

Christian Education News

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Lenten All Church Book Study

Beginning March 4, Betty Schripsema will be leading a Lenten Book study on Marjorie Suchocki's "In God's Presence" in the Ladies Lounge between services. The theme of prayer will be worked into a number of areas over Lent. The book can be purchased through most book stores or on-line. It is also available as an eBook. If you want us to order you one see Ellen asap and prepay. Price varies depending on what you order. Come for one or all of the sessions or just read it on your own.

What is this "thing" called prayer? At sometime or another in our lives we have asked that question. Is it possible that the God of creation actually listens to and answers our prayers or are we having a monologue with ourselves? For those of us who have struggled with these and other questions concerning prayer, "In God's Presence" offers invaluable insights about this wonderful gift of communication. Majorie Suchocki shares with us her reflections about prayer from both a theological and personal perspective. This is not a "how to" book on prayer with pat formulas to communicate with God. The strength of this work is its insistence on urging us to reflect upon just what we are doing as we pray and the impact it has on us, God and the world.

Old Testament Stories from the Backside Come join us!

- TODAY - Mark Valentine (Ch 4) Moses' Midlife Crisis
- Feb. 26- Bob Nuzzo (Ch 2) The Importance of Naming Joseph

After Lent we will be finishing this book. If you are willing to take one of the Bible studies and lead the discussion please let us know (there are questions for each chapter in the book!).

Teen Parent Book study- The group will start meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 7pm in the Ladies Lounge. Anyone is welcome to join us. Bring a friend even if they are not part of the church. Tweens and teens are the joys and the trials of our lives. We will be reading and discussing "I'd talk to my parents if only they'd shut up". The number of sessions will be determined by the group. Books can be purchased through most on-line bookstores. Come prepared to discuss the first few chapters of the book. See Ellen if you have any questions.

Souper Bowl Sunday- We raised almost \$600.00 for the Shalom Center and the Salvation Army. Thanks to all the people who brought in soups. We had a great selection. Jennifer Matera's was voted the most popular. There are just a few bowls left to be bought. See Ellen if you want to buy one. Thanks to Jennifer and Len Wojciechowicz for their help (or attempt to help me).

Youth Group will meet today, 5:00-6:30pm in the Youth room for VSD- video, snacks and discussion.

Summer Camp- We have received information for the United Methodist Camps at Lake Lucerne and Pine Lake. If you are interested in this for your children, see Ellen for more information.