

# ABOUT US

**Growing in Faith** is a ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. We believe that lay members of our parishes are integral to healthy discipleship in our churches and communities.

So, we gather followers across congregations to grow in faith together. Inside you will find an overview of our courses, but we invite you to begin by hearing from our graduates, who tell the story of this ministry better than we ever could!

**For Stories from Our Community**  
scan the QR code below  
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**Growing In Faith - Diakonia**



"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." -1 Cor. 3:7

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GROWING IN FAITH is a community of followers growing in Jesus through classes, retreats, and mutual care. A two-year curriculum allows folks to move at their own pace to progress through foundational and practical learning.



**Longing  
to *GROW*?**

**Plant yourself  
in good soil.**

# HOW IT WORKS

Participants gather in-person or over zoom for six 5-week classes. Each class is 3 hours long and involves a combination of instruction, discussion, and experiential learning.

Begin with our **Foundations Year**, then decide if you would like to stretch yourself through a **Practical Year**. Each class is \$65. Classes may be taken individually. Financial assistance is available upon request.



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For details about the program in your region, please contact:

## FOUNDATIONS YEAR

Growth begins with solid roots, and so do we!

Participants are invited to explore their **Faith Foundations** through the following courses:

- Christianity in a Lutheran Key
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Lutheran Creeds & Confessions
- Living as a Christian in the World
- Worship Matters



## PRACTICAL YEAR

Time to stretch out and grow through one of two tracks

### The Road to Service

- Healthy Cong. Dynamics
- Pastoral Care
- Cultural Diversity/Anti-Bias Training
- Church History
- 2 - Electives

### Faith Formation

- Cultural Diversity/Anti-Bias Training
- Church History
- 4 - Electives

### Electives Options:

- Christian Doctrine
- Communicating the Gospel
- Christian Ethics
- Religions of the World
- Old Test. & New Test Classes
- Evangelism
- Outreach