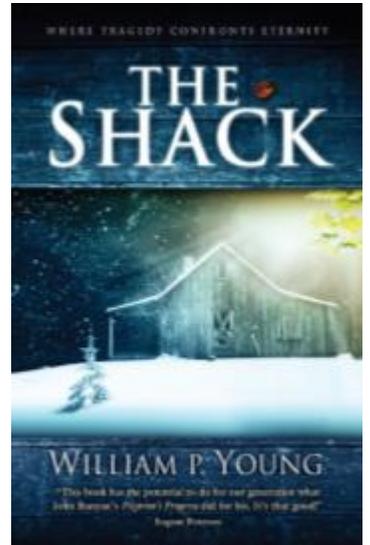


WEDNESDAY LUNCH LENTEN STUDY

The Shack, the book that sold more than twenty million copies, is coming to the theaters as a movie. It will begin showing here locally on March 2nd. Honestly, the book made a huge impact on me. The book is the story of Mack, a man who has suffered a terrible tragedy and whose faith has been left in tatters. But then he receives an unexpected invitation to return to the scene where that tragedy unfolded – a shack in the remote woods of Oregon. There, he encounters the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -each in human form. Together, over the course of a weekend, they deconstruct and reconstruct Mack's faith. He leaves the shack a transformed man. The book was widely acclaimed and controversial for many as well. The book challenges us in terms of our beliefs and preconceptions. I invite you to get a copy of the book – used ones are available on Amazon. Perhaps you would like to have a church group go together to see the movie. The story raises many good points and questions as to the nature of the Divine, the problem of evil in the world, and the need for forgiveness in order to find healing. **We will gather on March 8th, 15th, and 22nd at noon OR on March 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 6 p.m. in Room 208 to reflect upon and discuss this book and our faith lives.** Reading the book or viewing the movie ahead of our study would be most beneficial but not mandatory. I hope you will join us!



Starting **March 1st**, with the beginning of the Lenten season, the Parish Hall will be closed unless needed for overflow. When the Sanctuary is near capacity, the Parish Hall will be open for additional seating, especially when only one combined service is held. It is important to bring everyone together for worship. When we are seated together we are able to get to know each other better. The Sanctuary sound and temperature are also better when the partition is closed. The need will be assessed each week by the Ushers and the Elders.

Some Parish Hall chairs may be moved to the Sanctuary to allow a choice of seating.

If you have any questions please contact Elders Debbie Kerns, Don Schuldt, or Terri Carl. Thank you for your cooperation. *Elders*

SCHOLARSHIPS St. Paul's is again able to offer scholarships to qualifying **high school seniors** who plan to graduate this spring. Applications are available in the church office or through Kim Armstrong and must be turned in by **March 24, 2017**. This scholarship is open to St. Paul's members who plan to enroll in a post-secondary school or technical program in the fall of 2017. The scholarship amounts will be determined by the funds available and the number of scholarships awarded. Don't miss this opportunity!

The newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.