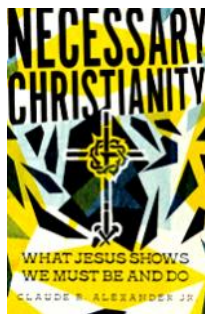


Online appointment link is
[www.aarp.org/money/taxes/
aarp_taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/) or call (262)671-8461

In a culture of instant gratification, one in which "freedom of choice" and "my rights" are repeated mantras, it's sobering to learn that for followers of Jesus, certain things are not optional, but necessary. The Book Study group, led by Dick Sjoerdsma, will resume on Sunday, Feb. 1, 10:15 a.m., in the Chapel/Lounge to examine and discuss a book by Claude Alexander, **Necessary Christianity. What Jesus Shows We Must Be and Do** (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2022). The text offers a trove of provocative topics for lively discussion. All are invited to attend. Please purchase your copy of the book in advance of the first class.



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January Council Connection is  
Sandy Bear  
[sandymbear@outlook.com](mailto:sandymbear@outlook.com) or  
496-4370.

Worship Attendance: 1/10 &  
1/11: 155



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Coffee is sharing the love of
Christ by welcoming the stranger!
Please contact the office to host.
Groups! Buddies! Ministries!

OPPORTUNITY

ELCA Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life Study Series – Free Event

Starting Tuesday, January 13th
(six-week course, can start even
after week 1) Zoom only at
10:30 am - noon or 6:30 pm to
8:00 pm

Join Bishop Paul Erickson and
Dr. Joyce Caldwell for a six-
week study of the recently
adopted ELCA Social Statement
on Faith and Civic Life. This
social statement sets forth the
ELCA's teaching about how
disciples and this church may
faithfully speak and act in civic
life. While existing ELCA social
statements and messages
address specialized elements of
social life, this statement
addresses the broad
responsibility for seeking the
good of all through civic
participation.

Learn more and register at:
<https://milwaukee-synod.org/series/faith-and-civic-life-social-statement-study-series/>

TOGETHER IN MISSION \$25 INCLUDES LUNCH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH FROM 8AM - 3PM ST. MATTHEW'S, WAUWATOSA

This year, our synod's annual
Together In Mission event is
filled with numerous learning
opportunities and time for
building relationships across our
synod! It will be fun,
collaborative and engaging!
This event is open to all! A few of
the things you will have a
chance to:

- + Collaborate on creating a
synod mural with Tia Richardson
- + Experience lunch church –
a meal-centered worship
experience [cont'd]

+ Tools to answer the question
"Are you wondering what might
be next for your church?"

+ Learn a "simple process to
craft a 1,3,5 and/or 10-year
vision for a congregation."

+ Engage with people from
across the synod on a variety
of topics!

Learn more and register at:

<https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/together-in-mission-2/>

Sign Up Today



LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

As we enter the season of Lent,
we have the opportunity to
experience a Lenten Taizé
service being held at the Siena
Retreat Center in Racine!

Taizé prayer is a form of worship
that originated in an ecumenical
community in Taizé, France.
Founded in 1940, this monastic
community, comprised of
brothers from both Protestant
and Catholic traditions, has been
welcoming people of all ages
into their community to
experience the simple, quiet,
contemplative prayer service
that we commonly refer to as
Taizé.

You are invited for a reflective,
ecumenical prayer service
including meditative music (We
have Taizé chants in our
hymnal!), scripture reading, and
silent reflection. No registration
is required; free-will offering will
be accepted. All are welcome!
Hope to see you there!

SISTERS' CHAPEL AT THE SIENA RETREAT CENTER IN RACINE

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23,
2026
6:30PM-7:15PM**