

## SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Lenten Series:

Practicing Our Faith In Everyday Life

*10:30 am, Center for Spiritual Formation  
Today March 25, Greg Mieland, "Perspective"*

Think, hear and discuss ways to practice your faith at home, at work, and in everyday life. Next week, April 1, Gary Klingsporn, "Community."

### BETHANY

*Today 10:30 am, Hearth Room*  
Service dogs give valuable support to people with disabilities, a service churches often neglect. This morning representatives from Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota talk about the selection and training of these special dogs and the people they serve. Bethan will not meet Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

### ISAIAH IN DEPTH

*Sundays, 10:45 am, Fireside Room*  
Trace James is teaching through Isaiah from now through May. All are welcome.

### SUNDAY MORNING FOR SINGLES

*Sundays, 10:45 am, Fireside Room*  
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 the study, "Christian Views of Death and the Afterlife" centered in a study of the Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. Come anytime. Gary Klingsporn leads.

### A YEAR IN THE BIBLE PREVIEW SESSION

*Monday April 16, 7 pm, Gathering Rooms II/III*  
A Year in the Bible will be offered for the last time this fall. Those interested are invited to attend this informative preview session.

## 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*

Online discussion of *Beyond Belief*, by Elaine Pagels begins this week. Dr. Pagels is an internationally recognized Biblical scholar with expertise in ancient Christianity. Our online discussion will conclude with attending a lecture by Dr. Pagels. *Beyond Belief* is available in the Colonial bookstore for \$13. For tickets or information email Carolyn Meyer, 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.

## 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@colonialchurch.org.

## SINGLES

### SCIENCE MUSEUM RACE EXHIBIT

*Saturday April 14, 3 pm, Science Museum*  
Are we so different?  
Please join other singles in learning more about the human race through this exhibit featuring three themes: (1) everyday experience of race; (2) the science of human variation; and (3) the history of the idea of race. Meet near the ticket area; admission, \$9.50. Stay for dinner following the exhibit at a nearby restaurant. Call Betty Hartnett for more info, 952.472.3435.

### ART IN BLOOM

*Saturday April 28, 10 am, Minneapolis Institute of Art*  
Come see the art of more than 100 floral artists at the 24th annual exhibit. Meet inside the Institute's lobby near the ticket area. Enjoy lunch with others at a convenient restaurant following the exhibit. Free admission. Call Betty Hartnett, 952.472.3435.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.*

## 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 RENEWAL GROUP

*Thursday March 29, 7:30 am, Jean Allard,  
8425 Rosewood, Chanhassen.*

### WOMEN ON A JOURNEY SERIES

*Wednesdays through March 28, 6:45 pm,  
Gathering Room I*  
Bring a friend and come enjoy the stories of Colonial women in thisseries! 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. Sue Stanek, March 28. Contact Renee Sisterson, 612.385.2974.

## YOUTH

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP MEETING

*Tuesday April 10, 6:30-7:30 pm, Pond Room*  
We'll talk details about the Mexico Mission Trip, including fundraising, passports, and super important info. Be there!

### 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! Available in 12 ounce bags for \$11 a bag. Order from a student, on Sunday in the Common, or in the youth offices!

### SUNDAY MORNING (SMG)

*No SMG this week due to the Confo Retreat*

### SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

*Tonight 6:30-8 pm, Pond Room*  
We continue a study of Philippians (chapter 4). Come and bring a friend! All are welcome. We will not meet April 1 and April 8 due to Edina Spring Break.

### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

*No Youth Group April 4*

### CONFIRMATION (CONFO)

*No Confo March 28-April 4*

## OUTREACH

### NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY TOUR

*Saturday April 28, 10 am- noon, meet at the  
Bean Scene at Penn Ave N & West Broadway.*  
Join City Council member Don Samuels on a two-hour bus tour through North Minneapolis to gain a deeper understanding of the social dynamics that lead to violence, the assets and challenges facing the community, and the opportunities for community transformation. RSVP to naidagn@gmail.com or call Sherry Parr, 952.224.9518 for a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone in preparation for PEACE Across the Northside.

### PEACE ACROSS THE NORTHSIDE

*Saturday May 19, 6-8 pm*  
Colonial has a long history of practicing a "ministry of presence." From remote villages in Africa and Peru to right here in our own city, Colonial members go and serve and offer their presence to further the Kingdom of God. The Peace Foundation, one of our partner ministries, needs our support! Save the date and plan to go to PEACE Across the Northside to promote justice issues on the Northside of Minneapolis and join in a ministry of presence as we stand together for peace and justice.

### 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. 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. Contact Sherry Parr, 952.224.9518 or sparr@colonialchurch.org.

## OTHER

### NEW IN THE COLONIAL PILGRIM BOOKSHOP

Whether you are a little curious or already practicing centering prayer, you will truly appreciate a new book now available in our bookshop. *Awareness and Centering Prayer* by Cynthia Bourgeault is one of the best and most clearly written books on the subject.

### SPRING PLANT SALE!!

Now is the time to think Spring! Pre-order your spring plants from the Building and Design Committee's annual plant sale. Bright pink order forms are available in the Common between services. Plants are only available pre-ordered and pre-paid; pick up your quality plants from Halla Nursery on May 18 at the church. Orders taken through April 28.

### 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.

## 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

### 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*  
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. Contact Sherry Parr, 952-925-2711.

## COMING NEXT WEEK

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

*Holy Week*  
At Colonial Church

**From Palm Sunday through Easter morning, give yourself the gift of sacred time during this holy season.**