

WINTER “FORUMS”



Sunday, January 8, 2017
“The Arlington: We’ve Come a Long Way!”
Presenter, Sandi Wilson,
Marketing Dept. at
The Arlington

Come hear what life is like at The Arlington now that it is up and running.



Sunday, January 15, 2017
“Teen Challenge International -Southwest Florida”



Teen Challenge is a nationwide Christ centered drug rehabilitation center. The Fort Myers Men’s and Women’s Center Choir will be here at both worship services for music and testimonies, as well as sharing at the adult Forum time in the Sanctuary. They will also join us for the “Welcome Back Luncheon” in Hanson Hall after the second service. This is their fourth visit to SOTG. The Holy Spirit’s power to change lives is powerful. Teen Challenge writes, “We are excited about what God is doing throughout the ministry of Teen Challenge, and we look forward to sharing these things with your congregation.” Teen Challenge - “Where Life Transformation Happens”. A freewill offering will be collected at the end of each service.

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Sunday, January 22, 2017
“Stewardship Update: What Has Lead on, Lord Accomplished?”
Presenter, Don Bassett, Chair

Join us as we praise God for His many blessings and look forward to what is yet planned. Please do attend and bring your questions and comments.



Sunday, January 29, 2017
“Providence House: Illuminating the Path to Independence”
Presenter, Jean Takacs, Executive Director

Come hear about this faith-based, non-profit organization that helps mothers become effective leaders of their family to give children a real chance at a stable and loving home life.



Super Sunday 2.0: In this year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation; February 5, 2017
Presenter, Pastor Bob Trendel

This forum will be an extension and updating of the Super Sunday forum presented in 2011. It will focus on current use of "super" in our culture, examining the Super Bowl as even a religious holiday and festival and spectacle as some have suggested. This extends into other sports and even into upcoming Lutheran 500th anniversary events.



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Sunday, February 12, 2017
Annual congregational meeting of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church between services
2016 Annual Reports will be shared.

Sunday, February 19 2017
“Those Were the Days-the Early Years of SOTG”

Presenter, Rev. Peter Lyberg
Pastor Lyberg is the first called pastor of SOTG. He was originally called by the former American Lutheran Church to serve this mission start. He has a personal perspective of this parish and its current site, as well as insight into the inception of the new Santa Barbara Boulevard.



WINTER STUDIES

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 12th, on Thursdays, Pastor Doug leads a Bible Study at 2:00 p.m. and repeated at 7:00 p.m. Our study will be from THE BOOK OF FAITH series with a study of Matthew and the Reformation.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women’s Bible Study continues to meet the second Friday of the month, on January 13, February 10, March 10, and April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Hanson Hall. The study is based on “THE GATHER”, a magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Copies of the study are available in the Narthex the Sunday before.

LENT, 2017

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday, on March 1, 2017; with Easter on Sunday, April 16, 2017. The theme this Lent is the six chief parts of Martin Luther's Catechism in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

WORSHIP WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY A SOUP SUPPER. The schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017: The Apostles' Creed with Pastor Doug Wahlberg. Soup is provided by the Fellowship Committee

March 8, 2017: Baptism with Pastor Bob Trendel. Soup is provided by the Choir.

March 15, 2017: Lord's Prayer with Pastor John Burgbacher. Soup is provided by the Sew-Sew's and Property Group.

March 22, 2017: Confession and Absolution with Pastor Ray Branstiter. Soup is provided by Council.

March 29, 2017: Ten Commandments with Pastor Peter Lyberg. Soup is provided by Pastor's and Women's Bible Study groups.

April 5, 2017: Holy Communion with Pastor Doug Wahlberg. Soup is provided by staff and Pastors.

Come as you are from work or play for worship and fellowship.



PASSION WEEK AND EASTER, 2017

Maundy Thursday Communion service will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on April 13, 2017. Good Friday worship service, Tenebrae, will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 14, 2017.

Festive Easter worship begins at 7:00 a.m. outside at the Memorial Garden, and at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on April 16, 2017.

MUSICAL EVENTS, 2017

Friday, February 3, 2017: Gustavus Adolphus College Choir performance at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Freewill offering will be taken.

Sunday, March 19, 2017: Carthage College Choir performance at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Freewill offering will be taken.

Friday, March 31, 2017: Everglades Barbershop Chorus and Bling! performance at 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are required.

Sunday, April 9, 2017: Peter Simon, Concert Pianist, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Freewill offering will be taken.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- * Sunday, February 26, 2017 - Strawberry Festival / Mardi Gras Sunday with ice cream and strawberries after each service
- * Friday, April 21, 2017 - God Be with You Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall



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WINTER & SPRING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT SOTG

**Worship during winter and spring is at
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.**

**All are welcome to attend the 7th year
of Adult Forums. Stay after our 8:30
a.m. service or come early for the 10:30
a.m. service to attend "Forums" at 9:40
a.m. in Hanson Hall. Do plan to add 45
educational minutes to your Sunday
morning worship experience at SOTG
this winter season. Information on the
"Forums" and other education is in this
brochure.**

**Also in this brochure is information on
Lenten and Easter worship, as well as
fellowship, Bible study, and musical
enjoyment opportunities.**

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