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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

March, 2025

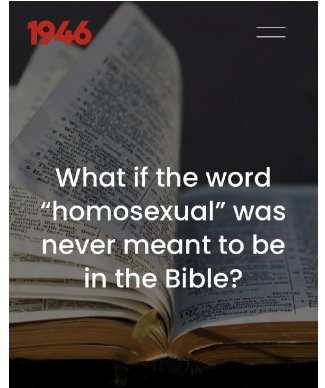
GOD IN FILM

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

1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture

We will watch and discuss 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture, a documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among some Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. Explore how the misuse of a single word changed the course of modern history.

Join us for pizza and theological reflection.



THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

Sunday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Reading the Bible Honestly: Making Sense of an Ancient Text

Speaker: The Reverend Jan Linn
College and Seminary Professor,
Chaplain, Parish Pastor, Author

The key to discovering the inspirational power of the Bible is to be unafraid to read it honestly. In order to do that you have to be unafraid to ask questions not only about what the Bible says, but about how the Bible came to be the Bible in the first place. This is called being a faithful skeptic, which is trusting that understanding the Bible is enhanced by questions rather than diminished by them. The goal is for all of us to gain a deeper appreciation for the Bible precisely because it was written by people like us to people like us so that all these years later people like us can appreciate and experience the story of God at work in the world just as they did.

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 23, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.,
in the Fellowship Hall

Finding Humor and Hope in Aging and Caregiving

Speakers: Joseph Lugo
Director, Beard Center on Aging, University of Lynchburg
Wayne Lanham
Chaplain, Centra Health (retired) and Tharp Funeral Home;
Humorist



Humor is one of God's gifts to humans. The ability to find humor in challenging and stressful situations lightens our burdens and helps us experience the abundant life that Jesus promised. Humor helps us find the hope that saves us from despair. Humor and hope help us find the unexpected gifts in aging and caregiving. Our first speaker will help us understand the benefits of humor and hope in two of life's greatest challenges. Our second speaker will give us a "practicum" by sharing his humor and making us laugh.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

TABLE TALK

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

The cost of the book is \$9.00.

SIGNS OF BELONGING: Luther's Marks of the Church and Christian Life



Join us as we explore Luther's teaching on the seven marks of the Church. How do these "marks" define the corporate body of Christ and connect with the lives of individual Christians?

Session Six

The Office of Ministry:
The Care Where We Belong
Worship:
The Song Where We Belong

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, March 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.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

A Call for Christians to Take Evil Seriously

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$17.00.

What do we mean when we call something or someone evil? The word "evil" tends to conjure up images of demons, devils, and horrifying crimes, things with which we couldn't possibly get involved! But is that true? Is evil really something that is only found in wicked people who are "quite unlike ourselves"? Could it be that you and I are not only capable of doing evil things, but are already involved with such things? This book explores the hidden nature of evil and draws out the ways in which all of us, knowingly or otherwise, are caught up in webs of evil that bring about disastrous consequences, often to the weakest and most vulnerable amongst us. We need to find ways of learning to see evil and resisting it by all means possible. If we can't see evil, we can't resist it. If we can't resist it, we get sucked into it.

- March 7** - The Banality of Evil: The COVID-19 Pandemic
- March 14** - The Radicality of Evil: The Rwandan Genocide
- March 21** - Countering Evil: What Kind of People Do We Need to Be to See Evil?

DECOLONIZING PALESTINE The Land, The People, The Bible

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$19.00.

Decolonizing Palestine challenges the weaponization of biblical texts to support the current settler-colonial state of Israel. Author Mitri Raheb argues that some of the more important theological concepts – Israel, the land, election, and chosen people – must be decolonized in a paradigm shift in Christian theological thinking about Palestine.

Written by a native Palestinian Christian theologian who continues to live in the region, Decolonizing Palestine provides an insider's perspective that disrupts hegemonic and imperialist narratives about the region.

March 28

INTRODUCTION

PART I: Settler Colonialism, Palestine, and the Bible
Settler Colonialism

The Theopolitics of Settler Colonialism: The Case of Israel

PART II: Christian Zionism: The Christian Lobby Supporting Settler
Colonization in Palestine

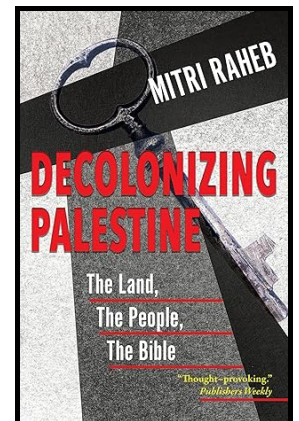
Christian Zionism: Redefined

Christian Zionism and the British Empire

Liberal Christian Zionism and the Holocaust

Christian Zionism and the American Christian Right

Conclusion



SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION CLASS

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

CALLED ON THE WAY **The Daily Practice of Discipleship**

The cost of the book is \$14.00.



Our baptismal calling to be disciples of the risen Christ is so fundamental to our faith that we sometimes fail to realize its meaning. What does it mean to be called? What is a disciple? In *Called on the Way: The Daily Practice of Discipleship*, authors Kathleen Cahalan and Laura Kelly Fanucci explore through personal stories, scripture readings, and prayer experiences, what it means to be called a disciple "on the way."

March 2 - Called to be Disciples in Christ / Follower

March 16 - Neighbor / Forgiver

March 9 - Worshiper / Witness

March 23 - Prophet / Steward / Conclusion

A FAITH OF MANY ROOMS **Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity**

The cost of the book is \$19.00.

Disillusioned by narrow theologies, church dysfunction, and constricted readings of scripture, many people have exited the Church in recent decades. However, Jesus of Nazareth described the reign of God as a house with many rooms, writes author Debie Thomas, one of the more auspicious voices in religious writing today. In this work of sprawling spiritual and literary imagination, Thomas claims that wherever God dwells, there is expansiveness and belonging.



March 30 - INTRODUCTION: Belonging / A St. Thomas Pilgrimage: Doubt

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN **TEXT STUDIES**

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



Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts for an exploration of texts from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. How do the two traditions interpret these texts? What are the similarities and differences?

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, March 6, 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.

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.



March 13 - Intimacy with God

March 20 - Social Justice

March 27 - A Kingdom Without Walls

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 2 - March 8 Week of Transfiguration

- S Luke 9:28-36 Jesus is transfigured on the mountain
- M Ezekiel 1:1 – 2:1 Ezekiel's vision of the chariot
- T Luke 10:21-24 The Son revealed
- W Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Ash Wednesday - The practice of faith
- T Exodus 5:10-23 Israel labors in Egypt
- F Exodus 6:1-13 God promises deliverance
- S Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 For everything a season

March 9 - March 15 Week of Lent 1

- S Luke 4:1-13 The temptation of Jesus
- M 1 Chronicles 21:1-17 Satan tempts David
- T Zechariah 3:1-10 Satan tempts Joshua
- W Luke 21:34 – 22:6 Satan enters Judas
- T Job 1:1-22 Satan tempts Job
- F 2 Peter 2:4-21 Believers who fall into sin
- S Psalm 17 Prayer for protection from evil ones

March 16 - March 22 Week of Lent 2

- S Luke 13:31-35 A hen gathering her brood
- M Exodus 33:1-6 Abraham's descendants lament
- T Numbers 14:10b-24 Moses intercedes for the people
- W Luke 13:22-31 The narrow door
- T 2 Chronicles 20:1-22 The king prays for Jerusalem
- F Romans 4:1-12 The faith of Abraham
- S Psalm 105:1-42 God's covenant with Abraham

March 23 - March 29 Week of Lent 3

- S Luke 13:1-9 The parable of the fig tree
- M Jeremiah 11:1-17 Judgment against the olive tree
- T Ezekiel 17:1-10 Allegory of the vine
- W Luke 13:18-21 Parables of the mustard seed, yeast
- T Numbers 13:17-27 The fruit of the promised land
- F Romans 2:1-16 Divine judgment
- S Psalm 39 My hope is in God

March 30 - April 5 Week of Lent 4

- S Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 The parable of the forgiving father
- M Leviticus 23:26-41 Days for confession and celebration
- T Leviticus 25:1-19 The jubilee celebration
- W Luke 9:10-17 Jesus feeds 5000
- T 2 Kings 4:1-7 The widow saved
- F Revelation 19:1-9 The marriage supper of the Lamb
- S Psalm 53 Restoring our fortunes

AN ENNEAGRAM STUDY

Learning to See Yourself as God Sees You

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

In the Winter Sessions of this class, we will learn what blinds us from seeing our True Self, what separates us from God, and what makes it difficult to get along with others. As we move into Lent and toward the Spring of Resurrection, we will discover the grace that transforms us into the unique gift we are created to be.

March 3

Passion, Decisive Action, Surrender
(Types 8, 9, & 1)

March 10

Humility, Integrity, Equanimity
(Types 2, 3, & 4)

March 17

Detachment, Courage, Joy
(Types 5, 6, & 7)

March 24

Learning to Embrace Your True Self

March 31

Being the Healthiest Version of Your Type

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

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

The Gospel according to Luke invites us to explore the story of Jesus of Nazareth and his mission as God's Chosen One (Messiah). From the joyous accounts of Jesus' birth in a stable in Bethlehem to the stark images of Golgotha to the eye-opening meal at Emmaus, we are invited into a remarkable story.

March 4

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?
(Luke 23:26-49)

March 18

How Did Jesus' Resurrection Change the World? (Luke 24:13-35)

OUR MISSION: To Care Actively in the Name of Jesus Christ.

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