

Adult Education Survey

What Is Your Soul's Longing?

The Adult Education Committee has begun to explore ways to **nurture and support a thriving lifelong learning community here at Grace**. To help us do that, **we would like to hear from you about what is in your heart**. What is your soul longing to learn, study, explore? What might be fun or exciting for you to learn more about?

Please fill out either all or some of the survey. Any input you give us will be helpful.

You may (a) fill out the survey online or (b) print it out and return it to the church office or place it in the box at the Welcome desk.

You can also just talk to us to give your input. Feel free to contact any committee member—at church, by phone, or email. **Committee members are:** Jane Gerloff, *chair*; Diana Frisbee; Pamela Gerloff; Howard Hoyt; Roger Oberman.

The questions on the form are a starting point. Please keep giving input as new thoughts occur to you. Specific questions are at the beginning of the survey, more open-ended questions at the end.

Name (optional) _____

Contact Info (optional) _____
phone and/or email

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being very interested and 1 being a little bit interested, please indicate your interest level in the following:

1. Weekly Bible Study with a 1-month 2-month 3-month or longer commitment

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

2. Drop-in Bible Study (weekly monthly)

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

3. Reading/studying the entire Old Testament, New Testament, both Old and New Testaments with a study group

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

4. I would like more instruction in the area of Lutheran Theology.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

5. I would like a one-time class or ongoing discussion group on Christian Parenting.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

6. I would like to learn more about personal and family finances from a Christian perspective.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

7. I would like to learn more about prayer and different ways to pray.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

8. I would like to learn more about daily spiritual practice.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

9. I would like to learn more about discipleship.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

10. I would like to learn more about how to forgive more easily.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

11. I would like to explore viewing current events through the lens of the Christian faith.

a little interested 1 2 3 4 5 very interested

12. What time slots work best for you?

- Sundays between services
- Saturdays before or after church
- Wednesday nights
- Other evening (please specify) _____
- Weekdays (please specify what days are best)
 - morning (best time: _____)
 - afternoon (best time: _____)
- Other time (please specify) _____

13. What learning formats would you like to have available?

- Courses led by a pastor or other specialist in a topic
- One-time presentations or short series on a specific topic
- Ongoing study/discussion groups on specific topics
- Bible studies
 - Ongoing instructional series with a trained teacher and curriculum
 - organized by “related books of the Bible” or themes/concepts

- organized sequentially, e.g., the New Testament starting with Matthew
- Drop-in Bible classes taught by a trained teacher
- Class instruction that incorporates small-group time in each class
- Small-group, self-facilitated Bible study groups with your choice of format, process, and/or materials (with some suggestions and possibilities available through the Adult Ed Committee)
 - I would like a study group that meets regularly, with participants committing to a certain length of time
 - I prefer a drop-in, come-when-you-can basis

14. Are there any particular **spiritual questions** or **topics** you might like to explore in a study group, presentation, class, or other format? If so, what are they?

15. Do you have some **ideas about how you might like to learn or explore these topics** (e.g. small-group discussion, presentations, classes, self-study or with a study partner, other ideas?)

16. Are there any **topics you might like to do a presentation on?** (please specify)

17. Would you be **willing to share your faith story/personal experience in an adult education setting?** (Consultation and assistance would be provided, if desired.)

- Yes No

18. Would you be **willing to pay a nominal fee** to help defray costs associated with a class?

- Yes No

19. Would you be interested in **being a member of the Adult Education Committee?**

- Yes, now. Yes, later. No thanks! Maybe...tell me more.

20. What's your vision for Adult Education?

21. Any other comments, ideas, or suggestions?

**This survey can be either mailed to
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1300 Kishwaukee Valley Rd
Woodstock, IL 60098**

or

**Placed in the drop box provided at the Welcome Center
in the church narthex.**