



NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament is like a choir filled with many different voices singing different parts, and yet, all telling the same story: the witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the powerful experience of the risen Christ in the communities that follow him. This survey of the early Christian writings and their interpretation invites us to listen to the different ways that each book tells the story of the encounter with Jesus. We will explore selected gospels, epistles, and writings in their historical context. We will employ sociological methods in current trends of biblical scholarship to help us discern what community(s) shapes the text—historical, cultural, religious, and social. And we will also engage the meaning in a text that lies in the interplay between text and reader: how our own current context, situation, background, beliefs, etc. affect what we hear and how we interpret it.

ACTS courses consist of two Saturday classes, September 21st and November 2nd (9:00 AM-3:30 PM) plus five evening session of two hours each. The dates and location for these small group sessions will be decided by the small group participants. The registration fee covers lunch. Pastor Kelly will be LIVE at Grace, Waynesboro and will be simulcast to Gloria Dei, Hampton /St. Mark, Yorktown and Holy Trinity, Wytheville.

Join other ACTS participants from across our synod as we explore and learn more. This course fulfills the New Testament requirement for the ACTS Certificate.

The **required** textbooks are [*The People's Companion to the Bible*](#), DeYoung, Curtiss Paul et al. editors. Fortress Press, 2010 and [*Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*](#) by Mark Allan Powell. Baker Academic; 2 edition (May 15, 2018).

Recommended Study Bible options are:

- **The New Oxford Annotated Version**, 5th ed. New Revised Standard Version. edited by Michael D. Coogan et al, Oxford UP, 2018. ISBN: 978-0190276089
- **The Lutheran Study Bible**, New Revised Standard Version. Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2009. ISBN: 978-0806680606
- **HarperCollins Study Bible**, Revised and Updated edition. New Revised Standard Version. HarperOne, 2006. ISBN: 978-0060786854



PRESENTER

Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick

COST

**\$175 Registration Fee
Discounts available**

WHEN

**September 21st and
November 2nd, 2019**

TIME

9:00 AM-3:30 PM

WHERE

Grace, Waynesboro

Simulcast Locations:

**Holy Trinity, Wytheville
Gloria Dei, Hampton** (Sept. 21)
St. Mark, Yorktown (Nov. 2)



Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



REGISTRATION COSTS:

- \$25.00 for a rostered minister to attend the two large group meetings as continuing education.
- \$87.50 per person if you are bringing a friend that is new to ACTS or if you have not participated in ACTS before. Name of new person you are bringing: _____
 (Be sure they register to activate your special rate)
- \$87.50 per person if you have already completed a New Testament course previously.
- \$175 per person is the ACTS course registration fee.
- \$900 if you have a group of 6 or more from your congregation or parish.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

You may register online including your payment at vasynod.org/ACTS or below.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PREFERRED PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 HOME CHURCH _____ CITY _____
 AMOUNT DUE \$ _____ LOCATION _____

**Please send your registration to: Lenae Osmondson,
 1301 Colley Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517**



The Rev. Kelly D. Bayer Derrick, STM serves as Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA. Pastor Bayer Derrick is passionate about the gospel and about God's call and command to love God and love our neighbors. She is committed to and an innovative leader in ministries of social justice, equality, accompaniment – globally and locally, Christian formation, youth and more. She is also deeply committed to our Synod, the ELCA, and our ecumenical and interfaith partnerships. In addition to her role as Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Bayer Derrick is a Visiting Professor of Religious Studies at Hollins University. Pastor Bayer Derrick received her BA at the University of Virginia, and both her M.Div and STM at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.