

MIDWINTER POWER IN THE SPIRIT 2023

Blessed Are

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1

OUR SCHEDULE

5:30 PM	Zoom Rooms Open
5:45-6:50	Workshops
6:50-6:55	Announcements
7:00	Evening Prayer

MIDWINTER



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

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS



DEANNA RENNON
EASTERN DIVISION OPERATIONS OFFICER, WALL RESIDENCES



THE REV. LOU FLORIO
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, FREDERICKSBURG



THE REV. KELLY BAYER DERRICK
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP, VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

We are all Children of God. Therefore, we should welcome all to the table. How do we cherish and support those within our communities and congregations to feel connected and a part of what we are creating? Are you interested in widening your understanding and experience with those with differing abilities within your congregations? Are you hoping to learn how to be a support to someone that is interested in being a part of your church community? This session will focus on ways to welcome and support those of differing abilities to all aspects of worship and community. Those with differing abilities are often seen as meek, but when we welcome them, we give them a voice at God's table. When we welcome the meek, we are all blessed.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

We will look through the lens of modern policing to examine the inherent tension which comes with trying to live as a peacemaker in a fallen world. A former police officer and current law enforcement chaplain, Pastor Lou Florio, will provide some very brief context regarding modern police culture and then draw upon scripture, Lutheran theology, and sociology to help us identify where we might find hope and encouragement to become peacemakers ourselves. Pastor Florio is currently Associate Pastor at Christ (Fredericksburg) and serves as a volunteer chaplain with the City of Fredericksburg Police and Hanover County Sheriff's Office. Along with his divinity education, he has an MS in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a credentialed chaplain through the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

BLESSED ARE - BIBLE STUDY ON THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5.1-12) are perhaps some of Jesus' best-known and most-beloved words in scripture. The Beatitudes serve as a preamble and manifesto for the entirety of Jesus' ministry of transformational love and grace. Blessed Are... these words serve as comfort and hope for people who are oppressed and distressed - and their lived implications for community may surprise and challenge us. Let's explore these words of Jesus together!

