



### **Here is the latest on Sunday Forum this fall....**

If you have never attended the Sunday Forum, this is the year to start!

In addition to a wide variety of fascinating topics and speakers, this year's line-up includes at least two wonderful and provocative multi-session series led by Pastor Gary Bunge that you will not want to miss. Both series are DVD-based but will also include ample time for questions and discussion.

The first is entitled Making Sense of the Cross (presented by David Lose through AugsburgFortress.com). The cross is clearly at the center of our faith and yet Christians and other people of faith have had questions about it ever since the crucifixion and resurrection. E.g., what does God look like through the lens of the cross? What, exactly, did God do through the person of Jesus and how does this shape our lives today? What have Christians, including the gospel writers, said about the cross through the centuries? How does Luther's Theology of the Cross relate to our sense of God as all powerful and all-knowing? [Paraphrased from the series website] Our second series, The Jesus Fatwah, will begin in January or February and Imam Sohail Chaudhry will play a role in this as well. Much of what passes as information about Islam is weedlike disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In The Jesus Fatwah, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. [Copied from the series website] Sunday Forum is open to all and requires no advance preparation or homework! Some, in fact, are so timely, important, and interesting that, over the past few years, Bill and I have invited our friends to attend them. (Such "community interest" forums will always be noted as such on the schedule. The Jesus Fatwah is surely one of those!)

The Forum schedule is posted 24/7 on the brightly colored easel in the narthex. Each Sunday's topic will also appear on our website, in the preceding Sunday's bulletin, and in the weekly email announcements.

Whether you normally attend first or second service, be sure to mark your calendar to include a truly wonderful 50 minutes spent immediately after or before your time of worship. Sunday Adult Forum: 9:40 – 10:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room off the Narthex

Here's the line-up through November:

Sept. 23: Earthkeeping Team and Guest Speaker, Amber Clark - Presentation on Free Home Energy Audits available for Houses of Worship members.

Sept. 30: Pastor Gary - Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 1—A Man Hanging on a Tree.

Oct. 7: Pastor Gary - Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 2—Portraits and Perspectives

Oct. 14: Campus Ministry - Oct. 21: Pastor Gary - Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 3—Ransom and Victory

Oct. 28: ULC Council - Preview of Annual Meeting Agenda

Nov. 4: Pastor Gary - Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 4—Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice

Nov. 11: Pastor Gary - Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 5—Example and Encouragement

Nov. 18: Pastor Gary - Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 6—Event and Experience

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving weekend, No Forum