

# T H E E C H O



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

## Jesus: the King for All

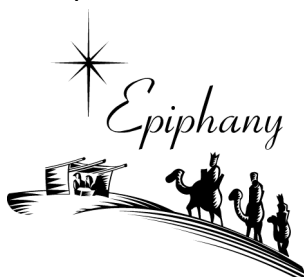
Epiphany happened this week on January 6. It marks the end of the Christmas season as Christians reflect on the journey of the wise men to visit the infant Jesus. But this story is filled with lots of questions. How many wise men were there? Were they actually wise in the same way that we might consider someone wise today? How far was their journey? What was the star like?

While we don't know some things about this story, what we do know is that it points people to Jesus. We do know these people came from the east, and were outsiders at least at one point in time, and yet they were the ones called to come and visit Jesus by following the star. The good news about Epiphany is that Jesus is revealed to all people as king. This good news is not just for people of a certain group, but for all who call on his saving name.

And how does God make those promises to us today and deliver to us good news that he is our king? He does it in baptism. Before time itself began, God had decided, or as the scriptures like to say, predestined us to be his own. This happened before the foundations of the world. And in time, God made his decision known to us. This is the decision that we are loved and saved apart from what we do, think, or feel. We are loved, and Jesus is our king because this is who God is. God is not a parent who begrudgingly does something. He is a parent who loves and cares for us despite our many failings. And this good news is revealed to us in the most concrete way when he washes us with water and places a holy name on us. That is the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

So today, since we are a part of that family of God, because we have been chosen in Jesus and he is our king, let's act like it. Let's put aside our pettiness, hurtful words, and hard hearts. We are loved so that we might show love to others. This Epiphany shows us that love is concrete in a way that is for all people, including you.

Pastor Jacob Schultz



### JANUARY

7-21	We-We	MAP Testing
9-10	Fr-Sa	A Girls Basketball Tournament
14	Wed	Chapel—Pastor Schulz
16	Fri	Mother/Son Bowling Event
17	Sat	5 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
23-24	Fr-Sa	5/6 Boys Basketball Tournament
25-30	Su-Fr	National Lutheran Schools Week
28	Wed	Chapel – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (Clemens)

### FEBRUARY

4	Wed	Chapel – Kindergarten (Nelsen)
5	Thu	Panther Parent Meeting
6	Fri	PreK Day with Dudes
10	Tue	Gr. 5-8 to Milwaukee Symphony End Session III Middle School

### Notes from the Principal:

1. Registration for the 2026-27 school year opens for current families January 12 and for new families January 19. Applications for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program will be available February 1. Contact the school office with questions regarding next school year.

2. Basketball season is in full swing and St. Paul will be hosting tournaments January 17 and January 23-24. We are looking for people to help at the scorers table with the book and clock, in the concession stand and taking tickets. Please contact Mr. Kell at [jeremy.kell@splgraffton.org](mailto:jeremy.kell@splgraffton.org) if you are interested in helping out.

3. St. Paul families received the book "Parenting Generation Screen" in early December. We will be hosting discussion sessions in March, talking about how collectively we can work together to help our young people adapt properly to the world of technology. If you are interested in reading the book, I have a few copies available.



# 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!**

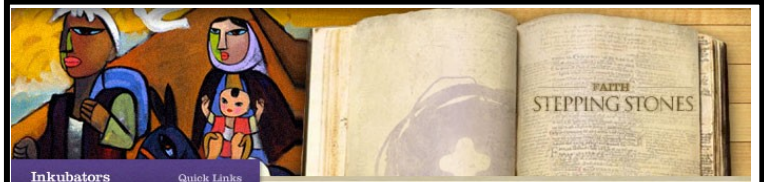
- ORDER FROM 10AM-8PM
- DINE IN or CARRY OUT
- ONLINE ORDERS MUST CHECK DINING FOR DOLLARS (D4D) BOX & NOTE ST. PAUL SCHOOL WHEN PLACING ORDER

**ORDER ONLINE or CALL 262.376.0420**



**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](mailto:amy.steiner@splgrafton.org)
- Jenny Clemens: [jennifer.clemens@splgrafton.org](mailto:jennifer.clemens@splgrafton.org)
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org).

**EvenOdds PIZZA**

**Order Here!**  
10AM - Midnight

**2) Click Add**

**1) Click Donation**

**3) Click Add to Cart**

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

**Have a pizza night & help fundraise for St. Paul on January 27!**

**YOUR ORDER SUMMARY**

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

Check out

**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!*

**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](http://tinyurl.com/SSregister25). If you have any questions, please contact [tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org).

**1/11:** This week's Bible story is from Acts 16:16-40, Paul and Silas face dangers. We will be learning that God is watching over his family.

**Christian Day School  
Singing Schedule**



Sun.	Jan. 18	11:00 am	PraisePower
<b>Lutheran School's Week</b>			
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

**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](mailto:tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org). Hope to see you there.

**1/11:** This week we will be having tower wars, sharing a devotion, and enjoying some goldfish crackers. 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.

**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

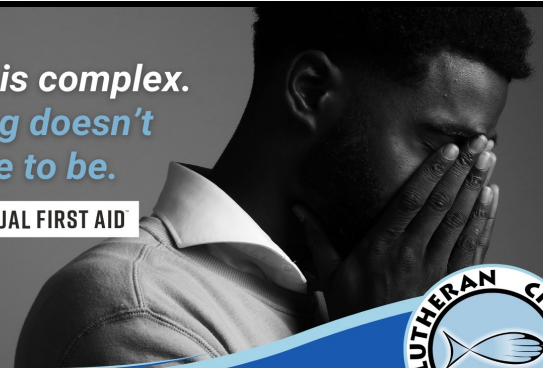
**Mondays  
at 6:30PM**

**Jan 5 & 19,**

**Feb 2 & 16,**

**March 2 & 16**

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



**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 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
THE FLORIAN EVENT CENTER**

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

# EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER MINISTRY EXPANSION UPDATE

## Ministry Expansion Project Quarterly Finance Update:



- St. Paul has collectively paid more than \$6,320,000 towards the ministry expansion project to date.
- Approximately \$293,000 remains to be paid to Catalyst Construction as the final retention payment. The overall cost of the ministry expansion project will remain within budget with total anticipated costs to come in below the \$6,700,000 budget that was approved at the February 2024 Voters Assembly meeting.
- At December 31, 2025, St Paul had more than \$525,000 held for upcoming and future ministry expansion project payments and debt service payments.
- St. Paul has issued \$2,106,500 in promissory notes with interest payable semi-annually. At the end of December, St. Paul paid approximately \$37,150 in aggregate interest to promissory note holders for interest accrued during the second half of 2025.
- St. Paul is borrowing from Lutheran Church Extension Fund ("LCEF") to assist in financing a portion of the ministry expansion project. Under the current terms of our construction loan, St. Paul will pay LCEF interest only. As of December 31, 2025, St. Paul has borrowed \$1,230,571 in principal from LCEF. Following the final retention payment, St Paul will convert our construction loan to a permanent loan with LCEF, which at that point will require St. Paul to begin making monthly payments towards principal reduction and interest. Through December 31, 2025, St Paul has paid LCEF aggregate interest of \$38,567.

Please reach out to Jason Hasenstein ([jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org](mailto:jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org)) with any questions, would like a more in-depth review of the building expansion related finances, terms of external financing available through LCEF, or would like more information about the promissory notes continuing to be offered.

Be part of  
**CRUSADER NATION**

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

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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



**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.

[cedarburgculturalcenter.org/cedarcreekplayers](http://cedarburgculturalcenter.org/cedarcreekplayers)

**CEDARBURG CULTURAL CENTER** WISCONSIN 46 WASHINGTON AVE. CEDARBURG, WI 53012  
262-375-3676 CEDARBURGCULTURALCENTER.ORG

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

6TH-8TH GRADERS


# YOUTH PEP BAND

Perform on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026** at the LW Girls Basketball Game!


**What time?**  
5:45PM Rehearsal in LW Band Room,  
6:40PM Pre-Game Music, 7:15 PM Play during 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> half, Break for Halftime

**Sign up for FREE!**  
[www.lwlhs.com/events](http://www.lwlhs.com/events)

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



# 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](http://LWLHS.COM/EVENTS)



## GRAFTON HOOPS

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLUB

### Grafton Hoops Skills League Registration Now Open! (Grades 1-5)

The **Grafton Hoops Skills League** is back this winter! Open to boys and girls in grades 1-5, the league emphasizes basketball fundamentals through skill-building drills and live 5v5 scrimmages. Saturday morning sessions are designed to be fun, educational, and rewarding for every player. This year we are limiting the number of participants to 90 so it's important to register early and secure your spot.

**League Highlights:**

- Open to 1st-5th grade boys and girls
- \$100 per player
- Jan. 10 - Feb. 21 (Saturdays)
- John Long Middle School (Feb. 14 at GHS Aux Gym)
- Each player receives a **basketball** and **practice jersey**
- Sessions feature **skills training + 5v5 scrimmages**
- Players bring a labeled basketball for **Week 1**
- **No reschedules if a snow day occurs**

[Register here](#)

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

# Applications Open

[www.lwlhs.com/apply](http://www.lwlhs.com/apply)

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

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



**BECOME SOMETHING BIGGER at LIVING WORD**

A Parent Information Packet for Living Word Lutheran High School





2230 LIVING WORD LN  
JACKSON, WI 53037

[WWW.LWLHS.COM](http://WWW.LWLHS.COM)





## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	11-Jan	18-Jan
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00  Middle School Youth, 3pm	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 <b>PraisePower sings @ 11</b> 7/8 Boys Red BB Tournament @ Neenah Lutheran 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ Good Shepherd WB
Monday	12-Jan	19-Jan
	MAP Testing  Children's Choir, 3:15pm BB @ Trinity Freistadt; 5/6G-4:30, 7/8G-6:30 BB @ Trinity Freistadt; 5B-5:30, 7/8B Black-7:30	MAP Testing PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences Children's Choir, 3:15pm
Tuesday	13-Jan	20-Jan
	MAP Testing	MAP Testing 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
Wednesday	14-Jan	21-Jan
	MAP Testing <b>CHAPEL- Pastor Schultz</b> BB @ St. John WB; 5/6G-4:30, 7/8G-5:30 BB vs. St. John WB; 5B-4:30, 6B-5:30, 7/8B Red-6:30  Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby, 6pm	PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences <b>CHAPEL- Mr. Fischer</b> Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby, 6pm
Thursday	15-Jan	22-Jan
	MAP Testing	Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners
Friday	16-Jan	23-Jan
	MAP Testing End of 2nd Quarter 7/8 Boys Red BB Tournament @ Neenah Lutheran Mother/Son Bowling Event @ Circle B (7pm)	Pre-K & K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners 6th Boys BB Tournament @ HOME
Saturday	17-Jan	24-Jan
	7/8 Boys Red BB Tournament @ Neenah Lutheran 5 Boys & 7/8 Boys Black HOME BB Tournament 5/6 Girls BB Tournament @ Good Shepherd WB Worship at 5:00pm	7/8 Girls BB Tournament @ Hales Corners 6th Boys BB Tournament @ HOME  Worship at 5:00pm

### JANUARY Baptism Remembrance

Ensley Fischer  
Liam Fleck  
Caroline Griffiths  
Ayla Johnson  
Samuel Kellerman  
Poppy Krueger

Violet Lopnow  
Owen Metzger  
Addison Mielke  
Jameson Neumann  
Mila Nunez  
Avery Passmore

Wyatt Passmore  
Adalyn Platta  
James Totman  
Josie Willman  
Rowan Zalewski  
Isabella Zebrick

Mr. Kell



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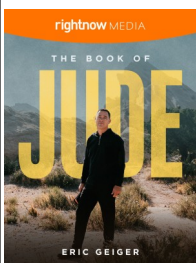
RightNow Media is the world's largest video-streaming library of biblical resources. Every person in our church can access Biblically-based videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances and much more. You can also choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos in the RightNow Media library designed specially for children. Stream them at home or on the go with the RightNow Media app. To sign up via **Online Registration**:



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?

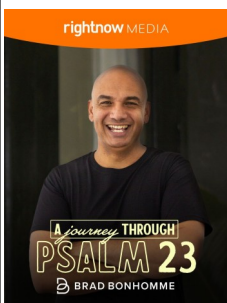


## **The Book of Jude** by Eric Geiger

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](#)

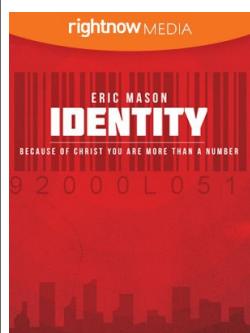


## **A Journey Through Psalm 23** by Brad Bonhomme

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 :](#)