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2024 RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, June 14, 2024

- 2:00pm-7:00 CHECK-IN
- 5:00pm-5:45 Dinner
- 6:00pm-6:30 Welcome and Orientation Exercise
- 6:45pm-8:15 GATHER IN TRACK GROUPS
- 8:30pm-9:00 Evening Worship
- 9:00pm Night Owl Social Time

Saturday, June 15, 2024

- 6:45am-7:30 Early Bird Social Time
- 7:30am-8:00 Morning Worship
- 8:00am-8:45 Breakfast
- 9:00am-11:30 GATHER IN TRACK GROUPS
- 11:00am-11:50 Noonday Prayer (in track groups)
- 1Noon-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00pm-2:15 GATHER IN TRACK GROUPS
- 2:15pm-4:00 FREE TIME
- 4:00pm-5:45 GATHER IN TRACK GROUPS
- 6:00pm-6:45 Dinner
- 7:00pm-8:00 GATHER IN TRACK GROUPS
- 8:15pm-8:45 Evening Worship
- 9:00pm Night Owl Social Time

Sunday, June 16, 2024

- 6:30am-8:00 Early Bird Social Time
- 8:00am-8:45 Breakfast
- 8:45am-10:00 CHECK-OUT
- 10:00am-11:15 Holy Eucharist
- 11:15am-Noon Guided Fellowship & Coffee
- Noon-12:45 Lunch

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Through Age 10:

Childcare will be available during track times if requested by May 31. This is not a programmed time, but will be time for kids to play and build friendships with other kids across the diocese.

Youth Ages 11+:

Attend with your family, and you're welcome to join any numbered track where you'll be treated like an adult.

Parents/guardians need to inform the Youth Missioner of their plans for their child(ren) during their scheduled track times.

Register by May 10, 2024 to take advantage of early bird pricing



LOCATION: Grinnell College Campus
1115 8th Ave., Grinnell, IA 50112

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
May 31, 2024

LEARN MORE & REGISTER:
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2024

Episcopal Diocese of Iowa

DANCING ON THE WATER

Summer Ministry School & Retreat



June 14-16

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2024 TRACK OFFERINGS



Strengthening Congregations

TRACK 1: Yes, God is Calling You! The Only Question is: How?

---The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot

God calls every baptized person into ministry. Most Christians are called to exercise their ministry through their life in the world; some Christians are called to life in holy orders as deacons, priests, or bishops, and some are called to the religious life in a monastic order. We will discuss the ways that God calls us throughout our lives, explore our own sense of call, and engage in mutual discernment of where that call might lead. This track is intended for anyone interested in discernment of God's call, whether focused on ordination or not.

TRACK 2: Dismantling Racism

---TBD; *Beloved Community Initiative for Racial Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation*

Grounded in The Episcopal Church's commitment to dismantling racism as essential to our formation as Christians, this training is open to all persons who would like to deepen their understanding of racism, prejudice, and privilege. This training is required of all lay and ordained leaders in The Episcopal Church (including vestries, search committees, diocesan leadership, youth leaders, etc.).

TRACK 3: Soul Shop™

---David Galvan

Soul Shop™ is an interactive workshop designed to equip the faith community to support those impacted by suicidal desperation. You'll learn how to recognize risk factors and warning signs, approach someone at risk, provide companionship to those grieving a loss from suicide, and more. We believe that every congregation is in a unique position to offer hope and healing to those affected by suicide.

Supporting Clergy and Lay Leadership

TRACK 4: Ethics

---Suzanne Messer

The class will consist of some presentations and interactive activities designed to be informative and enjoyable. Topics that may be addressed include: a little history, what does ethics mean to you, your ethics/assumptions/opinions/facts, everyday ethics, ethical theories, ethics in the Old and New Testament.

TRACK 5: Responding to Christian Nationalism

---The Revs Jean McCarthy & Canon Kathleen Milligan

The political ideology and cultural framework of Christian nationalism distorts the Christian faith and the American government, posing dangers to both. We facilitated, with the Rev. Nora Boerner, a Lenten study on this topic, and the class filled immediately. This course will continue the conversation, and perhaps spark more discussion through 2024 on how to live faithfully in the times in which we live.

TRACK 6: A Bible Study, Three Early Christological Hymns, Their Texts and Significance For Us

---Paul Muhle

A study of the Kenosis Hymn (Philippians 2:5-11), the Cosmic Christ Hymn (Colossians 1:15-20) and the Logos Hymn (John 1:1-18). We will look at the Greek texts and their context. With this being our background, we will look at how these hymns influenced our creeds, and subverted the imperial claims of Rome. And finally, how do we attempt to interpret them today?

TRACK 7: New Thoughts on the New Testament

---The Rev. Alice Haugen

We will explore Burridge's claim that the Gospels are biographies in the genre of classical biography. We will consider Bauckham's evidence for the presence of eyewitness testimony in the Gospels, and examine Goodacre's "Case Against Q" as an entry point into the Synoptic Problem. Other recent insights will include the apostles as adolescents and tax collector's use of shorthand.



Deepening Our Connection to God

TRACK 8: Dance on the Water thru Art

---Alescha Caldwell

Dancing on the water means various things for everyone. We will attempt to discover through art, just how we dance on the water in our own lives. There will be opportunities to paint, draw, stamp. There will be different mediums available to help you express your creativity on this year's diocesan theme: Dancing on the Water. As usual, bring your spray bottles, and old shirts or bib aprons so clothes can be spared.

TRACK 9: Into the Oneness

---The Rev. Catherine Quehl-Engel

Cultivate ways of consciously communing with The Sacred, and living life with greater flow, surrendered trust, and ease. We'll practice opening to life force energy-Spirit breathing in and through us via meditative, easy to learn Qigong. Also Being states of resting in and with Presence, and thus True or Deeper Self, through age-old yogic sleep guided meditation, radiant heart meditation, and the soothing sound and vibration of singing bowls. This track is grounded in biblical and Christian mysticism with some Taoist and TCM elements.

TRACK 10: Dreams as Spiritual Guidance

---Helen L. Keefe

What does the Spirit whisper in your ear as you sleep? Dreams can be healing and spiritually informative. Join other dreamers for a retreat as we tell and listen to dreams. Please bring writing implements, journal or notebook, (art materials if you wish.). Participants will find a safe, interesting, challenging atmosphere to examine dream life and how it is intimately interwoven with spiritual life.

TRACK 11: Spiritual Direction/Solo Retreat*

---The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland

A reprise of the popular (and still optional) guidance for the Solo Retreat option. The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland will use the first and last track time to gather for opening and closing exercises, offer resources for your own private retreat and a limited number of one-on-one spiritual direction appointments will be offered to solo retreatants first. She will also share the "Service of Reconciliation of a Penitent" for any who desire. Whether you take this track in order to self-direct your own retreat or to seek a more guided retreat, you are also welcomed to fully participate in all meals, fellowship and worship opportunities offered during the weekend.

