

# A FAMILY TREE OF DENOMINATIONS

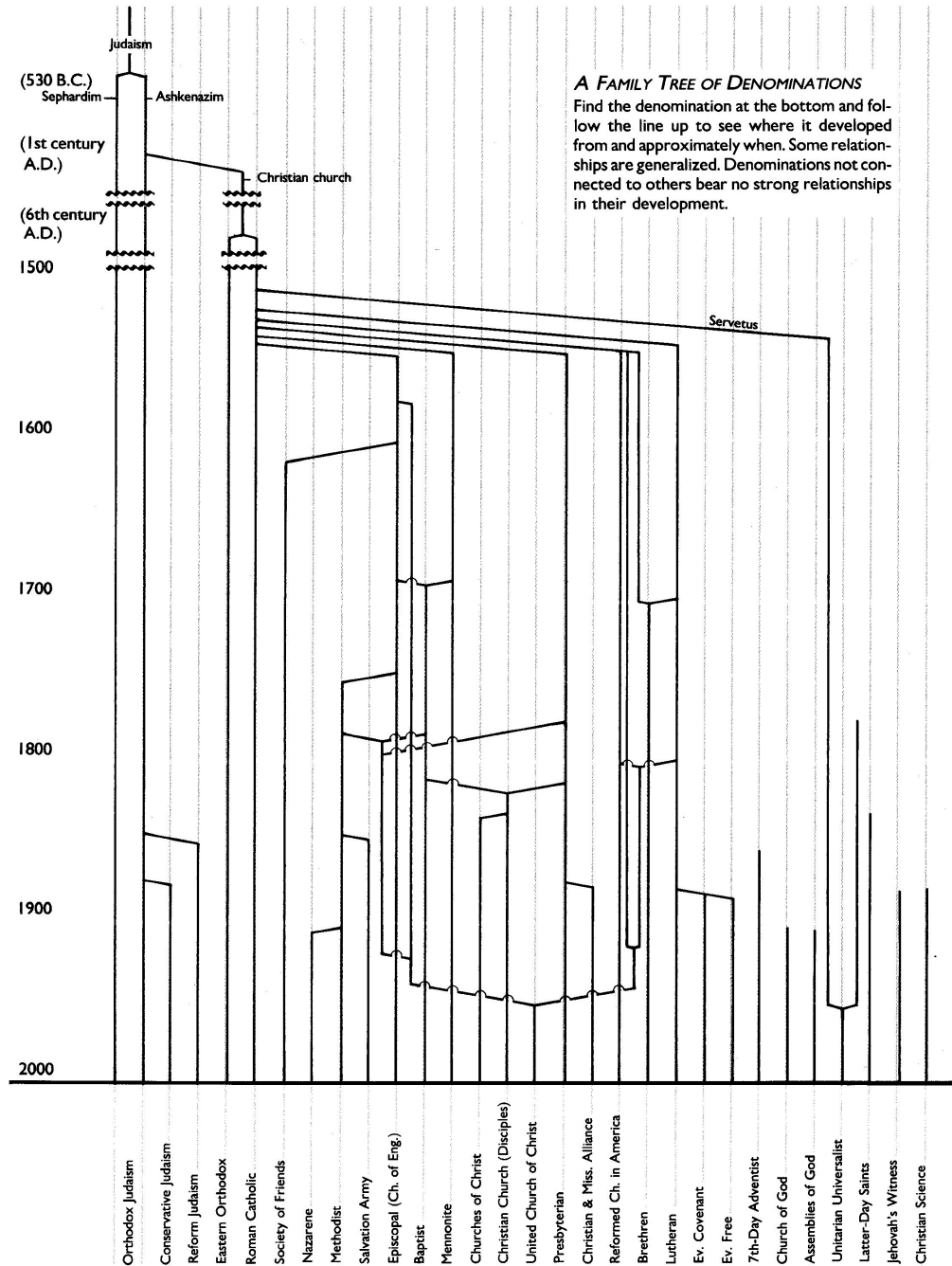
Dear Friends in Christ:

We have begun our look at other expressions of faith. A question I asked myself and one I have at times been asked is "Where and why all the different denominations of the Christian faith. The why is a challenge. Most of them evolved out of the Reformation and adopted the views, theological perspectives and interpretation by the consensus of a group of scholars. Others arose out of conflict and controversy in coming to any consensus about what one believed. The where is much more easily answered by the chart. Take time to review it to see just what history bear out.

## ONE FAITH MANY FORMS

General unity in the church means more than agreeing to disagree. To be an honest reality, it needs to grow out of the

church's basic nature, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism". Within this unity there is diversity. There is one Lord, but God's people are many. There is one faith, but its confession may take many forms. It is this principal and confession that allows us to move forward in this search for understanding those among us. We as God's people are the church, the family of Christ and the community of believers. We continue to learn about "Our Neighbor's Faith".



Yours in Christ,

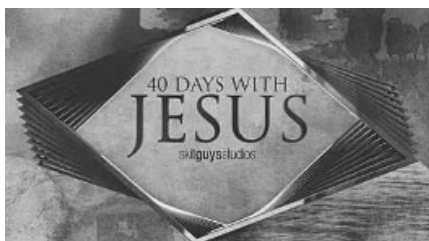
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If you are hospitalized, know someone who is, need pastoral assistance, a prayer request, home visit, private communion, or other pastoral service contact Pastor Hal at any of the above.

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## MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 01, 2023  
Big Elk Creek Lutheran  
6:00- Soup Supper 7:00- Worship  
"John the Baptist"

March 08, 2023  
Barum Lutheran  
6:00-Soup Supper 7:00- Worship  
"Simon Peter"

March 15, 2023  
Big Elk Creek Lutheran  
6:00- Soup Supper 7:00- Worship  
"Temple Cleansing"

March 22, 2023  
Barum Lutheran  
6:00- Soup Supper 7:00- Worship  
"Nicodemus"

March 29, 2023  
Big Elk Creek Lutheran  
6:00- Soup Supper 7:00- Worship  
"God's Voice in the Thunder"

## SUNDAY LESSONS AND THEMES



### Second Sunday in Lent

March 05, 2023

John 3: 1-17

"A Night Visitor"

### Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

John 4: 5-42

"An Encounter with a Woman"

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

John 9: 1-41

"Look Whose Blind"

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

John 11: 1-45

"Look Whose Alive Again"

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## Prove it!

In Jesus Christ, Superstar, King Herod mocks the bound prisoner who's brought to his courtyard. "So, you are the Christ. You're the great Jesus Christ!" he sings. "Prove to me that you're no fool: Walk across my swimming pool!"

Likewise, the Pharisees demand evidence that Jesus is speaking for God (Matthew 12: 38). It's easy to poke fun at them, but have you ever faced a tough decision and thought, "If only God would give me a sign"? Jesus tells the religious teachers about the "sign of Jonah," a metaphor for his upcoming death and resurrection. Though it's meant to be a sign for all, not everyone accepts it as truth. Luke 16:31 notes that if the rich man's brothers weren't predisposed to listen to Moses and the prophets, then "they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" (NIV). Signs are useful only to people who accept their messages and act accordingly.

—adapted from The Wired Word