

## *Reading the Gospel through Middle Eastern Eyes*

*Presented by: Dr. Kenneth Bailey*

Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church  
September 26, 2009, 8:30 a.m. Refreshments;  
9:00 a.m. Lecture followed by Q&A  
September 27, 2009, Speaking at services at 9:00 and  
11:00 a.m.



Dr. Bailey is a world-renowned scripture scholar who spent 40 years living and teaching in seminaries and institutes in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus. His area of specialty is the cultural background and literary forms of the New Testament. His books, videos and accomplishments are too numerous to list. Dr. Bailey brings a new and fascinating look to familiar Bible Stories.

## *David: King, Poet and Warrior*

*Presented by: Covenant Players*

Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church  
October 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m.  
\$5.00



LTA welcomes back the internationally acclaimed Covenant Players for an evening of original dramatic works based on the life and accomplishments of David, acclaimed in the Old Testament as a great king, poet and warrior. The evening will move through a series of sketches of varying lengths that will draw on the inventiveness of the actors to make David and his life accessible and engaging.

Founded in 1963, this troupe of professionals describes itself as "a functional arm of the church," and has a vast repertoire covering a wide spectrum of subjects from different perspectives. Covenant Players has sent ensembles to perform around the globe.

## *Everything You Wanted to Know About Islam... But Never Had a Chance to Ask*

*Speaker: Najah Bazzy*

Christ Church Episcopal Grosse Pointe  
Thursday, November 12, 2009  
\$5.00

Many of us knew little or nothing about Islam until we had to confront the reality of this religion as a major influence in the events shaping our country and our world. The media has saturated us with often confusing and sometimes alarming reports about what Islam teaches and how Moslems live. Most of us have had to try to sift through this information in an effort to form fair conclusions and sometimes we are left with unanswered questions. This is your opportunity to receive clear answers to your questions.



Najah Bazzy, RN, is CEO of Diversity Specialists and Transcultural Health Care Solutions and the Executive Director and Founder of Zaman International, a non-profit humanitarian organization which provides "Hope for Humanity". Well known locally and internationally for her lectures on many topics related to Islam, Najah Bazzy has spoken to thousands of non-Muslims since 9/11 and has engaged extensively in interfaith outreach. She recently completed eight documentaries that highlight her life, mission and vision for the human family. She and her family were featured in the PBS documentary, "Muhammed: Legacy of a Prophet."

## *Compassionate Commitment to Worldwide Voluntarism*

*Presenters: Drs. Phoebe and Harris Mainster*

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 p.m.  
Freewill offering with all proceeds for the next trip.



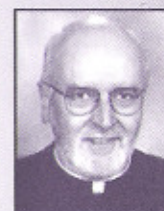
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## *The Gospel According to John*

*Presenter: Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny*

St. James Lutheran Church  
Thursday, February 11, 2010, 7:30 p.m.  
\$5.00

Fr. Raymond Brown, S.S. describes John's community as the community of the Beloved Disciple. How is this Gospel's picture of Jesus distinctive? How is the church community for which it was written distinctive? As we listen to parts of this Gospel during Lent, how can we come to better know the Risen Lord?



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## *Sunday Afternoon at the Movies: "Ordet"*

*Discussion Leader: Gerhard W. Heinen*

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Sunday, March 14, 2010, 2:00 p.m.  
\$5.00



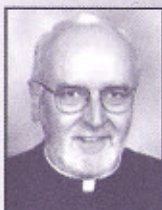
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Join us for a memorable film followed by a discussion. "For the ordinary filmgoer, and I include myself, 'Ordet' is a difficult film to enter. But once you're inside, it is impossible to escape. Lean, quiet, deeply serious, populated with odd religious obsessives, it takes place in winter in Denmark in 1925, in a rural district that has a cold austere beauty." (From a review by Roger Ebert.) Other Reviews: "Ordet is about faith. It may be the most breathtaking exploration of religious experience ever filmed." "Ordet is an allegory about the power of simple, direct faith to produce results when every other means fail. Based on a 1944 play by a Danish priest who was killed by the Nazis, the great Danish Director Carl Dreyer dramatizes this faith in the form of a Christian miracle which provides healing for an entire family in crisis." "Ordet, for me, is a totally sincere, deeply moving, and unforgettable work of art."



Gerhard Heinen is a dedicated observer of the intersection between faith and culture and is a popular presenter for LTA where he is a past board member. He regularly moderates book discussions and studies on themes of spirituality, theology and culture.

## *Good Friday Stations of the Cross*

**St. Ambrose Catholic Church**  
**Friday, April 2, 2010, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Free Will Offering**



This well-received ecumenical event once again takes place under the sponsorship of St. Ambrose. It will feature Stations of the Cross at thoughtfully chosen sites on the east side and will be the point of departure for devotions and prayers on Christ's Passion, which bring the redemptive meaning into vivid focus. A simple soup-lunch will be served to the participants upon returning to St. Ambrose after the final station.

## *Conservation, Creation, and Christian Stewardship: A Special Earth Day Program.*

*Presenters: Connie Boris, Ph.D.; Cormack O'Byrne and a representative from Howell Nature Center*

**St. Paul on the Lake**  
**Canfield Center (located on the first floor of the St. Paul School building)**  
**Thursday, April 22, 2010, 7:30 p.m.**  
**\$5.00**



Join us on Earth Day as three presenters speak to us about the wonder of God's creation and our role in protecting it. The first speaker, a representative from Howell Nature Center in Howell, MI, will talk about endangered species, focusing specifically on birds. There will be live birds available at the demonstration. The second pair of speakers will offer their perspective on conservation and Christian stewardship, particularly in our little corner of God's kingdom in the greater Grosse Pointe area of Michigan. Dr. Connie Boris, author of numerous journal articles and a book, will draw on her vast expertise as an employee of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, an appointee to Governor Granholm's Environmental Science Board, Executive Director of the Wayne County Conservation District, and as Vice-President of River of Life, a faith-based environmental stewardship group. Joining her will be Cormack O'Byrne, a longtime member of River of Life.

