

# *Fresh Wind in Our Sails*

*Sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester*

## **November-December 2017 Programs**

### **Venezuela: An Inside Look**

**Thursday, November 2 ~ 7 to 8:30 pm**

**Presenter: Maria Gonzalez-Smith, International Relations at St. John Fisher College**

In the midst of Venezuela's national turmoil and economic collapse, a local college professor spent a month this summer visiting her homeland to see her elderly mother and family. Join us as she offers a personal and scholarly look into the nation's current situation and what she hopes for its future.

### **Lutherans & Catholics: Where Do We Go From Here?**

**Wednesday, November 8 ~ 7 to 8:30 pm**

**Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 1900 Westfall Road, 14618**

**Presenters: Reverend Norma Malfatti, Director of Evangelical Mission, Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;**

**and Dr. Joseph G. Kelly, Professor Emeritus in Religious Studies at Nazareth College**

Last season we began the commemoration of the Protestant Reformation's 500th year by exploring what local Lutherans and Catholics had to say about our separated history and these new times of increasing cooperation. In this second presentation, we will reflect on what we have learned from each other during this period and offer practical suggestions on how we can be God's Church together.

### **Laudato Si: Seeing Creation as Life and Beauty**

**Thursday, November 9 ~ 4 to 5:30 pm**

**Thursday, November 16 ~ 4 to 5:30 pm**

**Presenter: Sister Mary Louise Heffernan, artist and Spiritual Director**

"Peace be to you, my Lord!" This phrase from a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi was Pope Francis' choice for opening us up to reflect upon our call to find the life and love of God in all creation. Many of the experiences of Jesus with His followers and curious onlookers took place in the midst of creation: the hillside, the plain, the seaside etc. To love and care for the earth is a loving action and sign of our "seeing God in all things." Join us for this two-part program as we use nature, art, music, scripture and current writings to help deepen our love and care for the world.

### **Adult Lessons from the Infancy Narratives**

**Monday, December 4 ~ 7 to 8:30 pm**

**Study Guide: Sister Joan Sobala**

In this fifth year of Fresh Wind in Our Sails, we look at the Infancy Narratives in Matthew and Luke to see what lessons for adult Christian living can be drawn for our times from these stories and canticles.

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