

# Are You All Ears, or a Big Toe?

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany + NLSW  
27 January, A.D. 2019  
Neh. 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor. 12.12-31a; Lk. 4.16-30

Happy National Schools Week!!

**Proverbs 22:6**, Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

The power of God's Word in the Old Testament.

**Nehemiah 8:1**, <sup>1</sup>And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel.

God's \_\_\_\_\_ gathers and comforts us.

His \_\_\_\_\_ comforts us through \_\_\_\_\_.

For some, God's Word may not be comforting.

**1 Corinthians 1:18**, <sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

As Christians, does our faith go up and down? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we receive faith and/or how is our faith strengthened?

What is baptism?

We can choose to turn our backs on Jesus. Even the people of Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, rejected Him, to the point of wanting to kill Him. This of course was a sign of what was to come for Jesus, leading Him to the cross.

Through faith in the saving work of Jesus, through being baptized into the family of God, we are all one body.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13**, <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Through faith in Christ, you are saved. Because of this, you have a purpose.

**Matthew 22:37-40**, <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

What are some specific ways you can live out your purpose?

# Hymn of the Day: Our God Is Real and Present Here

By Dr. Jeffrey E. Burkart

A hymn written for the 2019 National Lutheran Schools Week and based on Psalm 46 and the NLSW theme: "Real. Present. God."

1. Our God is real and pres - ent here. When trou - bles come we  
 2. Our God is pre - sent and when fear or trou - ble comes be  
 3. The Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent, to bring us in - to  
 4. The LORD is God and says, "Be still! I am your for - tress,  
 Δ 5. To God the Fa - ther we now raise our songs of thanks and

need not fear. Though moun - tains trem - ble, wa - ters foam,  
 of good cheer; For God's own Son has washed a - way  
 cov - e - nant With God the Fa - ther and the Son,  
 and I will Be laud - ed and ex - alt - ed now!  
 end - less praise; To God the Son, our Ris - en Lord,

Our God will not leave us a - lone. The  
 The sins that on our hearts now weigh. LORD  
 And Com - fort - er, to help us run. The  
 My Word is true and this I vow: I  
 All hon - or, glo - ry, we ac - cord; To

LORD of Hosts with us al - way; the God of Ja - cob  
 Je - sus Christ with us to - day; He is the Truth, the  
 race of faith - ful - ness to God up - on this earth where  
 AM your God and I will make all wars to cease, all  
 God the Spir - it we bring laud, who brought us to our

is our stay. Our God is real and still re - mains;  
 Life, the Way. He came to us, His life to give,  
 Je - sus trod, So that in faith we shall re - main  
 bows to break; The na - tions of the world I claim  
 faith in God; So let us all, with hearts a - flame,

the great I AM for - ev - er reigns!  
 that we might in His pres - ence live.  
 In Him who for the world was slain.  
 And all the earth will praise My name!  
 The real and pres - ent God pro - claim!

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REAL. PRESENT. GOD.  
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**Voters' Meeting  
January 27, 2019  
after Contemporary Worship in the Church**

**AGENDA**

*Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples*

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda/ Minutes from previous Voters' Meetings
- D. Committee Reports
  - 1. Board of Elders' Report
 

a. Pastor's Parish Report	Josh Oddsen
	Pastor O'Donnell
  - 2. New Member committee report
 

	Pastor Scharnell
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  - 3. Evangelism committee report
 

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  - 4. Marketing/Publicity committee report
 

	Amy Hackbarth
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  - 5. Mission Outreach committee
 

	Mary Hickenbottom
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  - 6. Stewardship committee report
 

	Mike Tesch
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  - 7. Education committee report
 

a. School Principal Report	Darren Ratzow
	Jill George
  - 8. Operations committee report
 

	Scott Kalien
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  - 9. Financial Oversight committee
 

	Dick Allen
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  - 10. Endowment Fund committee report
 

	Al Mueller
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- E. Treasurer's report
 

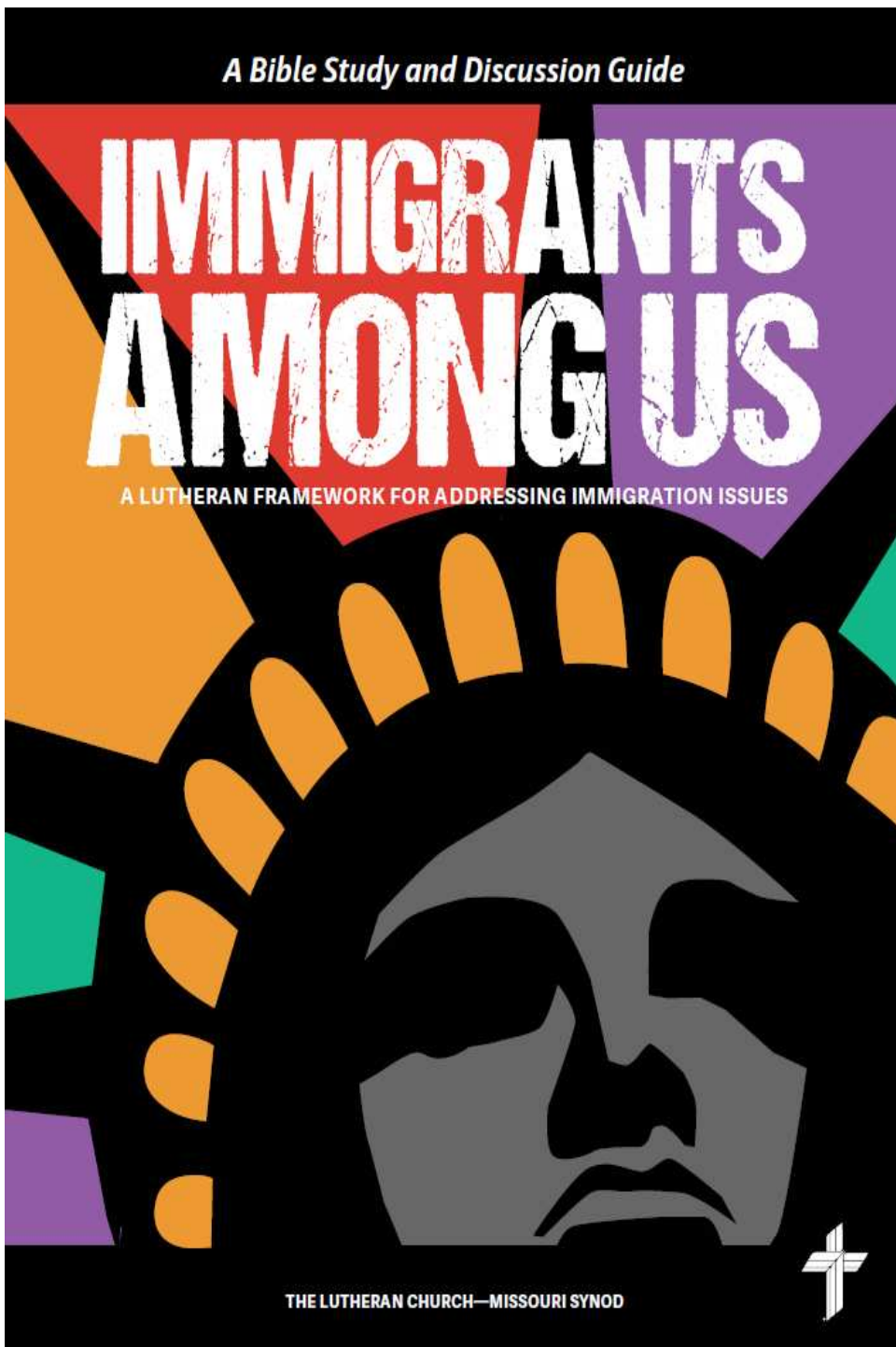
	Jon Schmeling
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- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
  - 1. Nominations for Director of Parish Music
 

	Josh Oddsen
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- H. Adjournment
- I. Closing Prayer

*A Bible Study and Discussion Guide*

# IMMIGRANTS AMONG US

A LUTHERAN FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING IMMIGRATION ISSUES



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD



# **New Adult Bible Study through February**

## **Sundays, 9:15 a.m.**

### **1: Immigrant Neighbors Past and Present.**

*Biblical teaching on loving our neighbor*

### **2: God's Law, Civil Law and the Neighbor**

*Obedying the Fourth and Fifth Commandments*

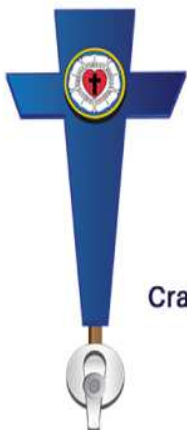
### **3: Living in God's Two Realms**

*Citizens of heaven and earth*

### **4: Who is My Neighbor?**

*Our vocation, or calling, to serve our neighbor*

The LORD is a God of justice *and* mercy. Not either/or (as our politics often is) but both/and. Join us at the beginning of the study or any time. It's a great opportunity to learn and grow.



# Reformation Tap Society

Craft Beer \* Friendly Conversation \* Serious Theology

**Held at BrewFinity Brewery**

N58 W39800 Industrial Rd., Suite D  
Oconomowoc

What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating delicious food, and talking about things that are truly important?

**February 17, 2019**  
**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

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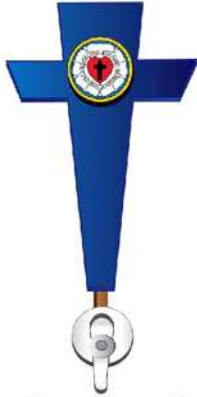
**Secret Agent Man (What The Average Christian  
Needs to Know about the Pastor's Work)**

**Presenter: Rev. Erik Skovgaard, Elm Grove, WI**

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Kitchen will be open to  
order food off the menu



**Reformation**  
Tap Society

## **Reformation Tap Society**

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Serious Theology

**Third Sundays  
5:00-7:00 pm**

# **Babysitting is now available!**

**WHERE:** St. Paul's Lutheran School  
210 E. Pleasant St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

**TIME:** 4:30 – 7:30 pm

**COST:** Free will offering  
*Funds will go towards 2019 South Dakota Trip*

*Parents will need to supply snacks*

Please contact Mary Wangler at  
[marywangler@hotmail.com](mailto:marywangler@hotmail.com)  
and let her know if you plan to come.