

# SHARING THE MINISTRY DIRECTOR

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### **New Member Class**

The Fall session of New Member classes began September 27. We conclude November 1. We have 41 people joining, with 30 of those being adults that are attending the classes. The class schedule follows:

Class 1 – Pastor Mark

Class 2 – Faith's Anniversary Celebration

Class 3 – Pam Larson: Justification & Vocation Conversations

Class 4 – Mike Gaul & Tom Penningroth

Class 5 – Pastor Dave: Faith Q & A's

Class 6 – Pam Larson: Following Your Callings in Your Family, Work, Church & Community

New Members will be received at the service of their choice on Saturday, November 7 or Sunday, November 8. Please take a moment to welcome them into the Faith family.

### **eXploring Our Strengths Class**

XOS is off to a great start with Ellen Elmore, Renee Wood and Ryan York at the leaders. Ellen does a wonderful job of organizing for each class and Renee and Ryan use their strengths of teaching and kid corralling. The first three lessons were on baptism, leading into the remaining six lessons on strengths/gifts God gives us at baptism. The class will be discussing good/bad messages of self esteem, strengths & weaknesses, recognizing our strengths and what good experiences tell us about our strengths.

### **Small Group Activity**

Pastor Mark has asked me, as part of my transition out of this position, to prepare a strengths/gifts lesson series for small groups. I am developing a three part course to be implemented by a facilitator. Pastor Mark will carry it forward into the congregation via small groups, new member classes, and other opportunities to equip members' to serve God in all areas of their lives.