



The congregation will read *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving this winter. Irving's mission is to transform confusion and anxiety about racial injustice into curiosity and action.

Why are we talking about race, you might wonder. Jesus commands us to "love one another" (John 13:34). We have to face the truth that racism continues in our country and in our community and that is not love. As part of a larger La Crosse-area effort to develop a healthier multicultural community, there are many organizations, school districts, governmental agencies reading this book as well. Later in 2020, it will be a La Crosse library-based community read. Copies of the book are available at the Resource Center outside the church office; the cost is \$10.

f Each day, beginning January 5, the First Lutheran Facebook page (facebook.com/1stlu) will host an ongoing thread of conversation based on that day's readings. Check in regularly! Sign up for a small group for weekly face to face conversations throughout Lent (the week of Feb. 26 through the week of Mar. 29). Easter is April 12. We'll see how God sends us forth from these conversations into a season of resurrection!

UPCOMING READINGS

Preparing for participation in small groups during Lent beginning the week of February 23.

WEEK 1: JAN. 5–11

- Sunday, January 5: Introduction
- Monday, January 6: Chapter 1: What Wasn't Said
- Tuesday, January 7: Chapter 2: Family Values
- Wednesday, January 8: Chapter 3: Race Versus Class
- Thursday, January 9: Chapter 4: Optimism
- Friday, January 10: Chapter 5: Within the Walls

WEEK 2: JAN. 12–18

- Sunday, January 12: Chapter 6: From Confusion to Shock
- Monday, January 13: Chapter 7: The GI Bill
- Tuesday, January 14: Chapter 8: Racial Categories
- Wednesday, January 15: Chapter 9: White Superiority
- Thursday, January 16: Chapter 10: The Melting Pot
- Friday, January 17: Chapter 11: Headwinds and Tailwinds

WEEK 3: JAN. 19–25

- Sunday, January 19: Chapter 12: Icebergs + Chapter 13: Invisibility
- Monday, January 20: Chapter 14: Zap!
- Tuesday, January 21: Chapter 15: The Whole Story
- Wednesday, January 22: Chapter 16: Logos and Stereotypes
- Thursday, January 23: Chapter 17: My Good People
- Friday, January 24: Chapter 18: Color-Blind + Chapter 19: My Good Luck
- Saturday, January 25: Chapter 20: My Robin Hood Syndrome

WEEK 4: JAN. 26–FEB. 1

- Sunday, January 26: Chapter 21: Straddling Two Worlds
- Monday, January 27: Chapter 22: Why Do I Always End Up With White People?
- Tuesday, January 28: Chapter 23: Diversity Training
- Wednesday, January 29: Chapter 24: Everyone is Different; Everyone Belongs
- Thursday, January 30: Chapter 25: Belonging
- Friday, January 31: Chapter 26: Surviving vs Thriving, + Chapter 27: Living Into Expectations
- Saturday, February 1: Chapter 28: I Am the Elephant

WEEK 5: FEB. 2–8

- Sunday, February 2: Chapter 29: Intent and Impact
- Monday, February 3: Chapter 30: Feelings and the Culture of Niceness
- Tuesday, February 4: Chapter 31: Courageous Conversations
- Wednesday, February 5: Chapter 32: Getting Over Myself
- Thursday, February 6: Chapter 33: Perception and Fear

WEEK 6: FEB. 9–15

- Sunday, February 9: Chapter 34: Becoming Multicultural
- Monday, February 10: Chapter 35: If Only You'd Be More Like Me
- Tuesday, February 11: Chapter 36: The Dominant White Culture
- Wednesday, February 12: Chapter 37: Boxes and Ladders
- Thursday, February 13: Chapter 38: The Rugged Individual
- Friday, February 14: Chapter 39: Equality Starts with Equity
- Saturday, February 15: Chapter 40: Bull in a China Shop

WEEK 7: FEB. 16–22

- Sunday, February 16: Chapter 41: From Bystander to Ally
- Monday, February 17: Chapter 42: Solidarity and Accountability
- Tuesday, February 18: Chapter 43: From Tolerance to Engagement
- Wednesday, February 19: Chapter 44: Listening
- Thursday, February 20: Chapter 45: Normalizing Race Talk
- Friday, February 21: Chapter 46: Whole Again
- Saturday, February 22: Tell Me What To Do!