



2018/19—Session 2

Dinner: 6:00

January 16 — February 20

Classes: 7:00

For questions, contact Michelle Leahy (mleahy@stpetersfw.org or 260.610.1778).

Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America

Leader: Dr. Robert Bennett

Location: Sanctuary

Dr. Bennett will present based on his book *Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America*. Amazon describes this book as follows: A fascinating and unnerving book, *Afraid* is a must-read that equips all Christians to recognize the devil's influence in our society and to act on it. Robert Bennett describes real events and actual confessions people have shared with him of demonic encounters in America, in our modern age. Summoning demons, interacting with ghosts, and holding séances led to what many may call horrifying hallucinations and even schizophrenia. But for many Americans, these things are their spirituality. How can we break free from the despair and crushing fear that such encounters can bring? How do we come to the aid of our neighbors who are lost in Satan's deceptions? Bennett points us to the only way out: God's grace and the medicines He gives to His people.

A Hobbit, A Wardrobe, & A Great War

Leader: Alicia Rodenbeck

Location: Large Conference Room

The First World War laid waste to a continent and permanently altered the political and religious landscape of the West. For a generation of men and women, it brought the end of innocence—and the end of faith. Yet for J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis, the Great War deepened their spiritual quest. Both men served as soldiers on the Western Front, survived the trenches, and used the experience of that conflict to ignite their Christian imagination. Had there been no Great War, there would have been no *Hobbit*, no *Lord of the Rings*, no *Narnia*, and perhaps no conversion to Christianity by C. S. Lewis.

Unlike a generation of young writers who lost faith in the God of the Bible, Tolkien and Lewis produced epic stories infused with the themes of guilt and grace, sorrow and consolation. Giving an unabashedly Christian vision of hope in a world tortured by doubt and disillusionment, the two writers created works that changed the course of literature and shaped the faith of millions. This class will explore their work in light of the spiritual crisis sparked by the conflict.

Financial Success

Leader: Davon Bultemeier, Austin Thoms, & Mary Gruen

Location: Cornerstone Room B

January 16—Retirement Basics

Are you prepared for Retirement? Retirement, we all joyously await that time in our lives! But are you prepared or are there some things you can be doing now to make the transition go smoother? Davon will share with you some concepts to take into consideration: time diversification, tax diversification and asset diversification.

January 23—Financial Strategies Basics

This class is designed to get people started on a financial strategy. What are your financial goals? How important is a budget? This session will also touch on how life insurance, investing, and retirement planning plays into your planning.

January 30—Generosity/Charitable Strategies

Do you have a generous heart? Learn some strategies for leaving a legacy for your church, school, or other organization that is near and dear to you.

February 6—Roth IRA Conversions

What is the difference between a Traditional IRA and a Roth IRA? Is it to your benefit to convert some of your Traditional IRA dollars to a Roth IRA? Join us as we discuss the reasons behind why it may be to your benefit to do so.

February 13—Social Security

There is a lot to consider when taking your Social Security. Do you take it early, wait until your full retirement age, or delay taking it to age 70? Please join Davon as we discuss strategies for taking your Social Security, what's new regarding Social Security, and answer any questions you may have.

February 20—Thrivent Benefits

Are you an existing Thrivent Financial member? Are you making the most from the fraternal benefits offered to you? Please join Mary as she covers topics such as Action Teams, Thrivent Choice dollars, and other fraternal benefits.