



Reassessing & Responding in Difficult Times

Theological Opportunities Program - Thursday Half-Day Conferences

September 17, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

AWAKENING TO THE REALITY OF THE CHANGED WORLD AROUND US

Setting the issue: Robin Melavalin

Lecture by Tim McCarthy, historian, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

September 24, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

WHAT IS ENOUGH? DO WE NEED TO "DE-TOX" FROM CONSUMERISM?: BEING ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR CHOICES IN LIFE

Setting the issue: Martha A.L.B. Nielsen*

Lecture by John Ehrenfeld, author of *Sustainability by Design: A Subversive Strategy for Transforming Our Consumer Culture*

October 1, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

HOW CAN WE LIVE IN THIS ENTITLED SOCIETY WITHOUT BECOMING SELF-CENTERED OR NARCISSISTIC?

Setting the issue: Anna Donovan*

Lecture by Linda Weltner, activist, former *Boston Globe* columnist

October 8, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

HOW DO YOU LIVE WITH FEAR—OR RESIST IT? —FEAR OF DYING, OF BEING ALONE, OF FINANCIAL INSECURITY?

Setting the issue: Chris Farrow-Noble*

Lecture by Marjorie Clapprod, former state representative and talk-show host

October 15, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

THE DILEMMA OF LIVING ALONE: THE PROS AND THE CONS

Setting the issue: Marcia Miller Boehlke*

Lecture by Joan Anderson, author of memoirs *A Year by the Sea*, *An Unfinished Marriage*, *A Walk on the Beach*, *Weekend to Change Your Life*, and *The Second Journey*

*- Advisory Committee member

October 22, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO A CULTURE OF BULLYING AND ABUSE WHEN SOCIETAL AND PERSONAL POWER IS MISUSED?

Setting the issue: Kim Westheimer, co-author of *When the Drama Club Is Not Enough: Lessons from the Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students*

Lecture by Susan Eisenberg, one of the first women to achieve journey-level status as a union electrician, artist, poet and educator, author of *We'll Call You If We Need You: Experiences of Women Working Construction*, and creator of the installation *On Equal Terms: Women in Construction 30 Years & Still Organizing*, visiting scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University

October 29, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

THROUGH HISTORY, STEREOTYPING WOMEN AS VIRGIN, WITCH OR WHORE

Setting the issue: Theresa Greenfield

Lecture by Kate Clifford Larson, author of *Bound for the Promised Land*, women's history, Simmons College

November 5, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

WHAT IS THE EVOLVING MEANING OF FEMINISM? FEMINIST VOICES IN DIALOGUE

Panel: Angela Maffeo*, Jaclyn Friedman, Amy Couto, Andres Castro Samayoa and Carol Johnson

November 12, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

RECLAIMING THE SPIRIT OF CITIZENSHIP: REASSESSING THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY

Setting the issue: Susan Little

Lecture by Madeleine Kunin, former governor of Vermont

November 19, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

WHAT KIND OF SPIRITUAL "CORE" DO WE NEED TO REMAIN CENTERED IN THIS TIME OF ANXIETY?

Setting the issue: Esther Scanlan*

Lecture by Anne Yeomans, psychotherapist, one of the founders of The Women's Well