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February 24-26, 2012
Celebrating Bethania Lutheran Church's Centennial Year in 2012

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Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series

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CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA TODAY

Speaker:
Marcus Borg

~ Dedication ~

This weekend of lectures is lovingly dedicated to the memory of two men,

A. Ejnar Farstrup
(1909-1984)
and
Enok Mortensen
(1902-1984)

whose vision and energy strongly influenced Danish-American church life.

Pastors and educators, they exemplified the Grundtvigian ideal of developing one's humanity, including the intellect, to its fullest and best extent in order to be receptive to the Word of God.

2013 Lecture Series Speaker:
JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN
FEBRUARY 22-24, 2013

Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series

27th Annual Presentation:

Christianity in America Today

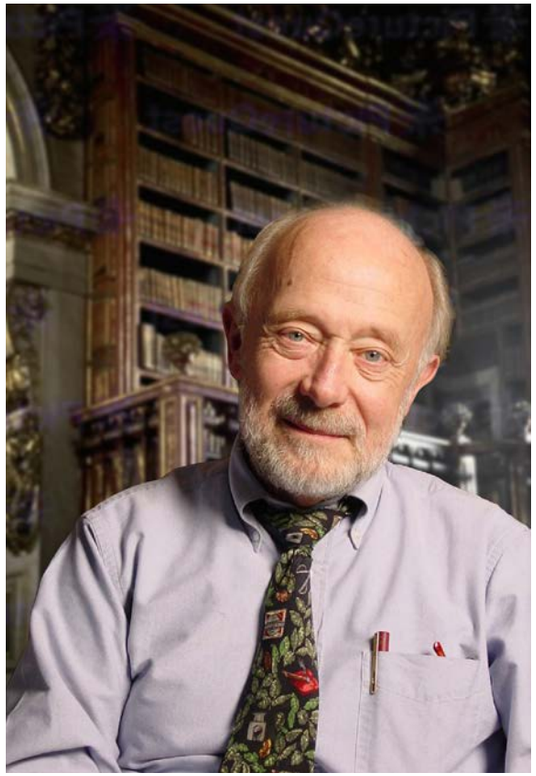
Speaker:

MARCUS BORG

MARCUS BORG is Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, OR. Known in both academic and church circles as a biblical and Jesus scholar, he held the Hundere Chair of Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University until his retirement in 2007.

He is the author of twenty books, including *Jesus: A New Vision* (1987) and the best-seller *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (1994); *The God We Never Knew* (1997); *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* (1999); *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* (2001), and *The Heart of Christianity* (2003), both best-sellers. His newest books are *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* (2006), a *New York Times* Best-Seller; *Conversations with Scripture: Mark* (2009); three books co-authored with John Dominic Crossan, *The Last Week* (2006), *The First Christmas* (2007), and *The First Paul* (2009): his first novel, *Putting Away Childish Things* (April, 2010); and twentieth book, *Speaking Christian*, published in April, 2011.

Described by *The New York Times* as "a leading figure in his generation of Jesus scholars," he has appeared on NBC's "Today Show" and "Dateline," PBS's "Newshour," ABC's "Evening News" and "Prime Time" with Peter Jennings, NPR's "Fresh Air" with Terry Gross, and several National Geographic programs. A Fellow of the Jesus Seminar, he has been national chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and co-chair of its International New



Testament Program Committee, and is past president of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars. His work has been translated into eleven languages: German, Dutch, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and French. His doctor's degree is from Oxford University, and he has lectured widely overseas (England, Scotland, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Hungary, Israel and South Africa) and in North America, including the Chautauqua and Smithsonian Institutions.

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- In addition to the twenty books authored or co-authored, he is the editor or co-editor of:
  The Lost Gospel Q (1996)
  Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings (1997)
  God at 2000, co-edited with Ross Mackenzie (2000).
- *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (1994) is the single best-selling book by a contemporary Jesus scholar.
- *The God We Never Knew* was named "one of the ten best books in religion in 1997" by *Publishers Weekly*.
- *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, co-authored with N. Thomas Wright, a well-known British New Testament scholar from the conservative side of the spectrum. It won the "Best General Interest Book of 1999" award from the Association of Theological Booksellers.
- *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* (2001) made *Publishers Weekly* "ten best selling books in religion."
- *The Heart of Christianity* (Harper San Francisco, 2003) has been a group study book in hundreds of churches.
- *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* is a *New York Times* best-selling book.

A very useful study guide for *The Heart of Christianity* is published by Woodlake Books and authored by Tim Scorer. 160 pages long, it teaches "Heart" in twelve sessions, with suggestions for small group formation and activities, a DVD that includes handouts, visuals, and some video. Similar study guides for *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* and *Jesus* are also available from Woodlake Books.

***Comments about Borg's books include:**

"Borg is one of the very few New Testament scholars of our age whose learning is so lucid that it takes the Bible back from the specialists and makes it available in all its complexity and splendor to the general reader: nothing short of a blessing, even a miracle! If Marcus Borg did not exist, we would have to invent him for we have no better guide to the recovery of an authentic Christian faith for these difficult times than this articulate and prolific public theologian."

PETER GOMES, author of *The Good Book*

"Marcus Borg presents his original ideas with uniquely thoughtful gentleness. This is manifested both in his writings and in person. I am proud to call him my travel guide both to Israel and Turkey and honored to have him as a friend."

REV. JARMO TARKKI, PH.D.

"A marvelous book, *The Heart of Christianity* is both challenging and illuminating, and effecting exactly the kind of transformation that Borg describes so lucidly."

KAREN ARMSTRONG, author of best-sellers *A History of God* and *The Battle for God*

"Marcus Borg is a key force in the emerging 'new paradigm' of Christian faith."

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN, author of more than thirty books on the Hebrew Bible

"With great clarity and pastoral genius, Borg offers questioning Christians a way to keep their faith without shutting down the search for truth."

BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR, priest, professor and preacher and author of many books, including *Leaving Church* and *An Altar in the World*

"In every generation there is a handful of writers of whom it can be said, 'Read everything they write.' Marcus Borg is one of these today."

WALTER WINK, author of *Engaging the Powers*, *Jesus and Non-Violence*, and others

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Early Bird Outdoor Activity

Friday, February 24 3-5 p.m.

Join wildlife biologist Fred Emerson and long time birder, Fred Machetanz, for a pleasant stroll in Hans Christian Andersen Park near Bethania Lutheran Church. The walk will feature natural history and cover birds, mammals, insects, plants, ecology, and environmental conservation. Meet at the Parish Hall at 3 p.m. to walk to the park. Please wear sturdy shoes and hat. Bring binoculars or camera. *Rain cancels.*

Fred Emerson grew up in rural western New York state. A Ph.D. in wildlife biology from Cornell University built on his biology degree from Alfred University. Interested in the interface of ecology and public health, he attended Vanderbilt Medical School (M.D.) He enjoyed a 20 year career in teaching and practice of emergency medicine. Since then he has focused on teaching birding along with the ecology, and natural history of Santa Barbara County.

Fred Machetanz has been intensely interested in birds and nature since he was five years old. He has led numerous bird walks for the Los Angeles Community College District and for interested birders in the Santa Barbara area. He was graduated from Cal Tech with a B.S. degree in mathematics and received an Ed.D. degree in Educational Psychology from UCLA.

2012 Lecture Schedule

Friday, February 24, 2012

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	**Early Bird Outdoor Activity**
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION AND WINE RECEPTION - *Compliments of Daniel Gehrs Wines*
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Dinner
6:45 – 7:00 p.m.	SINGING
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	LECTURE I: **"Speaking Christian in America Today"**

Folk Dancing with Rev. Clayton Nielsen follows program.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

8:30 a.m.	SINGING
8:45 a.m.	DEVOTIONS – **Rev. Len Dalberg**
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	LECTURE II: **"Being Christian in America Today: A Divided Church in an Imperial Culture"**
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Coffee - *Provided by Atterdag Village of Solvang*
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	SINGING
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.	LECTURE III: **" 'Speaking Christian' in America Today – two different religions using the same language"**
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	LECTURE IV: **"Christian Illiteracy and Ignorance"**
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Coffee, Announcements, Singing
6:30 p.m.	Banquet Dinner & Program

Sunday, February 26, 2012

9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE **Dr. Jarmo Tarkki will preach**
11:00–12:30 p.m.	**Conversations with Dr. Marcus Borg**

~2012~
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LECTURE REGISTRATION FORM

The REGISTRATION FEE of $160.00 per person includes all activities of the weekend, including meals Friday evening, Saturday noon and evening banquet. *Please note, there is now a limit of 130 meals for full-time participants, including the banquet. Individual lectures and some meals may be purchased on a first-come, first served basis.* ***To receive a PRE-REGISTRATION Discount Rate of $140.00 per person, please mail your check and registration before February 1, 2012.*** *Note: Housing will be per your own arrangements and should be made early due to limited availability.*

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Solvang/SYV: Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau
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Lompoc: http://hotel-guides.us/california/lompoc-ca-hotels.html

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FULL SERIES (includes Lectures, Meals & Banquet)

❑ **Pre-Registration** @ $140.00/person: _____
(before February 1, 2012)

❑ **Registration** @ $160.00 per person: _____
(after February 1, 2012)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

❑ Individual Lectures @ $25.00 each: _____

❑ Friday Dinner @ $20.00 per person: _____

❑ Sat. Luncheon @ $20.00 per person: _____

❑ Sat. Dinner & Program @ $35.00/person:_____

Please reserve ___ **Chicken** ___**Pork** ___ **Vegetarian**

Amount Enclosed for above: $_____

If you wish to make an additional tax-deductible contribution to support the fees for future speakers you may indicate the amount below and include it in your registration check.

Thank you. $_____

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