
MINNEHAHA ADULT FAITH FORUM
SUNDAYS @ 10:15AM

A STUDY OF ISLAM

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March 31: Islam Before The Quran

This is the first in our five-part series on Islam. Did you know that there were Muslims before Muhammad and Islam before the Quran? This week, we will explore what Islam teaches about Jewish and Christian prophets and divine revelation before the Quran, including Abraham, Hagar and Ishmail, Moses and the Torah and Jesus and the Gospels. Hint: we have a lot in common with our Muslim friends!

April 7: Muhammad and the Early Muslim Community

This is the second in our five-part series on Islam. Who was Muhammad and why is he so important in Islam? Who were Khadija, Aisha, Ali and Fatima? What about the Sahaba? This week, we will learn about the life of Muhammad, the early Muslim community and their interactions with Christians. Hint: Christians have often been wrong about Muhammad!

April 14: The Quran and Key Islamic Teachings and Practices

This is the third in our five-part series on Islam. What is the Quran and what does it teach about God, faith and morality? Is the Quran similar or different from the Bible? This week, we will explore the meaning of the Quran, the 5 pillars of Islam, the six articles of faith and the Quranic teachings about morality and justice. Hint: Christians can read the Quran too!

April 21: Easter - No Faith Forum.

April 28: Islam in History and Today

This is the fourth in our five-part series on Islam. How has Islam developed in history? Why is there such diversity throughout the Muslim world? This week, we will explore differences between Sunni and Shia, the mystical tariqa of Sufism and contemporary movements such as Wahabi, Salafi, Kemalist, Ikhwani and Liberation traditions. Hint: diversity, diversity, diversity - there is no "one version" of Islam!

May 5: Ramadan and Fasting with our Muslim Friends

This is the fifth in our five-week series on Islam. Ramadan begins tonight for Muslims. What is Ramadan and why is it important? What do Muslims do during Ramadan? This week, we will be joined by our Muslim friends who will teach us about Ramadan. We have been asked by our Muslim friends to fast for 5 days during Ramadan to show our solidarity with them in faith and life, so if you would like to fast with us, come and learn how! Hint: did you know that fasting is a Christian thing too?
