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Wartburg Theological Seminary is embarking on a new adventure. Building on the core belief that theological education and formation are for the whole church, Wartburg is creating new ways for all the baptized, of all vocations, and from all locations to access theological education. Knowing that people have different learning needs and learning goals, Wartburg is looking to create multiple options for people on their formation journey. **Learning is for Life. Seminary is for Everyone.**

Whether you are new to theological education, looking to explore your faith, earn a certificate in a ministry specialty area, or are a professional minister looking for an advanced course, Wartburg Theological Seminary has a Learning for Life program that is right for you.

Exploring Faith Courses

Wartburg Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the development of Exploring Faith, online and intensive courses open to everyone.

Online Courses

- 5 week and 8 week sessions
- Taken individually or in groups from a congregation
- Entry level and advanced level topics

Intensive Courses

- Held on campus at Wartburg Theological Seminary
- 3 days of learning and conversation

Exploring Faith Courses

Below is a sampling of the 2015 course offerings:

-Connecting Faith & Daily Life

-Old Testament in the New Testament

-Church History for the Practice of Ministry

-The Struggle for Faithfulness & Flexibility:
From the Reformation to the Present

-The Gathered - Scattered Church:
Releasing God's People for Ministry in the World

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2015 Fall Exploring Faith Course Offerings

ENTRY LEVEL COURSE OFFERINGS

Fall 2015 Courses:

The Struggle for Faithfulness & Flexibility: From the Reformation to the Present

There is a continuing tension in the life and mission of the church. On the one hand, the church must remain faithful to the unchanging truth of God revealed in and through Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. On the other hand, the church must proclaim this truth in meaningful and relevant ways in many different cultures and times. This course will look at church history as the story of the church's efforts, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to discern how it can be both faithful to the truth and engaged with the world in meaningful and relevant ways. *Dr. Jerry Folk* (Online; September 14-November 6)

The Gathered - Scattered Church: Releasing God's People for Ministry in the World

The church at its best is missional; our very nature and purpose are defined by our participation in God's redemptive mission in and to the world. Yet we have not lived into that call because we have not been able to move beyond an understanding of church as a gathered, corporate entity. This course will help congregations and their leaders find new meaning, vitality, purpose and even joy by letting go of our preoccupation with the vitality of the institution and re-forming ourselves as communities that prepare, support, encourage, equip and send people into their everyday lives as God's partners in the care of all creation. *Rev. Dwight DuBois* (Online; September 14-November 6)

Connecting Faith & Daily Life

This course will provide ways to develop the congregation and other faith communities as "confirming communities" using Martin Luther's Large and Small Catechisms in highly experiential ways. The group will be using a wide variety of methods; the content will be participants' own lives and the foundations of the faith. Participants will gain skill in leadership in education among all ages. *Dr. Norma Cook Everist* (Intensive; October 16-18)

ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE OFFERINGS

Fall 2015 Courses:

Old Testament in the New Testament

The authors of the New Testament drew heavily on their Scripture (what many Christians now call the Old Testament) when writing their stories or correspondence about Jesus and what it meant to follow him. This course explores the various ways that these authors used the Old Testament to make sense of their experiences of Jesus. *Rev. Allison deForest* (Online; September 14-October 16)

Church History for the Practice of Ministry

This course offers an overview of the history of Christianity from the apostolic age to the 21st century. Two central emphases will link the Christian communities surveyed. First, we will discuss and evaluate how churches have responded to broader societal shifts, including responses to different religious traditions, political realities, understandings of gender and sexuality, and globalization. Second, students will be asked to consider what role narratives of the history of Christianity play in contemporary conversations within the church. *Rev. Philip Forness* (Online; September 14-October 16)

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