

CATECHESIS (cat-uh-key-sis)

is the term the Church uses to talk about instruction in the life and faith of the Church.

While catechesis is important for children and young people, it is equally important that adults seize every possible opportunity to grow in the understanding of their faith.

This brochure outlines various opportunities for adults to study, learn, and grow during the 2010-2011 year.

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Adult Education Schedule
Sunday Mornings 2010-2011

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Adult Education Offerings 2010 - 2011

SEPTEMBER, 2010 FORUMS

Sundays at 9:30 am

September 12; Sunday School Open House & BREAKFAST! Programs for all ages. Join us!

September 19; The Year at a Glance: Adult Education & Other Opportunities – Come to hear an overview of the year ahead – Sunday morning and Monday evening classes for adults – and to learn more about other ways to be fed and to serve.

September 26; The Church in a Postmodern World with Dr. David M. Mellott, Lancaster Seminary – Dr. Mellott will talk about cultural changes and the way those changes impact the church's life and ministry. To learn more, come out three Monday nights in October (see TGIM offerings.)

MICHAELMAS TERM

Sundays at 9:30 am

(October 3 - November 21, 2010)

October 3 - October 31, 2010; Inquirer's Class – This class is taught by Pastor Russell and is designed for those who want to learn more about Lutheran Christianity and specifically how that is lived out at Good Shepherd.

October 3 - November 14, 2010; Parables: Stories for Life in God's World – This adult 7-week class is taught by Sue Fichtner. Deceptively simple, these timeless stories were used by Jesus to bring new life and new understanding to those who heard-and hear-them.

November 21, 2010; Christ the King/Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting *(No Sunday School)*

ADVENT TERM

Sundays at 9:30 am

(November 28 - December 19, 2010)

Advent Bible Study: Biblical Texts – Led by Judy Lefever, participants will read and discuss the texts of

this season in order to better understand them and also so that they shape our experience of Advent.

(No Sunday School on December 26, 2010 – St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr)

EPIPHANY TERM

Sundays at 9:30 am

(January 2 - March 6, 2011)

January 2, 2011; Intergenerational Event for Epiphany

All ages are invited to help us bless the new year.

Forums and Classes of Special Interest – We explore a variety of interesting topics:

- **January 9; Good Shepherd in 2011: Where are we Going?** – Presented by Pastor Russell, we will explore what Good Shepherd, its ministry and direction look like in 2011.
- **January 16; Basic Self Defense** – Jim and Tammy Brenner will present the basics of self defense. Designed for women, this session is really open to all. Anyone who wants to learn more is invited to a more in-depth session following the 11:00 liturgy.
- **January 23 - LCGS: A Financial Update** – This session is a follow up to the one held July 25, 2010, to bring you up to speed regarding our finances.

Jan. 30 - March 6, 2011; Listening for God:

Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith – Evelyn Devonshire explores how sometimes engaging the situation of others helps us better understand our own situations. This 6-week class looks at contemporary literature in an attempt to engage issues related to our own attempts to live faithful lives.

Feb.13 - March 6, 2011; Inquirer's Class – See the description of this course in the Michaelmas term.

LENT TERM

Sundays at 9:30 am

(March 13 - April 17, 2011)

Bible Study in Lent; Embracing an Adult Faith – Led by Pastor Devonshire, this 6-week adult class engages the texts heard in worship during Lent with this Bible study led by the pastors. The study is repeated on Wednesdays in Lent at 11:00 am in the parish library.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt; Sunday April 24, 2011

EASTER TERM

Sundays at 9:30 am

(May 1 - May 29, 2011)

Forums – We discuss ways for protecting our children:

- **May 1; Religious Responses to Child Abuse: Hear Their Cries** – Linda Crockett from the Samaritan Center will share a segment of an award-winning video on child abuse produced by the FaithTrust Institute. We'll discuss the prevalence of abuse, its potential long-term consequences and related theological issues.
- **May 8; The Grooming Process: How Sexual Offenders Engage Children and Why Children Don't Tell** – The Samaritan Center's Linda Crockett discusses the calculated process – grooming – which offenders often employ to enter a child's "safe world." Understanding how it works is vital to protecting the children in our schools, communities, homes, and congregations.

May 15, 2011; Good Shepherd Sunday – Combined service at 10:00am. Congregation Meeting at 11:15am. *(No Sunday School)*

May 22, 2011; Forum TBD

May 22 - June 12, 2011; Inquirer's Class – See the description of this course in the Michaelmas term.