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Social Justice Sunday School

“In response to God’s gracious love that seeks justice, the ELCA equips and nurtures us for our callings in the world, fosters social service and ministries of mercy, encourages learning and moral deliberation around social and cultural concerns, enacts social teaching and policy documents, interprets and applies social policy, and partners with agencies, organizations and institutions dedicated to service and justice.” (www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society)

This high school and adult Sunday school series provides an introduction to some of the social justice ministries that are currently supported by Lutheran congregations and/or other faith partners, spotlighting a different ministry and guest speaker every week. The class will address current social issues that raise concerns for justice, and to which the church can bring an important witness.

Class meets on the 3rd floor. Please join us!

Schedule (Nov. – Dec.)

Nov. 3 Amanda Silcox, Economic Justice Program Manager, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

Nov. 10 Rev. Heidi David-Young, Tapestry (empowers Virginia Synod congregations to be ambassadors for Christ in matters of diversity and inclusion)

Nov. 17 Annual Meeting, no Sunday school

Nov. 24 Susan Posey, fair trade

Dec. 1 *The War Pope* (movie and discussion – will meet this week in Strickler Hall!)

Dec. 8 Rev. Cathy Mims, Junior High Servant Event

Dec. 15 Christmas pageant, no Sunday school

Dec. 22 *Father K* (movie and discussion)



Samantha DiBiaso (L) and Alyssa Kaplan (R) with Pastor Jean Bozeman, Virginia Synod’s first female pastor ordained 40 years ago.



Sending of our Seminarians on August 11, 2019

FLN Trip to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens!



November Birthdays

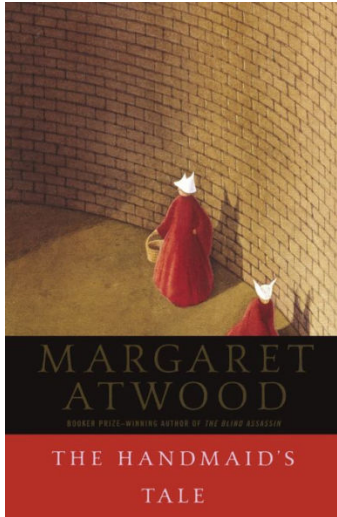
1 Nov	Douglas Garrett	9 Nov	Cadence Vera Cruz	20 Nov	Madison O'Rourke
1 Nov	Riley McElligott	9 Nov	Julianne Whittecar	21 Nov	Julianne Hood
1 Nov	Craig Stopa	10 Nov	Lorette Horsboll	21 Nov	Linda Turner
2 Nov	Marty Cabe	11 Nov	Taylor Westerveld	22 Nov	John Faircloth
2 Nov	Hartley Rowan	12 Nov	Bob Weisenbeck	22 Nov	Oliver Janik
2 Nov	Ken Zaletski	13 Nov	Denise Boyd	22 Nov	Frank Stachour
3 Nov	Harry Kenyon	13 Nov	Marty Bradley	25 Nov	Ellie Ilardi
4 Nov	Chad Fuhrman	13 Nov	Paul Hutchings	25 Nov	Christopher Keplar
4 Nov	Sarah McGinnis	13 Nov	Stacy Hutchings	25 Nov	Bryan Porter
5 Nov	Debra Barry	13 Nov	Davis Scott	25 Nov	Karen Siegel
5 Nov	Julie Sutura	13 Nov	Nancy Smith	25 Nov	Rob Siik
6 Nov	Vivianna Ruggiero	13 Nov	Jody Unruh	26 Nov	Bernie Duffy
7 Nov	Charlie Anderson	14 Nov	Sharon Asam	26 Nov	Debbie Duffy
7 Nov	Bill Newlon	15 Nov	Henry McCormick	26 Nov	Joanna Griffin
7 Nov	Jack Smith	16 Nov	Eva Dulong	26 Nov	Brick Hill
7 Nov	LeeAnne Stachour	16 Nov	Julie Heller	26 Nov	Christen Homan
7 Nov	Ken Wise	16 Nov	Sara Jane Honaker	26 Nov	Frank Minschke
8 Nov	Sarah Humphreys	18 Nov	Jeremy Ross	28 Nov	Chris Hogan
8 Nov	Lindsay Reavis	19 Nov	Sydney Brown	30 Nov	Richard Cannan
9 Nov	Julie Basco	19 Nov	Mandy Porter	30 Nov	Austin Davidson
9 Nov	Blythe Scott	20 Nov	Michael Dandrea	30 Nov	Jessica Stuart

Connect with Others

FLC Book Discussion Group

The Handmaid's Tale
by Margaret Atwood

The Handmaid's Tale is a novel of such power that the reader will be unable to forget its images and its forecast. Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. Re-acquaint yourself with this classic and join the FLC Book Discussion Group Sunday, December 1st at 6:30 PM to ponder if this tale could be in our future.



Christian Service

Christian Service will meet Tuesday, November 26th, at 9:30 AM in Strickler Hall- possibly. A decision will be made at the October meeting about whether we need to change the date because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Look for an update in the Green Sheet or contact Pam Baynard, 638-4812, pbaynard65@charter.net.

Lydia Circle Meeting

The second Bible study on prayer, led by Pastor Mims, will be hosted by Lydia Circle on Tuesday, November 5th, at 11:00 AM in Strickler Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The program will be followed by a short business meeting and then lunch for those who can stay. Bring a Bible if you can, and a bag lunch if you wish. Questions? Contact Pam Baynard, 638-4812, or pbaynard65@charter.net.

Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM at the home of June Harvey, 701 River Strand, Chesapeake. All are welcome! Please join us for fellowship, food and conversation about "All Saints" led by Jean Bozeman & Tina Dulong. Questions? Contact Paula Cook at pbcook513@icloud.com or 793-0551.

Advent Sunday School

Children and their families are invited to celebrate the advent season during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 AM, on December 1st on the third floor. Youth are invited to come and help. There will be crafts, coloring, calendars, and cookies. Come get excited for the birth of Jesus!

Annual Meeting

The 125th Annual Meeting of our Congregation will be on Sunday, November 17, following one worship service at 9:30 AM. We will vote on the 2020 Spending Plan for Ministry and Real Estate Budget, elect Congregation Council members, hear reports on the Congregation and State of the Church, and present the 2019 Nesting Dove. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to gather for this time of inspiration and decision making.

Nominees for Council Elections

The Congregation Council is pleased to share with you that the following persons have agreed to put their name in nomination for Congregation Council elections: Scott Cummings, Mary Fox, Joanna Griffin, Sarah McGinnis, and Gary Weeks. "Additional nominations may be made by any voting member of the congregation by submitting the nominee's name in writing to the Senior Pastor or the President of the Congregation Council at or before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Congregation Council. No nomination made by a voting member of the Congregation shall be accepted unless the nominee's written consent is also submitted with the nomination." (CRBL3.01.A01)

Troubling the Waters

Our Global Concerns Committee is planning to offer a time of discovery using the ELCA resource: Troubling the Waters for Healing of the Church. The resource explores the role that White privilege and internalized White superiority has had in shaping attitudes, belief systems, cultures, the church and society at large. An organizational meeting will be held Sunday, November 3rd, at 12:15 PM in Room 102. Class length will be 18, 2 hour sessions that follow the liturgical year beginning in Advent.

If you have questions, please contact Elena Ilardi at EIlardi@vb.gov or Merrie Jo Milner at merjomil@cox.net.

November 2019

Worship every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 AM. Nursery available.
 Sunday School at 9:45 AM with classes for children, youth, and adults. Nursery available.
 Office Hours: 9 AM—4 PM Monday-Thursday, 9 AM - 1 PM Friday
 Weekday Bible Study: Men at 7 AM Wednesdays at Charlie's American Café, 4024 Granby Street,
 Corner of 41st Street
 Women's Bible Study: 2 PM Wednesdays, Please contact Pastor Mims for more information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 All Saints Sunday & Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School; New Members Class 11 AM Worship 12 PM FLY Lunch 6:30 PM FLC Book Discussion Group	4 7 PM Church Council	5 11 AM Lydia Circle 7 PM Martha Circle	6 7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Lunch Ministry 2 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	7 7 PM Service Committee Meeting	1	2
10 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School; New Members Class 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Worship Committee	11 Veterans Day <i>Office Closed</i>	12	13 7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Lunch Ministry 2 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	14 10 AM Quilt Group	15 <div>Contact Deadline</div>	16 7:15 PM Contra Dancing
17 Sunday School Bible Day 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Annual Congregation Meeting	18	19	20 7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Lunch Ministry 2 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	21 5:30 PM Laundry Love	22 <div>Youth Synod—Lost & Found</div>	23
24 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	25	26 9:30 AM Christian Service	27 7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Lunch Ministry 2 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 Thanksgiving Day <i>Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30

*** NA: Sunday 8 PM, Tues 5:30 PM, Fri 12 PM, Sat 5 PM AA: Mon 5:30 PM, Fri 8 PM, Sat 8 PM SAA: Thurs 7:30 PM Women's AA: Tues 6 PM, Thurs 6 PM ***

Congregation Council Summary

At our October meeting, the Congregation Council

- Welcomed our 2019 Confirmands, their families and faith mentors. The Confirmands shared their Confirmation verses and faith symbols
- Received thank you notes from ELCA YAGM, ELCA Good Gifts, For Kids, ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Scholarship Fund for Leaders Endowment, Lutheridge, and LWR Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund
- Established 9:30 AM as the worship time for Sundays with one service
- Received an update on the Nominations Committee work
- Identified our top 5 of 30+ projects and established goals with timelines
- Agreed to start planning for the next phase of our Capital Improvement Plan that will include work on the organ
- Shared Congregational Vitality update: leaders are being trained to start 7 small group ministries in January
- Shared blessings, prayer concerns and prayer partners

The Council normally meets at 7 PM on the first Monday of each month. The meeting is open to the congregation.

Children's Chapel: Worship for our Little Faithful

Children's Chapel is an opportunity for our 4 year olds (turning 4 in the coming year) through second graders to worship together during the Bible readings and sermon. Following the Children's Sermon, they will meet the leader at the side door and walk down the hall to Room 102. For the next 20



to 30 minutes, they will listen to a reading from a children's story Bible, talk about the story, and participate in a related craft or activity. The goal is to help children experience worship at their level and build faith. Currently, we offer this program at 8:30 AM and are looking for two new volunteers. "Roots and Wings" and "Sermons4kids" (<https://sermons4kids.com/>) are great online resources for easy preparation. If there is enough interest and volunteers at 11:00 AM, we would love to provide Children's Chapel at this service as well. Please contact Penny Powell at pepowell@cox.net or 480-0230 evenings to learn more or to volunteer. Many thanks!

Thank You Notes

Dear Pastors and FLC members,

There was so much kindness shared with us that it would be impossible to say thank you to everyone at church. All the wonderful meals provided by caring families, beautiful flowers and touching cards, has helped us through a difficult time.

Thank you for the prayers for healing and strength and for bringing communion to our home. And the pastoral visits of comfort and laughter.

To be served so graciously by a community of Spirit filled believers has been a gift for us.

Thank you and God bless you as your kindness blessed us.

— David and Linda Perron

Dear First Lutheran Church;

I hope this message finds you all well. I wanted to thank you all again for all your care, love, and support of my seminary journey. I can't believe I am already a month in—time is flying and I am learning so very much! I'm already starting translations in Greek—who! It was a blessing to have a send off at my home congregation. I cannot thank you all enough for your amazing gift of an alb and financial aid for moving expenses.

Peace and love always,

— Samantha

Connect with Word and Body

Prayer Concerns for November

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

Give joyful thanksgiving

...that God is always willing to step in-between to bring hope and healing.

...that when we are between a rock and a hard place that Jesus is the rock—already there with the love that holds us together.

...that by grace through faith God forms us to preach, teach and live God's Word.

...that we are so rooted in the Gospel that our lives overflow in worship, witness, service, learning and support.

Help us

...as a congregation to step in-between to bring hope and healing.

...care for one another and pull back the veil to further expose racism, bias, and injustice.

...as we focus on opportunities to strengthen our ministry to families with children, ministry into our local community and communication.

Pray for

...comfort and peace for the family and friends of Ann Wilson Rose upon her death.

...comfort and peace for the family and friends of John Meek upon his death.

...all in the path of the fires in California.

...Kurds and U.S. forces in Northern Syria.

...victims of gun violence.

...our country and our leaders.

...people fleeing dire humanitarian situations for a better life.

...the sick, that they are comforted.

...the despairing, that they receive hope.

...persons who are homeless and need shelter and food.

...the unemployed and underemployed.

...those struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

...those mourning the death of loved ones.

...for all who cry out to God in any need.

Sonya Baker, Susie Biboum, Alvene Buckley, Roger Fuller, Susan Griffin, Ray Hinton, Lori Kintsche, Al Miller, Kelley Minschke, Emily Mitchell, Lorna Moss, Linda Perron, Betty Phillips, Fay Rogner, Amy Spangler, Deb Thompson, Vincent Bonafede, The Burger Family, Carl, Dave, Gert, Dylan Guffy, Hali and Kyle, Mason James, John, Joyce, Jean Joyner, Julie, Katrina, Baby Maggie (granddaughter of Bill and Carla Trexler), "Sweet" Marge, Anna Mason, Betty McCorkindale (mother of **Sharon Asam**), Theresa Smith Milne, Bob Moll (father of **Elizabeth** and **Jennifer Moll**), Cathy Moye, Nathaniel, Gale Poe, Rachel, Rob, Robert, Sandy, Sean, Jeanie Silvers, Bobbie Smith, Trish Sterling, Helen Thompson, Caroline White

Those dealing with cancer

Larry Atkinson, Rob Burger, Iris Corbin, Jo, Andie Seagraves, Dave Wildt, Rocco Wilson, Jess WineKing

Military and their families:

Austin Davidson, Mason Fox, Dan Kelly, Ted Peterson, Brian Becker, Jonathan Goeres, Amy Hardbower, Nicolette Huntley, Tim Kelly, Ian Logan, Kelly Mackenzie, John Marfield, Nikki Parkman

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Amen.

Readings for November

November 3rd

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 10th

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 17th

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 24th

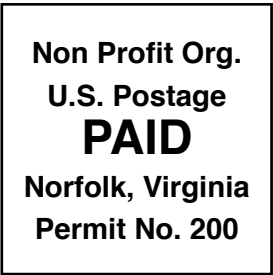
Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

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