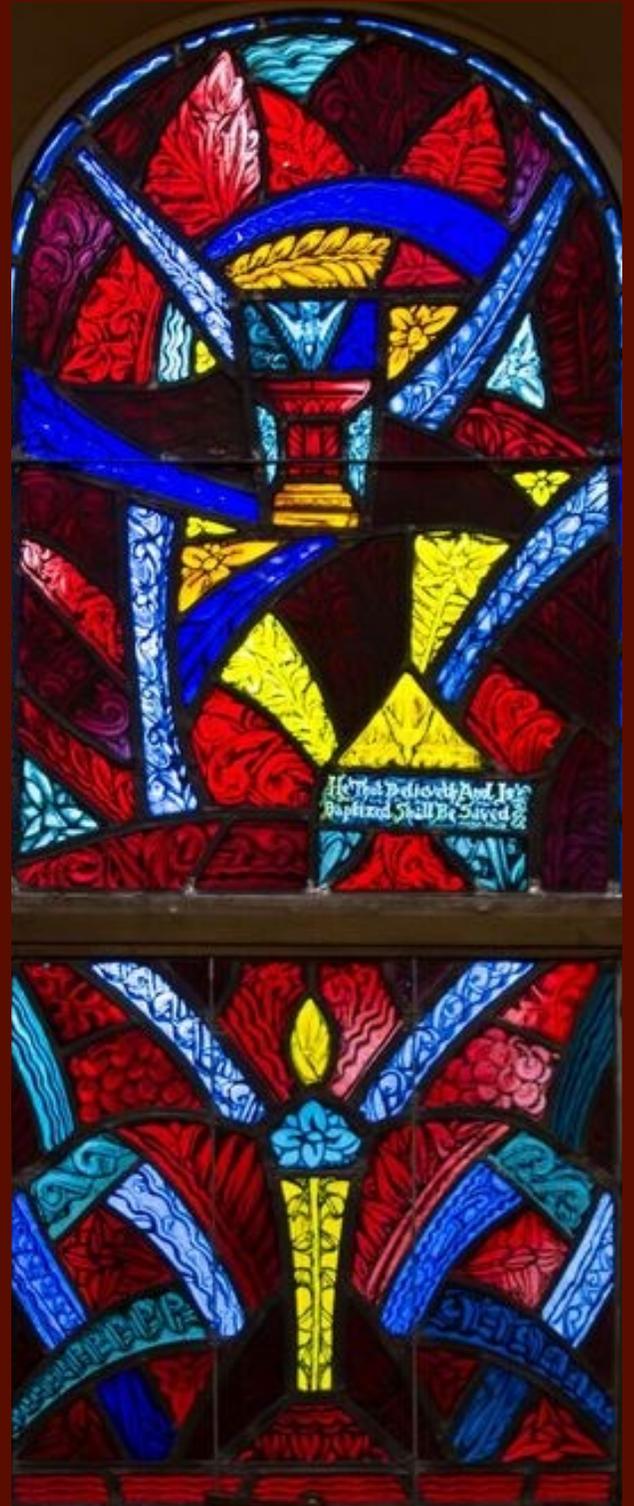


Adult Forums

January-May 2017
Sunday mornings at 10:00

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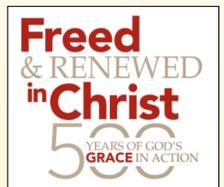
MEET IN THE TREE OF LIFE ROOM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00

January 8, 2017 – Fonts, Tubs and Pools

On this festival of our Lord's Baptism, join Pastor Hansen for a look at all kinds of places where baptism is celebrated: tomb-shaped, eight-sided, cross-shaped, tubs, and so much more. How do these baptismal spaces show forth the many-splendored gift that is baptism?

January 15 – The Bible in English

Martin Luther was not alone in translating the Bible into the language of the people. Myles Coverdale and William Tyndale and others were translating the Bible into English at around the same time. These reformers shared a deep desire that everyone be able to read and hear God's word. Join Pastor Nancy Winder for an exploration of the history of how we got the bibles we use and a discussion of the history of biblical literalism and American fundamentalism in relationship to the English Bible and how we read the Bible.



January 22 – Reconciling in Christ Forum

Join us for the third forum dedicated to discernment around PRLC becoming a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation. In this forum, Christians from the LGBTQ community will share their stories, experiences and perspectives on what it means to be a welcoming community.

January 29 – Annual Meeting

The Adult Forum does not meet today because of the annual congregational meeting. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for a review of life and ministry at Phinney this past year and a look ahead to 2017.

February 5 – What Is a Christian Response to Islam?

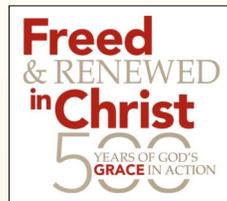
Christianity and Islam have considerable common ground, but also have profound differences in doctrine and theology. Dr. Michael Chrzastowski, who led us in the 6-week series "Understanding Islam" last fall, returns to examine the challenges, conflicts and opportunities for Christians to respond to Islam. In addition, we will discuss distinguishing between Islam and so-called "Islamic Terrorism."

February 12 – Refugee Resettlement Ministry Opportunities

Come hear from John Forseth, Program Director of the Refugee Resettlement and Placement program of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. John will share about his work, and we will explore possible ways for PRLC to participate in this vital ministry. We hope you can make it!

February 19 and 26 – The Living Word

In the *Small Catechism* Martin Luther writes: “Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead it is water used according to God’s command and connected with God’s word ...” Luther’s Theology of the Word – the *living* word – is central to his preaching and teaching. In these sessions we will discuss how a theology of the Word influences everything we do and say. On **February 19th** Pastor Hansen will focus on the word that is preached. On **February 26th**, Pastor Nancy Winder will talk about the Living Word in music, art, service, community, and in the lives and actions of God’s people.

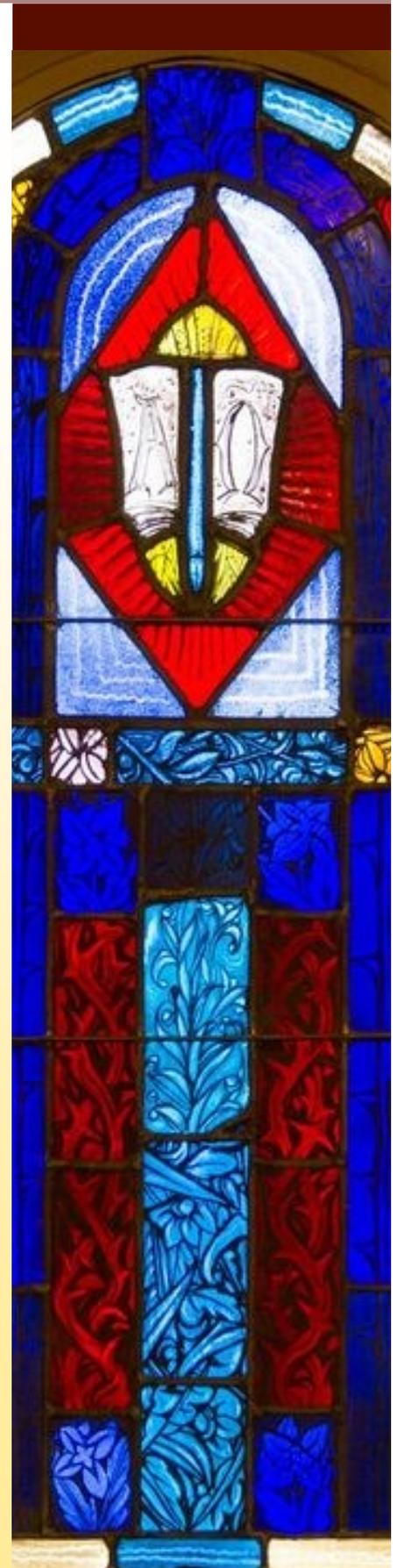
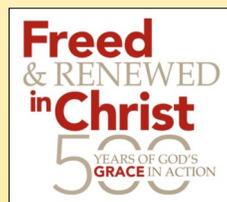


March 5 – Exploring Psalms

In this forum, our Vicar Katherine GrayBuck will lead us in a study of the Psalms. We will explore two psalms in depth, and discover what history, structure, and the Hebrews have to tell us in the Psalms. Come and gain a new understanding of these rich scriptures that have often been used to curse enemies, lament tragedy, explain who God is, and offer praise.

March 12 and 19 – The Story of Seminex

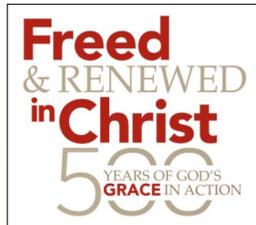
As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we affirm that the reformation cannot be just a one-time event in the past. If the church is to be faithful to the Gospel and open to the Spirit, it must be always reforming. The story of Seminex highlights a significant reformation in 20th century American Lutheranism – a reformation that not only brought about a “Seminary in Exile” but led to three Lutheran church bodies – the ALC, the LCA, and the AELC – forming one new church, the ELCA. Explore with Pastor Don Maier and Pastor Al Bruck the events that surrounded the formation of Seminex, discover the relevance of this 20th century reformation for the on-going life of the church today, and discern where the Spirit might be calling us at PRLC as we seek to be faithful to the Gospel.





March 26 and April 2 - Worship among Lutherans in America

In this two-part forum, Pastor Hansen will lead us in a discussion of liturgical reform and renewal among Lutherans in America. In Part I we will explore worship life with the *Service Book and Hymnal* (the old red book); the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (the green book) and *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (our current cranberry book). What were the shifts and changes that led to these resources? What has changed? What might yet change? In Part II we will explore how a common liturgy enhances our relationship with other Christians.



April 9 – A Crucified Christ in Holy Week

On this Passion Sunday, join Pastor Hansen for an exploration of the Passion story in the Four Gospels. How did early Christians view Jesus' death? How did Jesus himself view his death? Do the Gospel accounts present the same story? Why do we celebrate the Passion?

April 16 – Easter (No forum)

April 23, 30, May 7 and 14 – The Liturgy That Does Justice

In the baptismal covenant we promise to “strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” How is it that the Christian liturgy is itself the proclamation and enactment of God's just reign? We will explore the origins of the liturgy and how God uses the signs, symbols, acts and gestures of worship in forming us to be the just Kingdom of God. Pastor Hansen will lead these discussions, except on May 7, when our leader will be Dr. Samuel Torvend from Pacific Lutheran University.

May 21, 28 and June 4 – What is the Qu'ran?

Dr. Michael Chrzastowski returns for this three-Sunday series exploring the structure, content, and major themes of the Qur'an. We will read the Qur'an narrative of how Satan was cast out of heaven, the Qur'an accounts of Adam and Eve in the garden, and how the Qur'an depicts Noah, Moses, Joseph, Solomon, and other prophets familiar from the Bible. We will particularly focus on how the Qur'an focuses upon the coming Judgment Day, resurrection of the dead, and the issues of heaven and hell.