

WE STUDY THE BIBLE

FALL 2018

MEN

MORNING

Men's Life - Fall 2018 | Wednesdays | 6:30-7:45 a.m. | September 12-November 14 | Fellowship Hall

Led by Dr. Tom Pace

We invite men of all ages to join Dr. Tom Pace for teaching, a light breakfast, and round-table discussion about real-life issues and life approaches related to men. This fall, Men's Life will study *The Passionate Jesus*. For Dr. Pace, the Jesus he met in Sunday School was a bit like a figure in a bad wax museum. He always had a faraway look in his eyes. He was lily-white, with long brown, well washed and nicely conditioned hair. He loved children and sheep, and always spoke in a nice soft voice. He was very religious, and looked with disappointed (yet not angry) eyes at naughty boys. And he smiled placidly, because he was very peaceful inside. But as Dr. Pace grew older, he realized that wax figures aren't real. Jesus, on the other hand, is real indeed! This fall, our Men's Life study will focus on discovering the passionate character traits of the real Jesus rather than the wax Jesus, and discuss with one another how we can grow the character of Jesus within us as men. Tom Pace will share thoughts about *The Passionate Jesus*, and then we will join in small groups to share with one another about unlocking those same character traits within ourselves. All men are invited, and bring a friend. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

NOON

S + S Men's Downtown Group | Thursdays beginning September 27 | 12-1 p.m. | 712 Main Street, Suite 2200

Led by Whitney Mears and Barry Alsop

Join other men for a downtown study group at lunchtime on Thursdays. The group will discuss the Scripture+Shared fall study, *Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter*. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/lift-group-finder.

WOMEN

MORNING

★ **Mom's Morning Bible Study | Tuesdays | 9:15-10:30 a.m. | ES314 | ongoing | Led by Julie Ellerbrock**

Moms are super busy; yet, we all need time with Christ and time with each other as we journey through motherhood. This commitment is simple – just come. The conversations are rich. The studies are impactful. The relationships formed are life-changing. Childcare is available at no cost to participants with an advance reservation. Contact Adrian Chandler at achandler@stlukesmethodist.org to make a childcare reservation. For more information or to receive a copy of the book or current study, contact Julie Ellerbrock at jellerbrock@stlukesmethodist.org. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

★ ***The Gospel Project: In the Beginning* | Wednesdays | beginning September 19 | 10-11:30 a.m. | ES306**

Led by Elizabeth Farish and Cathy Looger

The Gospel Project takes us on a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Beginning at the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, this study covers the fall of man, the story of Abraham, and God's plan to bless the whole world through one broken family. From this family would come the One to restore the goodness of creation and provide for the salvation of the world. Women of all ages are invited to join in this 13-week study. Cost \$5. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

Go With Grace | Thursdays | 7:15-8:30 a.m. | Hines Baker Room

Led by Dr. Linda Christians and Rhonda Ward

Join this community of women who are seeking to know God more intimately through Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

NOON

* **Busy Moms' Bible Study | Wednesdays beginning October 10 | 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. | ES309**

Led by Lori Fahrbach and Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Striking a balance between work, motherhood, and all of the other things that fill up our lives can be tough. Bible study may get pushed to the side because it feels like one more thing on the to-do list... but the truth is that time spent studying Scripture and being in fellowship with other women brings refreshment. Join Lori and Katie on Wednesdays at lunch time for encouragement and meaningful discussion about our faith. This fall, the group will read and discuss Brené Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection*. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

* **God and Girlfriends | Wednesdays | 12–1 p.m. | ES306**

Throughout the school year, these women gather weekly to study the Bible, encourage each other, and pray. The group includes a variety of ages and professions—all women are welcome. Current members range from mothers of young children to grandmothers, with lots of people in between! Beginning August 29, the group will study *The Gospel According to Moses: What My Jewish Friends Taught Me About Jesus* by Athol Dickson. For information, contact Mary Schuler at mschuler@stlukesmethodist.org or 713-402-5008. Led by various members depending on the study. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

* **S + S Advice Columnists: *The Letters of James and Peter* | Thursdays September 27–November 15 | 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**

Led by Linda Isensee

This study is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/lift-group-finder.

EVENING

***The Well* | Mondays September 24–November 12 | 6–7:30 p.m. | EN208**

Led by Shelby Olive and Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Join other women in their 20s–40s to deepen your faith through weekly study, fellowship and prayer. Alternating between scriptural and topical studies, this group is focused on encouraging one another to grow in faith. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

FOR EVERYONE

MORNING

* **S + S Advice Columnists: *The Letters of James and Peter* | Tuesdays September 25–November 13 | 10–11:30 a.m.**

Led by Claud Riddles and Kathy Ward

This study is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/lift-group-finder.

* **S + S Advice Columnists: *The Letters of James and Peter* | Mondays September 24–November 12 | 9:30–11 a.m.**

Led by Thomas Harper

This study is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/lift-group-finder.

* ***Prodigal God: Finding Your Place at the Table* | Wednesday October 31–December 12 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | ES311**

Led by Louise McEvoy

In this six-session study, pastor and bestselling author Timothy Keller uses one of Jesus' best-loved parables – the Prodigal Son – to illustrate the depth of God's love and how his grace extends into some very unexpected places. Taking you beyond the traditional focus on the wayward younger son, Keller helps you glean insights from each of the characters in Jesus' parable: the irreligious younger son, the moralistic elder son, and the Father who lavishes his love on both. Whether you're a devout believer or a skeptic, *The Prodigal God* will challenge you to see Christianity in a whole new way. A revelation of the very heart of the gospel: God's radical love for sinners of every kind. Cost \$20. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

★ **Equipped to Serve** | Sundays September 30-October 21 | 9:30-11a.m. | Hines Baker

Facilitated by Rebecca Alsup and Jennifer Gould

When we serve in a manner that matches who we are, we experience growth, joy, and fulfillment. In this 4-week class, we will consider our spiritual gifts as well as our talents, personalities, passions and experiences. Put together, these characteristics uniquely equip us for ministry within the church and the world. Come and discover your vital role in the body of Christ! At the end of the course, the adult ministry team will connect you to opportunities to put your gifts into action. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

AFTERNOON

S + S Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter | Sundays September 30-November 23 | 4:30-6 p.m.

Led by Rev. Bill Denham

This study is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

EVENING

Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study | Mondays September 10-May 6 | 6:30-9 p.m. | ES301

Led by Jana Gaddy and Sandy Hendon.

A 34-week study that moves through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem. Disciple emphasizes disciplined reading of and listening to the Scriptures. It results in biblically nourished persons committed to live as disciples of Christ. Students use both the Bible and the study manual to complete daily reading assignments. The study book also includes commentary and questions for reflection and response. Cost \$40. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

Thirsty for Theology | Mondays, monthly | 6:30 p.m. | Black Labrador (4100 Montrose.)

Join other young adults in their 30s and 40s for frank conversation about spiritual topics.

- September 10 | *God and Morality: does God choose to be good or does God define what is good?*
Led by Rev. Thomas Harper
- October 8 | *Things the Bible Never Said: unpacking common misquotations of scripture*
Led by Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
- November 12 | *Welcoming the Stranger: a conversation about immigration* Led by Rev. David Horton

★ **Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World** | Tuesdays 6:30-9 p.m. | September 11-May 7 | ES301

Led by Jana Gaddy

A 32-week study that proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. Equal attention is given to Old and New Testaments with concentration on Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. Participants will read familiar passages, seeing them in fresh ways and expecting God to speak through them. Into the Word Into the World approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service. Requires the completion of Disciple I to enroll. Cost \$40. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

S + S Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter | Tuesdays September 25-November 13

6:30-8 p.m. | Meets in West U | Led by Suzi Pitts and Steve Gartrell

This study is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/lift-group-finder.

★ **What's So Amazing About Grace?** by Phillip Yancey | Tuesdays September 11-November 13
6-7:30 p.m. | Hines Baker Room | Led by Dr. Linda Christians, Ken Jacobson and Peggy Keus

We speak of grace often, but do we understand it? More important, do we truly believe in it... and do our lives proclaim it as powerfully as our words? In this 14-session study, prepare to grapple with grace and "un-grace" on a personal level. You'll consider how you can contend graciously with today's tough moral issues. And you'll discover how you can become Christ's answer to a world that desperately wants to know, What's So Amazing About Grace? Cost \$20. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder.

★ **S + S Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter** | Thursdays September 27-November 14 | 7:15-8:45 p.m. | ES309
Led by Ted Weiss

This study is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/lift-group-finder.

Everyone continued

S + S Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter | **Thursdays September 27-November 15** | **6-7:30 p.m.**

Led by Shella and Michael Shook

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S + S Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter | **Thursdays September 27-November 15** | **6:30-8 p.m.**

Led by Matt and Erin Lowe and Janet Horn

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S + S Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter | **Thursdays September 27-November 15** | **7-8:30 p.m.**

Led by Dennis and Myrtle Decker

This study is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members. Register at StLukesMethodist.org/lift-group-finder.

S + S Google Hangout | **Tuesdays beginning September 25** | **7:30-8:30 p.m.** | **Led by Rev. Thomas Harper**

Have you been looking to join a small group at the church, but just can't find a way to make it fit into your busy schedule? Join the Google Hangout to discuss the Scripture + Shared fall study, *Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter*.

BIBLE BUDDIES

Can't make it to small group meetings? Want to study with a friend across the country? Ask someone to be your Bible Buddy and follow the *Advice Columnists: The Letters of James and Peter* study that is available on St. Luke's Scripture + Shared App and includes daily readings and weekly videos with Dr. Pace and other clergy members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Grow on your spiritual journey and develop friendships in one of 22 Adult Sunday School classes. Stop by the Connection Center or visit StLukesMethodist.org/adults to see a complete listing.

SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

*** DivorceCare Support Group this Fall** | **Tuesdays September 4-November 27** | **6:30-8 p.m.** | **ES309**

Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The group, covering a different topic each week, will meet for 13 weeks to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Course materials: \$35. For more information contact Susan Silvus at ssilvus@gmail.com.

12-step Programs | Most days

St. Luke's hosts most 12-step programs. To see a complete list visit StLukesMethodist.org/help-and-support or call Shelly Quillin at 713-402-5033.

*** Kingdom Kids Weekday Care** is a welcoming, loving and safe environment for children of our church volunteers, and ministry participants for events happening at the church. Childcare is available for you free of charge with a reservation (StLukesMethodist.org/childcare-request-form) or contact Adrian Chandler at achandler@stlukesemethodist.org.

S + S Scripture + Shared is a church-wide Bible study ministry written by Dr. Pace in concert with other pastors and staff of St. Luke's. Each year there will be an 8-10 week study in the fall, and another in the spring.



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