

## **Education 2009**

### **Adult Education**

In the [Book of Faith](#) initiative, the [ELCA](#) has committed ourselves to “becoming more fluent in the first language of faith,” the language of the Scriptures. It is an invitation to become fluent, to hear more clearly the fullness of God’s voice and the voices of God’s people in the Scriptures, to experience their voices as those of beloved companions in faith. It is an invitation to attune not just our intellects, but our whole lives to their voices. It is an invitation to listen not simply for the meanings of verbal constructions but for the unmistakable imprints of Jesus’ voice and the songs of his ransomed people—solemn laments, ringing fanfares and sweet harmonies.

The [Book of Faith](#) initiative is an invitation to enter so deeply into conversation with the voices of Scripture that their language becomes your own. Scripture’s tenor and rhythm becomes yours. It happens because you yearn for the heart of God. It occurs when you “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” ([Colossians 3:16](#)). The path to fluency is personal and communal. It is born of the promise that “the Bible is God’s powerful book of faith—for faith, from faith, in faith”.

Because we have said that one of our Core Values is Bible Study, we will join in this invitation by continue to offer opportunities for Bible study. Whether these studies are 15 minutes to open a meeting or an hour to go deeper or your personal Bible study in your home, please consider how you too might be blessed by entering into God’s Holy Word.

The Adult Forum on Sunday morning at 8:45 is one such opportunity. In 2009 Intern Wes led us in a study of the book of Revelation and the Gospel of Mark. Dr. Ev Kalin, retired New Testament Professor from PLTS led the congregation in an overview of Mark’s Gospel on a Sunday morning following a potluck meal. In the fall Pastor Sharon led the Adult Forum in a study of the Book of Acts.

We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. I appreciate the faithful attendance of 8-9 members and dream of many more using this time to grow in the knowledge of Scripture.

Anyone who would like to lead a Bible Study in their home for friends and neighbors, the Book of Faith initiative has material available to assist lay leaders in facilitating such groups. We will assist you in getting the material needed.

I encourage you to use the devotional books provided in the narthex that gets us into the Word daily for reflection and study.

**Women of the ELCA gather monthly for Bible study the third Tuesday of each month.  
(See their report for details.)**

### **Children and Youth Education:**

WOW children gather with their families for an hour of education two Wednesday nights a month. It is a time to open the Bible to stories they will remember and disciplines of faith they can use in their faith development. We are currently using Vacation Bible School-Discovery Canyon that explores God at work in creation and in us. We learn how God wants us to pray, rejoice, ask, tell, and seek. We are learning about the Navajo Lutheran Mission School and collecting offerings for the work there.

Respectfully submitted, --Pastor Sharon Lubkeman