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April 12, 19, 26

1 Peter—Then and Now

*Led by Dr. Jeanine Brown
Professor of New Testament
Bethel University*

Are Christians bound to suffer due to their faith in Christ? How should the church view the times in which we live and engage in our mission? The letter of 1 Peter has offered insight and encouragement for living faithfully in a host of different times and places. We will study the letter's key themes—holiness, hope, suffering, and Christian identity—to thoughtfully recontextualize the letter for the church today.

May 3 and May 10

What Does Need Look Like?

*Led by Karen Meyer
Community Support Center
and Kirk Livingston*

Food costs rise, and rents soar. Given today's economic realities, sometimes our neighbors need help. Karen Meyer and the New Brighton-based Community Support Center teach financial literacy and help people regain control over their lives. Join us to discuss misconceptions about need in our community and what practical help looks like.

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SCHEDULE

Sundays || 10:10–10:50 AM || Lounge

January 4, March 15

Theology Ripped from the Headlines

January 4, 2026—Led by Dr. Ben Rhodes
March 15, 2026—Led by Kirk Livingston

Karl Barth once said that Christians should hold the Bible with one hand and the newspaper in the other. This discussion-based class will practice integrating faith and scripture with a current event.

January 11, 18, 25

Cognitive Biases in Spiritual Life: Understanding and Reframing Our Thoughts

Led by Laura Mortenson, LICSW

It's understood that our thoughts and perceptions are not always entirely accurate. Do these cognitive biases impact our spiritual lives as well as our interactions with each other in our church community? Join us to discuss the potential impacts and practical ways to reframe our thoughts.

February 1

Women in the Book of Judges

Led by Dr. Daniel Thomas

The book of Judges is a tightly woven narrative that includes many female characters. We will study the story of Samson's mother, examining how it functions as a narrative unit and connects to the larger story of Judges. We'll also consider how this story contributes to the larger theme of men-women relationships in Judges.

February 8, 15

Minnesota Voices on Immigration

Led by Salem's Multicultural Team

Week 1: What comes to mind when you hear "immigration"? Has immigration become a partisan issue when once it was a gospel issue? How are we responding to the world on our doorstep? Let's sort the cultural messages, Biblical themes, and brush up on current issues in the news.

Week 2: Praveena Jesberg will share her journey from India to Minnesota, and from Hinduism to faith in Jesus.

February 22, March 1, 8

Reimagining the Suburban Lawn

Led by Dr. Michael Barnes
Research Professor in the Horticulture Department
University of Minnesota
And Panel

Is the suburban lawn a neighborly competition, a signal of conformity, or a potential sacred space? Are our lawns ecologically sound or just another bit of North American hubris? Join us as Dr. Barnes unpacks the history of the suburban lawn and as we discuss creative and God-honoring ways to think about our lawns.

March 22, 29

Living in Abundance: Dispelling the Scarcity Mindset

Led by Laura Mortenson & Kirk Livingston

Anxiety, hoarding, and hiding can signal a scarcity mindset. It's what we do when resources are limited. Jesus demonstrated abundance: Healing for the asking. Bread and fish for 5000. Unlimited connection with the God of the Universe. How can we live more like Jesus? Join us to explore the theology and practice of living abundantly.