

# gather BIBLE STUDIES

SUMMER

FALL

WINTER

SPRING

DEVOTIONAL

## *Always Being Made New*



In 2015–16, *Gather* is offering **Bible study in a different way**, and we hope you like it. In response to subscriber suggestions, we will offer more, shorter Bible studies (summer, fall, winter, spring, and an Advent devotional).

With this format, we can use a variety of new writers and create opportunities for new women to join your study group.

**SUMMER**

Three sessions  
(June, July/August)

**FALL**

Three sessions  
(September through  
November)

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS**

Short devotional  
(December)

**WINTER**

Four sessions,  
a book of the Bible  
(January/February  
through April)

**SPRING**

One session,  
an intergenerational  
lesson (May)



In the summer of 2015, **Emma Crossen**, Women of the ELCA's former stewardship director, offers us a three-session study on giving.

**NO CATCHY SLOGANS**

**Session 1** Give in secret

**Session 2** Be like the widow

**Session 3** God loves a cheerful giver



In the fall of 2015, **Liv Larson Andrews**, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane, Wash., brings us a three-session study on speed and slowness, examining how the Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet we are asked to move with ever greater speed. Liv lives with her spouse and young son and dreams of hosting the first ever lectionary-based cooking show.

**SLOW FAITH**

**Session 1** Sabbath Keeping

**Session 2** Make Haste O Lord

**Session 3** Tempo Giusto



In the winter of 2015–16, our four-session Bible study is an exploration of the book of Philippians, written by **E. Louise Williams** and the **Rev. Phyllis N. Kersten**, two regular contributors to *Gather* (and our former publication *Lutheran Woman Today*). Louise and Phyllis wrote the 1990 Women of the ELCA Bible study, "Companions on Your Journey." Phyllis, a retired pastor, lives in a suburb of Chicago, and Louise, executive director emerita of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, lives in Valparaiso, Ind. "Philippians is a wonderful book," the authors write. "Paul had founded the Christian church in Philippi a number of years before and now writes to encourage them. Even though he is imprisoned, Paul does not seem downcast or discouraged. On the contrary, he thinks his suffering might have positive results for the gospel's continued extension in the world."

**CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP 101**

**Session 1** Confidence in God's Beginnings and Endings (Philippians 1:1-26)

**Session 2** Servant-Shaped Soldiers (Philippians 1:27-2:18)

**Session 3** Being of One Mind (Philippians 2:19-4:3)

**Session 4** Keep On Keeping On (Philippians 4:4-23)