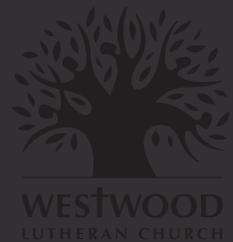


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Who Am I?

Deepening Our Conversations About Race



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After exploring "Who is My Neighbor?" in our past few Lent series, this year we will deepen our conversations around race, looking intentionally at how racism plays out in our own lives and communities...specifically diving into questions around education and housing. Join us for Sunday morning worship

with three guest preachers sharing their gifts with us; Sunday Westwood U between services for sessions about race in education and housing; and Wednesday noon and evening services and small group discussions focused on racial healing.

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

We will welcome Pastor Kelly Chatman, Pastor Babette Chatman and Pastor Paul Slack into our pulpit on 3 of the Sundays in March. Using the ancient texts for this season from the Gospel of John, the sermons will explore these rich Gospel stories where living water, new sight, evil, new birth, and dying and rising take us on a baptismal journey.



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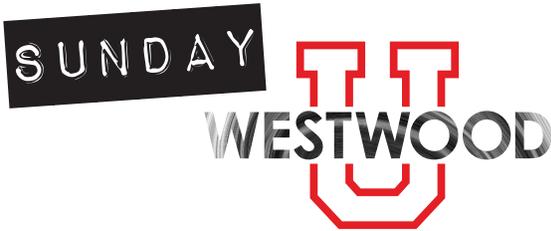
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PASTOR PAUL SLACK



PASTOR KELLY CHATMAN



With Dr. Jodock as our guide once again, we have another great line-up of guest speakers coming. See below. All sessions begin at 9:50 AM and end at 10:40 AM in Good Shepherd Hall. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Dr. Darrell Jodock, Professor Emeritus Gustavus Adolphus College: Christian theology and Race, exploring biblical concepts and contemporary racism.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Superintendent Astein Osei of the St. Louis Park public schools: How race has impacted on the ground realities in our local school system, and also issues that impact the opportunity gap.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Leaders in the education field from Westwood will participate in a panel reflecting on their own experiences of race in education, including how it influences their own leadership. Dr. Lee-Ann Stephens, Racial Equity Instructional Coach at the St. Louis Park schools will facilitate.

* Guest Worship preacher: Pastor Babette Chatman, Campus Pastor, Augsburg University

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Kevin Ehrman-Solberg, one of the researchers for the PBS series "Jim Crow of the North" will present on how racism affected the historical realities of housing in the Twin Cities area, focusing on the western suburbs.

* Guest Worship preacher: Pastor Paul Slack, Lutheran Social Services

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Pastor Paul Slack, a current consultant at Lutheran Social Services, will share reflections on this series and its effect on Westwood's journey based on 2 surveys conducted during two previous sessions. He will help us consider "Who are we?"

* Guest Worship preacher: Pastor Kelly Chatman, Executive Director for the Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Outreach.

At 11:45, we will gather for a potluck lunch to give thanks for our partnership with Redeemer Lutheran Church and our friendship with Pastors Kelly and Babette. With both of them having recently left Redeemer, this will be our chance to recognize their new callings and celebrate the relationships we've shared and will continue to share in new ways! Bring a salad or dessert to share.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Dr. Darrell Jodock will conclude our series with theological reflections on our vocation as people of faith affected by systemic racism.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26 AT 12 NOON + 6:30 PM

Ash Wednesday: Service of Confession and Imposition of Ashes

WEDNESDAYS MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, APRIL 1

- Noon services will be 30 minutes in the Sanctuary. *(No lunch this year)*
- 6 PM Messy Lent Worship for families.
- 6:30 PM services will feature a different musical ensemble each week, and will follow the Sunday Gospel stories with a brief reflection by one of your pastors, meditative music, and prayers.

On Wednesday, March 18, we are honored to have the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus sharing music from their upcoming concert titled "Erased," looking at people and groups at risk of being ignored.

RACIAL HEALING + REFLECTION GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, APRIL 1

You are invited to join a Racial Healing and Reflection Group during Lent on Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:15 PM, immediately following the Lenten worship services. This will be a small, trusted space where we can process and reflect together. Sign up is required, you can do so at www.westwood.church/lent2020, in the church office, or by e-mailing Pastor Miriam at m.samuelson-roberts@westwood.church.

There is one drop-in group that does not require a 5-week commitment (still requires a sign-up), and several 5-week long groups that will build trust together. Each group will be led by a member of the Westwood Racial Equity Team who will guide the discussion. If one week does not work for the majority of a group (i.e. spring break), the group may reschedule or cancel that week.

The Racial Healing Handbook is required for these groups; you can buy it online for \$25 or we have a limited number of copies at the church office for \$15.

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday, April 9

- 7 PM service with communion and hand/foot washing, led jointly with Redeemer Lutheran Church

Good Friday, April 10

- 12 PM service with communion
- 5:30 PM family service in Good Shepherd Hall
- 7 PM Tenebrae service led by organ, choir, and handbells

Easter Sunday, April 12

(all services with communion)

- 8:30 AM service led by organ, brass, and choir
- 9:45 AM service led by organ, brass, and choir
- 11 AM service led by worship team and brass

**all services are held in the sanctuary unless specified*

Outreach Food Packaging Event

Happening Friday & Saturday, April 17-18

Each year, hundreds of volunteers come to Westwood to package meals to support children in Dodoma, Tanzania, who have lost a parent or guardian to AIDS. Our sister congregation, Arusha Road Lutheran Church in Dodoma, Tanzania, distributes these meals to its surrounding community. Our goal is to send at least 100,000 meals annually to Arusha Road. These 100,000 meals can sustain 275 recipients for one year. The cost for the event and food to pack is \$30,000. Please consider a donation.

We will be packing food in Good Shepherd Hall Friday evening of April 17 and Saturday morning April 18 through 1PM. Register for a hour and a half time slot—or more! We need lots of volunteers to pack food and for set up and tear down. Registration available on our website under the Outreach tab, then Tanzania Relationship.





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Summer at Westwood!

Last summer was a blast! We hope you can join us this summer for more fun in the sun! Here is our summer at a glance.

Wapo Bible Camp

Seeds (1st-3rd)	June 26 – 28
Wapo Youth (4th – 8th)	June 28 – July 3
Senior High (9th-12th)	June 28 – July 3
Ox Youth (6-8th)	June 28 – July 3

Register at www.westwood.church/children-youth

Senior High Houseboat Trip

July 19 – 24

Register at www.westwood.church/children-youth

Canoe Trip (with Kim Aune)

July 29 – August 2

Registration to come!

Canoe Trip (with Jason Van Hunnik)

August 5 – 9

Registration to come!

Sailing Trip (with Tania Haber)

August 13 – 16

Registration to come!

VBS

August 17 – 21 (M-F) from 9:30-12 PM

Register at www.westwood.church/children-youth
(for campers ages 4yrs-8th Grade)

Musical Camp

August 17 – 20 (M-Th) from 12-3:30 PM

Register at www.westwood.church/children-youth
(for campers who have completed Kinder-8th grade)

Men's Retreat

August 21 – 23

Registration to come!