

## The Lutheran Way BASIC Winter 2012 Unit

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Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, ESSE Room (lower level, education wing)  
Class Meets: Wednesday evenings 6:45pm - 8:15pm from Jan. 11 – Feb. 15

### Course Overview



What is Lutheran Christianity? This six-week course offers an introduction or re-introduction to this particular branch of the Christian Church, focusing in particular on Lutheranism as a “Way” of life:

- A Way of Seeing
- A Way of Hearing
- A Way of Teaching
- A Way of Following
- A Way of Worshiping
- A Way among Other Ways

At the conclusion of this course, you should come away newly equipped to practice the Way of Jesus Christ in a Lutheran key...and you’ll be ready to tell others about it too!

### Course Resources and Expectations

Course materials for “The Lutheran Way” include:

- *Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life* by Daniel Erlander
- *The Lutheran Handbook*
- *The Lutheran Handbook II*
- *The Small Catechism* by Martin Luther (included as appendix of Handbooks)
- *Lutheran Study Bible*

Taking time during the week for study, prayer, and Sunday worship will be a crucial part of your learning and growth in this course and throughout the BASIC process. Your “homework” during the week will include readings from the Bible and our course books (see reverse). We won’t read the *Handbooks* cover-to-cover, but have fun jumping around among the various topics, from the serious to the silly, at your leisure.

Our evening class time will be divided between large group time and small group time. The other catechumens/learners in your small group will be key partners for you as you learn together what it means to be part of the Lutheran movement. They will also be praying for you during the week, so pray for them too! Please keep in mind that missing class too many times can inhibit your group from bonding and detract from your group-mates’ learning. Small groups are free to meet offsite or at a different time as desired or needed.

## Course Schedule and Assignments

*Abbreviations: Baptized, We Live (BWL); Lutheran Handbook (LH);  
Lutheran Handbook II (LH2)*

- January 11     A Way of Seeing: The Theology of the Cross  
Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5  
Other reading: BWL – Preface, Intro, and Chapter 1 (pp.1-9);  
LH2 pp.161-163, 170-173; LH pp.136-137, p.120
- January 18     A Way of Hearing: Law and Gospel  
Bible reading: Romans 3:19-31, 5:1-11  
Other reading: BWL – Chapter 2 (pp.10-13); LH pp. 28-30, 86-88;  
LH2 pp.139-144
- January 25     A Way of Teaching: The Augsburg Confession  
Bible reading: Ephesians 2:1-10; 4:1-16  
Other reading: BWL – Chapter 3 (pp.16-21);  
LH pp. 52-59, 80-81, 131-133; LH2 pp.102-105
- Friday, January 27, 7pm: Cinema at St. Paul presents *Luther* (dir. Eric Till; 2003)**  
(Note: Pizza and fellowship starts at 6pm; notify Kim Hansen by 1/26 if you'd like to be in on the pizza order (\$5 ea): 630 690-1725 or klhrd@yahoo.com)
- February 1     A Way of Following: Discipleship  
Bible reading: Luke 9:23-24; Romans 6:1-14; 8:18-39  
Other reading: BWL – Chapter 4 (pp.22-28);  
LH pp.93-95; LH2 pp.148-154, 168-169
- February 8     A Way of Worshiping: Lutheran Worship 101  
Bible reading: Psalm 95:1-7; Acts 2:43-47; Colossians 3:12-17  
Other reading: BWL pp.14-15; LH pp.20-47, 76-79, 103-104  
“Knowing the Bible by Heart” by Mary Hinkle Shore  
(Optional: LH2 pp.56-95, 106-109, 122-133, 254-255)
- February 15    A Way among Other Ways: Lutherans and the Christian Family Tree  
Bible reading: John 17  
Other reading: LH pp.70-75; LH2 pp.35-38, 100-101, 110-121, 181-183,  
193-195

### ***Continue the Conversation Online on Facebook!***

If you're a social networker, you can continue our class discussions or share insights and questions about the Lutheran Way at the BASIC Facebook Group page. Just search for “St. Paul BASIC Adult Catechumenate” after logging into FB and request to join. Need some tech support or social networking help? Ask Dana King of the Adult Faith Formation Team (dananotdayna@sbcglobal.net).