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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

January, 2023

PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, January 8, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Elder Fraud Prevention

Speaker: Ron Feinman, Esq., Elder Law Attorney



Scams and fraud cost Americans billions of dollars each year and cause much emotional stress and heartbreak. These hoaxes take many forms and the elderly are particularly targeted for these crimes. Come and learn from our expert speaker about how to recognize and deal with frauds and scams. Learn to protect yourself and those you love.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

Sunday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Oh, Rats!

Speaker: Travis McDonald
Director of Architectural Restoration
Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest



It was in 1991, while investigating the evolutionary architectural changes at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest retreat, that our speaker found the first of many rats' nests in the hollow walls and floors. Rats' nests have been useful for certain architectural restorations where they have provided clues for restored features or furnishings by exploring a number of questions, such as: Why did the rats take certain things? Why did they arrange their nests the way they did? Are different parts of a nest used for different purposes? What was the use of other materials that seemingly had no practical function?

Join us for this informative glimpse into the life of rats and their behaviors, capabilities, and destructiveness.

We begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m.,
followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDIES

Sundays, January 22 & 29
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts for an exploration of some of the archetypes present in the scriptures. These recurrent motifs are woven into the textual narratives of both the Hebrew and Christian testaments. How do the two traditions interpret these motifs? What are the similarities and differences?

TABLE TALK

Tuesday, January 10
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
in the Parlor



BY HEART: CONVERSATIONS WITH MARTIN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Session Four
The Lord's Prayer

THE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN WHO SHAPED OUR FAITH

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., via Zoom

We live in a patriarchal society in which the vast majority of our history and faith are written from the masculine viewpoint. However, the masculine is incomplete without the feminine and the feminine is incomplete without the masculine. This class explores women in light of the great strength and faith they bequeathed to us, and to help us reclaim the feminine in our lives.

- January 9** - Susanna – A Woman Harassed
- January 16** - Mary Magdalene – No Longer a Prostitute
- January 23** - Phoebe – Paul's Right-Hand Woman
- January 30** - Thecla – Another One of Paul's Right-Hand Women

Please register by emailing the church office
(office@holytrinitylynchburg.org) so that you may receive
the Zoom invitation by email.

THE MEANING OF MARY MAGDALENE

**Discovering the Woman
at the Heart of Christianity**

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$15.00.



Mary Magdalene is one of the more influential symbols in the history of Christianity—yet, if you look in the Bible, you'll find only a handful of verses that speak of her. How did she become such a compelling saint in the face of such paltry evidence?

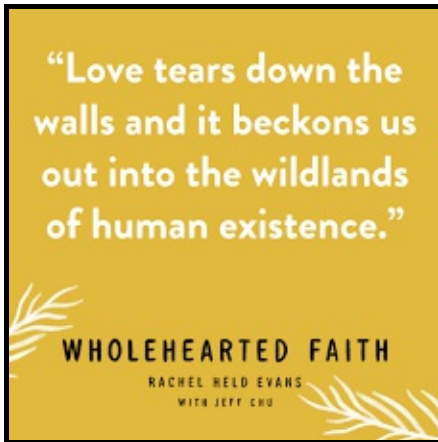
In her effort to answer that question, Cynthia Bourgeault examines the Bible, church tradition, art, legend, and newly discovered texts to see what's there. She then applies her own reasoning and intuition, informed by the wisdom of the ages-old Christian contemplative tradition. What emerges is a radical view of Mary Magdalene as Jesus of Nazareth's most important disciple, the one he considered to understand his teaching best. That teaching was characterized by a nondualistic approach to the world and by a deep understanding of the value of the feminine. Bourgeault shows how an understanding of Mary Magdalene can revitalize contemporary Christianity, how Christians and others can, through her, find their way to Jesus' original teachings and apply them to their modern lives.

- January 6** - PART ONE: MARY MAGDALENE AS APOSTLE
Mary Magdalene in the Canonical Gospels
The Woman with the Alabaster Jar
- January 13** - The "Gnostic" Gospels
The Gospel of Mary Magdalene
- January 20** - Dying and Rising
Winners and Losers
- January 27** - PART TWO: MARY MAGDALENE AS BELOVED
Reclaiming the Path of Romantic Love
The Great Identity Theft

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION CLASS

WHOLEHEARTED FAITH

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$15.00.



Rachel Held Evans is widely recognized for her theologically astute, profoundly honest, and beautifully personal books, which have guided, instructed, edified, and shaped Christians as they seek to live out a just and loving faith.

At the time of her tragic death in 2019, Rachel was working on a new book about wholeheartedness. With the help of her close friend and author Jeff Chu, that work-in-progress has been woven together with some of her other unpublished writings into a rich collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world.

This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with

God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging.

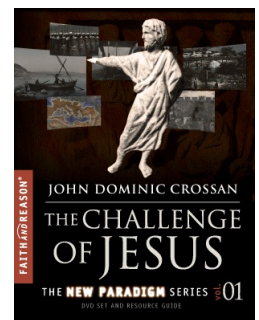
- January 8** - Prologue: Because They Said Yes
PART ONE: WHOLEHEARTED FAITH
On the Days When I Believe
- January 15** - My Wicked Little Heart
Where Stone Becomes Flesh
- January 22** - The Liberation of the Know-It-All
Thick Skin, Tender Heart
Jonathan Edwards Is Not My Homeboy
- January 29** - PART TWO: ESSAYS ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
Beginning Again with Love
From Death to Life

THE CHALLENGE OF JESUS

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

In The Challenge of Jesus, renowned historical Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan presents his life's work exploring the matrix of Jesus of Nazareth's unique time and place. Drawing on scholarly texts, excavations, and history, Dr. Crossan introduces us to the flesh and blood people who shaped the world into which Jesus was born. In these DVD presentations, we meet a Jesus we've not known before.

- January 12** - Why Blood Sacrifice?
- January 19** - Jewish God and Norman Lord
- January 26** - The Last Week



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

January 1 - January 7

Week of The Name of Jesus

- S Luke 2:15-21 The Child is named Jesus
- M Hosea 11:1-11 God's care for Israel
- T Jeremiah 31:15-22 God's care for Ephraim
- W Matthew 13:54-58 Jesus rejected
- T Exodus 1:15 – 2:10 God saves Moses from Pharaoh
- F Matthew 2:1-12 Christ revealed to the nations
- S Psalm 72:1-19 Praise to God for the king

January 8 - January 14

Week of The Baptism of Our Lord

- S Matthew 3:13-17 Christ revealed as God's servant
- M Genesis 35:1-15 God calls and blesses Jacob
- T Jeremiah 1:4-10 God calls Jeremiah
- W Matthew 12:15-21 The words of Isaiah applied to Jesus
- T Isaiah 51:7-16 God saves the people through water
- F Acts 8:4-13 Philip preaches and baptizes
- S Psalm 89:5-37 God anoints David to be a son

January 15 - January 21

Week of Epiphany 2

- S John 1:29-42 Christ revealed as the Lamb of God
- M Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28 The Passover lamb
- T Isaiah 53:1-12 The one like a lamb
- W Matthew 9:14-17 Christ, the bridegroom, the new wine
- T Isaiah 48:12-21 God saves the people through water
- F Acts 8:26-40 Philip teaches about the lamb
- S Psalm 40:6-17 Not sacrifice, but divine mercy

January 22 - January 28

Week of Epiphany 3

- S Matthew 4:12-23 Christ revealed as a prophet
- M Judges 6:11-24 God calls Gideon to lead the people
- T Judges 7:12-22 God leads Gideon to victory
- W Luke 1:67-79 Christ, the light dawning
- T Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26 Judah, Zebulun, Naphtali blessed
- F Philippians 2:12-18 Call to shine like stars
- S Psalm 27:7-14 God, our light, our victory

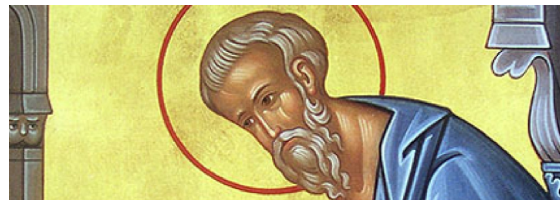
January 29 - February 4

Week of Epiphany 4

- S Matthew 5:1-12 The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes
- M Ruth 1:1-18 Ruth, one of the poor
- T Ruth 2:1-16 Ruth, one of the hungry
- W Luke 6:17-26 The beatitudes in Luke
- T Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22 Ruth, one of the blessed
- F Philemon 1-25 Concerning the slave Onesimus
- S Psalm 37:1-17 God will bless the righteous

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
in the Parlor



The gospel according to Matthew has played a prominent role in Christian worship and practice throughout history, and to this day it retains a central place in most people's experiences of the New Testament and the Christian faith. This gospel speaks well to church communities today, identifying the Church as founded by Jesus (16:18) and issuing practical instructions for practicing community (18:1-35). The author envisions the Church as made up of sinners and doubters who struggle with faith, temptation, and forgiveness, but ultimately reflect the ministry and presence of Jesus the Christ.

January 10

My God, My God, Why Have
You Forsaken Me?
(Matthew 27:32-56)

January 24

I Am With You Always
(Matthew 28:1-10 [11-15], 16-20)

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, January 5
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m, in the Parlor

Join us as we discuss recent
Sunday sermons, copies of which
will be provided in advance.

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