



Faith and Film Series 2018 Winter/Spring

A series of feature films celebrating faith in our lives.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Bistro-style in the Fellowship Center

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Friday evenings. • 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/>)

A MAN CALLED OVE

Friday, January 12, 2018 | 5:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Stepping from the pages of Fredrik Backman's international best-selling novel, Ove is the quintessential angry old man next door. An isolated retiree with strict principles and a short fuse, who spends his days enforcing block association rules that only he cares about, and visiting his wife's grave, Ove has given up on life. Enter a boisterous young family next door who accidentally flattens Ove's mailbox while moving in and earning his special brand of ire. Yet from this inauspicious beginning an unlikely friendship forms and we come to understand Ove's past happiness and heartbreaks. What emerges is a heartwarming tale of unreliable first impressions and the gentle reminder that life is sweeter when it's shared. One of the best reviewed films from this past year, this film was nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film at this past year's Academy Awards. "A Man Called Ove is Sweden's answer to Frank Capra's Yuletide classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*." Time Magazine. Released in December 2016. **Rated: PG-13 - 116 minutes**

THE CASE FOR CHRIST

Friday, February 9, 2018 | 7:00 PM

A hard-driving journalist, Lee Strobel was exactly where he expected to be at work: on top. His award-winning investigative reporting recently earned him a promotion to legal editor at the Chicago Tribune. But things weren't going nearly as well at home where his wife Leslie's newfound faith in Christ went against everything Lee believed-or didn't believe-as an avowed atheist. Utilizing his journalistic and legal training, Lee begins a quest to debunk the claims of Christianity in order to save his crumbling marriage. Chasing down the biggest story of his career, Lee comes face-to-face with unexpected results that could change everything he knows to be true. Based on Lee Strobel's award-winning bestselling book. "Well made and well-acted; the perfect movie for the Easter season." Huffington Post. Released in 2017. **Rated: PG - 112 minutes**

ALL SAINTS

Friday, March 9, 2018 | 7:00 PM

All Saints is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny Episcopal Church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all. Rotten Tomatoes' critics gave it a 93% favorable rating, with the National Catholic Register stating, "A vanishing rarity: a film that explores the Christian ideal in a way that is attractive regardless of viewers' faith or lack thereof, while challenging believers to live up to that ideal." "What faith-based films used to be, and ought to be again -- upbeat and inspiring." Variety Magazine. Released in 2017. **Rated: PG - 108 minutes**

WONDER

Friday, April 13, 2018 | 7:00 PM

Based on the New York Times bestseller, *WONDER* tells the inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to find their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out. Starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jason Tremblay, this film has a 91% favorable audience response on Rotten Tomatoes. "Starring a terrific Jacob Tremblay as a bullied boy with facial deformities and Julia Roberts as his mom, this drama based on the R. J. Palacio book that nearly everyone has read and wept over has surprising dimension and delicacy." Peter Travers, Rolling Stone Magazine. Released in November 2017. **Rated: PG - 108 minutes**

* Movie trailer images located on back page.