

Adult Education ~ Fall 2007

Sunday Mornings – 9:45 in the Conference Room

October 7-21 Pope Benedict's recent comments about the nature of the Church have stirred up lots of controversy and angst among non-Catholics and Catholics alike. What does all of this mean for our future relations with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters? **Join Dr. Brian Els and Dr. Michael Cameron** from the University of Portland as they guide us in a discussion of Vatican II and the changing world of ecumenical dialogue.

October 28 Mr. Matt Newll-Ching, Regional Director for Bread for the World will lead an interactive class on the *Millennium Development Goals* passed by the United Nations. These goals set a framework to end extreme poverty by the year *2015!* Join us to learn how we can make a difference.

November 4-11 Dr. Melody Rose, mother, researcher, educator, St. Luke member and author of *Safe, Legal, and Unavailable* will lead a thought provoking and sensitive study on the nature of Abortion Politics in the United States. Dr. Rose will dispel some of the myths and misinformation that drive both ends of the ideological spectrum. We will look at the ELCA's Social Statement, and allow time for questions and discussion.

**November 18th Providence Hospice
Get Me Through the Holidays**

The Holiday Season meant to be a joyous time with family and friends can be especially difficult for those who have lost loved ones, or are far from home. Some of us just find ourselves with the *holiday blues*. Join us as we learn helpful strategies for making the holiday season a healing and positive time

November 25th - A discussion lead by the St. Luke Peace and Justice Group – topic to be announced.

December 2nd – 23rd Pastor David Wilder leads us in a Bible study "*Jesus as Emanuel!*"

Wednesday Church Night – 6:15 in the Conference Room

Oct 3rd – Putting Your House in Order

What kind of legacy do you wish to leave for your loved ones? Will the values and priorities you've shared with your children as they grew continue to influence them beyond your life time? Most of us hope so. **Join Dr. Patricia Larsen** Director of the Oregon Synod's Office of Planned Giving as she helps us use Estate Planning tools to care for our loved ones both financially and with a lasting legacy of values.

Oct 10th – Living the Faith in China

Join Pastor David Larsen as he leads us in a thought provoking exploration of the challenges and joys shared by our brother and sisters living their faith in China. With pictures and stories from his recent visit, he will help us understand and grow as partners in global mission.

**Oct 17th – Stand Up Against Poverty
Video and Discussion**

Join Pastor Knapp and our Advocacy Groups as we view this important video and discuss the root causes of poverty and the connection between poverty, hope building, and peace.

Oct. 24th – Father Wayne Forbes from across the hedge at St. John Fishers Roman Catholic Church will join us for a conversation about Pope Benedict's recent writings and the blessing of our continued friendship and ministry with our brothers and sisters across the hedge.

**October 31 – No Wednesday Church Night
Enjoy the Trick or Treat Festivities!**

November 7, 14, and 28th Dr. Elise Moentmann leads us in Bible Study—text to be announced.

**December 5-19 No Adult Ed
See you in Vespers!**