

## SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Lenten Series:

Practicing Our Faith In Everyday Life

*10:30 am, Center for Spiritual Formation  
Today March 18, John Berge, "Gifts and Talents"*

Think, hear and discuss ways to practice your faith at home, at work, and in all of everyday life while drawing from The High Calling website, [www.thehighcalling.org](http://www.thehighcalling.org), for support throughout the week. Next week, March 25, Greg Mieland, "Perspective"; April 1, Gary Klingsporn, "Community."

### BETHANY

*Today 10:30 am, Hearth Room*

Bethany welcomes David Yeats teaching from Mark 11, "The Triumphal Table-turning Jesus!"

### ISAIAH IN DEPTH

*Sundays, 10:45 am, Fireside Room*

Trace James is teaching through Isaiah, a pivotal book of the Old Testament from now through May. Join us each Sunday, or register for an on-line version of the class by sending an email to [adulted@colonialchurch.org](mailto:adulted@colonialchurch.org).

### SUNDAY MORNING FOR SINGLES

Interested singles are invited to attend Trace James' presentation on Isaiah, followed by lunch nearby for fellowship and discussion of the morning messages from John Westfall and Trace James.

## ADULTS

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

*Mondays 10-11:30 am, Gathering Rooms II/III*  
Continuing a new study, "Christian Views of Death and the Afterlife" centered in a study of the Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. Come anytime. Gary Klingsporn leads.

## E-ROUNDTABLE

*March 25-May 3, Reading and discussion  
May 3, 7:30 pm or May 4, noon, Author  
Lecture, Hopkins Center for the Arts*

Beginning March 25 the E-Roundtable will read and discuss the New York Times bestseller, *Beyond Belief*, by Elaine Pagels, internationally recognized Biblical scholar. The 6-week online discussion will center on ancient beliefs and early Christianity and will conclude with group attendance at one of the two lectures given by Dr. Pagels. *Beyond Belief* is available in the Colonial bookstore for \$13. To sign up for the online discussion, visit Colonial's website at [www.colonialchurch.org](http://www.colonialchurch.org). For tickets or further information email Carolyn Meyer, [carolynmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:carolynmeyer@gmail.com).

## A DEEPER LENTEN

## JOURNEY

*Thursdays, 6:45-7 pm, Hospitality; 7-8 pm,  
Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina,  
Center for Spiritual Formation*

Using the themes of Lent, this time of centering prayer will help carry us to a more personal, deeper meaning of this time in the church year. If you have not attended one of these evenings, give yourself this gift of coming for the first time. No need to prepare yourself in any way. Just come.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

*Preschool children can be dropped off and  
picked up in the Nursery/preschool Hallway.  
Elementary kids can be dropped off in the Gym  
and picked up in their shepherd home rooms as  
noted on the divider outside the Youth Office.*

### Nursery

*Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am*

*services. Babies/toddlers (Birth-2 year olds)*

### Stepping Stones

*Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am*

*services. Preschool kids (2-5 year olds)*

### FaithTrek Sundays

*Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am*

*services. Elementary kids (K-5)*

### CELEBRATION CHOIR

*Today 10-10:45 am, Gathering Room I*

Celebration Choir (Grades 1-5). New members always welcome! Kris Henderson, 952.944.9326.

### BOWL-A-RAMA

*Friday, March 23, 6-8:30 pm*

For 4-5 Graders and their friends. Cost: \$12 includes bowling and shoes. RSVP by Wednesday, March 21. Drop off and pick up at Colonial Church. Parent chaperones are needed! Call Kristin Johnson at 952.224.9542.

### EMPTY PLASTIC EGGS AND EGG CARTONS NEEDED

Children's Ministry needs 100 dozen new empty plastic Easter eggs and 100 empty egg cartons. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk.

### EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

*Saturday April 7, 9:30-11:30 AM*

Families relive the Easter story from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection by following clues to kid-friendly stations. Join the scavenger hunt anytime between 9:30 and 10:30 AM for 40 to 60 minute experience. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

*Friday March 23, 6-8:30 pm, Gym and Youth Lounge*

Play floor hockey, basketball and just run around! A great chance to burn off steam and meet others families with young children.

## FAMILIES

### The Parents' Guide Through

### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, April 1** *Stepping Stones and FaithTrek will meet as usual. Kids will be led by their shepherds to process with palms through the Meetinghouse.*

**Maundy Thursday, April 5** *Childcare for birth through 5 years available.*

**Good Friday, April 6** *Childcare for birth through 5 years available.*

**Easter Scavenger Hunt, Saturday, April 7** *Families are encouraged to experience what Jesus did for us. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Easter Sunday, April 8** *A special edition of FaithTrek and Stepping Stones will meet during The Spire worship service only; childcare for birth – 5 years is available during both services.*

### COLONIAL'S SPRING RETREAT START YOUR ENGINES!

*Friday-Sunday May 4-6, Young Life's Castaway Club, Detroit Lakes*

Everyone is driven by something! What's driving you? Start your engines now and sign up for the Spring Retreat! Food, water and shelter are included in the price of admission. Everyone is welcome for a weekend full of laughter, worship, fellowship, and fun. Sign up at the table in the North Common or contact Sherry Parr, 952.925.2711.

## HEY 20-SOMETHINGS!

### FIRST FRUITS

*Monthly, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 am,*

*Leisure Lane Caribou*

Get in the Word before work and give your day a spiritual jump start (as well as a caffeinated one!). For information contact Katie Mooty at [kmooty@westmond.edu](mailto:kmooty@westmond.edu).

## MUSIC & ARTS

### NORTHERN LIGHTS STRINGS

*Today March 18, 2-3:30 pm, Meetinghouse*

A special Young Artists concert featuring an amazing group of violinists. Free and open to the public, come let your spirits soar with this string ensemble.

## WOMEN

### MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY

*Mondays 9:30-11 am, Gathering Room IV*

This warm, welcoming study group continues with a study of the book, *Blue Like Jazz*.

Women of all ages welcome.

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

*Tuesday March 20, 7 pm, Library*

The book selection for March is *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. April's selection will be *My Antonia* by Willa Cather.

### WOMEN ON A JOURNEY SERIES

*Wednesdays through March 28, 6:45 pm,*

*Gathering Room I*

Come listen to the stories of Colonial women and bring a friend to this new 3 week series! You'll find a safe place to listen, share, encourage and be encouraged. You'll leave feeling refreshed with new insights applicable to your daily life. Childcare is provided. Kate Jones, March 21; Sue Stanek, March 28. Contact Renee Sisterson, 612.385.2974.

### WOMEN'S RENEWAL GROUP

*Thursday March 22, 7:30 am, Pat McNamara,*

*5601 Dewey Hill Road #206, Edina.*

### MARTHA VIRGINIA CIRCLE

*Wednesday March 21, 9:30 am, Hearth Room*

## YOUTH

### STAY CURRENT WITH YOUTH INFO!

Want to be in-the-know about all the latest events and activities? The Youth Ministry team wants to communicate clearly and consistently, so we're starting a monthly E-newsletter with all the top news for the month. Email Katie Mooty, [kmooty@westmont.edu](mailto:kmooty@westmont.edu), and we'll put you on the list.

### CONFO/SR HIGH RETREAT

*Friday through Sunday, March 23-25*

We're going on retreat to Lake Beauty, MN!

Meet at the church on Friday at 6:30 pm and return at 2 pm on Sunday. Cost is \$100 (scholarships available). To sign up, return a permission form (available outside the Youth Offices) and check to Brian Jones by March 19. All students grades 9-12 are invited to attend (and bring a friend!).

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

*July 7-14, 2007, Sign up deadline: March 20*

Senior High and College students are invited to build a home in Tijuana, Mexico. Sign up packets outside the Youth Offices!

### BUY COFFEE – SUPPORT THE YOUTH

It is that time of year again! Buy Free Trade Coffee to support youth mission trips to Montana and Mexico! Regular and Decaf Coffee are available in 12 ounce bags and costs \$11 a bag. Order from a student, at the table in the Common, or in the youth offices! More than \$5 from each bag goes directly to support student missions.

### SUNDAY MORNING (SMG)

*Today 9-10 am, Pond Room, grades 6-12*

### SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

*Today 6:30-8 pm, Pond Room*

We continue a study of Phillipians that will lead us into our March 23-25 retreat, play Thunder and hang out with friends!All students grades 9-12 are invited. Come and bring a friend!

### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

*Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Pond Room*

### CONFIRMATION (CONFO)

*Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Gathering Room IV*

## OUTREACH

### VEAP FOOD DRIVE

*Now Through March 25*

Look for the dumpster in the Common for donations to VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted To Assist People). Please consider donating items always in short supply: baby food, formula and diapers. Non-perishable food items are welcomed, too. Let's see if we can fill the dumpster to overflowing by the 25th!

### PERU MISSION TRIP 2007

*July 14-24, 2007*

Join Jeff Lindsay as Colonial returns to Quiquijana, Peru for our ninth visit to the small village of Usi. Enjoy fellowship and the spirit of the Lord as we come along side the Quiquijana World Vision staff and help with the life-transforming work in this remote corner of the world. Expect lots of painting, playing and sightseeing as well as a trip to Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas. Call or email Sherry Parr at 952.224.9518, [sparr@colonialchurch.org](mailto:sparr@colonialchurch.org), for information.

## OTHER

### WANTED: A GRACIOUS, FRIENDLY, WARM AND WELCOMING PERSON!

Please! Please! Colonial needs you(!) to help cover the reception desk on Monday or Friday afternoons. If you can offer a few hours, please contact Jennifer Jensen, 952.224.9517.

### BRING ON THE JUNK!

*Colonial's Annual Spring Sale coming in May!*

Clean out those closets! Make space in your garages! We want the junk you no longer need. We're looking for gently used baby and children's items, furniture, glassware, dishes, linens, jewelry, toys, small electronics, exceptional sporting goods, yard items, miscellaneous household items and designer clothes and accessories. We can't accept computers, monitors, printers, scanners, console TVs,

console stereos, large appliances, metal office desks, humidifiers, tires, ski and bike racks, mattresses and box springs, waterbeds, skis and boots, hide-a-beds, microwaves older than four years, and certain exercise equipment. Sponsored by the Women's Ministry Committee, all proceeds are used to provide funding for innovative opportunities to deepen and enrich the spiritual lives of women on the faith journey. Items for the sale can be dropped off in the hall behind the kitchen, but for large items please call ahead to schedule the drop off. Questions? Contact Jennifer Jensen, 952.925.2711.

### COLONIAL'S USED BOOK SALE

*Coming in May!*

Okay, book lovers! Clean off those shelves and unload them here! Bring books you wish to donate to the reception area for the annual spring book sale sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. Please! No encyclopedias or Reader's Digest Condensed Books.

### CALLING ALL "PRAY-ERS"

Have you been called to prayer? We would love to have you participate in our prayer chain, an important ministry in our community of faith. All it requires is one phone call a week and your willingness to pray. If you are willing to join our prayer chain, please call Mary Werness, 952.224.9522, or email [mwerness@colonialchurch.org](mailto:mwerness@colonialchurch.org).

## SUPPORT

### CODA CO-DEPENDENCY

### ANONYMOUS GROUP FOR WOMEN

*Wednesdays 12 noon-1:30 pm, Fireside Room  
12-Step Group.*

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christ caring for people through people happens at Colonial because of men and women who are Stephen Ministry volunteers and trained to be care givers. Contact Dick Young, at 952-893-1188, if you desire a Stephen Minister during a time of difficulty. Further information is available at the Kiosk in the Common or at [www.colonialchurch.org](http://www.colonialchurch.org).

### JOB TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP

*Mondays 7-9 pm, Great Hall*

This group is for those going through job loss. No pre-registration.

### WEDNESDAY AA GROUP

*Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 pm, Fireside Room*

*12-Step Group.*

### THE EDINA COALITION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

*Thursdays 4:30-6:00 pm, April 12-June 28,  
Normandale Lutheran Church*

*6100 Normandale Road, Edina*

Group is open to all who are grieving the death of a loved one. No pre-registration necessary. For more information, call Terry Naugle, 952.937.5933.

### FRIDAY AA GROUP

*Fridays 7:30-8:45 pm, Gathering Room II*

Open speaker meeting.

### ALANON ACA GROUP

*Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am, Library*

*12-Step Group.*

### REGULATING ANGER AND RESENTMENT SIX-WEEK WORKSHOP

*Mondays April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 12, 19,  
6:30-8 pm, Gathering Room IV*

Learn a new way of changing old patterns of responding to stress and hurts through this training. Led by Mark Patrick, M. Div., and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, this workshop helps individuals and couples understand the cause and dynamics of anger; identify the core hurts that lie beneath anger; regulate anger and other intense emotions; apply compassion for yourself and others. If you're ready to be empowered for problem solving rather than trapped by resentment, sign up now. Pre-registration required by contacting Sherry Parr in the church office at 952-925-2711 to find out more.