

Adult Christian Education- Sunday Morning

Studying the Scriptures in groups (large or small) is a very important part of our Spiritual life and wholeness. This congregation strives to provide a variety courses that will be of interest to many. I am thankful for the many people who have volunteered to lead various sessions.

January 8- March 4, 2012

"Christianity and the Competition". a DVD based study featuring Dr Paul Maier. This 8-lesson study teaches us about several different world religions. Each session has a brief presentation by Dr Maier, followed by a group study and discussion (lesson guide provided). Each lesson "stands alone" so you may participate any time even if you did not attend the first few. This class is in the Fellowship Hall. The remaining lessons are:

Feb 5	Middle East: Islam (Part One)	Leader: Ron Kasten
Feb 12	Middle East: Islam (Part Two)	Leader: Ron Kasten
Feb 19	Western Religions (Part One)	Leader: Sharon Chalgren
Feb 26	Western Religions (Part Two, Cults)	Leader: Jim Bath
Mar 4	A Christian Response	Leader: Dick Loesch

Individual and week day study

This is a study of the Gospel according to John. There are individual books to be ordered for \$6 each. These books include 42 daily readings with a meditation/ devotion, contemplative prayer and space for journaling. There is also a weekly small group Bible study component.

If you already lead a small group, please consider using this study during Lent. I can only imagine how powerful it would be for our whole congregation to be studying the same thing at the same time. (This will not be requested of you on a regular basis.)

If you are not regularly a part of a small group study, please consider it. Lent is a time for deepening your walk with your Lord, not just giving up something you crave.

Please sign up in the Narthex. The individual books will need to be ordered by Monday, February 6th.

Sample copies of the Bible study lesson and personal devotion book will be available by the sign-up sheet. Please contact Deaconess Jeri if you have any questions. May the Lord bless our study of John as we learn to see His Light more clearly and be His Light more faithfully.

TUCSON CHAMBER ARTISTS PRESENTS

On Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m., Tucson Chamber Artists, southern Arizona's premier professional chamber choir and orchestra, presents Johannes Brahms's beloved *Ein Deutches Requiem* at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley. Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. For tickets: In Green Valley David Leege (399-9874) or www.TucsonChamberArtists.org.

Important Seminar Being Offered on Preparing for the Loss of a Loved One

Green Valley resident, Emilie Odde will present a seminar, Navigating Through Stormy Seas, Preparing for the Loss of a Loved One, on Thursday, February 23, from 10:00 – 12:00 at Desert Hills Lutheran church. This presentation represents Emilie's personal journey of coping with the terminal illness of her husband and is interwoven with practical and useful information. Her presentation will cover medical, long term care, legal, organizational/financial, final arrangements, care giving/hospice and grief issues. A panel of experts and resource materials will be available. All Green Valley residents and friends are invited to this very informative and valuable seminar.