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## **WELCOME TO EDU.NET**

**EDU.NET is Holy Trinity's title for its adult education publications. This booklet provides the weekly schedule of classes for the coming year. A monthly newsletter by the same name is also distributed. Each issue includes an overview of the many educational opportunities available each week as well as daily Bible readings and special programs. This newsletter enables the publication of more in-depth information about each class than is possible within the space limitations of our weekly newsletter THE BEACON.**

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# **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

## **SUNDAYS**

**9:30 - 10:20 a.m.**

**Book Discussion Group**

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Jewish - Christian Text Study**

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Parish Nurse Education Series**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Pastor's Information Class**

**6:00 p.m.**

**God in Film**

## **MONDAYS**

**7:00 - 8:15 p.m.**

**Connecting with God**

## **TUESDAYS**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Table Talk**

## **WEDNESDAYS**

**5:30 - 6:45 p.m.**

**Fall and Winter Seminar**

## **THURSDAYS**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Discussion Group**

## **FRIDAYS**

**7:00 - 7:45 a.m.**

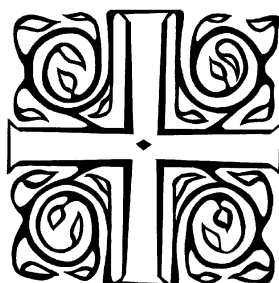
**Breakfast Series**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Book Discussion Group**

## ADULT EDUCATION TOPICS

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# SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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

## ***THE FAITHFUL SKEPTIC*** ***In Search of a Humble Christianity*** by Jan G. Linn

### ❖ September 7

*Getting on Track*  
*The Necessity of Christian Skepticism*  
*Skepticism and Church Teaching*

### ❖ September 14

*Making Peace with Science*  
*Reading the Bible Honestly*

### ❖ September 21

*Remembering Who's on First*  
*Room in the Inn for Jesus*

### ❖ September 28

*Redundant Salvation*  
*The Breath of Life*  
*The Bible and Culture Wars*

### ❖ October 5

*Community Rather than Conformity*  
*Working Out Your Own Salvation*

### ❖ October 12

*The End of Our Days*  
*Christian Skepticism and Hope*  
*The Way Forward*  
*Post-Script for Ministers*  
*(and Everyone in Ministry)*

## ***POVERTY, BY AMERICA***

by Matthew Desmond

### ❖ October 19

PROLOGUE  
*The Kind of Problem Poverty Is*  
*Why Haven't We Made More Progress?*

### ❖ October 26

Gifts Festival Breakfast (no class)

### ❖ November 2

*How We Undercut Workers*  
*How We Force the Poor to Pay More*

### ❖ November 9

*How We Rely on Welfare*  
*How We Buy Opportunity*

### ❖ November 16

*Invest in Ending Poverty*  
*Empower the Poor*

### ❖ November 23

*Tear Down the Walls*  
EPILOGUE

### ❖ November 30

Advent Wreath Making (no class)

# SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (continued)

## ***I'VE GOT QUESTIONS***

### ***The Spiritual Practice of Having It Out With God***

by Erin Hicks Moon

- ❖ **December 7**  
FOREWORD  
INTRODUCTION:  
*Divination in the Southern Baptist Church*
- ❖ **December 14**  
*The Spiritual Strata of Our Lives:  
How It Started*
- ❖ **December 21**  
*Like a Wrecking Ball: How It's Going  
White Lion Hot Dog Jonathan Jesus*
- ❖ **December 28**  
Christmas Holiday (no class)
- ❖ **January 4**  
*A Baptist Sits Shiva*
- ❖ **January 11**  
*What if the Wrestling Is the Point?*
- ❖ **January 18**  
*Avoidance Tactics and Other Games  
Our Brains Play*
- ❖ **January 25**  
*What Makes Faith So Hard, and What  
Compels Me to Stay*
- ❖ **February 1**  
*Your Unsoothed Heart Is Your Most  
Powerful Weapon*
- ❖ **February 8**  
*Foraging in the Wilderness*
- ❖ **February 15**  
*But What If You're Wrong?*
- ❖ **February 22**  
*How Does Your Garden Grow?*  
AFTERWORD: *Where Do We Go from Here?*

## ***HANGING BY A THREAD***

### ***The Questions of the Cross***

by Samuel Wells

- ❖ **March 1**  
INTRODUCTION  
*Story*
- ❖ **March 8**  
*Trust  
Life  
Purpose*
- ❖ **March 15**  
*Power  
Love  
Story*

# SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (continued)

## CHERISHED BELONGING

by Gregory Boyle

- ❖ **March 22**  
INTRODUCTION  
*The Wild One*
- ❖ **March 29**  
*The Cruelty Points*
- ❖ **April 5**  
Easter Day (no class)
- ❖ **April 12**  
*The Blindfold*
- ❖ **April 19**  
*A Tribe to End All Tribalism*
- ❖ **April 26**  
*Acatamiento*
- ❖ **May 3**  
*Visible Entirely*
- ❖ **May 10**  
*Make Windows*  
*The Household of God*
- ❖ **May 17**  
*The Fastest Route*

## PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASSES

Sundays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

This one-session class is designed for those who would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.



September 14  
November 9

January 25  
March 8

May 17  
July 12

## JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY

Sunday, March 1

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts  
for this interfaith learning opportunity.

# PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

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

**January 11**

## ***A CANCER TREATMENT UPDATE***

Speaker: Cecilia MacCallum, MD, Medical Oncologist  
Medical Director, Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center

The lives of many of us have been or will be affected by cancer, of either ourselves or of a loved one. Cancer remains a leading cause of death in the United States, but overall death rates from cancer have been significantly declining. Many new treatment options are available or are being developed. Come and learn about them from a highly regarded and compassionate expert in cancer treatment.

**February 8**

## ***ELDER FRAUD and SCAMS PREVENTION***

Speaker: Cynthia Kozerow, Crime Prevention Specialist  
Community Relations Unit, Lynchburg Police Department

Scams and fraud cost Americans billions of dollars a year and cause much emotional stress and heartbreak. Scams and fraud 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.

**March 22**

## ***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.

## **GOD IN FILM**

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall  
light supper & theological discussion

**November 2**

*Beyond Evolution:  
Unraveling the Origins of Life*

**January 4**

*The 100 Year-Old Man Who Climbed  
Out the Window and Disappeared*

**March 8**

*The Son*

# MONDAY EVENINGS CONNECTING WITH GOD

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

## ***KNOW GOD - KNOW SELF***

### ***A Journey Toward Wholeness with the Enneagram***

- ❖ **September 8**  
*"Let us make humankind in our image"*  
*(Genesis 1:26)*
- ❖ **September 15**  
*Know Self: Introduction to the Enneagram Stances*
- ❖ **September 22**  
*The Dependent Stance: Enneagram Type One*
- ❖ **September 29**  
*The Dependent Stance: Enneagram Type Two*
- ❖ **October 6**  
*The Dependent Stance: Enneagram Type Six*
- ❖ **October 13**  
*The Aggressive Stance: Enneagram Type Three*
- ❖ **October 20**  
*The Aggressive Stance: Enneagram Type Seven*
- ❖ **October 27**  
*The Aggressive Stance: Enneagram Type Eight*
- ❖ **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*
- ❖ **January 5**  
*Your Favorite Biblical Images of God*
- ❖ **January 12**  
*Know God the Holy Spirit*
- ❖ **January 19**  
*Know God the Son: Nine Portraits of Jesus*
- ❖ **January 26**  
*Know God as Reflected in Creation*
- ❖ **February 2**  
*Know Self as Part of Creation*
- ❖ **February 9**  
*Know Self through Your Favorite Bible Characters*
- ❖ **February 16**  
*Reflecting the Divine Feminine & the Divine Masculine*
- ❖ **February 23**  
*Transformed through the Experience of the Divine*
- ❖ **March 2**  
*Practicing Transformation*
- ❖ **March 9**  
*Who Am I?*
- ❖ **March 16**  
*Who Is God?*
- ❖ **March 23**  
*Next Steps toward Wholeness*

# TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

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

## ***TOGETHER BY GRACE: ROMANS***

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| ❖ <b>September 9</b><br><i>Mutually Encouraged in Our Shared Faith</i><br>(Romans 1:11-17) | ❖ <b>November 11</b><br><i>Groaning Through God to God</i><br>(Romans 8:19-27)          |
| ❖ <b>September 30</b><br><i>Justified by God's Gift of Grace</i><br>(Romans 3:21-28)       | ❖ <b>November 25</b><br><i>Nothing Separates Us from God's Love</i><br>(Romans 8:31-39) |
| ❖ <b>October 14</b><br><i>At the Right Time</i><br>(Romans 5:1-11)                         | ❖ <b>January 6</b><br><i>God's Diverse People Active in Service</i><br>(Romans 12:1-8)  |
| ❖ <b>October 28</b><br><i>Dying and Rising with Christ</i><br>(Romans 6:3-11)              | ❖ <b>January 20</b><br><i>Blessed Siblings</i><br>(Romans 16:17-20, 25-27)              |

## ***I JOHN***

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| ❖ <b>February 3</b><br><i>Who is Jesus—really? (1 John 1:1–2:2)</i>  | ❖ <b>March 3</b><br><i>How can we love—really? (1 John 4:1-21)</i>  |
| ❖ <b>February 17</b><br><i>Who are we—really? (1 John 2:29–3:24)</i> | ❖ <b>March 17</b><br><i>How can we live—really? (1 John 5:1-13)</i> |

# TABLE TALK

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor

## ***WE BELIEVE***

### ***The Nicene Creed at 1,700 Years***

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| <b>September 16</b><br><i>We Believe in One God</i>      | <b>January 13</b><br><i>In Accordance with the Scriptures</i> |
| <b>October 21</b><br><i>Of One Being with the Father</i> | <b>February 17</b><br><i>With the Father and the Son</i>      |
| <b>November 4</b><br><i>For Us and for Our Salvation</i> | <b>March 17</b><br><i>One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic</i>  |

# FALL AND WINTER SEMINAR

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

## ***THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO***

with Peter Enns

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| ❖ <b>October 29</b><br><i>I'll Take Door Number Three</i> | ❖ <b>February 25</b><br><i>Why Doesn't God Make Up His Mind?</i> |
| ❖ <b>November 5</b><br><i>God Did What?</i>               | ❖ <b>March 4</b><br><i>Jesus Is Bigger Than The Bible</i>        |
| ❖ <b>November 12</b><br><i>God Likes Stories</i>          | ❖ <b>March 11</b><br><i>No One Saw This Coming</i>               |
|                                                           | ❖ <b>March 18</b><br><i>The Bible: Just As It Is</i>             |

# THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

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

## ***LIVING THE QUESTIONS***

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| ❖ <b>October 2</b><br><i>Taking the Bible Seriously</i>       | ❖ <b>January 15</b><br><i>Honoring Creation</i>                                                 |
| ❖ <b>October 9</b><br><i>Incarnation: Divinely Human</i>      | ❖ <b>January 22</b><br><i>A Passion for Christ: Paul</i>                                        |
| ❖ <b>October 16</b><br><i>The Prophetic Jesus</i>             | ❖ <b>January 29</b><br><i>Creative Transformation</i>                                           |
| ❖ <b>October 30</b><br><i>The Myth of Redemptive Violence</i> | ❖ <b>February 12</b><br><i>Embracing Mystery</i>                                                |
| ❖ <b>November 6</b><br><i>Practicing Resurrection</i>         | ❖ <b>February 19</b><br><i>Out into the World:<br/>Challenges Facing Progressive Christians</i> |
| ❖ <b>November 13</b><br><i>Debunking the Rapture</i>          |                                                                                                 |

## THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP (cont.)

### AWAKENING THE DIVINE

❖ February 26

*The Aliveness of God*

❖ March 19

*The Divine Light Within*

❖ March 12

*Embracing Your Divine Spark*

❖ March 26

*The One Breath / The Grown Up God*

## SERMON DISCUSSIONS

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

September 18

October 23

November 20

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 16

May 21

June 18

July 16

August 13

## FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

Friday mornings

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m. Program, 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

### THE BIBLE WITH AND WITHOUT JESUS

*How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*

with Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler

❖ November 7

*The Creation of the World*

❖ January 30

*Isaiah's Suffering Servant*

❖ November 14

*Adam and Eve*

❖ February 6

*The Sign of Jonah*

❖ November 21

*"A Virgin Will Conceive and Bear a Child"*

❖ February 13

*"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"*

# FRIDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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

## ***THE TEARS OF THINGS***

by Richard Rohr

- ❖ **September 12**  
INTRODUCTION: *Good Trouble*  
The Tears of Things
- ❖ **September 19**  
*Amos: Messenger to the Collective*  
*A Critical Mass: The Secret of the Remnant*
- ❖ **September 26**  
*Welcoming Holy Disorder: How the Prophets Carry Us Through*
- ❖ **October 3**  
*Jeremiah: The Patterns That Carry Us Across*  
*Unfinished Prophets: Elijah, Jonah, and John the Baptizer*
- ❖ **October 10**  
*The Alchemy of Tears: How We Learn Universal Sympathy and Grace*
- ❖ **October 17**  
*The Three Isaiahs: The Heart of Prophecy*  
*Ezekiel: Redemption and the Grace of God*
- ❖ **October 24**  
*It All Comes Down to Love*  
*A Good Summary*  
*The Prophets of Israel*  
*Seven Themes of an Alternative Orthodoxy*

## ***MIRACLES AND WONDERS***

### ***The Historical Mystery of Jesus***

by Elaine Pagels

- ❖ **October 31**  
INTRODUCTION  
*The Virgin Birth: What Happened?* (pages 11-26)
- ❖ **November 7**  
*The Virgin Birth: What Happened?* (pages 27-52)

# FRIDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (cont.)

- ❖ **November 14**  
*Who Is Jesus? Miracles and Mysteries*
- ❖ **November 21**  
*What Is the “Good News”?*
- ❖ **January 9**  
*The Crucifixion: What Happened, and What Could It Mean?* (pages 118-138)
- ❖ **January 16**  
*The Crucifixion: What Happened, and What Could It Mean?* (pages 139-160)
- ❖ **January 23**  
*Resurrection: What Did People Say Happened—and What Can Be Known?* (pages 161-184)
- ❖ **January 30**  
*Resurrection: What Did People Say Happened— and What Can Be Known?*  
*How Did Jesus “Become God”* (pages 185-208)
- ❖ **February 6**  
*Who Is Jesus—to New Converts, Artists, and Filmmakers Engaging Him Today?*  
CONCLUSION

## ***THE FOUR VISION QUESTS OF JESUS***

by Steven Charleston

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| ❖ <b>February 13</b><br>INTRODUCTION<br><i>The Circle</i><br><i>The Quest</i> | ❖ <b>March 6</b><br><i>The Messiah</i><br><i>The Clown</i>    |
| ❖ <b>February 20</b><br><i>The Vision</i>                                     | ❖ <b>March 13</b><br><i>The Wilderness</i>                    |
| ❖ <b>February 27</b><br><i>The Voice</i>                                      | ❖ <b>March 20</b><br><i>The Mountain</i><br><i>The Garden</i> |
|                                                                               | ❖ <b>March 27</b><br><i>The Cross</i>                         |

## **DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS**

**All are encouraged to participate in an on-going program of daily Bible reading throughout the year. Daily Bible readings for use in the home are printed in our monthly adult education newsletter EDU.NET. For those desiring a more in-depth Bible study, a schedule of additional readings is available in the church office.**

**Daily devotional materials are available in the information racks in the narthex and Fellowship Hall.**

**Christ In Our Home is a devotional booklet for adults which features a daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer concern. This resource is available in both regular and LARGE PRINT editions.**