

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Faith, Vocation and Economics**  
**Micro-lending Retreat/April 21st, 2018**  
**Schedule**

**Saturday, April 21st**

8:00 - 8:30 AM - Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 AM - Introductions & Building the Group Covenant

**9:00 - 9:45 AM - Session I: Creation** (A household of economic relationships created by God)

- Opening Prayer
- Biblical Reflection - Genesis 1:26-28
- Commentary on Text
- Discussion
- Economic Reflection: What is at stake in discovering God's Economy?
- Investment Pathway: "Angel" Investor - Imagine this investment pathway in your community
- Closing Prayer

9:45 - 10:00 AM Break

**10:00 - 10:45 Session II: Sin & Alienation** (Our economic interdependence)

- Opening Prayer
- Biblical Reflection - Matthew 4:1-11
- Commentary on Text
- Discussion
- Economic Reflection: What is at stake in discovering God's Economy?
- Investment Pathway: Mission Partner - Imagine this investment pathway in your community.
- Closing Prayer

10:45 - 11:00 Break

**11:00 - 11:45 Session III: Salvation** (Living in Abundance)

- Opening Prayer
- Biblical Reflection: I Corinthians 5: 17-19/ Matthew 20:1-13
- Commentary on Text

- Discussion
- Economic Reflection: What is at stake in discovering God's Economy?
- Investment Pathway: Peer Lending Host - Imagine this investment pathway in your community.
- Closing Prayer

**12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch** (each group caucuses in separate rooms)

- What are we hearing; learning; "aha" moments?
- Any questions and/or reflections that are arising

**1:00 - 1:45 Session IV: Sanctification** (The power of grace)

- Opening Prayer
- [Remind the group of their covenant together]
- Biblical Reflection: Romans 12:1-2; 21/Micah 6:8/Amos 5:24
- Commentary on the Text
- Discussion
- Economic Reflection: What is at stake in discovering God's economy?
- Investment Pathway: Justice Partner
- Closing Prayer

1:45 - 2:00 PM Break

**2:00 - 2:45 PM Session V: Living Hope** (Bold Economic Visions)

- Opening Prayer
- Biblical Reflection: Isaiah 55: 1-3
- Commentary on the Text
- Discussion
- Economic Reflection: What is at stake in discovering God's economy?
- Investment Pathway: Public Witness
- Closing Prayer

2:45 - 3:00 PM Break

**3:00 - 3:40 PM Final Session: Making Decisions** (in two groups)

1. What surprised you in our conversations together?
2. What have you learned?
3. How have you changed? (if at all)
4. Beyond participation in a chosen investment pathway, how might you put your new learning and perspectives into practice?

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As a group, you will be investing \$ 1,000 into a local business. Before you make decisions, pray that the Holy Spirit direct your decisions.

- A. Which business most interests you as a group?
- B. Which pathway do you choose to implement?
- C. Who from this group wants to commit to a small executive committee for one year to execute the loans and interact with the local business?

3:50 - 4:00 PM: Report Results

- Each group reports back to the larger group what they have decided.
- Next steps
- Sending Prayer & Blessing