

# Fall 2013 Ronning Centre

## RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE CAFÉ SERIES



All Sessions will be held at  
Café Connections at The Open Door  
4825 - 51 Street, Camrose

### Vocation: The Gift of Service

And without a core of courage  
how can anything ever be achieved, can any  
thing be built?  
And courage shadowed by weakness may be the  
most precious  
of all, since it carries sweetness into the heart of  
the building,  
carries it like honey into the hollows of the  
honey-comb.  
—Douglas Le Pan, writer and public servant

One of the gifts of living attentive to a local community is getting to know one's neighbours, women and men who walk common pathways and do uncommon work. We all know the designation of the many and varied forms of work that shape a modern society: judge, teacher, farmer, pastor, custodian, artist, civil servant, executive, therapist. The list is long. What takes time and attentiveness is hearing behind the usual descriptions and accounts the courage needed to work with enduring commitment to shaping and reshaping our institutions in fruitful ways, so there is more good than not, so that the benefit flows out to those served beyond the maintenance of a chosen career. You are invited to join us in conversations of "courage shadowed by weakness" animated by a number of friends of the Ronning Centre, by our neighbours.

#### My Vocation as Parent, Teacher, and Citizen

*Animated by Pat Mader Mündel*

Friday, 20 September 8:30–10:00 a.m.

#### How Can I Help You?

*Animated by David Stolee*

Friday, 4 October, 8:30–10:00 a.m.

#### The Accidental Judge

*Animated by Harry Gaede*

Friday, 18 October, 8:30–10:00 a.m.

#### Cultivating the Fields of Meaning

*Animated by Will Pattison*

Friday, 15 November, 8:30–10:00 a.m.

#### Discerning the Living Presence

*Animated by Linda Gervais*

Friday, 6 December, 8:30–10:00 a.m.

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