Forever Learning Institute
Winter 2027 Course Guide
Main campus: Granger Christian School
52025 Gumwood Road, Granger, IN 46530

Registration opens November 30, 2026, at 9 AM | fli.coursestorm.com

Winter semester: January 4–February 8, 2027.

No classes Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Please complete paper registrations as soon as possible and submit them to the office.

Paper registrations are entered in the order in which they are received.

Check your class location before registering. Other class locations and addresses are on page 8.

Monday

Mon11 Tai Chi Fundamentals Review and Rounds
Ellen Triebold | **$35**
Mon 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Gym
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
A refresher for students who have already learned the Tai Chi Fundamentals form. Review the movements and sequence, deepen your practice, and focus on flowing through the form together. Co-taught with Mary Hagen.

Mon12 Beginning French
Cheryl Herman | **$35**
Mon 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM | Room 1
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Start learning French through basic vocabulary and conversation. This introductory course provides an opportunity to build language skills with others. Please purchase French Made Easy: Level 1, available from Amazon for $11.99.

Mon13 Murder & Mayhem
Dorothy McGovern | **$35**
Mon 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Zoom
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Explore the Golden Age of Detective Fiction through three contrasting mysteries: The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler, The Siamese Twin Mystery by Ellery Queen, and The Black Spectacles by John Dickson Carr. Discover hard-boiled detectives, locked-room puzzles and manor-house intrigue.

Mon14 Who's Afraid of Opera: Winter 2027 Edition
Mark Beudert | **$35**
Mon 10:10 AM - 11:30 AM | Room 2
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Join internationally acclaimed tenor, Pavarotti Competition winner and retired Notre Dame professor Mark Beudert to prepare for Metropolitan Opera broadcast outings: Puccini's Girl of the Golden West and Bizet's Carmen.
Zoom option: Mon14H | $20.

Mon15 Tap into the Spiritual Power of Marriage
Mark Timler | **$35**
Mon 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM | Room 3
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Explore marriage as a spiritual vocation and consider how prayer and sacramental grace can renew hope through challenges. Discuss Greg and Lisa Popcak's Praying for (and with) Your Spouse: The Way to Deeper Love. Please purchase the book before class.

Mon16 The Shape of Loss: Understanding the Many Forms of Grief in Our Lives
Lisa Haines | **Free**
Mon 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM | Room 4
Jan 4
Grief can follow retirement, illness, relationship changes, lost identity or unmet expectations, as well as death. Explore anticipatory, ambiguous and other forms of grief through discussion and reflection, gaining compassionate ways to understand your own experiences and support others.

Mon17/Tue14 Forever Connected: Beginning Computer and Smartphone Skills
Cynthia Nikolai | **Free**
Mon 11:00 AM - 12:50 PM | Room 5
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Tue 11:00 AM - 12:50 PM | Room 5
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Laptops are provided for use in class; you do not need your own. Build confidence with Windows 11, smartphones, email, internet safety and online tools. Track progress with a skills checklist. Successful participants may borrow a lending-library computer for home use. Free through grant support.
Meets twice weekly; register once.

Mon18 Intermediate French
Cheryl Herman | **$35**
Mon 11:10 AM - 12:00 PM | Room 1
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Move beyond basic French, beginning with the past tense and continuing into more advanced vocabulary and conversation. Please purchase French Made Easy: Level 2, available from Amazon for $22.99.

Mon19 Forever Cardio Drumming
George Azar | **$35**
Mon 11:20 AM - 12:40 PM | Gym
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Enjoy a low-impact, full-body workout set to music of the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s. Exercise at your own pace with drumsticks, a stability ball and a bucket; seated participants are welcome. Bring your bucket and ball. Drumsticks: $3 cash.

Mon20 Stargazing - Astronomy for Beginners
Sherwood Waggy | **$35**
Mon 12:00 PM - 1:20 PM | Room 2
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Discover the branches of astronomy and the structure of the universe. Sessions explore the life cycle of stars, constellations, when and how to observe meteors, and the cosmological questions raised by Olber’s Paradox. Designed for beginners.

Mon21 Fun With Stitching - Workshop
Jeanne Peckiconis | **$20**
Mon 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Room 4
Jan 4
Learn new hand stitches and put them to work creating a unique piece of art in this three-hour workshop. All materials are provided, so you can focus on exploring your creativity. Co-instructor: Gigi Toth.

Mon29 Navigating Loss: Finding Ways to Cope with Grief
Lisa Haines | **Free**
Mon 12:05 PM - 1:25 PM | Room 3
Jan 11
Explore practical, compassionate strategies for coping with loss and caring for yourself emotionally, physically and socially. Through discussion and reflection, discover how personal strengths, supportive relationships and meaningful practices can help you manage change and find resilience, connection and hope.

Mon22 Economics as a Social Science for our Time
James Halteman | **$35**
Mon 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Holy Cross Village
Explore the benefits of a free market economy and the pressures facing it: climate change, artificial intelligence, an aging population and growing income inequality. Consider the challenges to our social order and reasons to be hopeful about its future.

Mon23 Behind the CIVIC Curtain: 70 Years of Theatre
Aaron Nichols | **Free**
Mon 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Jan 25
South Bend Civic Theatre
Go behind the curtain with South Bend Civic Theatre Executive Director Aaron Nichols. Tour CIVIC’s historic 1916 home, learn about its 70th Anniversary Season, and discuss how theatre can become an engine of empathy in the community.

Mon27 The Questions We Don't Ask
Michael D. Weaver | **Free**
Mon 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM | Room 3
Jan 25
Join funeral director Michael Weaver for a candid conversation about funerals, cremation and planning ahead. Separate fact from fiction, explore family options, and ask questions about end-of-life arrangements so you can make informed choices and ease uncertainty for loved ones.

Mon24 Tea with The Questers (Sip and Share)
Mary Morgan | **Free**
Mon 1:10 PM - 2:30 PM
Jan 11
Southfield Village
Enjoy teas, treats and stories while learning how Questers preserve history through education, restoration and scholarships. Share your own discoveries. Presented by Mary Morgan, Ann Silverman, Emee Miller and Emmy Ettl.

Mon25 Fraud Proof Your Finances - How today's scams work, and the simple safeguards that stop them before they start
Adam Kling | **Free**
Mon 1:10 PM - 2:30 PM | Room 4
Jan 11
Scams are getting harder to spot. Learn how common scams work and the simple safeguards that can stop them before they start. Leave with a practical checklist to help protect your accounts, your finances and your family. Maximum 20 students.

Mon26 AI: Past, Present, and Future
Dave Warkentien | **$35**
Mon 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM | Room 1
Jan 4, 11, 25; Feb 1, 8
Understand artificial intelligence in plain language, from Alan Turing to today’s chatbots. Explore leading AI companies, data centers, the U.S.-China race, effects on jobs, and terms such as LLM and hallucination. Discuss competing visions of AI’s future.

Tuesday

Tue10 Forever Cribbage Club
Cameron Melvoin | **$35**
Tue 10:00 AM - 11:50 AM | Room 2
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Gather with fellow cribbage players for friendly games and good company. Enjoy two-player, three-player and partner cribbage while keeping your mind active and making new connections. The emphasis is relaxed play and sharing the game in a social setting.

Tue11 Route 66: Stories, Stops and Surprises
Crissy Schmidt | **$35**
Tue 10:15 AM - 11:35 AM | Room 3
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Travel America's Mother Road through stories from years of journeys between South Bend and Albuquerque. Discover favorite landmarks, quirky roadside attractions, museums and hidden treasures, with practical inspiration for planning your own adventure along all or part of Route 66.

Tue12 Winter treats for feathered friends
Mary Chapman | **$35**
Tue 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM | Café
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Create homemade bird treats and feeders using suet, seeds, peanut butter and natural materials. Learn about winter birds and safe feeding practices, and take home a new project each week. Additional supplies fee: $5.

Tue13 Introduction to Belly Dance
Nancy R.Taylor | **$35**
Tue 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM | Gym
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Learn foundational belly dance movements to Greek, Turkish and Arabic music while building core strength, posture and flexibility. No dance or fitness experience is needed, and movements can be adapted for individual needs. All bodies and abilities welcome; wear comfortable clothing.

Tue15 AI for Everyday Life
Ben Ramsey | **$35**
Tue 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM | Zoom
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Practice using tools such as ChatGPT to plan trips, organize ideas, compare products, write messages and explore interests. This practical introduction also covers accuracy, privacy and scams, helping you use AI thoughtfully, confidently and independently in everyday life.

Tue16 Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Story of a Soul
William H. Johnston | **$35**
Tue 12:00 PM - 1:20 PM | Room 1
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Discuss Chapters 1-4 of St. Thérèse's spiritual autobiography, with background and context from the instructor. Purchase the Study Edition from the Institute of Carmelite Studies (2019). Before the first class, read pages vii-xxiii and 1-9. Later chapters continue in spring.

Tue17 Forever Knitting Club
Beth Holstein | **$35**
Tue 12:00 PM - 1:20 PM | Room 3
Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Bring your individual knitting project and enjoy uninterrupted time with fellow enthusiasts. Get assistance, learn a new stitch, share ideas or simply knit and socialize. All skill levels are welcome. This is a relaxed club gathering rather than formal instruction.

Tue18/Thu32 Women in Christian Origins (I and II)
Rev. Dr. RJ Hronek | **$55**
Tue 12:05 PM - 1:35 PM | Room 4
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Thu 12:05 PM - 1:35 PM | Room 3
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Examine the critical roles women played in the foundation of the early church. Explore the historical context of Christian scripture and how patriarchal culture shaped both its writing and the ways women's contributions have been understood or diminished.
Meets twice weekly; register once.

Tue19 Photography! From Smart phones to DSLRs
Steve Toepp | **$35**
Tue 12:10 PM - 1:30 PM | Room 2
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Make the most of the camera you already own, whether a smartphone, point-and-shoot or DSLR. Explore composition, light, settings, editing and sharing, with subjects ranging from people and pets to travel and events. Includes hands-on instruction and encouragement.

Tue20 Iron, Cotton, and Conscience: Technology, Slavery, and the Black Catholic Soul: Daytime Class
Richard Putz | **$35**
Tue 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Zoom
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Trace connections between technology, economic power and conscience, from the cotton gin to artificial intelligence. Begin with the 1838 sale of 272 people by Jesuits, recover often-overlooked Black Catholic history, and consider what those stories ask of us today.

Tue22 Ukulele Workshop
Scott Caviness | **$35**
Tue 1:40 PM - 3:00 PM | Gym
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Learn an affordable, travel-friendly instrument with a cheerful sound. Build confidence through basic chords and songs, whether you are a beginner, a grandparent playing with grandchildren or an experienced player. A ukulele and tuner are required.

Tue23 C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters
William H. Johnston | **$35**
Tue 1:40 PM - 3:00 PM | Room 1
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Discuss C.S. Lewis's humorous, thought-provoking exploration of human nature through letters from a senior devil to his apprentice. Consider the temptations and psychology revealed by this reverse perspective. Before the first class, please read Letters 1-4.

Tue24 Forever Pinochle Club
Beth Holstein | **$35**
Tue 1:40 PM - 3:00 PM | Room 3
Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Enjoy relaxed games of pinochle, friendly competition and lively conversation. Share tips, refresh your skills and connect with others who enjoy this classic game of strategy. All skill levels are welcome; there is no formal instruction.

Tue21 Forever Connected Help Desk
Cynthia Nikolai | **Free**
Tue 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM | Room 4
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Bring questions about your computer, phone or iPad, from email and the cloud to apps and everyday frustrations. Mac, Windows, Apple and Android users are welcome, with questions large or small. Free drop-in help; no FLI tuition is required.

Tue25 Dieting: "A Piece of Cake"
Dave Warkentien | **$35**
Tue 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM | Room 2
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2
Hear how Dave lost 40 pounds while eating foods he enjoys, without pills, fad diets or fasting. Explore calorie counting, food labels, portions, fiber, proteins, carbohydrates and fats, with plain-language explanations of cholesterol, insulin resistance and other nutrition terms.

Wednesday

Wed10 iPad AI Photo Editing Workshop
Richard A Sunshine | **$35**
Wed 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Holy Cross Village
Use ChatGPT AI to repair old photos, improve clarity and color, remove unwanted objects, change backgrounds, and create collages or greeting cards. Learn safe, responsible techniques with no prior photo-editing experience needed. An iPad running iPadOS 27 is required.

Wed30 Five Weeks. Five Soups. Endless Possibilities!
Susan Siemers | **$35**
Wed 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | FUMC (Mishawaka)
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Start with Susan's family chicken noodle soup and thick homemade noodles, then help choose four more soups from poultry, beef, vegetarian and seafood options. Build flavor and learn practical cooking techniques. Additional ingredient fee: $15 for all five weeks.

Wed11 Bon voyage
Cheryl Herman | **$35**
Wed 10:05 AM - 10:55 AM | Room 1
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Prepare for travel to French-speaking countries by practicing everyday situations such as dining, transportation and shopping. Build useful language skills through different scenarios each week. Please purchase Rick Steves' French Phrase Book and Dictionary, listed at $10.49 on Amazon.

Wed12 The Count of Monte Cristo: A Deeper Dig
Beth Buechler | **$35**
Wed 10:15 AM - 11:35 AM | Room 2
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Dig deeper into The Count of Monte Cristo through its characters, themes, co-writer, reading references and screen adaptations. Students help shape the discussions. New students are welcome, but participants should have read the novel; the introductory course is not required.

Wed13 Forever Ready: Disaster Preparedness for Older Adults
Brenda Phillips | **Free**
Wed 10:25 AM - 12:45 PM | Room 4
Jan 20
Recognize regional hazards and develop a family emergency plan. Prepare evacuation or shelter-in-place supply lists, plan communication and reunification, and consider pet preparedness. Learn what happens after a disaster and how you can help others in the recovery.

Wed14 Forever Ready: Caregiver Disaster Preparedness
Brenda Phillips | **Free**
Wed 10:25 AM - 12:45 PM | Room 4
Feb 3
Develop a caregiver disaster plan with procedures for evacuation or sheltering in place. Consider assistive devices, medical equipment, animals and ways to involve loved ones in preparation. The older-adult preparedness workshop is recommended first, but is not required.

Wed15 Just Do What the Rock 'n Roll Song Says
Judy Bradford | **Free**
Wed 10:35 AM - 11:25 AM | Gym
Jan 27
Rock out to songs of the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s at this one-time dance party. Walk, roll, shake, twist, march and drum along with like-minded movers. Water and rest breaks are encouraged throughout the nearly nonstop playlist.

Wed16 Buildings of the University of Notre Dame
Marsha Stevenson | **$35**
Wed 10:35 AM - 11:25 AM | Room 5
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Discover Notre Dame through illustrated classroom presentations about the Log Chapel, Grotto, Basilica, Main Building, Stadium and libraries. Also explore less-visited places, including the performing arts center, art museum and sculpture park.

Wed17 / Wed18 Cake Decorating Basics
Lexi Baiz | **$20**
Wed 11:00 AM - 1:20 PM
Wed17: Jan 6, 13
Wed18: Jan 27; Feb 3
Brentwood at Elkhart | Bistro
Learn and practice piping borders, flowers and writing during the first class. The next week, decorate a frosted cake to take home. Tools are available, or bring favorites of your own.
Choose one of the sessions above.

Wed31 Brain Fitness Basics
Timothy McBride | $35
Wed 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Room 3
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Explore brain health through Richard Restak’s videos and discussion. Practice ways to strengthen attention, memory and everyday thinking skills.

Wed19/Thu15 Forever Connected: Beginning Computer and Smartphone Skills - The Beacon
Cynthia Nikolai | **Free**
Wed 11:00 AM - 12:50 PM
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Thu 11:00 AM - 12:50 PM
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
The Beacon | Door D
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Wed20 Steel, Politics and the Mafia
Michael O’Connell | **$35**
Wed 11:15 AM - 12:35 PM | Room 1
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Explore Youngstown, Ohio, an industrial city shaped by decades of Mafia conflict, organized crime and political corruption. Discover the stories behind names such as Crimetown and Bomb Town through memorable characters, personal accounts and a distinctive local culture.

Wed26 Creative Therapy (Crafting Hearts)
Mary Morgan | **Free**
Wed 11:45 AM - 1:35 PM | Room 4
Jan 27
Create palm-sized fabric hearts for the I Found a Quilted Heart project. Add batting and decorate with buttons, ribbon or sequins, then leave hearts for others to discover anonymously. Spread joy through creativity. All materials provided; no sewing skills needed.

Wed21 Forever Euchre Club
George Azar | **$35**
Wed 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | Gym
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Gather for friendly euchre games, lively conversation and plenty of laughter. Enjoy this fast-paced game of strategy and teamwork while sharing tips and meeting fellow players. All skill levels are welcome; there is no formal instruction, just cards and camaraderie.

Wed22 Old Testament: Key Figures, Events, Dates, Locations and Questions
Dave Warkentien | **$35**
Wed 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM | Room 1
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Follow Old Testament figures and events chronologically, from Creation and the Patriarchs through the Exile and Return. Use maps to explore kingdoms, battles and journeys, while comparing traditional beliefs with questions raised by modern scholarship, archaeology and science.

Wed27 / Wed28 Free Medicare Counseling Sessions
David P Mc Carthy | **Free**
Wed27: Jan 13
Wed 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM | Room 4
Wed28: Jan 13
Wed 2:10 PM - 3:00 PM | Room 4
Get free, unbiased guidance from SHIP on Medicare enrollment and coverage options. Discuss Medicare Advantage changes and shopping for Medigap/Supplement pricing around your birthday. With David McCarthy and co-instructor Becky Zasek.
Choose one of the sessions above.

Wed29 Touches of Theater
Barbara Thomas | **$35**
Wed 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Holy Cross Village
Read plays aloud, take on different roles and discuss theater experiences. Together, choose a play for a Readers Theater performance in the fifth week, without memorizing lines. Script printing is included.

Wed23 Cold War part 2 (1954-1975)
Robert Jankowski | **$35**
Wed 1:10 PM - 2:30 PM | Room 2
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Take an in-depth look at Cold War events from 1954 to 1975 that brought the world to the brink of nuclear war. Explore the Cuban Missile Crisis and other major confrontations during this tense period of world history.

Wed24 Introduction to Origami
R. Patrick Hickey | **$35**
Wed 1:20 PM - 2:10 PM | Room 3
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Learn basic folds and foundational forms for a variety of origami designs. Develop skills to follow instructions in books and online. Paper types and supplies will be discussed in the first class; square origami paper is widely available. $2 copy fee included.

Wed25 New Testament and Early Christian History: Key Figures, Events, Dates, Locations and Questions
Dave Warkentien | **$35**
Wed 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM | Room 5
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3
Begin in the Jewish world before Jesus, then follow Jesus' travels and Paul's missions with maps. Explore the writing and formation of the New Testament and influential Church figures through the fifth century, comparing traditional beliefs with modern scholarship.

Thursday

Thu30 Watercolor Workshop-Zoom
Dorothy McGovern | **$35**
Thu 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Zoom
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Paint a new picture each week while exploring different styles and techniques. Receive a sketch, reference photo and materials list before class, then make the painting your own and share ideas. Prerequisites: Beginners Watercolor and a computer with Zoom.

Thu10 Senior Yoga
Kim Teska | **$35**
Thu 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM | Gym
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Make yoga more accessible to the less flexible while moving every joint from head to toe. Bring your own yoga mat and an 8-10-foot yoga strap, plus a cushion for your knees if needed.

Thu34 Juggling without Drops for Seniors
Bill Hooper | **$35**
Thu 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Holy Cross Village
Learn juggling on a juggle board, where balls roll on rails to reduce or eliminate drops. Practice hand-eye coordination with Michiana Juggling Club co-founder Bill Hooper. All abilities welcome; participate seated or standing.

Thu11 Photography 101
Jennifer Kedik | **$35**
Thu 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM | Room 3
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Learn photography basics in an easy, interactive setting. Bring your DSLR camera so you can explore its settings, learn how to adjust them, and discuss how those choices can help you create a beautiful photograph.

Thu12 / Thu13 / Thu14 Ready, Set, Register! Your CourseStorm Survival Guide
Marie Herrera | **Free**
Thu 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM | Room 4
Thu12: Jan 21
Thu13: Jan 28
Thu14: Feb 4
Prepare to register for spring classes from home. Practice creating and accessing your account, managing passwords, updating contact information, browsing classes, using your cart, joining waitlists and completing checkout. Maximum five participants for personalized attention.
Choose one of the sessions above.

Thu20 Exploring Psychology
Kathryn Markell | **$35**
Thu 11:00 AM - 12:20 PM | Room 5
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Explore ageism, positive psychology and happiness, memory reliability, and the science of helping others. PowerPoint presentations, video clips and recent research articles support discussion as you consider a range of engaging topics in psychology.

Thu31 Create with AI: Bringing Your Ideas to Life I
Ben Robert Ramsey | **$35**
Thu 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM | Zoom
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Develop ideas, write short pieces, generate images and complete a small personal project using AI. Step-by-step guidance and practice help build creative confidence. Requires a laptop or tablet and access to an AI tool such as ChatGPT.

Thu36 Forever Travel Show
Becky Squires | **Free**
Thu 11:00 AM - 12:20 PM | Room 2
Jan 14
Learn about upcoming Mayflower trips with Becky Squires at this one-time travel presentation. Meet Thursday, January 14, at 11 AM to discover upcoming travel opportunities.

Thu16 / Thu17 / Thu18 No More Registration Frustration: CourseStorm Made Easy (1-on-1)
Marie Herrera | **Free**
Thu 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Room 4
Thu16: Jan 21
Thu17: Jan 28
Thu18: Feb 4
Get personalized help with your CourseStorm account, contact details, course selection or checkout. Bring your login information and questions to a dedicated 30-minute appointment, and leave better prepared for spring registration. Capacity: two students per 30-minute block.
Choose one of the sessions above.

Thu19 What You Need to Know Before Shopping for Hearing Aids
David Keenan | **$35**
Thu 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM | Room 1
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Considering your first hearing aids or replacing a pair? Explore styles, technology, programming, service plans, pricing and advertising. A hearing test, detailed explanations and product demonstrations help you understand the options, differences in sound and uses of accessories.

Thu22 Spirituality, Salient and Seductive
Rob Morgan | **$35**
Thu 12:40 PM - 3:00 PM | Room 2
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Explore the meaning of spirituality and how it shapes the way we respond to life's challenges. Through thoughtful discussion, consider secular spirituality alongside religious and personal perspectives. Examine social issues, including mental health and addiction, to develop a deeper personal understanding of spirituality and why integrating it into everyday life matters.

Thu33 Create with AI: Bringing Your Ideas to Life II
Ben Robert Ramsey | **$35**
Thu 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM | Zoom
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Explore creative uses of AI through guided practice, short written pieces, image generation and a small personal project. Build confidence while making something meaningful and useful. Requires a laptop or tablet and an AI tool such as ChatGPT.

Thu35 Up Your Pickleball Game
Sam Haag | **$35**
Thu 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM | Gym
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
For players who know the basics and want more confidence, consistency and strategy. Improve strokes through tips and drills, then practice shot selection, positioning and teamwork during open play. Co-instructor: Cheryl Ulrich.

Thu21 Harold Frederic's Damnation of Theron Ware
John H. Haas | **$35**
Thu 1:10 PM - 2:30 PM | Room 1
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Explore Harold Frederic's 1896 novel about a provincial Methodist minister encountering modernity after the Civil War. Consider a changing nation filled with new money, ideas and people through this complex, paradoxical story.
Zoom option: Thu21H | $20.

Thu23 French Art of the 19th century taught in French
Patty Szakaly | **Free**
Thu 1:10 PM - 2:00 PM | Room 4
Jan 14
Rediscover French through painting from Neo-Classicism to Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Presentations in French include vocabulary and pronunciation support so you can follow and share opinions. This one-session winter class previews a ten-session spring course.

Thu24 Neurobiology for your brain
Pablo Cisternas | **$20**
Thu 1:10 PM - 2:30 PM | Room 4
Jan 21; Feb 4
Discover how neurons and supportive astrocytes work together to preserve memory and learning. Explore how this partnership breaks down in Alzheimer's disease, leading to neurodegeneration, and why astrocytes may hold a key to neuronal survival. No science background needed.

Thu25 Let AI Help Build Your Slides: Using Claude with PowerPoint
Dave Warkentien | **$35**
Thu 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM | Room 3
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
Use Claude AI in PowerPoint to turn notes into outlines, slides, charts and speaker notes, then revise them in plain language. For current or aspiring instructors. Requires a Windows laptop with 8 GB RAM, Microsoft 365, and possibly Claude Pro ($20/month).

Thu26 Forever Connected Help Desk - The Beacon
Cynthia Nikolai | **Free**
Thu 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM
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Bring questions about your computer, phone or iPad, from email and the cloud to apps and everyday frustrations. Mac, Windows, Apple and Android users are welcome, with questions large or small. Free drop-in help at The Beacon; use Door D.

Thu27 Iron, Cotton, and Conscience: Technology, Slavery, and the Black Catholic Soul: Evening Class
Richard Putz | **$35**
Thu 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Zoom
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Trace connections between technology, economic power and conscience, from the cotton gin to artificial intelligence. Begin with the 1838 sale of 272 people by Jesuits, recover often-overlooked Black Catholic history, and consider what those stories ask of us today.

Add years to your life and life to your years.

Thu28 Helping Your Grandkids Get to College: A Hands-On AI Workshop
Amanda Ding | **$35**
Thu 7:00 PM - 8:20 PM | Zoom
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4
See how AI can help grandchildren choose colleges, understand real costs and spot scams. Discuss appropriate and inappropriate uses of AI so you can offer informed support. This hands-on Zoom course requires no technical skills, just a computer or tablet with internet.

Friday

Fri11 Winter's Secrets
Jan McGowan | **$20**
Fri 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Jan 15; Feb 5
Jan 15: **St. Patrick's Brown Barn**
Feb 5: **Spicer Lake Visitors Center**
Begin indoors with a naturalist's introduction to wildlife migration, courtship and renewal during winter. Then head outdoors for a guided hike to look and listen for nature in action. Dress for the weather; bring binoculars if available, or borrow a pair.

Coffee & Conversation with George

Have a question, an idea, or something you'd like to share? Pull up a chair! Join Forever Learning Institute Executive Director George Azar for an informal conversation over coffee. Students and instructors are welcome to ask questions, offer suggestions, learn more about FLI, or simply stop by and connect.

Tuesday, January 12, 10–11 a.m. | Room 1
Thursday, February 4, 1:30–2:30 p.m. | Café
Both gatherings at Granger Christian School.

There's no formal agenda and no registration required. Stay for a few minutes or the whole hour—we'd love to hear from you!

Other Class Locations

Brentwood at Elkhart
3600 E. Bristol St., Elkhart, IN 46514
Holy Cross Village
54515 SR 933 N, Notre Dame, IN 46556
South Bend Civic Theatre
403 N. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601
Southfield Village
6450 Miami Circle, South Bend, IN 46614
The Beacon Resource Center — Door D
4210 Lincoln Way W, South Bend, IN 46628
St. Patrick's County Park — Brown Barn
50651 Laurel Rd., South Bend, IN 46637
Spicer Lake Nature Preserve — Visitor Center
50840 County Line Rd., New Carlisle, IN 46552
First United Methodist Church (FUMC)
201 E. Third St., Mishawaka, IN 46544