

Weekly Topics

Sept 14: Introduction and
Three Convictions

Sept 21: God Talk
Theology

Sept 28: Original Blessing
Creation

Oct 5: Missing the Mark
Sin

Oct 12: East of Eden
*Covenant, Law,
and Community*

Oct 19: God Con Carne
Incarnation

Oct 26: Life Wins
Atonement

Nov 2: The Body of Christ
Church and the Holy Spirit

Nov 9: The End of All Things
Eschatology

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Worship at 8:30 and 11 am
every Sunday morning.

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ST MARK BY THE SEA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Invites YOU to

*Making Sense
of the
Christian Faith*

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

Sept. 14—Nov. 9

Preregistration
by Sept. 5
Is requested.

Course Introduction

Making Sense of the Christian Faith is an exciting and inviting exploration of the seven major theological doctrines of the Christian faith in the order of the biblical story.

Christianity is a story—a story about God, about the world, about human beings, and about the relationship between all three.

Christians have told this story in the Bible which is often confusing to read. This is where theology comes in.

Theology, talk about God, helps us sort through all the many and varied stories *in* the Bible so that we can hear the entire story *of* the Bible.

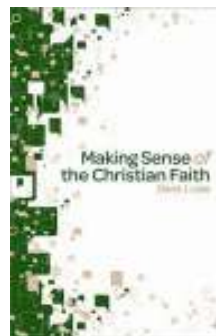
There is no expectation that you have certain prior knowledge of the Bible or theology. Just bring your questions and openness to talk about matters of faith and life.

Preregistration by Sept 5 is requested so that enough copies of the book can be ordered in advance. Preregister by calling the church office at 386-445-3420 or by sending an email to Pastor Pam at pastorpam@stmarkbythesea.org.

Course Book

The course book by the same name is written as a conversation in order to invite readers to “jump into” the conversation, the text stimulates the reader’s thinking instead of attempting to persuade a particular point of view. Written as a single narrative, this book is written so that anyone can read with great enjoyment and satisfaction.

The Rev. Dr. David Lose, author of the book, is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St Paul, MN. Lose writes, “If you believe with me, that the Christian life should take seriously both our heads and our hearts, our doubts and our faith, and involves as many questions as it does answers, then I invite you to read on and explore the heart of the Christian faith.”



The cost of the book published by Augsburg Fortress is \$13. This is the only cost associated with the study group. Books will be distributed at the first session and payment will be collected at that time.

Course Participants

This course is for anyone who:

- wishes to know just a little bit more about the Christian faith, or
- wants to go more deeply into what you already know, or
- is just curious about God and the life of faith.

Course Facilitator

The Rev. Pam Northrup, pastor at St Mark by the Sea Lutheran Church, will facilitate the study group. Pastor Pam, as she likes to be called, earned her M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC where she graduated with honors. She also holds a M.Ed. from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC where she focused on Adult Education.

When it comes to *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*, Pastor Pam describes herself as one who is full of questions and always eager for conversation with other questioners. She believes that a study group comprised of people from different faith traditions and even no faith tradition at all will be most engaging and insightful.