



Upcoming Programs– Siena Retreat Center

February 2017

5637 Erie St., Racine, WI, 53402

For information or to register, call 262-898-2590 or visit www.SienaRetreatCenter.org



Feb 2, Thursday, begins with supper at 5:30pm, presentation at 6:16pm. *A Down to Earth Spirituality: Reformation Protestant Approaches to Spirituality*, Rev. Steven Kuhl
Spirituality is hard to define as it varies with the individual. As we cannot speak of a single Reformation Protestant approach to spirituality, only a variety of them, here we will focus on the four main 16th Century Protestant spiritual traditions: Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, and Anabaptist. Cost: \$15 includes supper.

Feb 4, Saturday, 9:30am-noon, *The “YES Spirit”: A Morning of Refreshment for Those Who Help Others*, Robert Beezat and Miriam Brown, OP

People who help others—as family, neighbors, community, church, professionals, non-profits, volunteers—say YES in the face of challenging needs. They look past the obstacles to the impact they can have to bring about positive change. They focus on *what* needs to be done and figure out *how* to do it. Freewill offering.



Feb 6 & 20, Monday, 6:30-7:45pm, *Mindfulness Meditation*, Pat Shutts

This series offers twenty minutes of silent meditation together and discussion of readings from the book *Compassion* by Christina Feldman. Attend as many sessions as your schedule allows. Freewill offering.



Feb 7, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, *“The Ascent of the Soul:” Why We Need the Humanities*, (Situations of Substance series) Jean Feraca.

In our increasingly technological society, the search for truth and the riches enshrined in the humanities are falling prey to the search for jobs and careerism. Jean Feraca through the UW-Odesy Project is taking the transformative power of the humanities to Wisconsin prisons. In sharing this experience with her usual passion, she will enliven the humanity in us all. Cost: \$10.



Feb 9, 9:30-11am, *Conversations for Enthusiastic Readers*, Miriam Brown.

Come to any or all of these gatherings. Bring favorite books or memories of books that you have loved. Be enriched in the sharing of human/divine spirit as we talk of books that have deepened, delighted, and stretched our lives. This session, we will consider books and articles on Children’s books (classics or contemporary meaningful to adults). Freewill offering.



Feb 16, Thursday, 6:30-8:00pm, *Jesus and Mary in Islam*, Wayne G. Johnson

This program will outline how Muslims look upon Jesus and his mother Mary. Both are held in high honor in Islam. Some basics of the religion of Islam will be presented, as well as major distinctions between the Muslim and Christian views. The presentation will be purely descriptive, without any attempt to defend or criticize the Muslim view. Freewill offering.



Feb 18, Saturday, 9am-3pm, *SoulCollage®* Pat Shutts & Missy Isely-Poltrock

SoulCollage® is a process of creating unique collaged cards with images that you select and combine. It is a fun and illuminating process and we will reflect on our experience of the sacred and see how the images reveal our ever deepening knowledge of our souls. Our theme is *Relationships that Form and Strengthen Us*. Cost: \$35 includes \$10 non-refundable deposit and noon dinner.



Feb 21, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, *What Should We Say to a New President* (Situations of Substance series) John Nichols

Now that the election is over, says John Nichols, we citizens have to get serious about making things happen. America faces profound challenges (climate change, poverty amid plenty, racial divisions, and a penchant toward expensive and counterproductive militarism). We need to make some changes. But those changes will only happen if Americans "stay political" after the election and make real demands on our new president. Cost: \$10.



Feb 24-25, 6:30pm Fri - 3:30pm Sat, *Interspirituality: Evolutionary Hope for the Human Race*, Fred Gusfason, author, psycho-therapist and Lutheran minister

There is a growing worldwide movement to help people with a faith base, no matter how small, to be open to interfaith connections and, finally, to the ultimate expression of religion revealed in interspirituality. It suggests a reflection back to our origins, to what has brought the human race to this point in time and holds the seed to the evolution of the spiritual life of all humans. Cost: \$195 includes \$50 non-refundable deposit, accommodations and meals.



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