

# Adult Formation Schedule

October 2026 | The Time after Pentecost or “Ordinary Time”



## Theme

The theme for the 2026-27 program year is “The Welcome of a Steadfast God: Inviting All the Questions.” We will be deeply focused on our understanding of a steadfast God, while exploring the uncertainties and questions of our world. What questions do we have for God? What questions does God have for us? And how do we experience God’s presence in them?

### Adult Forums

9:30 a.m. | Lower Narthex

#### **Oct. 4 | The Steadfast Nature of Generosity**

Pastor Peter will offer insights on the steadfast nature of God through the lens of generosity. When we understand ourselves and our lives as generous gifts of God, our perceptions of creation shift. Join us for the insightful conversation.

#### **Oct. 11 | The Steadfast Nature of Community**

Pastor Melissa leads our Adult Forum this week by offering thoughts and insights on the Steadfast Nature of Community. Throughout Sabbath to End Homelessness, we will explore the goodness of community for the neighbor and the greater community.

#### **Oct. 18 | No Forum | Generosity Brunch at 9:30 a.m.**

#### **Oct. 25 | Martin Luther on Political Theology**

On Reformation Sunday, retired seminary professor Gary Simpson will lead a conversation about Martin Luther on Political Theology. Using Luther’s sermon, “How Christians should regard Moses,” Dr. Simpson will highlight Luther’s thoughts on public theology.

### Empowering Conversations

Noon | Lower Narthex

#### **Sunday, October 18**

Author Kevin Nye will speak at Empowering Conversations in October. Nye’s book, *Hope for the Mission*, unpacks many best practices of churches and organizations that are making a positive impact on the challenges of housing instability in our communities.

### Fall Bible Study

6 p.m. | Nativity or Zoom

#### **Begins Wednesday, Oct. 7**

***The Letter to the Philippians: A Contemplative Life of Joy***  
Join Pastor Peter for this four-week study of Paul’s letter to the Philippians. At the heart of the letter is a contemplative movement: to behold Christ, to allow Christ’s mind to shape us, and to live from the deep joy and peace that emerge from that vision.