



Faith and Film Series

Fall, 2017

A series of feature films celebrating faith in our lives

all showings begin at 7 PM

presented at

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

To be shown in the Fellowship Center

3604 Chatham Road (at Frederick Road)

Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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All are welcome to attend, refreshments served, all films shown with closed captions

The Faith and Film series is about celebrating life and inspiring each of us through the power of story. Since the advent of the movies, there have been countless stories that have reached in and touched the soul. Consider the power of story to move you along in your journey. Consider the power of story to remind each of us of the importance of faith, hope and love. Consider the potential for the world to be a better place. And consider the possibility that films change people and people change the world. This series will be shown in the Fellowship Center at First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the community is invited to attend. All showings are at 7 PM. All films are shown with closed captions. Light refreshments are provided by the Fellowship Committee of FELC. All this information, and more, can be found on the church web page: <http://www.firstlutheranec.org/>

THE SHACK

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, *The Shack* takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa [Octavia Spencer]. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever. Released in March, 2017. Rated: PG-13 132 minutes.

"The Shack is an honest consideration of a Christian theological explanation for why bad things happen to good people. If you loved the book, I think you will be able to say the film surpasses it." National Catholic Reporter Magazine

LUTHER

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Joseph Fiennes stars as Martin Luther, the man of God whose defiant actions changed the world, in this film that traces Luther's extraordinary quest for bringing God to the people. The story begins in 1505 with a young Luther running and crawling through a field, trying desperately to escape a fierce storm, all the while crying out to Saint Anne to save him. It ends 25 years later with Luther rejoicing at the start of the Protestant reformation. Also starring Johathan Firth, Alfred Molina and Sir Peter Ustinov. In keeping with the Reformation theme, pretzels and Birch Beer will be served! Rated: PG-13 123 minutes.

"Luther presents a rich and dramatic portrayal of the great religious questions that came to define the Reformation as implemented and galvanized by this Catholic professor at Wittenberg." Spirituality & Practice Magazine

THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

The real-life story of one working wife and mother who became a hero to hundreds during World War II. In 1939 Poland, Antonina Żabińska (portrayed by two-time Academy Award nominee Jessica Chastain) and her husband, Dr. Jan Żabiński, the Warsaw Zoo was flourishing under his stewardship and her care. When their country is invaded by the Germans, Jan and Antonina are stunned - and forced to report to the Reich's newly appointed chief zoologist. To fight back on their own terms, Antonina and Jan covertly begin working with the Resistance - and put into action plans to save lives out of what has become the Warsaw Ghetto, with Antonina putting herself and even her children at great risk. Based on the award-winning non-fiction book by Diane Ackerman. Released in March, 2017. Rated: PG-13; 126 minutes.

"The Zookeeper's Wife is the kind of handsomely-mounted drama that will inspire many to bemoan the fact that they don't make them like this anymore." Max Weiss, Baltimore Magazine

The FAITH & FILM Series for 2018 Winter-Spring will feature *A Man Called Ove*, *Wonder*, *The Case for Christ* and *All Saints*. Please check back on the FELC web page later this year to confirm dates and times: <http://www.firstlutheranec.org/>