

Workshops at Power in the Spirit Online! Monday, July 6, to Friday, July 10, 2020

Join us on Zoom every night from 5:30 to 6:40 PM for an in-depth look at the person and work of the Holy Spirit! Stay for Online Vespers at 6:45 PM! There's no registration fee this year! Just visit www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit for more information, and to sign up! A Zoom Invitation will be included in an e-devotional each morning.



Monday, July 6, 5:30 PM on Zoom: "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit"

What did the ancient church mean when it affirmed the Holy Spirit as the one who proceeds from the Father and rests upon the Son, the Lord and giver of life? Why was this teaching so important to Martin Luther? Has the Holy Spirit disappeared in Lutheranism? What can this venerable doctrine mean for us today?

The Rev. Dr. Paul R. Hinlicky, Roanoke College

Tuesday, July 7, 5:30 PM on Zoom: "Discerning the Spirit for the Sake of Mission"

Communal discernment in congregational decision making is a well-established (but probably underutilized) spiritual gift. It is a process of listening to, submitting to and being led by the Holy Spirit, especially when the congregation is dealing with weighty issues and/or decisions that could be controversial. We will look at the process of discerning the Spirit as evident in scripture and as used in modern church practice.

The Rev. Terrie Sternberg, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pulaski, VA



Wednesday, July 8, 5:30 PM on Zoom: "Preaching and the Pews: The Word Works in Mysterious Ways"

Consider the sermons that have made a difference in your life. What made them memorable? Was it simply the homiletic gifts of the preacher? Or was it something happening in you that made you "good soil"? We will explore the "sermonic event" together, preachers and hearers alike, and consider how our efforts matter while also remaining awake to the life-shaping work of the Spirit.

The Rev. Dr. David N. Young, Bethel Lutheran Church, Winchester, Virginia

Thursday, July 9, 5:30 PM on Zoom: "Walking on the Two Feet of Love: The Spirit and Advocacy – John 14"

Jesus sends the Spirit to us to be with us and in us, to intervene on our behalf as our advocate, counselor, teacher, helper, and comforter and to call us through the gospel to life in Christ and for our neighbor. One way we love God and love our neighbor is as advocates – working and acting together for justice and peace in all the earth. We'll be joined by guests from the [Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy](http://www.vasynod.org/vicpp) who will share specific ways that we can practice advocacy with and for one another.

The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod



Friday, July 10, 5:30 PM on Zoom: "Growing Younger: 6 Essential Practices for the 21st Century Church."

Hey! Do you want to help your Church grow younger? Check out my course, where I invite you to consider six essential practices that will help your community reassess where it has been and what God is calling you to be.

The Rev. Jeniffer Tillman, MD, Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester

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