

INTEREST SESSIONS

CHOOSE THREE

The Origins of the Bible - A whirlwind tour of the history of how our Book of Faith was formed, copied and transmitted by the ancients. Ask the questions "how does knowledge of the origins of our Bible impact our belief in the Authority of Scripture and our appreciation for the Sacrament of the Word?" *Larry Person* will lead this session.

Enter the Bible.org - Learn how you can make the most of your study of scripture whether it be for personal devotions, exploring the Bible or participating in a group study. *Katy Warren* is a student at Luther Seminary and currently serving as an intern at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Mesa and helped create this new bible study resource.

Biblical Theology and American Indian Liberation - The Bible has almost exclusively been interpreted through the eyes of the Euro-American communities. How has this impacted the Native American Community and what would the Bible look like seen from the perspective of a Native American Theology? *Pastor Lynn Hubbard* is the Executive Director of the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona.

What's Fear Got To Do With It? - This interest session will take both a light-hearted and serious look at how fear and faith co-exist in our lives. A little fear may be good but too much can cause us to miss out on some of the joy available to our lives. Drawing from her own experiences *Paula Sturgeon* invites you on a journey of personal reflection, with a little laughter along the way. Paula is a speaker, teacher, preacher who has lived with severe Rheumatoid Arthritis her entire life.

Mentoring Vibrant Faith in Your Family - Faith formation is braided into the dailiness of life together, delivered with the very best parenting/grand-parenting skills available and grounded in unconditional love. Discover a practical, winsome approach for faith mentoring. *Pastor Steve Cornils*, our keynote speaker will present this program.

New Perspective - Learn a Christ-centered technique to overcome negative emotion, traumatic event or a belief that limits your life in some way. *Karin Gunderson* specializes in Christ-centered alternative and integrative therapies.

Experiencing God's Living Word - Find peace, healing and assurance through scripture alive in story and song with *Karin Gunderson* and her harp.

The World of Mormonism - Mormonism is more than a set of beliefs: it is a culture, a social structure, a world-view. *Pastor Roger Gordon* of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Tempe has studied Mormonism and speaks from experience in his own community.

Stand for Welcome - This Interest Session will provide current information on comprehensive immigration reform in the United States, the role of Lutherans in advocating humane and just policies, and practical ways in which we can live out Christ's commandment to love our neighbors. *Bishop Steve Talmage* has participated in recent immigration reform discussions in Washington DC.

Understanding Islam - Islam is a religion for almost two billion people and it is estimated that it will equal the number of Christians in the world by 2020. *Imam Sabahudin Ceman* is with the Islamic Center of North Phoenix, a primarily Bosnian Muslim community. Imam Ceman has been in the US for 20 years.