

Lenten Wednesday Series

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Catholics and Lutherans are global churches. On October 31, 2016 Pope Francis and the President of the Lutheran World Federation signed an agreement for joint cooperative work through social ministries, i.e. disaster relief projects.

The congregations of St. Mary's Church and Grace Lutheran Church will once again gather on the Wednesday evenings of Lent for a meal, fellowship, prayer, and discussion of our inter-faith relationship.

Endorsed by our respective pastors and councils, this series is offered again by popular request.

What began last year as a study of the rich heritage we share will continue during the season of Lent, with further study and discussion of how far Catholics and Lutherans have come in mutual understanding and respect for both their similarities and their differences.

We gather to learn how we are similar, how we are different, and why.

The agenda: fellowship, social interaction, share a meal, discussion, and conclude in prayer.

Declaration on the Way is a text that draws on 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic dialogue. It is a consensus of points of agreement, and it is "on the way" because dialogue has not yet resolved all of the church-dividing differences between Lutherans and Catholics. The text will be source of the points of study for the weekly discussion groups. Handouts will be provided, so the book is not required for participation. However, if any participants would like their own copy of the book, please contact the parish office to place your order *before March 1*.

March 13, 20, 27 at St. Mary (CCC)

April 3, 10 at Grace Lutheran

Schedule: 5:30 Supper
 6:15 Discussion
 7:00 Closing Evening Prayer

The series is multi-generational – all ages are welcome!

Children will enjoy the meal with the adults, and during the adult discussion time, the children will move to a separate space and artfully create a prayer chain that will be used each week in our closing prayer.