

## Upcoming Events

*For youth events, see Youth Program link in Faith Formation.*

### **Registration for St. Paul's Women's Get-Away Weekend – LAST CHANCE!**

This year's retreat will be March 19 – 21 at Camp Huston in Gold Bar WA. So many have registered that we are adding capacity! Only 4 more women are needed to allow us to add another dorm. Register now to enjoy fine fellowship and time to relax in the beautiful surroundings at the foot of the Cascades. We celebrate Eucharist on Sunday morning with music. Cost: \$144/person which includes 2 nights lodging and six meals. Don't let cost keep you from going. There are often scholarships or partial scholarships available. Registration forms can be found in the foyer. For more information, contact Rachel Smith.

### **“Woods Coffee” Women's Bible Study**

**Every Tuesday, 8:45 am, Boulevard Park Wood's Coffee.**

All women are welcome to this intergenerational group of women from St. Paul's and Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, ELCA. Beginning in January, Luci Shaw's book, “The Crime of Living Cautiously” will be the guide for our study. Questions? Call Holly Wood.

### **Wonderful Wednesday Program**

**Wednesday, March 17, 6:45 pm after dinner. See Wonderful Wednesday link in Faith Formation.**

We have two simultaneous programs, each consisting of 3 more sessions. All are welcome to join these interesting programs.

Program 1: “Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts,” with Fr. Chuck Whitmore. God has given all of us gifts, talents, and skills that we can use. What are spiritual gifts? Each of us can ask, “What are my spiritual gifts? How should I use them?” These questions and more will be explored through teaching, group work and individual work. Join Fr. Chuck for this thought-provoking series.

Program 2: Book Discussion of Reggie McNeal's *Missional Renaissance; Changing the Scorecard for the Church*. This discussion of Bishop Ricket's recommended reading for Lent will be led by Kristen and Michael Carroccino. A few copies are available to borrow from the parish library. Copies may be purchased at bookstores, thru through the Cathedral Shop at St. Mark's (206-323-1040) or from the Episcopal Bookstore (800-803-6223, [www.episcopalbookstore.com](http://www.episcopalbookstore.com)).

### **Deadline for Returning Stations of the Cross Presentations**

**Wednesday, March 17**

Thank you to all who are creating a Special Piece for our Stations of the Cross Presentation on March 24. Please complete and return them by Wednesday 17. More information: contact Holly.

### **Baptism Class**

**Saturday, March 20, 9:00 am**

If you are interested in participating in the Baptism Service on Saturday, April 3 at 8:00 pm during the Easter Vigil Service, this class is mandatory. Please call the church office to sign up or call Fr. Jonathan with any questions.

### **Interfaith Auction**

**Saturday, March 20, 5:30 pm, Lakeway Inn & Conference Center**

Tickets on sale now at the Interfaith office, 734-3983 or from parish member, Holly Telfer, 739-1107. We are hoping to have a St. Paul's table, so call Holly with your reservation.

### **“God Does Not Want Us to Leave a Mess!”**

**Sunday, March 21, between services**

Carl Knirk, Canon for Planned Giving/Stewardship for our diocese will discuss how we can get our affairs in order so we won't leave a mess for our families to clean up when we die, suddenly or of natural causes. Everyone will receive a free copy of the Diocesan Life Planning Manual, a valuable tool which includes answers to many related questions. The seminar is free and we'll have some good food to tide you over!

### **Whatcom Chorale Concert**

**Sunday, March 21, 3:00 pm, First Congregational Church**

Adults - \$15, Students & Seniors - \$12, Age 18 & under - \$5.  
For information, (360) 738-7166, [www.whatcomchorale.org](http://www.whatcomchorale.org)

## **The Way of the Cross: Stations of the Cross**

**Wednesday, March 24, 6:45 pm**

This Evening Service is for everyone – to contemplate, pray, and abide in the Spirit – and to take pause along the path of our blessed journey through lent.

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME. There will also be special children's activities upstairs, in theme with the evening's service.

## **Palm Cross-making Workshop**

**Thursday, March 25, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Great Hall**

Each year we fold palm fronds into small crosses that are then blessed, and handed out on Palm Sunday.

These little crosses are kept in homes and returned the next year to be burned. The ash is then used for Ash Wednesday services. If you don't know how to fold them, we will teach you. If you do know how, come and teach someone who may not. Coffee and snacks will be provided.