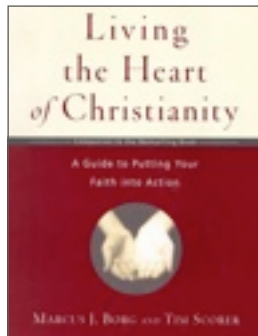
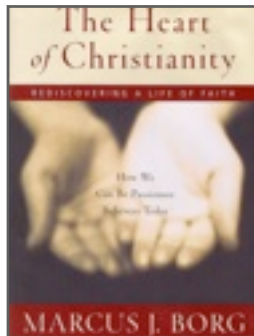




### LIVING THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY

Rediscover Vital Christianity: Join us, as together we challenge and illuminate one another. Christianity always benefits from a fresh imagination that is willing to dwell in the questions of faith. Lend your imagination, together with your questions to a group process that will encourage us all to uncover what lies at the heart of Christianity so that we can live a more passionate Christianity!

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## Holy Cross Lutheran Church Our Mission

We gather as an open community of Christians, responding to God's call. We welcome all people as members of our extended family. We gather to support and nourish one another in the faith, equipping people to live the Gospel in the world. Our purpose is to encounter the Gospel in worship play, study, music, work, prayer and activism. We provide worship that is diverse, flexible, thought provoking and relevant to our challenging times. We are a voice for compassion and actively seek justice and peace in the world. We identify and serve our neighbors in need. We offer programs that encourage spiritual growth by teaching the Gospel in the Lutheran tradition. We provide opportunities to work, play and pray together.

### Everyone Is Welcome!

In response to the overwhelming love of God we stand in awe of the wideness of God's mercy. In faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, mindful of our Lutheran emphasis on grace, and rejoicing in the celebration of our shared baptismal journey, we welcome as members of our extended family, all those who have ever felt excluded by the Church because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental challenges, financial resources, or family status.

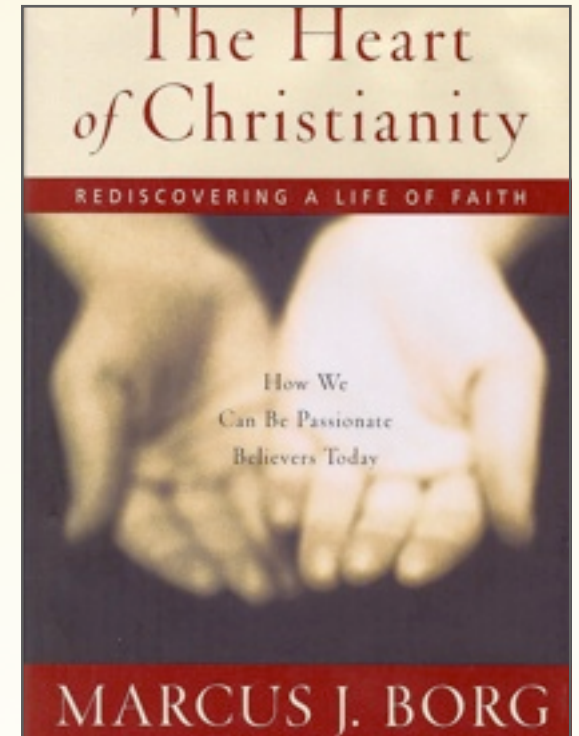
As followers of Christ, all members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church are compelled by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is all too often an unloving place. Therefore, rejoicing in God's abundant grace, we extend a special welcome to all. Whether you are gay, straight, lesbian or bisexual; whatever your country of origin or ancestry; whether you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker; in Christ's love, we welcome you, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we can work together to usher in God's Reign of justice, peace, and mercy.

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# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church



**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
**@ 9:30 am**  
**Classes begin**  
**APRIL 11**



### REDISCOVERING A LIFE OF FAITH

“One of the most urgent needs for congregations today is adult re-education. The vision of Christianity that most of us learned as we were growing up in the church has ceased to be persuasive and compelling.”

“We live in an exciting time in the life of the church. In the past few decades, an emerging vision of Christianity has begun to take root. It is a vision of Christianity that takes the Bible, God, and Jesus just as seriously as did the earlier vision of Christianity. But the emerging vision removes the unnecessary intellectual stumbling blocks generated by the earlier vision. Rather than seeing the Bible as an inerrant or infallible divine product, it recognizes that the Bible is the product of ancient Israel and early Christianity. As such, it tells us about our spiritual ancestors’ lives with God: their experiences of God, their stories about God, and what they thought life with God involved. Rather than emphasizing a literal-factual reading of the Bible, it recognizes that the Bible often uses the language of metaphor and poetry to speak about God and God’s relation to the world. And rather than emphasizing what we must do or believe in order to have a blessed afterlife, the emerging Christian vision emphasizes a relationship with God in the present that transforms our lives in this life.”

# The Heart of Christianity

## WHAT LIES AT THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY?

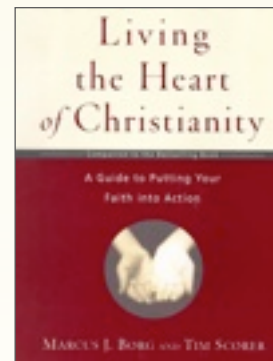
Moving beyond biblical literalism to explore the Word that lies beneath the centuries of tradition that have resulted in doctrines that defy our intellect and hinder our faith, we will try to uncover what lies at the heart of Christianity.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN TODAY?

What is at the heart of Christianity?

What does it mean to live the as a Christian in this century?

Together we will read Marcus Borg’s ground-breaking book: *The Heart of Christianity*. Each week we will discuss the new paradigms that are beginning to emerge among those seeking ways to integrate scholarship and faith.



## PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

One chapter at a time, we will discuss ways in which we might become passionate believers today.



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