**Summer 2024 Kindling Faith Events:**

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1. **Theological Learning with Adults** featuring [Dr. Allison deForest](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fstaff%2fallison-deforest&c=E,1,e5_js0rgGabPNhz3OnxuokBgR64Ox56qSP4_eKAl73jlXUFzKAnv7cIvouZn05IUUrf2huNs5nTuCpcf940uiMGigVKQEO0__ixYOn2UX8_wOATlyhefhM-lb9g,&typo=1) Professor of New Testament, July 14 – 19 Many of us are very used to encountering texts from Paul’s 1st and 2nd Letters to the church in Corinth in the bits offered in the Lectionary on Sunday mornings. Some of these bits are favorites – some of Paul’s greatest hits – others seem deeply troubling and contradictory. During this week, we will examine the biblical books 1 & 2 Corinthians as a whole, taking into account the fact that they are part of a larger set of communications between Paul and the church that he founded in Corinth. The hope is that this holistic approach will deepen our understanding of what each individual passage says and means. [Click here to register.](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-theological-education-with-adults&c=E,1,XMJIYZ4_-skjqk32OY2RWf7lXGC5t3T2sNE_vr12YvHxj3Cvvmf0im7q4qQda49mRw5lcCeP_Bs8sll37T3m3Oaio2vPxxBxrq-35cX7VDiMDM_J0QePbT9oZqw,&typo=1)

1. **Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate (and Morning Conversations with David Hayward, aka [NakedPastor](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fnakedpastor.com%2f&c=E,1,aSHvmwQz3P1tOx5swC0sxVPSMPwB_unLa0rvw4gnClMdRHGxU5j5gML7CN-j7CundYQqh2Oib3BStWtiWWGHzHNzILEkQmi3zuurNVy2_zUK5U11r-kKpw,,&typo=1" \o "https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fnakedpastor.com%2f&c=E,1,aSHvmwQz3P1tOx5swC0sxVPSMPwB_unLa0rvw4gnClMdRHGxU5j5gML7CN-j7CundYQqh2Oib3BStWtiWWGHzHNzILEkQmi3zuurNVy2_zUK5U11r-kKpw,,&typo=1)**: July 28-August 2. It’s been a year. Wars. Politics. Covid (again). The leaking toilet in the parish hall. You name it. Deacons and Pastors (and spouses): you deserve a break—some time away at a place apart. Welcome to the Gettysburg campus of ULS for a week of relaxation and meaningful moments. This year, you are welcome to bring your spouse and family members (each additional family member is only $100). On Thursday evening, we will have the Second Annual Bestowing of the Blessed Gourd Award given to the church leader with the most bizarre ministry story from the past year. Hope you can join us. BONUS: Lower Susquehanna Rostered Leaders can attend for free thanks to a generous grant from the synod! [Click here to register.](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-wine-cheese-chocolate-and-conversation-with-pastor-david-hayward&c=E,1,9yUwkPm5zp2-HpfLw04OxAy2u97A80FYlY57TnDBTnUzRst4_ESeKJG8HKbrGwoiiONCBdym2MnihO4R7rMbXGQ5abkaz86vJTZD1DAQBHZsOGGdBw,,&typo=1)

1. **Summer Ministry Institute: Relevant Worship in a Strange New World** with Rev. Jonathan Rundman and Rev. Sarah and Erik Teichmann, August 11 – 16. Over the course of five days, spend time with songleader and composer Rev. Jonathan Rundman with Rev. Sarah and Erik Teichmann in an interactive discussion about worship and congregational participation. We’ll examine our personal histories as people-in-the-pews, explore our own creativity, focus on lots of practical application (technology, psychology, theology, repertoire), and crowdsource best practices for worship/music planning in our congregations. Fun! Joy! Harmony! Contemplation! Wondering! Friends! For more information on our presenters, [click here](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/u78a5ncq4p6b2s4xu3sl1/SMI-Presenter-Info.pdf?rlkey=145y26cc78hwfp5ysssxjc145&dl=0). [Click here to register.](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-summer-ministry-institute&c=E,1,MPgipBDJEqSVQCRf8bH-SvNCDY1ftJtGFBB7FJV_Nk15juC7mKlCGF-bvxbyVe8g6Y-q2aPrdbmxSXjGts5mIk1rJl5Mx2popK6tYYmy9Q,,&typo=1)

All above is on mnys.org

**Other Kindling Faith Opportunities Abound…**

**Spring Convocation on the Gettysburg Campus will take place April 24th. The theme is “Theodicy” and will feature Dr. Natalia Marandiuc and New York Times bestselling author**[**Dr. Kate Bowler**](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fkatebowler.com%2f&c=E,1,BokctSQ7JsE-VkC_BPJnlOEheYajs0xoL2tjAzM6abL2PJKfYHggHc8QB3qlwoNZL69Rkf8IdS9TCNieCRRmaQEFDz29juqaF_9R2_WeUA,,&typo=1)**.**[**Register here**](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-spring-convocation-2024-theodicy-gettysburg&c=E,1,CuaCy78kpKHg4ReeyMTP7KHwSEI6VKuuhBtg_3Xxa4QxRt5Sm5tGOHrOJASYdUyPT-HC4j5_9yzUaFx8fQ8wykfwjI6J37o7qK3oi1EG69-FSbqeMg,,&typo=1)**.**

    **In the Footsteps of St. Paul. Journey to Greece with Revs. Drs. Angela and Martin Otto-Zimmann,**

**October 24 – November 5th.**[**More information here.**](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-steps-of-paul-greece-greek-islands&c=E,1,wDByD_plapNzvQmCvp0Vs_FQQgyZGUcmnbj2O-HznFTxGESMsJwz3B6XEjkLe9t6fAUxhnhHSFSEBQ53ClZK5GTiqqP49A4DuZ6paMCzK_imQ2NQCwj7fA,,&typo=1)

For Congregational Councils seeking to learn more about this vital ministry of the church—a new six-part zoom series kicked off on January 8th at 7 pm (meeting on the second Monday of each month through June). Cost is now only $60. [Click here to learn more!](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-congregation-council-101-online-via-zoom&c=E,1,1KFZP2L0nnLC0g6BJ6PivLtLltEb9wSQmGzdq4sSeqvPv1_SqWdRf7L4c9-7qK4nIQyUtVPCeEbAxlVdthxIRLI5bjZQqTgUcHWLyArip3Zdz10,&typo=1)

For church leaders who want to recognize the signs of abuse and help those who are suffering. ([Pastoral Care online series with Dr. Beth Toler](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-pastoral-care-zoom-workshops-3&c=E,1,EwLoTyKLdNvoeorgEL4afgQ7bkTVUGjbRyUz3Rsc-pAg9XuWSPdqWubkGQd8KkFxt7gYWeXqvk5IY4EFzL2IzGo0W5IPHWQTQ1EVBOXPmBq_4w,,&typo=1), March 4 & 7.) Discounted rate will apply for new students to the series. Email [mzimmann@uls.edu](mailto:mzimmann@uls.edu) for details.

Synod-authorized training programs are available in March and April. We are offering in-person training on both the Philadelphia and Gettysburg campuses in March. Online trainings will be available in April. Anti-racism, LGBTQIA2S+ Competency, and Boundary concepts are the topics. [Register here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fulsforms.wufoo.com%2fforms%2fm7zd3x002i2oa2%2f&c=E,1,zQBmzTwYlbWFDzBohGou3jauAnbQPqHMK6-VQQNgDt0priQIeCOl0TrhoXmQzHONdLnDYoQvdzpKoqGE9Y3g1o0D70YHXxTsr87Ca4wjIKBkf9ZSBz3v0w,,&typo=1).

The Nolde Lecture series welcomes author Anthony Ray Hinton to the Philadelphia campus on Monday, March 18th at 7 pm for a free lecture about his experience of living on death row for thirty years. The event will also be livestreamed and his book *And the Sun Does Shine*will be available for purchase and signing. [Register here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-annual-nolde-human-rights-lecture-with-anthony-ray-hinton&c=E,1,9-RkHlXpHt_ZUsRVi2V-evC-gRTHlj9KdWCJ0V3R4IiR-8-KOaF2Wz9-VyzWH0_NGmHhzRuAteYQJ4N-5Gt-3UuKsgvgxNgTZC7vFymAnEVEkA,,&typo=1) to attend in person or via livestream.

Reconciling the Shadow is a special day apart for rostered and lay women to examine their spiritual and mental growth edges. Join Jesus in the desert, hold space for grief, anger, and questioning, and gain concrete tools and direction to move toward true belief in resurrection. March 21-22 in Gettysburg. [Register here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fulsforms.wufoo.com%2fforms%2fm105oqbg1aqsztq%2f&c=E,1,LD06pqjx-vlDW6c_Wnu3JyMqmcmxALj1JstzXyG93yKKRGzz5Zu7SSo-dO_cCEdiZcJ5QVlltVwXbhLn9bTjlftEAh6FvAkIUlgwIqyE4k30AGEN&typo=1).

“[Rediscovering Hope](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unitedlutheranseminary.edu%2fcalendar%2fkindling-faith-rediscovering-hope&c=E,1,kUCkCgKt5BLZv3WZWs-99xAiDh9i08qvUM0HK12nq8AxRIKxCFlYF-VyPZ0Gxc35-IbFb82VACzws8LmL9D5Sfq50hKCUKLrpQBFKcoAGYcOxmd6mQ,,&typo=1)” with Nancy Nyland will take place on April 11th at the Gettysburg campus and online. Nyland has taught the ELCA’s congregational vitalization workshops for several years. This workshop will focus on reclaiming our hope in Jesus Christ and how this shapes our evangelism and outreach; part of the “Small but Mighty Church” series.

**Save these 2024 dates for Authors at ULS:**

* March 18th at 7 pm in Philadelphia, [Anthony Ray Hinton](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/17022329.Anthony_Ray_Hinton)
* April 24th at 1 pm in Gettysburg, [Kate Bowler](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fkatebowler.com%2f&c=E,1,-HzTwpyLbtpY9X9x0QLbYPspWCwaISVF3E-th6jIVhY01fhqBWzMrSO8wNuVSLmeaSpHRrM9Nmr58Fc5wKGY40kEobEMiHA9IsriZAlBuA,,&typo=1) (recently interviewed by Krista Tippett for the radio show [On Being](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fonbeing.org%2fprograms%2fkate-bowler-on-being-in-a-body%2f&c=E,1,Rpjt9ZJnJ-3QeeDMINStiPIBpZtuzr73HmPGcatgPM5tOzSW39dD2pOamvLYlz2-6vnGBizkJgUBRXzXqlYCv4xAe2duvtxBJvNpCVsIZlWHo4A0&typo=1))
* September 18th at 1 pm in Philadelphia, [Jamie Bruesehoff](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.jamiebruesehoff.com%2f&c=E,1,Udy9TSr_JruN4gtmc3vTG2F53t29gj2l5e0QdJh6HwOFHBfodRu_9O5XJ345bQMka83Ujikhn4OKAOXYxUIMz04RYNH4si7SuAV6veuoLq__p5vo&typo=1)

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