



CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

There are three programs for Adult Christian Formation: the Sunday / Monday / Wednesday Adult Forum Programs, Bible Study, and the Adult Faith Renewal (Inquirer's) Program. All our Adult Christian Formation programs are open to anyone in the community. You do not need to be a member of Saint Paul to attend. Our high school young people use the three Adults Forum Programs (Monday, Wednesday, and Sunday) as their "Sunday School."

MONDAY NIGHT ADULT FORUM PROGRAM

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All sessions, except as noted, will take place in the dining room of the Saint John Herr Retirement Community (200 Luther Lane, Columbia). Please enter through the Personal Care Entrance and go down the hallway to the Rotunda. The dining room is on your right. There is plenty of parking.

All sessions, except as noted, begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16

**FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS – JOINT LUTHERAN /
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST (TRANSFERED)**

Saint James Lutheran Church (10th and Manor Streets)

Service – 7:00 p.m.

Light Reception to follow service (Meeting Room)

OCTOBER 7

**“HISTORY OF WORSHIP / THE WORKINGS OF LITURGY
TODAY” – SESSION #1**

Over the course of the six sessions Rev. Rockwell will cover many aspects concerning worship. We will cover both the “basics” as well as the “deeper things” of worship. We will talk about things you never thought to think of and things that are not on “the list.” The goal for these sessions is to help you learn more about worship so that your own sense of worship is empowered and you feel closer to God in your worship!

Rev. Russell Rockwell

Pastor of the Word of Life Lutheran Church, Lancaster,
PA

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 14

**“HISTORY OF WORSHIP / THE WORKINGS OF LITURGY
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OCTOBER 21

"THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD"

Our speaker, Rev. Richard Jorgenson, will focus on our mission as the church in the world. He will speak about building and developing initiatives within congregations, conferences, convocations, parishes, and cooperatives. He will also address stewardship resources that include conversations that identify potential resources for the revitalization congregations and the development of new evangelizing ministries within congregations.

Rev. Richard Jorgenson

Director of Evangelical Mission, Lower Susquehanna
Synod, ELCA

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 28

"HISTORY OF WORSHIP / THE WORKINGS OF LITURGY TODAY" – SESSION #3

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NOVEMBER 4

“THE OPENING OF MATTHEW’S GOSPEL: SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE REST OF THE STORY”

Chapters 1 and 2 of the Gospel of Matthew do not just begin the story of this Gospel. They set the interpretive stage for the rest of the Gospel Story. During our time together, we will investigate the following:

Scandalous Ancestors / Matthew 1:1-17

Emmanuel Announcement / Matthew 1:18-25

Strange

Birthday Guests / Matthew 2:1-12

The Dark Side of Christmas / Matthew 2:12-23

Rev. Rick Carlson

Professor of Biblical Studies, Gettysburg Lutheran
Seminary

Director of Internship

Coordinator of Post-Internship Candidacy

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 11 “HISTORY OF WORSHIP / THE WORKINGS OF LITURGY
TODAY” – SESSION #4**

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NOVEMBER 18 “THE CHURCH’S WITNESS IN AN AGE OF PERPETUAL WAR”

Military historian and political scientist, Andrew Bacevich, has argued convincingly that the past 40 years have witnessed the steady, and basically unchecked, expansion of U.S. military might, at the same time that the absence of universal conscription means that the waging of war has a direct impact on only a small portion of American society. In his talk Alain Epp Weaver will suggest that this relatively new situation offers opportunity for pacifist and just war Christians alike to find common ground in questioning this state of perpetual war.

Mr. Alain Epp Weaver

Director of Strategic Planning for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). He holds a Ph.D. in theology and a Master of Divinity from the University of Chicago. He has worked for MCC in the Middle East for 11 years and is the author of *States of Exile* (Herald Press, 2008) and the forthcoming *Mapping Exile and Return: Palestinian Dispossession and a Political Theology for a Shared Future* (Fortress Press, 2013) 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

NOVEMBER 25 “HISTORY OF WORSHIP / THE WORKINGS OF LITURGY TODAY” – SESSION #5

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7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 2 “HISTORY OF WORSHIP / THE WORKINGS OF LITURGY TODAY” – SESSION #6

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Pastor of the Word of Life Lutheran Church,
Lancaster, PA

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 9

CELEBRATION OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Saint John Herr Estates Retirement Community Chapel
(200 Luther Lane)

Service – 7:00 p.m.

Light Reception to follow service (Rotunda)

DECEMBER 16

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK-A-MILE (WALK #1)

Saint Paul Episcopal Church – 7:00 p.m.

The Columbia Presbyterian Church – 7:20 p.m.

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church – 7:40 p.m.

The Columbia United Methodist Church – 8:05

Saint Paul Lutheran Church – 8:25

Saint John Lutheran Church – 8:40 – Light Reception
to follow (Narthex)

DECEMBER 23

NO CLASS – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

DECEMBER 30

NO CLASS – NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY

JANUARY 6

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY – JOINT LUTHERAN / EPISCOPAL
EUCHARIST**

Saint John Lutheran Church (6th and Locust Streets)

Service – 7:00 p.m.

Light Reception / Conversation to follow service
(Narthex)

JANUARY 13

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR PRAYER SERVICE
OF MEMORY AND REMEMBRANCE**

Mt. Zion A.M.E. (227 S. 5th Street)

Service – 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 20

“JOURNEYS OF FAITH – THE CALL TO MINISTRY”

We are all on a journey of faith – how did we get to
where we are now. Our Pastors will tell the story of
their Faith Journey and their Call to Ministry. There is no
“one” way and each pastor has walked a different path.

Come and learn more about your pastor and maybe a bit more about yourself. Rev. Beth Costlow

Rev. Dione Klepetka

Rev. Maryanne Kingsborough

Rev. J. Patrick Peters

Rev. Mark Kopp

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

JANUARY 27

**FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL – JOINT
EPISOCPAL / LUTHERAN EUCHARIST**

Saint Paul Episcopal Church (340 Locust Street)

Eucharist - 7:00 p.m.

Reception to follow service (back of church)

FEBRUARY 3

“THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS – WHAT THEY TELL US TODAY”

From 1947-1956 the remains of approximately 900 Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls were discovered in caves overlooking the northwest shore of the Dead Sea. These documents, most of which date to the 2nd and 1st centuries BCE, include copies of every book of the Hebrew Bible (except Esther and Nehemiah), apocryphal and pseudepigraphical books, as well as commentaries on biblical books and hundreds of other Jewish religious texts that were previously unknown. These strange and wonderful texts have revolutionized our understanding

of late 2nd Temple Judaism, the very Judaism out of which Christianity emerged.”

Dr. Brooks Schramm
Professor of Biblical Studies, Gettysburg Lutheran
Seminary

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10

“BEING SELF AWARE WITHOUT BEING SELFISH”

Nearly every major religion promotes some form of asceticism, i.e., self-denial, as part of the path to spiritual growth. At its very core, Christianity promotes such behavior. However, the promotion of self-denial can also be destructive to human flourishing and contrary to the Gospel. This session will explore this pervasive dilemma in the Christian life.

Dr. David Mellott

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the
Lancaster Theological Seminary
Associate Professor of Practical Theology
Director of Ministerial Formation

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17

“WHEN OUR SOUL GETS WEARY ON THE PATH”

Many practicing Christians experience some form of soul-weariness along their path of discipleship. Unfortunately, this weariness can too easily be interpreted and treated as problems with a congregation, problems with a pastor, or psychological issues. This session will explore this common soulweariness and how we can better understand its place in Christian life.

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Director of Ministerial Formation 7:00
– 8:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24

“NOT BEING AFRAID IN A FEARFUL WORLD”

Jesus regularly invited his followers not to be afraid. Another way to say this is that he invited us not to live in fear, but to live in faith. However, there are many mechanisms at work in the world that want us to live in fear, even depend on us living in fear. This session will explore how central this dilemma is for living a Christian life.

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MARCH 3

“PASTORS’ PANEL”

Our Pastors will answer questions from the group. This will be a lively and exciting session as various traditions, backgrounds, and theologies will form the basis of responses. Questions can be submitted in advance as well as from the floor. This is a great time to see if you can “Stump the Pastor.”

Rev. Beth Costlow

Rev. J. Patrick Peters

Rev. Mark Kopp

Rev. Dione Klepetka Rev.
Maryanne Kingsborough
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

MARCH 5

ASH WEDNESDAY – Services at Saint John Lutheran, Saint Paul Episcopal, Saint James Lutheran, Concordia Lutheran, and Saint John Herr Estates Retirement Community.

Times vary at each location

MAY 29

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO HEAVEN – JOINT EPISCOPAL / LUTHERAN EUCHARIST

Saint John Herr Estates Retirement Community – Chapel

Service – 7:00 p.m.

Reception to follow service (Rotunda)