This is a rich book, offering tons of Luther and even more discuss together.

**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)**