

welcome
to the
Sunday
Forum!

Zoom Forum

- Grab a cup of coffee and enter the Zoom link immediately after the service is over to enjoy a few minutes of informal conversation prior to the presentation.
- Forum will start at 11:10 and end at noon. As in the past, we will try to allow time for discussion and questions at every forum, but as soon as the forum program starts, we respectfully ask everyone to mute your device and remain muted unless you're asking a question or making a comment. (Thanks!)
- Each week's Zoom Link will appear in ULC's Friday "Announcements" email. If you do not receive this weekly email, please contact the office for alternate arrangements.
- As speakers/topics are finalized, the schedule below will be updated.



JANUARY



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No Forum TODAY

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ULC Racial Justice Team

Responding to White
Privilege
The ELCA, ULC and You

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ULC Racial Justice Team

Guest Speaker
Judith Roberts, ELCA
Program Director for Racial Justice
Ministries

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Pamela Miklavcic
The Davies Project

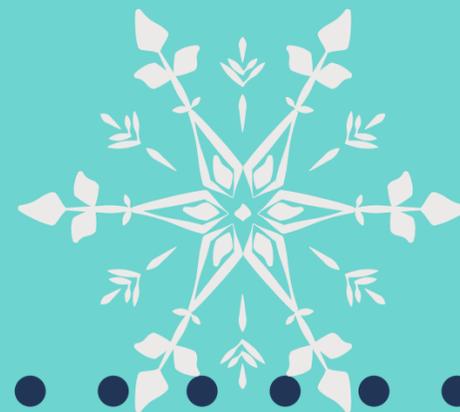
Community-based, non-medical
support to local families facing
serious, long-term health
challenges with a child.

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ULC Worship Production

Learn what it takes to
produce our weekly
Facebook Live worship
Services.

***Judith Roberts**, ELCA Program Director for Racial Justice Ministries, will talk about the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent. At the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2019, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop and the ELCA Church Council formally delivered the introduction to, and a copy of, Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent. This document was accepted by Rev. Lamont Wells, President of the African Descent Lutheran Association. A video of the event is featured on the Racial Justice Team page on our website.



FEBRUARY

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Part 1

Empire and Jesus

A look at the matrix for Jesus, Paul and for the earliest Christianity as the creative interaction and tense confrontation between the imperial kingdom of Rome and the anti-imperial Kingdom of God.

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Part 2

An Intro to Paul and his vocation

After a look at some general information about Paul, we'll consider his vocation by focusing on his conversion experience.

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Part 3

Cities

This session will look at the urban environment of Paul's mission and its implications for that mission.

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Part 4

Letters

This session will look at Paul's letters in general and we'll discuss which letters are authentically Pauline, which are not, and why.

A 12-episode DVD study [of which Pastor Gary Bunge will show 8] explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today. Filmed in High-Definition across Turkey, Greece, and Italy."



MARCH

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Part 5

Ethics

We will look at Paul's ethics from the viewpoint of Galatians 3:27-29 and baptismal equality, and continue the discussion of Paul's ethics focusing on: The Radical Paul; The Conservative Paul; and the Reactionary Paul.

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Part 6

Theology

In this session we will look at Paul's theology by focusing on his understanding of resurrection and his understanding of grace.

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Part 7

Eschatology

"Paul's ethics is simply Paul's theology at work and Paul's theology is simply Paul's eschatology in practice." This session is where we start putting things together as to what Paul means on a practical level for our lives and mission.

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Part 8

Eclipse

This final session will look at two focal points for Paul and the Christian life: a relationship with God/Jesus that's lived out in Christian community; participation in God's passion for justice.

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APRIL



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Easter Sunday

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Auguste Shikongo will talk about her remarkable work in Namibia where her project works to “bring lasting change in the lives of children and youth by breaking the community poverty cycle through education, employment, empowerment, and psychosocial support.”

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Kid's Hope USA

Barb Kissling discusses this mentoring ministry with volunteers from churches working weekly with at-risk students. What makes this ministry so special that it has grown in 25 years from southwest Michigan to across the nation?

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ULC Earthkeeping Team

A special presentation in celebration of the Joint Solar Project between ULC and the Islamic Center.



Learn more about Auguste Shikongo and the Auguste Community Aid Project

Bio: <https://1drv.ms/w/s!AkvBAG0hbsgZjn0xJxeWjSlu8pkN>

Website: <https://www.augustecommunityaidproject.org/>

MAY



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ULC Racial Justice Team

Part 1 of 2

A Discussion of Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson. How does it inform the efforts of ULC as we undertake our two 2021 focus issues: Education and the Judicial System?

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Council recently approved moving forward with a visioning plan to guide ULC in discerning what God is calling us to be as we come to the end of our mortgage obligation. Join us for an interactive group discussion as we begin to gain input from the congregation.

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