

# Sunday Seminar

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## October 15

### **Championing What Works: The Children's Agenda**

Led by Larry Marx, Children's Agenda Chief Executive Officer

What are the challenges facing Rochester children and families today? Learn more about the shape of our city, explore the issues, discover the good work being done by The Children's Agenda and how you might become an advocate for children. This presentation comes as we prepare to celebrate the Children's Sabbath on October 22.

## October 22 and 29

### **Paving the Path for Authenticity**

Led by the More Light Committee

Our More Light stance at Third Church is about acceptance and welcome, specifically of those who are LGBTQ+. The question is how do we go deeper? How do we foster an environment where all our members and friends and guests can participate as their authentic selves? This is the heart of our communal welcome. These questions arise out of our More Light mission, yet resonate in all the places where the congregation welcomes and supports, engages and works in a diverse community. We welcome everyone to explore these questions with us.

## November 5

### **Running to End Hunger**

Led by Kerrie Merz and the Grocery Run Team

Explore the genesis of the East Avenue Grocery Run. The seeds of this event began as the brainchild of Third Church and now draws on the talents and support of organizations city wide. Learn how the race itself has grown, how the impact for and support of hungry people has grown. Catch the enthusiasm of this dedicated team as they seek to end hunger in our community.

## November 12

### **Stained Glass: Art Illuminating Faith**

Led by Valerie O'Hara, Pastor Emeritus

Each Sunday, we are surrounded by the liturgical artworks found in our stained glass windows. Valerie, who grew up in and now leads Pike Stained Glass Studios, will lead an exploration of the windows. Our sanctuary is a favorite for Valerie as the Third Church windows encompass the major styles and methods used in religious stained glass. Gain new appreciation for the beauty and grace of these artworks that tell the story of Third Church as they depict the stories of our faith.

## November 19

### **Seasonal Paraments: Art Illuminating Faith**

Led by Jeanette Olsen

Season to season, the pulpit and lectern are dressed with beautiful examples of needle craft that lift up themes of faith. Known as antependia (Latin for "hangs before") these hangings are coded to each season. Investigate these incredible works, learn their meaning, and meet some of the Third Church members who brought them into being.

## **November 26**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Led by Ernest Krug, Parish Associate

On this Sunday after Thanksgiving, Growing in the Word and Sunday Seminar will combine for a deep look at The Lord's Prayer as found in Matthew's gospel. Consider the impact of this brief prayer that we pray each week as part of Sunday worship.

## **Growing in the Word**

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*Exploring Matthew's Gospel: This fall our small group Bible study will continue with an exploration of Matthew's gospel picking up with the Sermon on the Mount.*

### **October 15**

Would-Be Disciples and a Lesson about Discipleship

Matthew 8:18-27; 15:21-28

led by: **Martha Langford**

### **October 22**

Peter's Confession and Jesus' Passion

Matthew 16:13-28

led by: **Dianna Daunton**

### **October 29**

Rewards and Grace

Matthew 19:27-20:16

led by: **Paul Gongloff**

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## **November 5**

The Parable of the King's Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14

led by: **Martha Langford**

## November 12

The Betrayal and Trial of Jesus  
Matthew 26:47–27:26  
led by: **Paul Gongloff**

## November 10

Jesus' Death and Resurrection  
Matthew 27:27–28:20  
led by: **Dianna Daunton**

## November 26

The Lord's Prayer  
Matthew 6:5-14  
led by: **Ernest Krug**

This will be a joint session with Sunday Seminar and will take place in Johnston Hall.

# Thursday Voices

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*In October, as part of the Year of Stewardship, we will explore the gift of prayer.*

## October 19

*My friends are praying for me.  
Does God care?*

written by Jeffrey Weiss  
and When the world spins crazy  
a prayer written by Walter Brueggemann  
led by: **John Wilkinson**

## October 26

*Prayer isn't our work, it's God's*  
written by Jason Micheli  
and Prayer for the Lord's Day  
written by James Lowry  
led by: **Ernest Krug**

*In November, as part of the Year of Stewardship, we will explore the gift of gratitude.*

## November 2

*Gratitude: A Reflection*  
written by Eric Simpson  
led by: **Martha Langford**

## November 9

*Gratitude is the heart's memory*

written by Father Thomas Rosica  
led by: **John Wilkinson**

## **November 16**

*Gratitude and Grace*  
written by Ginny Gilder  
led by: **Lynette Sparks**

## **November 30**

*In the Holiday Spirit: Giving, Gratitude, and Grace*  
written by Deepak Chopra  
led by: **Ernest Krug**