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Classes for Diakonia are being offered in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Tucson and the East Valley area. Online realtime video classes are also being offered to enable us to reach the entire Grand Canyon Synod.

*"The Diakonia program has given me a new understanding and depth to my faith." - Mike R.*

#### How much does Diakonia cost?

1. **Tuition: \$360 per year - payable in \$60 increments at the time of each class.**
2. **Registration: A onetime non-refundable Registration Fee of \$25 is required from every student before classes begin.**
3. **Books: Actual costs for books vary from course to course, but instructors try to provide materials for less than \$30-50 per course.**
4. **Retreats: There is an annual retreat. Cost is announced each year.**
5. **Financial Aid: Financial aid is available.**

*"I didn't know that there was so much I didn't know about the Bible."- Cindy S.*

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## To Register

To register for classes, details on the courses, a program overview, class schedules and more, visit our website at:

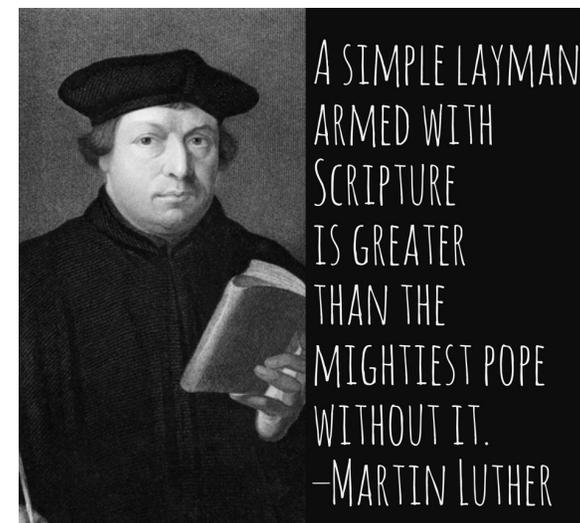
**[www.diakoniaaz.org](http://www.diakoniaaz.org)**

or email:

**[info@diakoniaaz.org](mailto:info@diakoniaaz.org)**

*"The Diakonia program has given me a deeper insight of religion and perspective of my Lutheran Faith and has also given me the confidence to serve in lay ministry for the Church" - Glen J.*

Please note: Diakonia is not to be confused with becoming rostered in the ELCA as a deacon or deaconess.



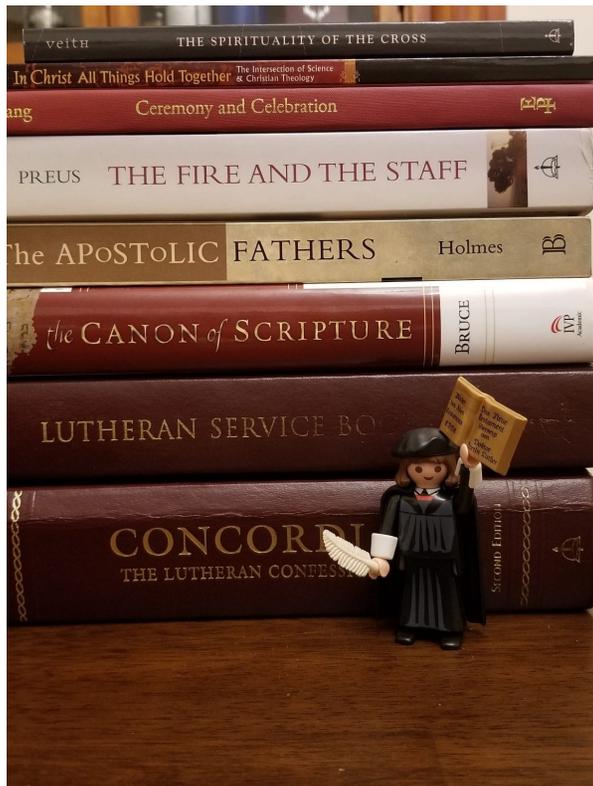
**A program of  
theology intended  
to deepen,  
strengthen, and  
stretch lay people.**

## Diakonia helps equip God's people for service in the congregation and the neighborhood.

Are you wondering "What is next?"  
"What leads to freedom?"

"Where can I build upon my foundation of faith?"

Diakonia is a two-year program that provides a system of study to help answer those questions. It encourages increased participation in the church and your community.



Students learn from ordained pastors in a cohort setting. They study traditional seminary disciplines, identify their particular gifts, and are encouraged to grow spiritually.

*"It's always a blessing to the church when lay people seek to deepen their understanding of faith in Jesus Christ." - Pastor Pat R.*



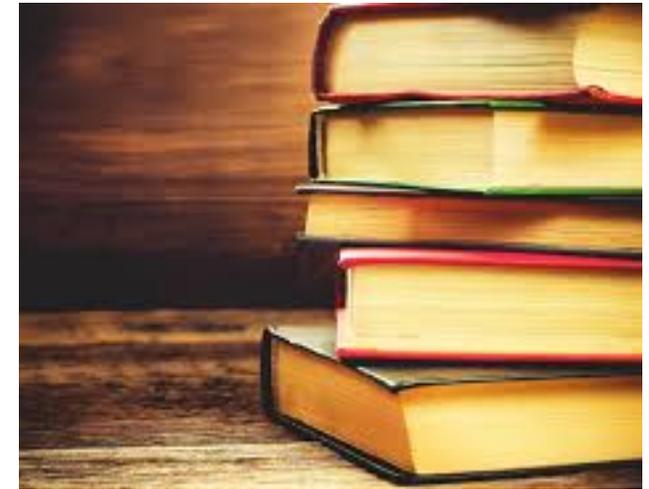
### Year One Courses

Introduction to the New Testament  
Church History - The First 400 Years  
Practical Ministry I: Biblical Images  
Lutheran Creeds and Confessions  
Practical Ministry II: Visitation  
The Daily Life of a Christian

*"Through Diakonia, I experienced the impressive breadth of seminary training our pastors receive while being challenged to grow in faith and service to the church." - Twila B.*

Diakonia is a two-year program that includes courses on Theology, Worship, Bible, Church History, and Practical Ministry.

Each class is 5 weeks in length, 3 hours one day a week. Students should plan for 4-6 hours per week of work outside of class time.



### Year Two Courses

Introduction to the Old Testament  
Christian Doctrine  
Faith in the American Context  
Christian Worship  
Themes and Issues in Christian Ethics  
Practical Ministry III: To Communicate the Gospel

*"It has been a great experience. Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about, and how to share, our faith." - B. and M.*