

How Jesus Led to Moon Golf, and Why it Matters

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Adult Forum
Sunday, December 20, 2009
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Bill Ahlers will present a forum on the history of Christianity during the Adult Forum on Sunday, Dec. 20th.

Many naive ideas, assumptions and supposed facts about Christianity that most of us carry in our heads are inaccurate or have no basis in scripture. No Kings presided over Jesus' birth. Many Popes have been married (one, succeeded by his own son). St. Patrick wasn't Irish, nor did he lead snakes out of Ireland. And, most religious relics still displayed in Churches around the world are plainly fraudulent.

We get these notions from a variety of places - famous Renaissance paintings to medieval stained glass windows to Hollywood movies. The true story of Christianity is far more interesting and convoluted. Of how a carpenter and itinerant healer has brought infinitely more effect than any parliament that ever reigned or any army that ever marched. It is the unlikely tale that inspired Michelangelo, arguably the most successful artist ever, to paint the Sistine Chapel... of how Pascal, possibly the world's greatest mathematician, ended his career early in order to scientifically prove the existence of God... and all culminating, of course, in golf played on the moon.