



LENTEN LUNCHESES

March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2019 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm | \$30/lunch

Learning about Suffering from the Major Faith Traditions

Suffering is a dominant theme in the Christian tradition during Lent. In this Lenten series, we will explore the theme of suffering in the major faith traditions of Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism and Islam to support our journeys of spiritual understanding and transformation. Come for one or more lunches and learn from these inspirational speakers what the major faith traditions say about suffering.

March 20, 2019: Christianity led by Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld was elected Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin on May 6, 2018. Prior to her election she served congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod and in Beloit, WI. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Task Force on Women and Justice, ELCA; the Executive Board of the Women of the ELCA; and serves on the South-Central Synod of WI Racial Equity Team.

March 27, 2019: Islam led by Alder Samba Baldeh

Common Council President **Samba Baldeh** was first elected to the City of Madison's Common Council in 2015. He was born in Choya in the Gambia and since being an Alder, has been an advocate for all disenfranchised communities in the City. Alder Baldeh has been at the forefront of fighting Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism in a current climate where policies and rhetoric have led to a spike of hate crimes and xenophobia across the country. For Alder Baldeh, the fight against racial, religious and immigrant discrimination is personal and part of his narrative as a Gambian American.

April 3, 2019: Buddhism led by Paul Knitter

Paul Knitter taught theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati for some 28 years before he moved, in 2007, to take the Paul Tillich Chair in Interreligious Dialogue at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Most of his publications and speaking explore how the religions of the world can work together in promoting human and environmental well-being. He and his wife Cathy Cornell have lived in Madison since 2013.



April 10, 2019: Judaism led by Rabbi Renee Bauer

Rabbi Bauer is the director of chaplaincy and outreach at Jewish Social Services of Madison, where she provides spiritual care for unaffiliated Jews in the community and leads advocacy and education efforts for the agency's refugee resettlement program. Rabbi Bauer was ordained as a rabbi by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 2005 and has lived in Madison ever since.

Registration

Register one week or more before the lunch(es) you will attend.

Registration is non refundable, but transferable. The Ayer Enrichment Fund (AEF) has made \$25 scholarships available for those who would like to attend, but for whom the \$30 fee is not affordable. The AEF was established to promote Benedictine values through programs that support reflection, dialogue and action.

Complete and return the form below with credit information or check (payable to Benedictine Women of Madison) by the deadline, or register online at HolyWisdomMonastery.org/lenten-lunches-registration/

Mail registration form to: Lenten Lunches • Holy Wisdom Monastery • 4200 County Road M • Middleton, WI 53562

Contact information (We do not sell or share our mailing list)

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day phone (____) _____ home, cell, work (circle one)

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Program

Please check all the **Lenten Lunches** you will attend; register one week or more before the lunch; \$30/lunch

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register by 3/13/19 register by 3/20/19 register by 3/27/19 register by 4/3/19

Payment

I am paying by check; amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$30/person/lunch)

I am paying by credit; amount charged \$ _____ (\$30/person/lunch)

I would like to attend but am unable to pay \$30; please apply a \$25 scholarship and I'll enclose \$5 by check or credit

Card number _____

Signature _____

Expiration date _____ 3-digit security code (on back) _____

How did you hear about this program?

- Holy Wisdom Monastery website
 Other website (list which one) _____
 Benedictine Bridge newsletter from Holy Wisdom Monastery
 Other email from Holy Wisdom Monastery
 Mail from Holy Wisdom Monastery
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 Holy Wisdom Monastery bulletin announcement
 Publication (list name of publication) _____
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Why are you choosing to attend this program? Please check all that apply.

- I am interested in the specific topic/speaker
 The date worked with my calendar
 I have attended programs in the past and feel they have been worthwhile
 The AEF scholarship makes it possible for me to attend; I would not have attended without it
 Other _____

Questions

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