

What courses are offered?

Year 1

Introduction to the Bible from a Lutheran Perspective
Overview of the Old Testament
Teachings of the Early Church
The Church at Worship
Teaching God's Story/Christian Education
Leadership in the Church

Year 2

Overview of the New Testament
Sharing God's Story
The Lutheran Confessions
Themes and Issues in Christian Ethics
The Daily Life of a Christian
Issues Facing the Church

Those who complete all 12 courses and at least two retreats will receive a L.I.F.E. Certificate of Completion.



Cultivate your understanding...

Grow through community...

See your faith blossom...

...L.I.F.E. is about to begin!



Wisdom is a fountain of L.I.F.E. to one who has it.

Proverbs 16:22a (NRSV)



For additional information or an application, contact the Reverend Mary Gade at maryg@nepsynod.org or 610-266-5101, or visit the synod web page about L.I.F.E. at www.godslove.org/LIFE.

L.I.F.E.

Lutheran Institute for Faith Enrichment



They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.

Psalm 1:3



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What is L.I.F.E.?

L.I.F.E. (*Lutheran
Institute for Faith*

Enrichment) is an in-depth learning opportunity for adults offered by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA.

We believe that a deeper understanding of the faith helps us to connect our faith to the concerns, routines and events of daily life.

It is an opportunity for individuals to grow in faith, develop spiritual gifts, and discern what God might be up to in their lives.

L.I.F.E. works in two basic ways:

- * by studying the Bible, our Lutheran beliefs, the teachings of the Christian faith, and practical aspects of living the faith.
- * by encouraging spiritual growth through worship, discernment retreat(s), and a supportive community of fellow students and instructors.



L.I.F.E. emphasizes the baptismal calling of all Christians. Participants might be leaders in their congregations or people purely interested in engaging in a deeper learning experience. Classes cover a variety of disciplines.



L.I.F.E. can help you be who you are, see what you have, and blossom as you engage in doing what matters to God.







L.I.F.E. curriculum consists of twelve courses offered in a two-year cycle. Participants may take as many or as few classes as they desire. Each course is five weeks in length and meets once a week for 2–2½ hours.



L.I.F.E. weekly assignments and readings serve two purposes: 1) providing a solid background about the topic and 2) relating subject matter to the student's daily life and faith journey. Assignments are designed with the understanding that students are already busy with their family life, jobs, and parish commitments. Students can expect to average two or three hours of study per week in addition to class time.

How much does L.I.F.E. cost?

1. **Application:** A non-refundable, one-time fee of \$25 is required at the time of application. 
2. **Tuition:** \$450 per year, if taking all 6 classes offered.  Tuition per individual course is \$100.
3. **Books:** Actual costs for books vary from course to course, but instructors *try* to provide materials for no more than \$25 per course. 
4. **Discernment Retreat:** A retreat is held once a year in the spring. The retreat is usually Friday evening into Saturday afternoon. The cost for the retreat is the student's responsibility and is  approximately \$100, including room and meals.

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