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Monthly
Newsletter

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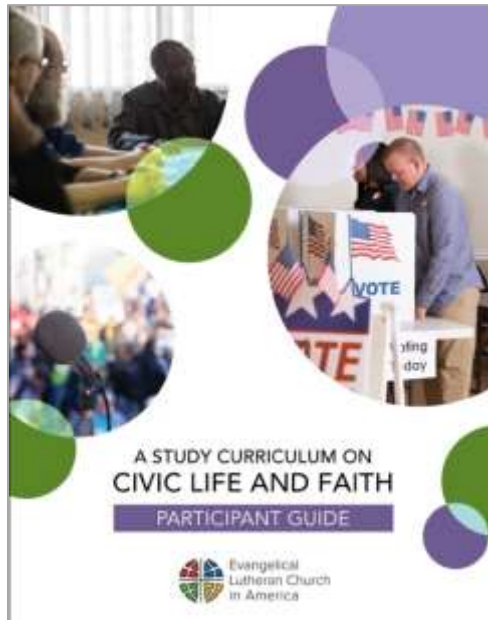
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PASTOR MATLACK - MAY 2024

New Adult Study Begins May 8!



MAY 8: How Is God's Invitation to Discipleship Lived Out In A Democracy?

MAY 15: How Do Christians Address Controversial Civic Issues?

MAY 22: What Are Lutheran Views on Civic Life?

MAY 29: What Are the Objectives of Democracy In The United States?

JUNE 5: What's Faith-Based Living Got To Do With Civic Life?

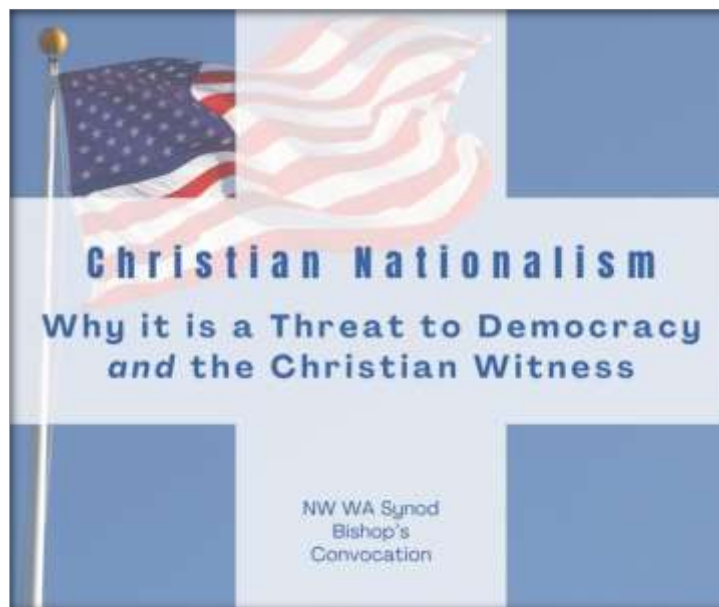
JUNE 12: How Do We Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord In Civic Life?

The Study will also address the DRAFT OF A SOCIAL STATEMENT ON CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH. (A document for public comment provided by the ELCA Task Force for Studies on Civic Life and Faith).

To download a copy of the draft social statement, go to:

<https://download.elca.org/ELCA Resource Repository/Civic Life and Faith Draft.pdf>

We will also address Christian Nationalism from my experience in Seattle in April.



WHITEHEAD AND PERRY:
AMERICANS WHO EMBRACE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM...

1. Less likely to believe in the importance of social and economic justice.
2. Tend to be mistrustful toward those not of their tribe (native-born, Christian, and white).
3. Believe whites are as likely as blacks to be abused by the police.
4. The society they wish to live in is one of "traditional" families with men and women in their "proper" roles.
5. More likely to create, support, and maintain social boundaries that exclude non-Christians from full participation in American civic life.

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS AGREE THAT...

1. The US government should declare America a Christian nation.
2. US laws should be based on Christian values.
3. If the US moves away from Christian foundations, we will not have a country anymore.
4. Being Christian is an important part of being truly America.
5. God has called Christians to exercise dominion over all areas of American society.

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Fri
			1	2	3	4
			Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Choir Rehearsal Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Adult Study Civic Life & Faith 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Dinner w/ Friends 6 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Adult Study Civic Life & Faith 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	WELCA Potluck 6 p.m. (Coffee Hour area) Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Finance Meeting	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Council Meeting	Adult Study Civic Life & Faith 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Book Club 7 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	Zumba 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Choir (Summer break) Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	<i>Memorial Day</i>	Yoga 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Adult Study Civic Life & Faith 10 a.m. (Coffee Hour area) Handbells Rehearsal 7 p.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	AA Meeting 8 p.m. (Coffee Hour area)	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

MAY 5

Reader: Norm Werner

Ushers: Andy Meyer

Stan Samuelsen

Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Cindy Ward

Jennifer Rand

MAY 12

Reader: Heather Hansen

Ushers: Dennis Kunkel

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Tom Sweda

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Stan Samuelsen

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Jennifer Rand

MAY 19

Reader: Heinz Mattern

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MAY 26

Reader: Leo Szalma

Ushers: Janet Martin

Hilda Sawicki

Irene Oshiyoye

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Altar Guild: Cindy Ward

Jennifer Rand

CELEBRATING YOU IN MAY

BIRTHDAYS

2	Harison Kern
10	Jackie Parko
12	Ann Elliott
13	Jeanne Freed
14	Brett Meyer
14	Carolyn Werner
16	John Green
19	Mary Martin
20	Judy Bergman
21	Stephanie Filipp
27	Pam Figi
28	George Kuljurgis
28	Terry Rowland
28	Marsha Welch
29	Jerry Iverson

ANNIVERSARIES

9	Ken & Peggy Casagrande
12	Brian & Marsha Welch
25	Dennis & Marge Dronsella
26	Chuck & Melinda Kern

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



ADULT BASIC YOGA Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

The class is geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate.

Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses.

The fee per class is \$5.00.

Tina Green is the instructor.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

We meet in the Coffee Hour area.

Join us and bring a project to work on.

We continue the fellowship by going out to lunch afterwards.

We hope you will join us!



DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Join us on Friday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at [Kruse's Deer Lake Inn in Clarkston!](#)

Dinner With Friends is a fun evening of dining out once a month with others from our congregation.

Signup posted at church. We hope you will join us!



MEN'S GROUP DINNER

Join us Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at [Gino's Pizzeria & Restaurant](#) in Keego Harbor.

The men of Holy Spirit meet monthly for food and fellowship.

Signup posted at church. We hope you will join us!



WELCA POTLUCK DINNER

Join us Thursday, May 16 at 6 p.m. for a Potluck Dinner at church, with a meeting to follow if it is needed.

Open to all women of Holy Spirit, so please think about joining us!

Signup posted at church. We hope you will join us!



BOOK CLUB

Join us Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Coffee Hour area to discuss ["Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate](#).

The Book Club meets the fourth Thursday evening of the month, except in December.

If you have questions or would like the book, please contact Janet Martin.

VISITORS WELCOME

We warmly invite you to join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP SERVICE

10 a.m. Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. Sunday

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are CALLED by Christ in our Baptism
GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to celebrate
God's grace in our midst SENT to share God's
blessings in our community and beyond.