

# Adult STEPS Classes

## Modern Day Martyrs - Can We Help Them?

Guest Teacher - Rev. Joe Gudel

Would you save someone's life if you were able to? Of course, each one of us would. Did you know that by this time tomorrow 11 Christians around the world will be martyred? And over the length of our six week class approximately 462 Christians will be murdered. More than 45 million Christians have been martyred since the end of the 20th century and millions more imprisoned and tortured for their faith! About 250 million Christians live in these areas - and feel totally isolated. Can we raise up an army of prayer warriors for them? Will God hear our united prayers? In our class we will watch some short videos, hear personal stories of courage, discuss what the Bible tells us about this - and how we can help our brothers and sisters around the world.

"Remember those who are in prison as if you were in prison with them." (Heb. 13:3)

## 6 of 1,189

Teacher - Pastor McDowell

The Bible is a large book of books. It contain 66 books, 1,189 chapters, 31,102 verses, and the ESV translation has 757,439 words. And this is the text that contain what we need to know about our God and our faith. How and where do you jump in? Pastor McDowell has chosen 6 chapters that will give you the tools and foundation to get your first hand hold on what is in the Bible. This class will give you the start and maybe restore you to the lifelong joy of studying the Bible.

## Not a Tame Lion

Teacher - Alicia Rodenbeck

"I tell you he is the King of the woods and the son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-Sea. Don't you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion - the Lion, the great Lion." As Children the Chronicles of Narnia enthralled us all with the adventures of the Pevensie Children, their cousin Eustace, and his friend Jill in the fantastic and magical world of Narnia. Beyond writing a fantastic adventure story for young readers C.S. Lewis created a moral and spiritual world of knights, chivalry, and honor led by a Lion, king of beasts, fierce, fearless and strong, but at the same time kind, gentle and good. Not a Tame Lion will explore Aslan and the role he plays as a spiritual leader in Narnia, from conscience and creator, to king and sacrifice while connecting his story to the scriptural figures C.S. Lewis used as inspiration.

## Shepherding Our Strays

Teacher - Pastor Ahlersmeyer

In Luke 15 Jesus told a parable of the man who left his 99 sheep in safe keeping while he went out to search for the 1 sheep that had wandered away from the flock. Jesus instructed us as a Christian church to love and care for each member of our flock, of our St. Peter's family. We all have a responsibility to to guard and protect our fellow believers lest anyone should fall away. During this six week workshop, this group will participate in the synod's Shepherding Our Strays program where we will learn how to develop and implement a plan to better care for our flock. This class is open to anyone who wishes to attend.