

About Faith Dialogues at Saint Mark

"Faith seeks understanding" — so said Anselm, Saint, Archbishop, and Theologian. Faith Dialogues at Saint Mark (formerly the Visiting Theologian program) seeks to promote understanding among the faithful, not only within the parish of Saint Mark, but also within the wider church as a gift to the entire Salem community.



Since the early 1970's, Saint Mark has welcomed more than thirty distinguished theologians and scholars into the Congregation's life of worship, learning and service. Teachers of church history, ethics, Bible, culture, art, theology, liturgy and sacramental life have enriched our community's deliberation on what it means to believe in the God of Israel and live accordingly. The ecumenical community, including students at Willamette University, Western Oregon University and Mount Angel Seminary, have participated.

By means of visiting teachers, Saint Mark hopes to encourage lively reflection and faithful action within the Congregation and all faith communities, inviting broad participation in the program for the sake of mutual appreciation, growth in common understanding and service.

Recent Visiting Speakers

2016 Helmuth Rilling

2015 Susan Pitchford

2014 David & Susan
Palo Cherwien

2013 Barbara Rossing

2012 Mark Allan Powell

2011 Lisa Dahill

2010 Stephen Bouman

2009 Martin Marty

2009 Bruce Bengtson

2009 Phyllis Anderson

2008 Bishop Gomez

2007 Bishop David
Brauer-Rieke

Welcoming
ALL IN CHRIST
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TOGETHER IN FAITH
Reaching
OUT IN SERVICE

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FAITH DIALOGUES AT SAINT MARK

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Dr. Samuel Torvend
*Discussions & teachings about Martin Luther
and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation*

September 29th–October 1st, 2017



SAINT MARK
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Schedule of Events

All events are **free** and
open to the public.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00–8:30PM **All Things Are Being Made New**
Saint Mark Sanctuary ~ Doors open at 6:30PM

8:30PM **Fellowship & Reception**
Fireside Lounge

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30AM–Noon **Eucharistic Practice in the
Midst of Economic Injustice**
Saint Mark Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:45–10:45AM **Sunday Forum**
Fireside Lounge

4:00PM **National Lutheran Choir**
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Salem

SALEM REFORMATION MUSICFEST

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, you are invited to a **Salem Reformation Musicfest** commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Sponsored by Christ the Good Shepherd, Holy Cross, & Saint Mark Lutheran churches, come enjoy a time of music and song from local choirs, organists and other musical ensembles.

The Musicfest begins at 4:00PM with a reception following. This event hosted by Saint Mark Lutheran Church, and is free and open to the public.

Session Descriptions

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE // 7:00PM

All Things Are Being Made New: The Contemporary Relevance of the Reformation

In this presentation, participants will consider the different reforming streams of the sixteenth century that emerged from a fresh encounter with the Bible and the distinctive gifts each reform offers the Christian community today. Anglican, Anabaptist, Lutheran, Reformed, and Roman Catholic forms of renewal and reform will be discussed.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP // 9:30AM

Eucharistic Practice in the Midst of Economic Injustice: An Enduring Legacy of the Luther's Reformation

This interactive presentation and conversation will invite participants to consider the revolutionary reform of sacrament and social assistance promoted by early Lutheran congregations. At the same time, we will consider the “economy” of the Eucharist and the questions this sacramental practice raises in a land marked by poverty and continued food insecurity. Q&A and discussion to follow.

National Lutheran Choir to perform “Una Sancta” this Fall

Join the National Lutheran Choir in a concert that commemorates 500 years of reformation. The concert draws from Martin Luther's explanation on the work of the Holy Spirit—the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies—as well as the ongoing transformation of Christ's church as it remembers the past, reconnects to the present and re-envision the future. Choral music, ancient and modern, will bring to life the times and places of this historic journey.

The choir performs on **October 1st, 2017 at 4:00PM** at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem, Oregon.

This Year's Speaker:

Dr. Samuel Torvend



DR. SAMUEL TORVEND is Professor of the History of Christianity and University Chair in Lutheran Studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. For the past five years he has been a member of the Radicalizing Reformation Project, centered in the University of Heidelberg, that draws Luther scholars from around the world to consider the unanswered questions of the Reformation.

He is the author of *Luther and the Hungry Poor: Gathered Fragments* (Fortress, 2008), *Flowing Water, Uncommon Birth: Christian Baptism in a Post-Christian Culture* (Augsburg, 2011), and *Daily Bread, Holy Meal: Opening the Gifts of Holy Communion* (Augsburg 2004). He is a contributor to *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation* (Lutheran University Press, 2016).

