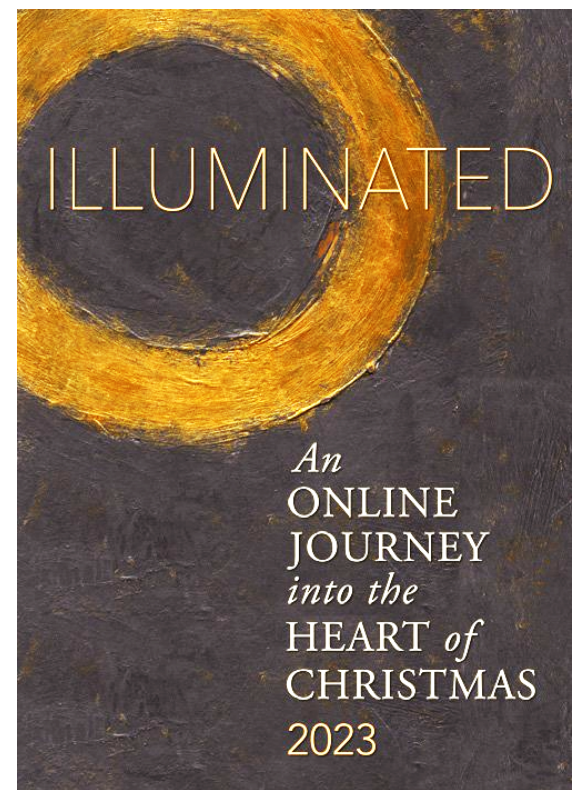


# Jan Richardson's ILLUMINATED 2023

## An Online Advent Retreat in Community with St. Paul's Lutheran Church



### An invitation into the heart of Christmas

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is proud to partner with Jan Richardson, author, and retreat director, for an Advent Retreat which will be presented online and shared in community.

In a chaotic time, the Illuminated retreat will offer a space of elegant simplicity. Intertwining reflection, art, music, and community, this four-week online retreat provides a distinctive opportunity to journey through Advent and Christmas in contemplation and conversation with others along the way.

This online retreat is not about adding one more thing to your holiday schedule. It is about helping you find spaces for reflection that draw you deep into a season that shimmers with mystery and possibility.

### How will we enter the sacred space of this season - *Each week of Advent we will open a new door*

#### Week 1: Mystery Loves Company

On being met, bearing witness, and wandering together in the strange wonder of Advent.

#### Week 2: A Remedy for Certainty

On curiosity, imagination, and what door does half a key open?

#### Week 3: The Beautiful Unfinished

On messes, surprises, and being a work in progress.

#### Week 4: What We Bring to the Light

On fragments, layers, and looking for what shines through.

### Here is the plan

- You will receive three emails each week (Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday), plus emails for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. These emails will feature written reflections, questions, and blessings by Jan, along with artwork she has created for your Advent journey.
- Music from Garrison Doles will weave through the retreat, drawing you deep into the gifts of this season with his original songs and reflective instrumental pieces.
- St. Paul's will offer three options for us to gather and share the retreat as a community. You are asked to join one when you register.

**Wednesdays 11:00 – 1:00** in Kinports Hall – we will gather to share our retreat experience and enjoy lunch and fellowship. December 6, 13, 20, and January 3

**Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00** in the conference room – we will gather to share our retreat experience. At 7:15 we will continue with our Wednesday Contemplative Worship using the themes from the retreat. December 6, 13, 20, and January 3

**Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30** on ZOOM - we will gather online to share our retreat experience. December 7, 14, 21, and January 4

*You may change groups weekly, if needed, but please indicate a first choice.*

### Cost for this Advent Retreat

Suggested donation - \$20 per person. A household can share a registration if you are willing to do the retreat together and use one email address. We think that is a good idea!

### How to sign up

- There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church. Please leave your name, phone number and email address printed CLEARLY. Indicate your choice of which small group you will attend. There will be an envelope for the donation at the sign-up table. You can leave your donation there or mail it to the church.

**OR**

- Send an email to [office@stpaulsclearwater.org](mailto:office@stpaulsclearwater.org). Send your name, phone number and email address. Indicate your choice of which small group you will attend. We will reply with the address where you can mail your donation for the retreat.

**Registration is Due by Wednesday, November 29.**

If you have questions, please reach out to

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