



Core Curriculum

Core classes are “basic” to your journey of becoming a Biblically Literate, Doctrinally Sound, Actively Engaged follower of Jesus Christ. Most courses are scheduled yearly on a rotating basis. **Explorations** and **Portals** are offered more frequently.

Biblically Literate

Have you ever tried to read the Bible but didn't know where to begin?

Bible 101 takes you back to the basics of the Bible and Bible study. Learn what the Bible is, its various parts, how they fit together and the meaning of those words that you have always wanted to know but were afraid to ask. It is a place to ask questions about the Bible, the central message of God's love which runs from the its first page to the last and finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

Get the BIG picture!

The **Bethel Series** is a helicopter view of the Scriptural message from Genesis to Revelation and is an opportunity to explore how all the “pieces” fit together. This foundational course has two parts: **Old Testament Bethel** covers the Creation through the Israelites return from Exile. **New Testament Bethel** begins prior to the birth of Jesus and travels to the Revelation. Enrollment for Bethel takes place in the fall. Completing Old Testament Bethel is recommended prior to enrolling in New Testament Bethel. [\[pdf\] Bethel Q&A](#)

Why do some scripture passages seem to contradict each other?

Law and Gospel: The Key to the Puzzle helps you understand the two major messages that are part of the Word of God: Law and Gospel. The Law shows us our sin and the Gospel shows us what Jesus Christ has done for us. Understanding Law and Gospel deepens your commitment to the study of God's Word. You will never read the Bible in the same way again.

Doctrinally Sound

Explorations is an opportunity to explore life and its meaning from a Christian perspective. It is a place to ask questions about the chief teachings of the Christian Faith as they are believed, confessed and taught in the Lutheran Church. The course is relaxed, nonthreatening, and fun. The classes are for individuals who do not have a church home and serve as a refresher for those with a Lutheran background.

[\[pdf\] Explorations registration](#)

What does it mean to be Lutheran? At the heart of what Lutherans believe is the conviction that we are declared right (justified) with the Creator God by grace alone, through faith alone, on the basis of Scripture alone. Exploring these basics of Lutheran doctrine and what they mean is the purpose of **What Makes Lutherans Lutheran?**

“The whole life of the Church must be viewed through the liturgy.” [Dr. Arthur A. Just, Jr.] The class, **God Serves Us: Understanding Lutheran Worship & Liturgy**, delves into the richness of Lutheran worship and increases understanding of the historical context of its liturgy. Sessions examine parts of the worship service and reveal the richness and meaning connected to them.

Who was Martin Luther?

Luther, Lutherans, and Living Today takes a look at the life of this reformer. What exactly did he nail to the church door? Did he live on a Diet of Worms? Also covered are the significance of the Reformation, the world changing events that occurred during Luther's lifetime, and the contributions of this period to the history of the Christian faith.

Actively Engaged

Would you feel like you belonged to an organization if you only had a vague idea of its goals and the responsibilities of membership?

Portals is an orientation session that provides a foundation for members. This half-day session explores St. Luke's history, its structure and its mission, vision, values and goals. [\[pdf\] Portals registration](#)

Does someone you know think it can't be true that Christianity is the only way to God?

Prepare to Share helps you respond to questions people have about God and the Christian faith by sharing your Christian convictions. This course offers practical tips and practice for everyday conversations with unbelieving friends, coworkers and family members. The goal? Leave them thinking after the conversation ends!

Want to eliminate debt and develop confidence in your financial decisions?

Crown Ministries Financial Study can change the way you approach managing your God-given blessings. After completing these sessions, you'll walk away with a lifelong plan to manage your finances. Homework (10-15 minutes daily) is required every week. Materials fee required.

Are there benefits and blessings to a daily devotional life? Of course.

You already know how vital it is to spend time with God daily. But how do you get started? In **Your Devotional Life**, discover the basis and content of the devotional life by learning how to sort through some of resources available to you. Find out how to write your own devotions. Walk away from this class celebrating the blessings of carving out time each day to spend with God.