

MIDWINTER POWER IN THE SPIRIT 2022

Rest + Renewal + Rise

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2



Our second annual Midwinter Power in the Spirit online gathering will be held on January 31st-February 2! Once again centered on Candlemas (February 2), this is our time after Christmas and before Lent to “rest, renew, and rise!” Power in the Spirit first met online because we had to. Now we gather online in the midwinter because we want to!

The Rev. Kevin Strickland, Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, joins us as our keynote speaker! Bishop Strickland brings a wealth of knowledge regarding worship practices and how our worship forms us for mission.

To participate in the event you will need to register at vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit. There is no cost to participate. The deadline to register is January 26.

OUR SCHEDULE

5:30 PM	Zoom Rooms Open
5:45-6:45	Keynote on Monday; Workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday
6:45-6:55	Q & A
7:00	Evening Prayer on Altar Live hosted by the online community Peace + Hope, with Pastor Bryan Katz



ABOUT EVENING PRAYER

Worship is hosted by the online community Peace + Hope with Pastor Bryan Katz. Bring each day to close with time for prayer, reading, messages, and music. Learn about the AltarLive online platform, a more friendly way to gather online.

DAILY EMAIL

Each morning, you will receive an e-devotional. Pray and study on your own time. Hear reflections from leaders near and far.

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When you join the event with the Zoom link, you will select the workshop you would like to attend.
Staff will be available to help get you to the workshop you would like to attend.

ALL OUR SPEAKERS

ABOUT OUR WORKSHOPS

MONDAY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



THE REV. DR. KEVIN STRICKLAND
BISHOP, SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD, ELCA

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Our first evening together, we'll all stay together as one group to hear from our keynote presenter. Bishop Kevin Strickland of the Southeastern Synod, ELCA, will get us started with a time to "Rest + Renew + Rise!"

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS



THE REV. DR. CYNTHIA LONG
ELCA CHAPLAIN, CERTIFIED GRIEF COUNSELOR

CHANGE AND LOSS: HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED US & OUR COMMUNITY

This will be a fairly interactive workshop addressing questions like: "What are we grieving?" and "What's been hard?"



THE REV. COLLEEN MONTGOMERY
DIRECTOR FOR DIGITAL MINISTRIES, VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA MISSION DEVELOPER, ALL PLACES TOGETHER

LIKE, COMMENT, SHARE: TELLING YOUR STORY ON FACEBOOK

Before one answers the question, "How can I share my faith on Facebook?" one should first be able to answer, "Why do I want to share my faith at all?" In this workshop, we'll collaborate on an answer to why we share our faith and learn practical strategies on how to do that on Facebook. This workshop will focus on how individuals share their faith stories online from their personal profiles, rather than how organizations do this on their platforms.



THE REV. JENIFFER TILLMAN
APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH, GLOUCESTER, VA

HOW THE BIBLE HAS INFLUENCED OUR MEDIA

In this workshop, we'll look at Biblical parallels in popular movies and television series.

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS



THE REV. KATIE POCALYKO
LIVING FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCKVILLE, MD

MARY AND CANDLEMAS

Candlemas, also known as The Presentation of Our Lord, is festival of the Church year in which Mary is especially celebrated. In this workshop, we will hear more about how our churches can celebrate the mother of our Lord.



THE REV. JOHN WERTZ JR.
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP DIRECTOR FOR EVANGELICAL MISSION VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA

JUST ENOUGH STRUCTURE TO BE HELPFUL

Let's have a conversation about how to align congregational needs, constitutional requirements, and the reality of ministry today.



THE REV. DR. PAUL R. HINLICKY
TISE PROFESSOR OF LUTHERAN STUDIES, ROANOKE COLLEGE DOCENT, EVANJELICKA BOHOSLOVECKA FAKULTA, UNIVERZITA KOMENSKÉHO, BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

YOU ARE NOT A GADGET: THE URGENCY OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF HUMAN PERSONHOOD IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Virtual reality pioneer and Internet-development insider Jaron Lanier has written a book under the title, "you are not a gadget." It is a defense of humanism against the totalizing tendency he sees to be at work in a technology which turns human persons into cogs in its vast machine. The book is also interesting because it exposes the "secular faith" of Silicon Valley as a replacement religion for defunct Christianity. Lanier's humanism hangs by a thread against such a powerful force and in this presentation we will see how the Christian doctrine of the human person made in the image of God for likeness to God is urgently needed to throw a stick into the spokes of the wheel.



THE REV. HARRY GRIFFITH
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH, VIRGINIA BEACH

TAPESTRY RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

George Floyd, CRT (Critical Race Theory) and BLM (Black Lives Matter) are topics that grab attention. The Synod's Tapestry group invites you to a workshop on inclusion, promoting a discussion on racial justice understanding, knowing that such discussions are uncomfortable but necessary for the well-being of our church and society. Through this workshop, we hope to empower further discussion on race and steps that will assist our call to promote understanding of inclusion within our congregations and our response to our various communities.

MAURICE GALLIMORE

DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, ENCIRCLE

