

The Greatest Story. Join us for a big-picture overview of the Bible and its story to discover how that story connects with our personal stories and lives.

Thursdays 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

October 20 – November 17; January 19 – February 16; April 26 – May 31

John: Connected to God. A special look at this most unique of the Gospels as we take our Lenten journey. At the same time we will be working through LENTEN JOURNEY with Maya Angelou.

Mondays 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., February 27 – March 26

Stories to Tell: Bible Conversations. Join us for conversation at the intersection of the biblical story and the stories of our lives.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., April 25 – May 30

at Advent Lutheran Church, Warren

A VARIETY OF GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

AGING: Different Perspectives, Different Needs. Two different programs that explore the unique challenges and gifts of aging. A day time program will gather folks who are getting older to explore the challenges and needs they face. A special evening program will gather caregivers to discuss ways to best be supportive of older parents, relatives and friends.

Fall 2011, Winter and Spring 2012

Jewish-Christian Dialogs. Our ongoing conversation with Rabbi Friedman and the members of the Summit Jewish Community Center.

Spring 2012

Spiritual Growth Retreat. Quiet time to reflect on God's good grace and the cost of our salvation. Time to take stock of our lives.

March 16-17, 2012

Appalachian Ministry XV. A rich opportunity for servant ministry as part of an intergenerational ministry team that again heads to the hills of Tennessee. Housing construction and rehab, a day camp and nutrition program are our daily work as we live and worship in community.

July 1-7, 2012

Showtunes. Join us as we head to Broadway to explore our faith in the context of currently running Broadway productions.

Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

Roots of The Church. Our exploration of faith that began in the Holy Land 15 years ago returns again this year.

Summer 2012

Bereavement Support. Throughout the year, the pastors gather folks who have lost their spouses for times of mutual support and conversation.

For more information about learning and growing as part of the Family of Faith call the office at 908-464-5177 see our Web site www.famfaith.org or like us on Facebook at Faith Lutheran, New Providence.



Adult Education Opportunities

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The Rev. Dr. Murdoch MacPherson, Pastor

Rev. James Krombholz, Pastor

Dr. John Girvin, Minister of Music

WEEKLY ADULT FORUM, 9:40 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 11. RALLY DAY: A Ministry Celebration A ministry fair shares the richness of our Family's ministries. The sights and sounds of the Family at work.

SEPTEMBER 18 STEWARDSHIP. God's gifts; our response tell the stories of God's love and grace at work.

SEPTEMBER 25 MINISTRY CENTER REDEDICATION. Bishop Riley presides over the rededication of our newly renovated Ministry Center.

OCTOBER 2 MINISTRY CENTER UPDATE. Ministry Center chair KW Janne leads us through the story of the ministry center construction.

OCTOBER 9 FEEDING A HUNGRY WORLD. Updates on our hunger ministries, including CROP Walk and St. John Soup Kitchen.

OCTOBER 16 STORIES OF THE ESTONIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH. Join us as Pastor Markus Vaga, a member of our Family, shares the inspiring story of faith of the Estonian Lutheran Church.

OCTOBER 23 DISASTER STORIES AND LIVES OF RESPONSE. Carol Lee Tieman shares stories of her ministry with Lutheran Disaster Response

OCTOBER 30 HOMELESS STORIES AND LIVES THAT ARE CHANGED. Claas Ehlers, Director of *Interfaith Hospitality Network* nationwide, joins us to share the vision that sees Faith renewing ministry to care for the homeless here in Union County.

NOVEMBER 6 TENNESSEE TALES 14. A review of our Appalachian Ministry this past summer and a look ahead to 2012.

NOVEMBER 13 A RESOURCE FOR OUR MOST IMPORTANT MINISTRY. Join Dr. Girvin as our organ introduction continues in advance of its dedication in the new year.

NOVEMBER 20 STORIES OF FAITH AND LIVES OF PARTNERSHIP. An opportunity to learn more about our unique partnership with Advent Lutheran Church in Warren.

NOVEMBER 27 LITURGY'S STORY As we begin a new church year, a special time to see how our worship liturgy for the year is put together.

DECEMBER 4 & 11 MEET MARK. A two-part overview of Mark's Gospel, focusing on the parable of the Sower and parable of the Vineyard.

DECEMBER 18 ADVENT MUSIC. Dr. Girvin guides us through the rich and varied tradition of Advent music.

JANUARY 8 A SEMINARIAN'S LIFE STORY. Vicar Jane McCready returns to share the story of how God had been at work in her life as she prepares for pastoral ministry.

JANUARY 15 A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER. Our mission partners from St. Stephan Grace Community tell their story.

JANUARY 22 MISSION PLAN – The 2012 Budget. It's not just a financial document, our budget tells the story of how we believe God is challenging the Family to live as Christ's servants in the world in 2012.

JANUARY 29 MISSION REPORTS – Leaders tell the story of God in action through the Family's ministries.

FEBRUARY 5 - 19 THE ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH. Pastors and Leaders guide a three-part discussion on culture, change and the church.

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 25 LENTEN LEARNINGS. A closer look at the Bible readings assigned to the Sundays in Lent.

APRIL 15 – 29 EASTER STORIES. An exciting time as Easter stories intersect with our lives and faith.

MAY 6 & 13 WE VOW TO REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET. Our annual Holocaust observance as we remember the past and work for the future.

MAY 20 LIVES OF PAIN. Arlene Douglas shares stories from her work in Cambodia dealing with human trafficking.

MAY 27 TIME FOR THANKSGIVING. We rejoice with our confirmands, give thanks for the peer leaders who are graduating and share the stories of God at work in the lives of our younger members.

JUNE 3 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING.

FAMILY GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

BAPTISMAL ORIENTATION Time to learn about our Family's Baptismal ministry. *Fall 2011 and Spring 2012*

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION A gathering of parents as their children begin confirmation instruction. *March 24, 2012*

FIRST COMMUNION ORIENTATION A gathering for those preparing for first communion and their parents. *June 2012*

NEW TO THE 'FAMILY' OPPORTUNITIES

"REJOICE" New members' exploration group. A "no obligation" evening for folks who want to learn more about the Lutheran church in general and our Family of Faith in particular. *Fall 2011, Winter and Spring 2012*

DAYTIME AND EVENING STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Gospel of Mark. Join us for a look at Mark's Gospel that will serve as the primary Gospel in worship.

Mondays 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., September 12 – October 10

Praying at the Crossroads. Join us for a study of the Lord's Prayer and how we might rediscover this prayer as a guide for daily Christian living.

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