

Adult Education Fall 2009

God Delivers: God Delivers is the theme for a 28 week Living Way Bible Study of the book of Exodus. Classes will be held during the adult education hour between services on Sundays and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The classes are 40 minutes in length and include daily Bible Study of about 15 minutes. Join us in room 117 or Contact Pete and Joan Mattich for more information at 754-6172. You might be surprised by what the journey God's people took so long ago has to teach us about our journey with the Lord today.

Scripture, Science and Same Gender Relationships (9/20-9/27) Have you wondered about or been confused by this topic? Sunday Morning Adult Classes September 20th and September 27 will be led by guest presenter Gilbert Rossing, Olympia native and retired ELCA pastor, whose book *Dignity, Dogmatism, and Same-Sex Relationships: What Science and Scripture Teach Us* (Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2009) chronicles his own personal and professional journey as a parish pastor and father of two gay sons. Many faithful Christian people have questions regarding the teachings of Scripture as well as scientific understandings of human sexuality. In light of ELCA Church wide Assembly deliberations on human sexuality and decisions regarding the roster status of pastors, deacons, and AIMS' in same-gender committed relationships along with the state-wide debate on Referendum 71 leading up to the November election, the topic should be especially timely. Plan to join us in Room 113/115 from 9:45-10:45 AM on Sunday, September 20th and September 27th.

What Does It Mean To Be A Reconciling In Christ (RiC) Congregation? (10/4-10/25) Come and learn more about what the congregation's work on reconciling in Christ is all about. Discuss what it means to be a truly welcoming place. Explore resources in the wider community and take the opportunity to be fully informed about the RiC process. Class will be held 9:45-10:45 in Room 113/115

Money Buckets - Trust Board of LCGS. (10/18) Our financial experts will be sharing on the topic "Money Buckets." Come to the class to see whether this means they are teaching us how to make buckets of money or perhaps how to put our money in buckets. You can find out in Room 114 at 9:45 on October 18.

Reflecting on Christmas Take some time before the holidays to reflect on our treasured holiday traditions and explore some new ways to add meaning and focus to our family celebrations. Dates to be finalized in October/November. Watch the bulletin for more.

Boys and Girls Club Adult Forum (11/8) Come and learn more about this active organization dedicated to nurturing the youth of our community. We will host Board Members from the Boys and Girls Club who will share the exciting growth of this group in Thurston County. Room 113/115 November 8 at 9:45.

Global Formation Adult Forum (11/15) "What can we learn globally to help our churches serve and thrive in our own backyards?" By understanding how God's activity is changing the world around us, we can build skills that help us engage, serve, support, learn, and travel more effectively, globally and domestically. Join us in room 113/115 for this discussion November 15 at 9:45.

Year End Gifting Strategies - LCGS Trust Board. (November 22) Our financial group will provide a timely presentation on year-end gifting strategies on November 22 at 9:45. Join in room 113/115 to learn some strategies just in time for year's end.

Journey of Faith (9/13-11/22) Sundays 5:00p.m. Journey of Faith is a pathway to spiritual growth and renewal that is patterned after Christ's way of welcoming people into community and calling them into discipleship. It begins with a time of inquiry where your questions set the framework for discussion. This is followed by a period of Biblical reflection, prayer, and discernment based on the Sunday readings in which those new to LCGS are linked with members of the congregation who also seek to grow in faith and affirm their Christian vocation. Overall, we spend eleven weeks together from September 13th through November 22nd. Journey of Faith meets on Sundays from 5:00 until 6:45PM. The gatherings include a simple meal and childcare can be arranged. Contact Pr. John at rosenberg@goodshepherdolympia.com or at 360-357-3554 ext. 111 with questions or to indicate your interest.