
Nurturing Lives in Christ

New Opportunities for Growth in Discipleship

From the Adult Discipleship Team

Begin the new year – not to mention a new decade – by joining with others at Calvin in a series of offerings designed to enrich our growth as believers and as a congregation.

Perhaps you're pinched by a busy schedule; maybe you may not be sure if these opportunities will be worth the time. But it's at times when we feel the most squeezed that taking a mo-

ment to pause, to drink in God's love and care, that we can find encouragement, refreshment and strength.

So if you haven't tried one of these opportunities before, please take the plunge and give one (or more) a try. And if you've joined with us before, make it a habit to join again with others at Calvin for fellowship and learning.

Wednesday Evenings

7:00 p.m. weekly beginning January 13

Begin the evening by joining with others for the Community Night at Calvin Dinners at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Once dinner is finished and children are off to Camp Calvin or youth group, join with others for a series of classes at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful midweek opportunity for fellowship, learning and discovery.

Talkin' Bout My Generation

4 weeks

January 13 through February 3

If you have ever scratched your head and wondered, "What is it with those kids today?" – or "What is it with those older folks?" – then join **Pastor Neil Trainer** for an exploration of the differences between generations. This class offers great insight for church members of all ages, and it guides us all toward an understanding of one another that can help build a body of Christ in which believers of all ages understand and support one another.

We Believe

6 weeks

February 10 through March 24

(No class Ash Wednesday, February 17)

What exactly is it that Christians believe? What are core ideas that bind the faith? **Pastor Neil Trainer** guides us through this exploration of historic creeds and confessions that have anchored the faith of the church over the past 2,000 years. It doesn't matter if you are a new believer or longtime church member; this class can prompt us to think more deeply about the central beliefs of the faith and enrich our understanding of both Scripture and Christian tradition.

Holding Up the Church in Prayer

Weekly beginning January 13

Kristi Trainer will facilitate as this group resumes its mission of prayer directed toward the needs of Calvin as a congregation: its ministries, its leadership, its staff and more. While prayer for individuals is an essential part of church life, this group's prayer time is focused on the body as a whole.

Women's Bible Study

Weekly beginning January 13

Darlene Miller will facilitate this study of the Book of Ruth for 4 weeks from Jan 13 - Feb 3, and then join Pastor Neil's "We Believe" during Lent, resuming another study after Lent. They welcome all women to join at any time. Nursery care and Camp Calvin activities are available for children 5th grade and younger.

Women's Bible Study -- 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, beginning January 14 ***Covenant: God's Enduring Promise***

Jill Kester will facilitate this examination of covenant as central to understanding our relationship with God, using Kay Arthur's eight-week study of God's covenants with humans throughout history. Through deepening our understanding of covenant, we can enrich our understanding of God's love and steadfast commitment to stand with his followers throughout history. Childcare is available with one week's advance notice to childcare@calvinpc.org.

Sunday Mornings

January 17 through March 31

9:15 a.m.

A Time for Parents

For many parents, the week is spent running to and fro caring for our children amid the many demands of life, with little chance to pause for reflection, support and prayer. Therefore, we are setting aside a time during the 9:15 a.m. service so parents can gather to share their experiences and support one another in prayer. Come as you are, with an open spirit and a listening ear, for a time of fellowship and care.

10:45 a.m.

Understanding and Loving Our Muslim Neighbors

Milad Nakhla, a minister from the Egyptian Presbyterian Church, will teach about Islam, the Christian Church in the Middle East, and how we can live out Christ's love with our Muslim neighbors. Nakhla is sharing the next few months in an internship at Calvin through the North Puget Sound Presbytery.