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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

March, 2026

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY

Sunday, March 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Join Rabbi Michael Gillette
and Pastor Roberts as they explore

**"Atonement and Repentance:
An Overview of Yom Kippur
and Ash Wednesday Worship."**



THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

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

**The American Chestnut:
Restoring America's
Greatest Hardwood Tree**

Speaker: David W. Frantz, MD
Retired Cardiothoracic Surgeon



An estimated four billion American chestnut trees once flourished on over 200 million acres of eastern woodlands from Maine to Mississippi. The nuts were an important food source for wildlife, humans, and farm animals, and the lumber was used for furniture, fencing, log cabin foundations, caskets, and utility poles. The trees were wiped out by an imported fungus known as the chestnut blight during the first half of the twentieth century. Dr. Frantz will highlight current efforts here in Virginia to develop a blight-resistant variety to resurrect the mighty American chestnut.

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.

PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, March 22, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

**FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING
and ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES
Individual and Family Concerns**

Speakers:

Erica Hall, Licensed Funeral Director, Tharp Funeral Home
Wayne Lanham, Chaplain, Centra Health (retired)
and Tharp Funeral Home

What are the advantages of pre-planning your funeral? What are the potential financial and emotional costs to families in the absence of funeral pre-planning? Are pre-planned funeral contracts portable? What can happen if you have no advance medical directive and are unable to make decisions for yourself when critically ill? What can happen if you are critically ill and unable to make decisions and you have no family? How can an advance medical directive help you and your family? These and many other questions about funeral pre-planning and advance medical directives will be answered at this informative program. Adults of all ages will benefit from this information.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

GOD IN FILM

Sunday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

The Son



A joinery instructor at a rehab center refuses to take a new teen as his apprentice, but then begins to follow the boy through the hallways and streets.

Join us for pizza
and theological reflection.

AWAKENING THE DIVINE

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

In this video series, we explore profound spiritual insights and rediscover the divine presence within and around us. Through the wisdom of renowned spiritual leaders James Alison, Jacqui Lewis, Alexander J. Shaia, Barbara A. Holmes, and John Phillip Newell, this study collectively calls for a deeper understanding of God, encouraging us to embrace our divine essence, recognize our interconnectedness, and transform our world through love and compassion.



- March 12** - Embracing Your Divine Spark
- March 19** - The Divine Light Within
- March 26** - The One Breath
The Grown Up God

1 JOHN

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

1 John is a book of comfort and challenge. It comforts us with the reminder that we are children of God. It challenges us to make our faith genuine by expressing in our lives what we believe in our hearts.

March 3

How can we love – really?
(1 John 4:1–21)

March 17

How can we live – really?
(1 John 5:1–13)

THE FOUR VISION QUESTS OF JESUS

Fridays, 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$20.00.

Author Steven Charleston focuses on four specific experiences of Jesus of Nazareth as portrayed in the synoptic gospels. He examines each story as a "vision quest," a universal spiritual phenomenon, but one of particular importance within North American indigenous communities.

- March 6** - The Messiah
The Clown
- March 13** - The Wilderness
- March 20** - The Mountain
The Garden
- March 27** - The Cross



TABLE TALK

Tuesday, March 17
7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor

WE BELIEVE: The Nicene Creed at 1,700 Years

Session Six

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, March 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.
Please make reservations in the narthex.

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION CLASS

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



HANGING BY A THREAD

The Questions of the Cross

The cost of the book is \$13.00.

Join us for a series of theological reflections from internationally-known scholar and Anglican cleric Samuel Wells as he considers the challenges of interpreting Jesus of Nazareth's crucifixion in light of contemporary understandings of history, biblical studies, and philosophy. Wells deals with such questions as: "Does the improbability of one event having significance for everything, everywhere, for all time leave our faith hanging by a thread?" and "Does the history of persecution that flowed from the classical belief that the Jews were responsible for Jesus' death leave our morality hanging by a thread?"

After reflecting upon six biblical stories, Wells discovers that the cross has an enduring power to shape how we live, how we relate to one another, and how we allow ourselves to be enfolded in God's story.

March 1

INTRODUCTION / Story

March 8

Trust / Life / Purpose

March 15

Power / Love / Story

CHERISHED BELONGING

The cost of the book is \$24.00.

Over the past thirty years, Gregory Boyle has transformed tens of thousands of lives through his work as the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention program in the world. The program runs on two unwavering principles: 1) We are all inherently good (no exceptions), and 2) we belong to each other (no exceptions).

Boyle believes that these two ideas allow all of us to cultivate a new way of seeing the world. Rather than the tribalism that excludes and punishes, this new narrative proposes a village that cherishes.

In Cherished Belonging, Boyle calls back to Christianity's origins as a spiritual movement of equality, emancipation, and peace. Early Christianity was a way of life—not a set of beliefs. Boyle's vision of community is a space for people to join together and heal one another in a new collective living, a world dedicated to kindness as a constant and radical act of defiance.

Cherished Belonging invites us to nurture the connections that are all around us and live with kindness. Boyle believes that "the answer to every question is, indeed, compassion." Through colorful and profound stories brimming with wisdom, humor, and inspiration, we understand that love is the light inside everything.



March 22 - INTRODUCTION / The Wild One

March 29 - The Cruelty Points

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.

March 2 - Practicing Transformation

March 16 - Who Is God?

March 9 - Who Am I?

March 23 - Next Steps Toward Wholeness

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 1 - March 7

Week of Lent 2

- S John 3:1-17 The mission of Jesus: saving the world
- M Isaiah 65:17-25 God promises a new creation
- T Ezekiel 36:22-32 God will renew the people
- W John 8:1-11 Jesus does not condemn the sinner
- T Numbers 21:4-9 Moses lifts up the serpent
- F Romans 4:6-13 Abraham saved through faith
- S Psalm 128 God promises life

March 8 - March 14

Week of Lent 3

- S John 4:5-42 The woman at the well
- M Genesis 24:1-27 Rebekah at the well
- T Genesis 29:1-14 Rachel at the well
- W John 7:14-31, 37-39 Drink of Jesus, the Messiah
- T Jeremiah 2:4-13 God, the living water
- F 2 John 1-13 A woman reminded to abide in the Christ
- S Psalm 81 We drink from the rock

March 15 - March 21

Week of Lent 4

- S John 9:1-41 The man born blind
- M Isaiah 59:9-19 We are blind and await God
- T Isaiah 42:14-21 God will heal the blind
- W Matthew 9:27-34 Jesus heals the blind
- T Isaiah 60:17-22 God our light
- F Acts 9:1-20 Saul's blindness
- S Psalm 146:3-9 Praise to God

March 22 - March 28

Week of Lent 5

- S John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus
- M 1 Kings 17:17-24 Elijah raises the widow's son
- T 2 Kings 4:18-37 Elisha raises the Shumenite child
- W Matthew 22:23-33 God of the living
- T Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Jeremiah buys a field
- F Ephesians 2:1-10 Alive in Christ
- S Psalm 143 Save me from death

March 29- April 4

Week of the Passion of Our Lord

- S Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 The passion and death of Jesus
- M John 12:1-11 Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus
- T John 12:20-36 Jesus speaks of his death
- W John 13:21-32 Jesus foretells his betrayal
- T John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Servanthood: footwashing and meal
- F John 18:1 – 19:42 The passion and death of Jesus
- S Job 14:1-14 Hope for a tree

WINTER 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.

March 4

Jesus Is Bigger Than The Bible

March 11

No One Saw This Coming

March 18

The Bible: Just As It Is

A light supper will be served.

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