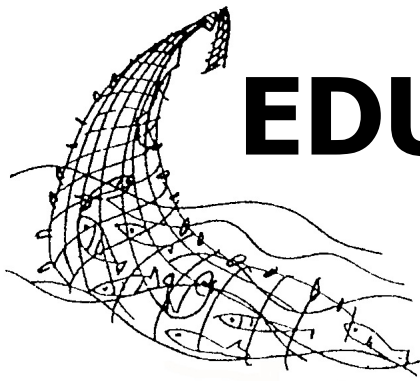




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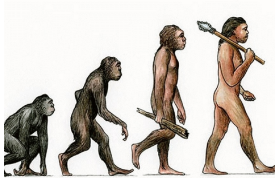
ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

November, 2025

GOD IN FILM

Sunday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall



"Beyond Evolution: Unraveling the Origins of Life"

Stephen Meyer is the author of Return of the God Hypothesis and the director of the Discovery Institute. James Tour is a synthetic organic chemist and professor at Rice University, renowned for his work in nanotechnology and his skepticism toward the current scientific models explaining the origin of life.

In this wide-ranging conversation, Meyer and Tour contrast biological evolution with the more complex challenge of chemical evolution, where modern science still struggles to explain how nonliving chemicals could give rise to life. They critique early experiments like the Miller-Urey experiment, emphasizing that producing basic molecules is far from creating life itself. Meyer and Tour also argue that as scientific understanding deepens, the complexity of life's origins becomes more daunting, raising both scientific and philosophical questions about the adequacy of the current mainstream scientific explanations and theories for the origin of life.

Join us for pizza and theological reflection.

MIRACLES AND WONDERS

The Historical Mystery of Jesus

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

The cost of the book is \$24.00.

In the culmination of a decades-long career, author and scholar Elaine Pagels explores the biggest subject of all, Jesus of Nazareth. In Miracles and Wonders she sets out to discover how a poor young Jewish man inspired a religion that shaped the world.

November 7

The Virgin Birth: What Happened?
(pp. 27-52)

November 14

Who Is Jesus? Miracles and Mysteries

November 21

What Is the "Good News"?

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

Sunday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m.

"Mud Nostalgia" & Appalachian Snake Handling

Guest Speaker: Sue Ott Rowlands
President, Randolph College, and Professional Actress



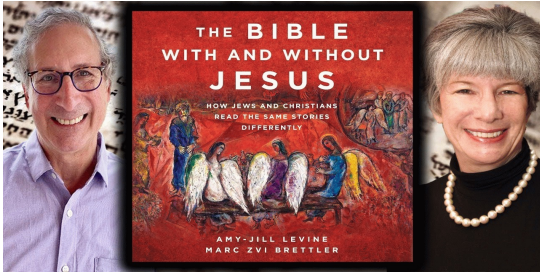
Ott Rowlands will perform excerpts of the play "Mud Nostalgia" which follows a woman through a crisis of faith as she prepares to sing during the services at her church, "a snake-handling" church in the American South. The one-woman play is based on Ott Rowlands' research in the victimization of women in American religious practices, particularly in court cases involving "snake-handling."

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.

The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently with Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler

Friday mornings in the Fellowship Hall

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.



Esteemed Bible scholars Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Brettler take readers on a guided tour of popular stories in the Hebrew scriptures that are referenced in the Christian Testament to explore how Christians, Jews, and scholars read these ancient texts differently. By understanding the depth and variety of reading these passages, we not only enhance our knowledge of each other, but also see more clearly the beauty and power of Scripture itself.

November 7

The Creation of the World

November 14

Adam and Eve

November 21

"A Virgin Will Conceive and Bear a Child"

TABLE TALK

Tuesday, November 4
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
in the Parlor

WE BELIEVE: The Nicene Creed at 1,700 Years

Join us as we explore the Nicene Creed sequentially, unpacking the essence of it, enriching our faith, and deepening our understanding of Christian beliefs.



Session Three

For Us and for Our Salvation

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
in the Parlor



Join Pastor Roberts for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

FALL SEMINAR

THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Trained as an evangelical Bible scholar, Peter Enns loved the Scriptures and shared his devotion, teaching at Westminster Theological Seminary. But the further he studied the Bible, the more he found himself confronted by questions that could neither be answered within the rigid framework of his religious instruction or accepted among the conservative evangelical community.

Rejecting the increasingly complicated intellectual games used by conservative Christians to "protect" the Bible, Enns was conflicted. Is this what God really requires? How could God's plan for divine inspiration mean ignoring what is really written in the Bible?

The Bible Tells Me So chronicles Enns' spiritual odyssey, how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God's Word as it is actually written. As he explores questions progressive readers of Scripture commonly face yet fear voicing, Enns reveals that they are the very questions that God wants us to consider—the essence of our spiritual study.

November 5 - God Did What?

November 12 - God Likes Stories

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

POVERTY, BY AMERICA

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor

The cost of the book is \$16.00.



The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why? Why does this land of plenty allow one in every eight of its children to go without basic necessities, permit scores of its citizens to live and die on the streets, and authorize its corporations to pay poverty wages?

In this landmark book, acclaimed sociologist Matthew Desmond draws on history, research, and original reporting to show how affluent Americans knowingly and unknowingly keep poor people poor. Those of us who are financially secure exploit the poor, driving down their wages while forcing them to overpay for housing and access to cash and credit. We prioritize the subsidization of our wealth over the alleviation of poverty, designing a welfare state that gives the most to those who need the least. And we stockpile opportunity in exclusive communities, creating zones of concentrated riches alongside those of concentrated despair. Some lives are made small so that others may grow.

Elegantly written and fiercely argued, this compassionate book gives us new ways of thinking about a morally urgent problem. It also helps us imagine solutions. Desmond builds a startlingly original and ambitious case for ending poverty. He calls on us all to become poverty abolitionists, engaged in a politics of collective belonging to usher in a new age of shared prosperity and, at last, true freedom.

November 2 - How We Undercut Workers
How We Force the Poor to Pay More

November 16 - Invest in Ending Poverty
Empower the Poor

November 9 - How We Rely on Welfare
How We Buy Opportunity

November 23 - Tear Down the Walls
EPILOGUE

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Thursdays

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

This DVD series, featuring acclaimed scholars and theologians, serves as an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers; and, instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity.

November 6 - Practicing Resurrection

November 13 - Debunking the Rapture

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, November 20

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.

TOGETHER BY GRACE - ROMANS

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



Written in the first century, Romans describes the good news that is God's power of salvation for all humanity, for all creation, for all time.

In Christ, God is reclaiming the world from the power of sin, justifying and saving us from sin and death. Paul's letter to the Romans declares that absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love.

November 11
Dying and Rising with Christ (Romans 6:3-11)

November 25
Groaning Through God to God (Romans 8:19-27)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

November 2 - November 8

All Saints' Sunday

- S Luke 6:20-31 Jesus speaks blessings and woes
- M Amos 5:12-24 God desires justice, not offerings
- T Zechariah 7:1-14 Fasting versus justice and mercy
- W Luke 19:11-27 A parable about life in the church
- T Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33 God welcomes the righteous
- F Jude 5-21 Warning against sinners in the church
- S Psalm 50 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving

November 9 - November 15

Week of Pentecost 22 (Proper 27)

- S Luke 20:27-38 Jesus speaks of the resurrection
- M Deuteronomy 25:5-10 Instructions for a levirate marriage
- T Genesis 38:1-26 Tamar and levirate marriages
- W Luke 20:1-8 Jesus' authority questioned
- T Exodus 3:13-20 God appears to Moses
- F Acts 24:10-23 Paul testifies to the resurrection
- S Psalm 122 God will keep you forever

November 16 - November 22

Week of Pentecost 23 (Proper 28)

- S Luke 21:5-19 Jesus speaks on suffering for his sake
- M 1 Samuel 28:3-19 Saul warned of God's judgment
- T 2 Samuel 21:1-14 Violence comes on Saul's household
- W Luke 17:20-37 The judgment coming
- T Ezekiel 10:1-19 God's glory leaves Jerusalem
- F 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 God's judgment
- S Psalm 141 God is my refuge

November 23 - November 29

Christ the King Sunday

- S Luke 23:33-43 Jesus is crucified between two thieves
- M Psalm 24 The King of glory comes
- T Psalm 47 God reigns
- W Luke 18:15-17 Receiving the kingdom of God
- T Isaiah 33:17-22 Our God rules
- F Revelation 21:5-27 God reigns in the holy city
- S John 21:24-25 "The world itself could not contain the books that would be written"

November 30 - December 6

Week of Advent 1

- S Matthew 24:36-44 The sudden coming of salvation
- M Genesis 6:11-22 The flood is coming
- T Genesis 8:1-19; 9:8-13 God saves Noah and the animals
- W Matthew 24:23-35 The end is coming
- T Isaiah 54:4-10 God will save the people
- F Hebrews 11:1-7, 32-40 By faith Noah was saved
- S Psalm 124 We have escaped like a bird

KNOW GOD -

KNOW SELF

A Journey Toward Wholeness with the Enneagram

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



Spiritual growth and maturity not only happen through knowing ourselves better. Coming to "Know God" at ever deeper levels is also a necessary part of the process. If, as the creation stories in Genesis teach us, we are made in the image of God, to know self is to know God and to know God is to know self. The two are inextricably intertwined.

To help us in this process, we will look at familiar Bible characters and scripture passages with new eyes using what we are learning about the Enneagram to illumine what they both can teach us about human beings – Know Self – and about the Divine – Know God.

November 3

The Withdrawing Stance:
Enneagram Type Four

November 10

The Withdrawing Stance:
Enneagram Type Five

November 17

The Withdrawing Stance:
Enneagram Type Nine

November 24

Finding Balance through
All the Enneagram Stances

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