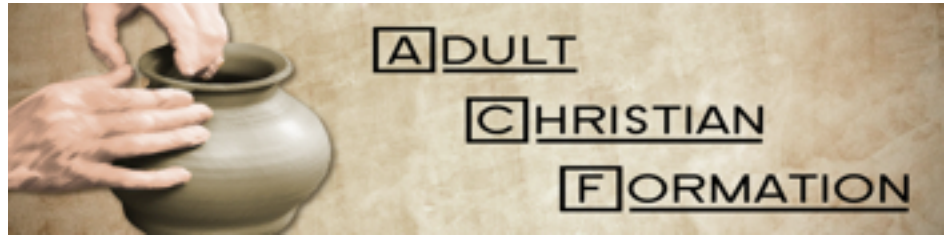


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10:00AM - Unpacking the Sermon

Spending some time exploring the sermon with others can enrich and deepen your experience of it. This winter, Pastor Thompson will be preaching about "How God Loves Us." Bring your thoughts and questions, and join our informal discussion in the Balcony Room. Come to share or just to listen!

Facilitators: Esther Bleuel and Martha Miller.

11:15AM - Living the Word

January 10 **Martin Luther and the Arts –Ernst F. Tonsing**

During the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, the Reformers were confronted by a question--should the new churches use the arts in their worship? Some Reformation leaders thought not, and some did. Martin Luther was of the latter mind, and music, painting, sculpture and stained glass windows flourished in the churches influenced by him. This illustrated talk will look at the dilemma encountered by the Reformers, and show how one Reformer answered the question.



January 17 **Singing the Sacred Texts: A Visit from a Jewish Cantor – Cantor Phil Baron**



Have you ever wondered how a worship service in a Jewish synagogue differs from ours? What is the role of a cantor in leading the congregation in worship? Cantor Baron is a cantor at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, the second largest conservative synagogue in the country. He is also a successful songwriter with more 300 children's songs recorded (about 200 by the Walt Disney Company). Cantor Baron will sing for us some of the texts that are beloved by both his faith and ours.

January 24 **Music of Faith: A Vehicle for God's Message – Ed Lojeski**

We will hear from our wonderful Director of Music on how music can deliver messages of faith, both in our normal worship services and in his concert performances. Ed will share the very intentional, purposeful process by which he helps set the tenor of our worship services. He will also share how performances of his Missa Americana and Psalms of the Passover provide him an opportunity for mission. Come ready to enjoy a little music, as well!



January 31 **Talk about Jesus without Freaking Out – Jim and Karen Covell**



Musician and composer Jim Covell and his wife, television producer Karen Covell, help audiences learn easy steps to effectively talk about Jesus. You'll gain confidence, overcome fear, and see how easily this can all be done without freaking yourself or anyone else out. As Hollywood storytellers themselves, Karen and Jim explain the power of "Their Story, Your Story, His Story" and how our stories can all be used by the Lord to impact others.

