What the Bible says about gangland violence and police violence?

**Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 7:00pm via Zoom**

At a moment in time when the killing of black citizens through police demonstrates the destructive force of violence, we will look for answers in the Bible. Led by Rev. Dr. Klaus Peter Adam from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago we will consider questions such as: How would two enemies go against each other and how do the Psalms refer to violence? What was the reason for violent conflicts? Did law enforcement exist in biblical times and what was its role? What could be the meaning of “love your neighbor” in the Bible and today? Finally, we will think about how congregations can best pray and act about the violence and the bloodshed in our cities. [Click here to register](#)

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**Hear Another Parable: Reading Jesus’ Parables in a Time of Pandemic**

**Sundays, September 13, 20, 27 & October 4 at 11:00am via Zoom**

Although Jesus’ parables are grounded in the context of Jesus’ ministry and in First Century Palestinian life, we read them, as the gospel writers did, in the context of the events, perceptions and experiences of our life. In this four week study, associate member and retired UCC pastor Paul Meltzer will help us examine how Mark, Matthew and Luke “read” the parables in different ways, as we look at the ways the parables speak to us in our “time of pandemic.” As a supplement to our discussions you can read Short Stories by Jesus; The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine ($10 from Amazon). [Click here to register](#)
Dialogues On: Race
Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 20, 27, November 3 & 10
at 7:00pm via Zoom
Discussions about racism can be a difficult topic requiring safe and respectful moments to have thoughtful conversations as people of faith. This series will utilize a discussion book published by Sparkhouse. Each week we will discuss a weekly topic, watch a video featuring a leading voice, and share our thoughts and ideas with each other. Each session will end with a check-in and prayer. Our goals and hopes are that you build lasting relationships as you share your thoughts with one another, and engage in respectful conversation about local and worldwide issues. We hope that you feel like this is a place where you can have difficult conversations, hearing others’ thoughts, and ultimately turning conflict into community. Participants should order their books online: Dialogues On: Race Learner Book is available on Amazon. Our Saviour’s is offering more learning opportunities by sharing classes from other churches. Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Libertyville is facilitating this class. Click here to register

Language, Faith, and Fighting
Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 – 9:00pm
As Lutherans, how do we disagree with each other? Are there better ways to argue the issues we care about from a faith perspective? How do we do that? Facilitated by members Mary Beth Canty, Char Heeg and Jodie Draut, people known to argue, who care passionately about language and how we use it, and also care passionately about issues. Click here to register

Ballots, Babes and Beer
Thursday, October 8, 7:00pm
It is the 100th anniversary of women voting in the United States, but did you know that Illinois women could vote seven years before it became legal nationally? Learn the fascinating story of Illinois women’s fight to win the right to vote: how it was spurred on by social issues of the day, ways women took advantage of the media, and why saloon keepers were one of the biggest blocs to oppose votes for women. This talk is given by Debbie Fandrei, Museum Curator for the Raupp Museum in Buffalo Grove. Click here to register
Viator House: Immigrant Youth Seeking Asylum in the U.S.
Sunday, October 11 at 11:00am via Zoom
What happens to young men seeking asylum who have to leave Children’s detention when 18 years old? Hear Brother Michael Gosch, a Viatorian brother, co-founder of Viator House along with Father Corey Brost, explain their ministry. Learn how they provide compassionate accompaniment of these young immigrants seeking legal relief while learning to live in our culture and continue their education. Viator House is currently home to 25 participants from 13 countries where they receive housing, food, clothing and comprehensive case management services. With the help of many volunteers, the program has been very successful. Find out what volunteer possibilities are available. [Click here to register]

The Search for God
Thursdays, September 17 and 24, from 1:00 to 2:00pm via Zoom
From the ancient Greeks and Mayans, to the leading religions of today, millions of people, throughout time, have been on a quest to find their Creator. Matt Haider, Director of Music, will help us look into world religions including Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Hinduism. Are the basic principles behind all these religions that different? What do we have in common? What are our differences? Zoom in and find out! [Click here to register]

Discipleship includes voting? Tell me more!
Mondays, October 12 and 19, from 7:00 to 8:30pm
With an election coming up, what’s motivating you to vote? Or, what’s motivating you to sit this one out? The answer to both questions could be dissatisfaction with government. Members Madelynn Skarla and Les Weber will lead this timely discussion that uses the ELCA’s brand new social message “Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy” to address the questions: Why should we care about government? How do we evaluate the performance of government? What bearing does being a disciple of Christ have on being a citizen? [Click here to register]
Just Because I’m White Doesn’t Mean I’m Privileged
Wednesdays, October 14, 21 and 28, from 7:00 to 8:00pm
If you are sick and tired of hearing about this abstract concept called “white privilege” and being labeled “racist” by the media and “radical” protest groups, why not join member, Rosemary Walter for three one-hour Zoom sessions. Is white privilege real? How do we know? What is a racist? What’s this all about being an anti-Racist? How does it affect me or my church? How does this concept affect society at large in the U.S.? These and more questions will be discussed at length. All are welcome to come and learn and add their thoughts and feelings to these classes. Light reading will be required before each class. Class time will include discussion and group exercises. Let’s learn about these new terms together. [Click here to register]

Reformation Rewind
Thursday, October 29 at 7:00pm
Reformation Sunday comes early this year, because it is observed on the last Sunday of October (this year that’s October 25). However, the actual day of Reformation is October 31 – the day Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Join Pastor Pete for a Reformation Rewind Class as we look back at Reformation Sunday and look forward to actual Reformation Day! We’ll study scripture, listen to songs, watch some video clips, and discuss what it means to be a church that is always reforming. Come for some facts! Come for some fun! [Click here to register]