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January 16, 2026

*"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalm 100:5*

Gentleness

A number of years ago, I had the opportunity to spend an afternoon at Old World Wisconsin. While there, I watched a blacksmith and a shoemaker working their crafts, I walked through gardens and homes that told stories of hard work and the community of family, and I "helped" steer the team of oxen, joined together by the yoke. The two gentlemen who gave me the reins also shared the primary purpose of the yoke: it was a training device. A younger, perhaps more stubborn, or at least less experienced, ox would be partnered with an older, stronger one in order to guide its steps.

Until that time, I hadn't really thought of the yoke as anything more than the piece of equipment that connected the two, nor had I really thought of the deeper significance of Jesus' words in Matthew: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (11:29). The picture I have of myself as an ox isn't all that great, but the picture of our God wanting to be yoked to us is. He humbly asks us to be yoked to him so that his gentleness will guide our steps, knowing full well how challenging that can be at times. When I feel I've been wronged, my reaction is not gentle. When I feel exhausted, my words are far from gentle. When gentleness is considered a weakness, I rebel against it. Yet, yoked together, there is Jesus, forgiving me for those stubborn sins, redirecting my steps so that I may try again.

When the oxen team works together to break ground, plow, and plant, a harvest is produced. Think about what we can accomplish in our families, our church and school, our communities, and even our world when we first are connected to -- and want to learn from -- Jesus, whose gentleness reveals his love and his power. Paul writes in Philippians 4: 5: Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand (ESV). Another translation shares the words this way: Keep your gentle nature so that all people will know what it looks like to walk in His footsteps. The Lord is ever present with us. So there's action -- our gentleness -- and a reaction -- people will see that the Lord is near. Therefore, the power of gentleness points others to saving grace.

My prayer this week will be that we all take His yoke upon us, keep in step with Him, and allow His gentleness to be ours. Then, let's work together toward a harvest.

Joy Yurk
7th grade teacher

JANUARY

7-21	We-We	MAP Testing
16	Fri	Mother/Son Bowling Event
17	Sat	5 th /7 th Round Robin BB Tournament
19-23	Mo-Fr	Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences
21	Wed	Chapel—Mr. Fischer
22-23	Th-Fr	K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
23	Fri	NO SCHOOL
23-24	Fr-Sa	5/6 Boys Basketball Tournament
25-30	Su-Fr	National Lutheran Schools Week
28	Wed	Chapel – 3 rd Grade (Clemens)

FEBRUARY

4	Wed	Chapel – Kindergarten (Nelsen)
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Notes from the Principal:

1. Registration for the 2026-27 school year is now open through the school website. The application process for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program opens February 2nd. Contact the school office with questions.

2. Congratulations to our St. Paul A Girls Basketball Team for taking 2nd place this past weekend at the tournament we hosted. Next weekend we host our annual 5th/6th grade boys tournament. If you are interested in helping either Friday (Jan. 23) or Saturday (Jan. 24) please contact Mr. Kell. We need ticket takers, scorebook officials, scoreboard operators and concession stand volunteers.

3. Next week is Parent/Teacher Conference Week. Students in grades 3-8 help lead those conferences with their parents and teachers. Another great opportunity to build positive relationships with our families.

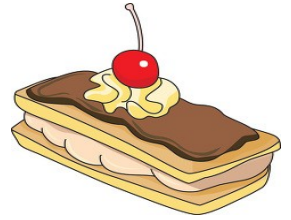


Approved Calendar Dates 2026-27 School Year

Date	Event
Aug 14	Teachers Report
Aug 20 (Thu)	Orientation Day
Aug 25 (Tue)	First Day of Classes
Sept 4	No School (Labor Day Weekend)
Sept 7	Labor Day No School
Sept 28-30	Outdoor Education (7 th)
Oct 30 (Fri)	No School
Nov 20	End of 1 st Trimester
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec 21–Jan 1	Christmas Break – No School
Jan 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences – No classes
Feb 19	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal – Winter Break
Feb 22	No School – Winter Break
Mar 5	End of 2 nd Trimester / Interest Day
Mar 22-29	Spring Break / Easter Monday – No School
Apr 24-28	8th Grade Washington DC Trip
May 3 (Mon)	No School
May 28	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal
May 28	PreK Closing Service
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 4	K-8 Closing Service / 10am dismissal / Graduation
June 11	Teachers Last Day

Calling All Torte Makers!!

The 64th St. Paul Invitational Tournament is February 13-15 and we can't serve our delicious tortes without help from you. If you are willing to make a torte, I'll supply you with one or more of the famous recipes. Just call Diane Schumann (377-4659 x133) or email diane.schumann@splgrifton.org and you will be given all the details. Thanks!



ST. PAUL 63RD INVITATIONAL A BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Advertising Space is available in the tournament book for the St. Paul Invitational A Boys' Basketball Tournament being held the weekend of **February 13-15, 2026**. This tournament provides a great deal of funding for the Athletic Department, for gym classes, and teams. If you are interested in placing an ad in the book for your business for a nominal fee, contact **Mrs. Diane Schumann, Ext. 133, by Saturday, January 24**

Thank you for your support!

EvenOdds PIZZA

FUNDRAISER

plan a pizza night on

TUESDAY, January 27

to help earn money for our school!

50% OF ALL SALES

will be donated to St. Paul Lutheran School!

must mention St. Paul Lutheran School to receive credit!

- ORDER FROM 10AM-8PM
- DINE IN or CARRY OUT
- ONLINE ORDERS MUST CHECK DINING FOR DOLLARS (D4D) BOX & NOTE ST. PAUL SCHOOL WHEN PLACING ORDER

ORDER ONLINE or CALL 262.376.0420

EvenOdds PIZZA

2) Click Add

1) Click Donation

3) Click Add to Cart

4) St. Paul earns 50% of the total spent

YOUR ORDER SUMMARY

1 12 Inch HandTossed EO Cheese	\$8.99
1 D4D Donation	\$0.01
Subtotal	\$9.00
Tax	\$0.50
Total	\$9.50

Checkout

Middle School Youth

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for middle school youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from 3-4:30pm in the youth room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year. For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org. Hope to see you there.



1/25: We will be playing a challenging memory game of 4 on the couch, sharing a devotion, and eating too many Oreos.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 9:30-10:30am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade. We also have a teen Bible study group that meets at 9:30am. To have your child join us for

this year's Sunday School or the teen Bible study please fill out the registration form at the following link: tinyurl.com/SSregister25. If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

1/18: This week we will be learning that God's family encourages each other. We will read Acts 18:-23; 20:1-6 as we look at the story of Paul encouraging Christians.

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun.	Jan. 18	11:00 am	PraisePower
Lutheran School's Week			
Sun.	Jan. 25	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name A-K Sing
		9:30 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing
Sun.	Feb. 1	11:00 am	Children's Choir
Sun.	Feb. 8	8:00 am	JiVE
Sat.	Feb. 14	5:00 pm	Gr. K-1 Sings
Wed.	Feb. 18	4:30 pm	PraisePower
Wed.	Mar. 4	4:30 pm	JiVE
Sun.	Mar. 8	11:00 am	PraisePower



TRINITY LUTHERAN
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Supporting strong minds, strong bodies and strong spirits.

Open House

Thursday, February 26th
6:30 PM

945 Terrace Dr, Elm Grove, WI



Learn more
about TLCHS



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and
NLSA
Accredited

School
Choice
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Participant

Come and see what makes Trinity Lutheran Classical High School unique!

Rooted Women

Winter Bible Study

Join us for

Not Alone: A Study on

Friendship

by Jennie Allen

Meet in Rm 326 (off the FLC)

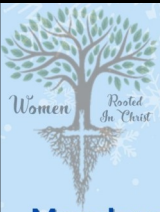
Study guides available at first session

Mondays
at 6:30PM

Jan 5 & 19,

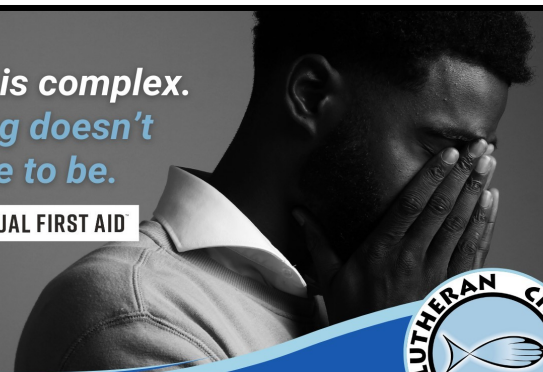
Feb 2 & 16,

March 2 & 16



Trauma is complex.
Helping doesn't
have to be.

 SPIRITUAL FIRST AID



LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Our world is stressed and hurting. People around you need spiritual and emotional care. Join LCC and Brookfield Lutheran Church to learn how you can become an effective spiritual first responder, right where God has placed you. Jesus taught us to love and serve our neighbors. Discover how you can be the empathetic, helping presence He has called you to be.

- Learn the basics of Spiritual First Aid™, a biblically informed framework for crisis care
- Gain practical helping skills through applied activities and role-playing
- Understand research-backed tactics, trauma care practices, and field-tested tools

Friday, Jan 16 & Saturday, Jan 17

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.* 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



Brookfield Lutheran Church

18500 W. Burleigh Road, Brookfield, WI 53045

* Light dinner provided on Friday.

** Snacks and refreshments provided on Saturday.

REGISTER



LWLHS EVENING FOR A GREATER PURPOSE PRESENTS:

a Silver Jubilee

Celebrating **25 Years!**



SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026
THE FLORIAN EVENT CENTER

Join us for this milestone GALA Featuring: Cocktail Hour, Live, Silent and Dessert Auctions, Food/Drinks and Fellowship!



Ozaukee 4-H Dance

Saturday, February 21

6:00pm to 10:00pm

Open to the Public

Bring the entire Family!!! There will be music for all ages!!!

Sally-down the Alley—7:00pm

Dance off (5th Grade & Younger) -7:30pm

Mr. & Miss Ozaukee 4-H Court Introductions - 8:00pm

Dance off (6th Grade & Up) - 8:30pm

Ozaukee Pavilion
Ozaukee County Fairgrounds

Music by:
DJ Dan Bichler

Admission is FREE!!!!
There will be a concession stand,
So bring money for some tasty treats!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

NEW MEMBER CLASS

WEDNESDAY'S AT 6-7:15PM
FLC EAST 327 ROOM

SESSION 1 - FEBRUARY 18

FOR THOSE TRANSFERRING FROM
NON-LCMS CHURCHES

SESSION 2 - FEBRUARY 25

FOR THOSE TRANSFERRING FROM
NON-LCMS CHURCHES

SESSION 3 - MARCH 4

FOR THOSE TRANSFERRING FROM
NON-LCMS CHURCHES

SESSION 4 - MARCH 11

ORIENTATION FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS

MARCH 28

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION DURING THE 5PM SERVICE AND
RECEPTION

SIGN UP NOW!

 MARTHA.WITT@SPLGRAFTON.ORG
OR USE QR CODE



Be part of

CRUSADER NATION



OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 | 6-8 PM
SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH, 3323 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SHEBOYGAN

5th - 8th GRADERS & FAMILIES:
LEARN MORE & REGISTER!



**SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

PREPARING CHRISTIAN LEADERS - ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

CEDARBURG CULTURAL CENTER
CEDAR CREEK PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENTS



Our town

by Thornton Wilder

AUDITIONS: JANUARY 20-21
ADULTS & KIDS: ALL ARE WELCOME

The Cedarburg Cultural Center is pleased to announce the auditions for Cedar Creek Players' production of the beloved American classic, *Our Town*, by Thornton Wilder.

AUDITIONS

- Tuesday & Wednesday, January 20-21 7 pm at the Cultural Center
- Actors need only attend one of the audition nights, preferably available for the entire night (7-9:30pm). Children 7-8:30 pm.
- No appointment or preparation required—audition forms will be provided.
- All are welcome; no previous experience is needed.

PERFORMANCES	
Friday, April 10	7:30 pm
Saturday, April 11	7:30 pm
Sunday, April 12	2:00 pm

Friday, April 17	7:30 pm
Saturday, April 18	7:30 pm
Sunday, April 19	2 pm

cedarburgculturalcenter.org/cedarcreekplayers

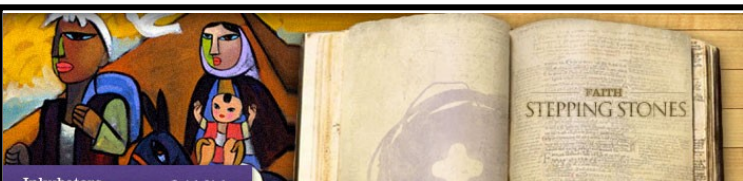
CEDARBURG CULTURAL CENTER WIS20546 WASHINGTON AVE. CEDARBURG, WI 53012
262-375-3676 CEDARBURGCULTURALCENTER.ORG



Interest Day is a special school day where students attend different hands-on classes in a variety of areas. In the past, we have offered cooking, crafts, woods, sports and music classes, just to name a few. This school year, our Interest Day will be held on the morning of Friday, March 6. We are always looking for any new ideas for classes. We also need volunteers to lead a session. If you have any ideas, or you or someone you know would like to lead a class, please contact one of our committee members:



Amy Steiner: amy.steiner@splgrafton.org
 Jenny Clemens: jennifer.clemens@splgrafton.org
 Lisa Frinzi: lisa.frinzi@splgrafton.org
 Shelby Nauta: shelby.nauta@splgrafton.org
 Rachel Nelsen: rachel.nelsen@splgrafton.org
 Amy Schumacher: amy.schumacher@splgrafton.org



Faith Stepping Stones

Faith Stepping Stones is faith based parenting education from cradle to high school graduation through eight short-courses, which pull parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night through blessing, prayer, scripture, Highs & Lows, and faith dialogue (FAITH 5).

Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby

This is a class where parents of infants and/or pregnant parents will learn about the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of infants. Parents will also be taught to give their children a nightly blessing. This class will begin on **Wednesday, January 7 at 6PM in the youth room and run through Wednesday, January 21.**

Check out the link to sign up <https://tinyurl.com/FaithStone1> or for more information contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler

You are invited to join us for Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler. In this class there will be three sessions on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers. Parents are also taught how to do a nightly blessing and prayer as a family faith practice. This class will meet in the youth room and run **Wednesday, January 28 through Wednesday, February 11 from 6-7:15pm.**

Check out the link to sign up <https://tinyurl.com/FaithStones2> or for more information contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
 TIMBERWOLVES

Youth DANCE CLINIC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Practice - 2:00-5:00 PM
 Dinner (Pizza) & T-Shirt Included

Appx. 5:15 PM - Performance at Halftime of Boys Basketball Game (Game starts at 4:30 PM)

OPEN TO GIRLS IN 3RD-8TH GRADE
 \$40 (new dancers)
 \$30 (if attended in fall)

Register online at...
LWLHS.COM/EVENTS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Applications Open

www.lwlhs.com/apply

8th grade families! Our early application deadline is fast approaching on December 31st!

APPLY BEFORE DECEMBER 31 TO EARN A \$450 TUITION CREDIT



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A Parent Information Packet for Living Word Lutheran High School

2230 LIVING WORD LN
 JACKSON, WI 53037

WWW.LWLHS.COM

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	18-Jan	25-Jan
	<p>Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 PraisePower sings @ 11 7/8 Boys Red BB Tournament @ Neenah Lutheran</p>	<p>Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 K-8 Last Name A-K sings @ 8:00 K-8 Last Name L-Z sings @ 9:30 Middle School Youth, 3pm 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ Good Shepherd WB 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners</p>
Monday	19-Jan	26-Jan
	<p style="text-align: center;">MAP Testing</p> <p>PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences Children's Choir, 3:15pm Worship, 6:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i></p> <p>Children's Choir, 3:15pm BB vs. Hales Corners; 5G-4:30, 5B-5:30, 7/8B Black-6:30 Stone 8: High School Graduation, 6pm Worship, 6:30pm</p>
Tuesday	20-Jan	27-Jan
	<p style="text-align: center;">MAP Testing</p> <p>PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences BB @ Grace MF; 6B-5:30, 7/8B Red-7:30 BB @ Grace MF; 5/6G-4:30, 7/8G-6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i> Even Odds Pizza Fundraiser</p>
Wednesday	21-Jan	28-Jan
	<p>PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences <p style="text-align: center;">CHAPEL- Mr. Fischer</p> Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby, 6pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i> CHAPEL- 3rd Grade (Clemens)</p> <p>BB vs. Trinity Sheboygan; 5G-4:30, 6G-5:30, 6B-6:30 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler, 6pm</p>
Thursday	22-Jan	29-Jan
	<p>Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i></p> <p>5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB</p>
Friday	23-Jan	30-Jan
	<p>Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners 5th/6th Boys BB Tournament @ HOME</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i></p> <p>5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB</p>
Saturday	24-Jan	31-Jan
	<p>7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners 5th/6th Boys BB Tournament @ HOME Worship at 5:00pm</p>	<p>5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ St. John WB 5th Boys BB Tournament @ Brookfield Christian 6th Boys BB Tournament @ St. John WB Virtual Archery Meet, 8am Worship at 5:00pm</p>

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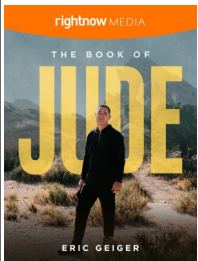
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Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.



Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

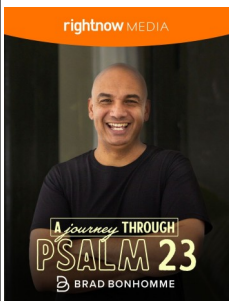
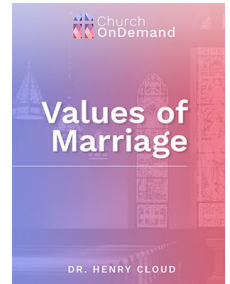


The Book of Jude by Eric Geiger

How do we stay close to Jesus, even when threatened by doubt, deception, or the culture around us? This question is as relevant for us today as it was for the early church. In this five-session series, pastor Eric Geiger will take us through the book of Jude, a letter that reminds us that staying faithful to God is an active part of the Christian life. Join Eric and learn to trust the God who calls us, loves us, and keeps us as we strive to stand firm in our faith. [The Book of Jude :: RightNow Media](#)

Values of Marriage by Henry Cloud

Dr. Henry Cloud uses these short videos that are scripturally based to address marriage. This 6 session series is incredibly rich with principles, values, and advice to ensure your marriage flourishes. [Values of Marriage](#)

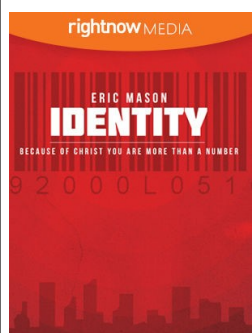


A Journey Through Psalm 23 by Brad Bonhomme

Join Brad Bonhomme on a verse-by-verse journey through one of the most celebrated passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. David—poet, shepherd, and king—illustrates in this psalm how God meets our physical, spiritual, emotional, directional, relational, and eternal needs. These truths bolster our trust and confidence in His goodness to us, in this life and the next. In this six-part series, discover the depths of your Heavenly Father's affection for you. Rest in the presence, protection, and provision of Jesus. And join Brad in boldly proclaiming that you are under the expert management and compassionate care of the Good Shepherd. [A Journey Through Psalm 23 :: RightNow Media](#)

Zany World of Zane (ages 8-10)

A comedy about the misadventures of three friends, Zane, Maddy, and Booger as they attempt to make a homemade web-show. As their real life problems intersect with their show, they discover that Biblical truth can help guide their way. This is a Zany world that kids will find irresistible. [Zany World of Zane :: RightNow Media](#)



Identity by Eric Mason (Middle/High School Youth)

** Note: The real-life stories in this series contain mature themes. **

Who are you? Our world values being unique. So much so, that we end up looking the same as we try to be different. But we aren't a number. We aren't our clothes, our relationships or our accomplishments. In Christ we are much more. In these four thought-provoking youth Bible study sessions, Eric Mason compares the message the world constantly tells teens about their identity with the truths found in Scripture. The world tells us it's all about how you look, what you have, what you do, and whom you are connected to. But Scripture teaches that while those things can be important, they do not constitute who you are. As followers of Jesus Christ, our identity is found in Him. With biblical teaching and real-life stories, this series will help students ground their identity in Christ and live boldly as children of God and heirs of heaven. [Identity :: RightNow Media](#)

The Disciplines of Abiding by D.A. Carson

Christians talk about abiding in Christ as key to following Jesus, but at times it seems more like an abstract idea than a practical way to live. In this 3-part course, D.A. Carson, K. Edward Copeland, and Bill Kynes examine what it truly means to abide in Christ through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and thanksgiving. [The Disciplines of Abiding :](#)