



## 2018/19—Session 1

Dinner: 6:00

September 19 — November 7

Classes: 7:00

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### THE NO-CASSEROLE ILLNESS & HOW THE CHURCH CAN RESPOND

*Leader: Rev. Dennis Goff*  
*Location: Sanctuary*

When someone in our church family becomes physically ill (i.e., homebound or recovering from hospitalization), it's not uncommon for others to bring a casserole to cheer them up and help them out. But what about when someone is struggling with mental health issues? Many have said mental health issues are the "no-casserole illness" because people don't know what to say or do, and so consequently often do and say nothing. In this class we will identify the commonness of mental and behavioral health issues among us, as well as explore opportunities for the faith community to respond. Too often there is silence and stigma related to mental health issues, but the Word of God has much to say on this issue.

### POWERFUL LOVE (NEW MEMBER CLASS)

*Leader: Pastor Steve*  
*Location: Large Conference Room*

*This class is offered for those who are new to the Lutheran faith, but all are welcome to attend as a great catechism refresher.*

Join Pastor Steve as he guides you through the major teachings of the ancient church, including the Trinity (Father-Son-Holy Spirit), the Sacraments (Baptism-Lord's Supper), the message of the Bible, the life of the Church, etc. Also included is vital information to help you get connected with the family of believers at St. Peter's – and beyond! Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) to the church is that we would **CONNECT** with His Word and Sacraments in worship with fellow believers, that we would **GROW** in our understanding of His truth, and that we would **SHARE** this good news with a world starving for answers and dying to live. Powerful Love is a great place to start!

### LEADERSHIP LESSONS IN THE BIBLE

*Leader: Michelle Leahy*  
*Location: Cornerstone Room A*

Even though we don't always recognize it, most of us are called to be leaders in some facet of our lives: leading our families, leading our co-workers, leading in a local group or board, and leading at church and school. What does it mean to be a good leader? What does the Bible say about leadership? From Abraham to David to Paul, we see great examples of what to do (and sometimes what not to do) as leaders. Join us as we explore the leadership experiences of several key figures found in Scripture. Prepare to be surprised how God was able to use even the most unlikely leaders to accomplish great things.

### ACTS

*Leader: Pastor Matt*  
*Location: Cornerstone Room B*

Acts is both a sequel to Luke and, at the same time, a history book unique to the New Testament. It is the earliest written history of the Church, starting before Pentecost with Christ's Ascension. This course covers the whole book of Acts with attention to big picture matters. The Holy Spirit, the apostles, missions to all nations – the aim is to see how everything fits together while getting to know the major details of the book. The goal is to see how Christ Himself sustains the Church and sends the Church.