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# Surviving THE LECTIONARY



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2023**  
**8:30-11:30 A.M., EVENT SPACE, YOUNGER FAMILY**  
**CAMPUS CENTER**

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**KARL KUHN, GRACE CHAIR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
AND DEAN OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS**

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The lectionaries used by Roman Catholic (LM) and many Protestant communities (RCL) help believers remember and celebrate pivotal events in the story of God's people. They also lead believers to reflect on what it means to be faithful followers of Christ. In doing so, lectionaries provide several notable benefits for congregations.

But lectionaries also lead pastors and their congregations to treat the Bible in ways that do not honor what kind of work it is and where it came from. They encourage distorted readings of Scripture that take biblical passages out of context. They lead Christians to simplify the richness of the Bible's testimony, and overlook its literary artistry.

Drawing from his book, *Reading the Bible Badly: How American Christians Misunderstand and Misuse their Scriptures* (Cascade, 2020), Karl Kuhn will unveil the shortcomings of lectionaries, the challenges they present for believing communities, and how to overcome them.

Cost of this workshop is \$25. All proceeds will support scholarships for Lakeland's Social Justice Camp for high school students, summer 2023.

*Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn is Professor of Religion, Grace Chair of Religious Studies, and Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at Lakeland University where he has served since the Fall of 1999. He earned his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Marquette University in 1999, and has widely published and lectured in the fields of biblical interpretation and biblical theology. He has authored numerous articles and six books, "Having Words with God: The Bible as Conversation" (Fortress Press, 2008), "The Heart of Biblical Narrative: Rediscovering Biblical Appeal to the Emotions" (Fortress Press, 2009), "Luke: The Elite Evangelist (Paul's Social Network Series)" (Collegeville, Liturgical, 2010), "The Kingdom According to Luke and Acts" (Baker Academic, 2015), "Insights from Cultural Anthropology" (Fortress Press, 2018), and co-authored "New Proclamation: The Essential Pastoral Companion for Preaching, Year C 2010" (Fortress Press, 2009). His latest work is "Reading the Bible Badly: How American Christians Misunderstand and Misuse their Scriptures" (Cascade Press, 2020). He just recently completed two terms as associate editor for the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, one of the leading journals in his field. In addition to his work in biblical studies, Karl also speaks frequently in the community to promote interfaith understanding.*

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