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LETTER OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR FREETHINKERS

**Join us Sunday, February 2nd at 10am at the
Hillside Community Center, 12 East 4th St.,
(at the side door), in person and via Zoom
for a presentation by Jay Krajic on his**

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA

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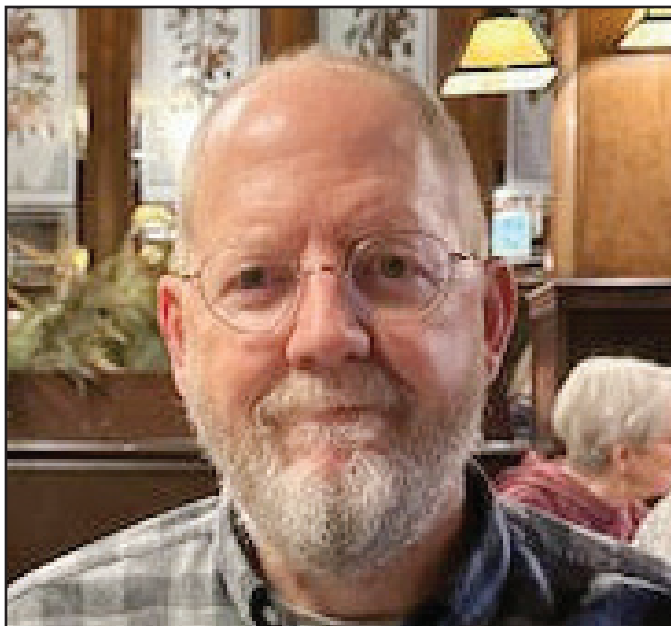
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JAY KRAJIC: I was born in 1959 and grew up in the Chicago suburbs. In 1977 I headed west to attend Utah State University. I ended up with a fine arts degree in photography and art history. I then moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, became interested in journalism and went back to school in broadcast journalism. In 1985, I got a job in Twin Falls, Idaho working for a TV station in news. 5 months later I got a job in Boise, Idaho and never left. I worked as a news videographer for 20 years. In 2007, I switched jobs to work at Idaho Public Television, where I became the chief videographer for the program, Outdoor Idaho. I retired in March, 2023 and moved to Duluth, MN in December of 2023.

FEBRUARY 2025

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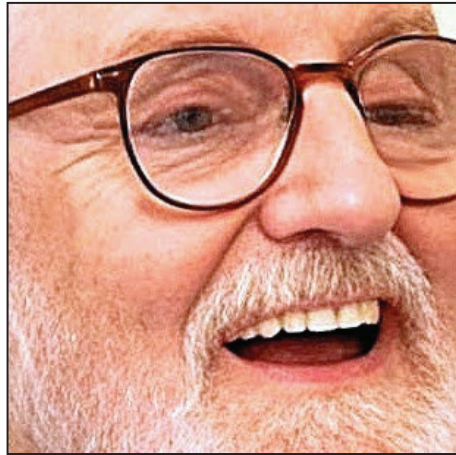
The visual presentation I will be showing involves landscapes, some wildlife shots and some video. As a still photographer, I've always been interested in capturing the wild landscape. That's all Antarctica is, wild. I don't have the equipment for shooting wildlife unless it walks up to me. The video I shot with my phone because I thought that was the best way to document some things. We were basically in the ice for 4 days and most of these shots were taken during that time.

▼ To join the meeting via Zoom, click the link below ▼

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FUTURE LSF PROGRAMS

MARCH



JIM LYTTLE is a long-time member of Lake Superior Freethinkers. He lives in Duluth with his wife Jing and daughter Heather, an honors student at the Marshall School. Dr. Lyttle has degrees in philosophy, organizational behavior, and education. He is a life member of Mensa, and is a retired university professor. As a diagnosed ADHD sufferer, he has always struggled with wisdom.

WISDOM & FREETHOUGHT

While it's difficult to define wisdom, we notice unwise things we have done. What are the main qualities of people who are thought to be wise? Does wisdom come with age, correlate with intelligence, a great sense of humor, or being a kind person? Along with millennia of religious and philosophical speculation, we now have a body of research findings from academic psychologists. After laying out a few tested elements of wisdom, we will apply them to our own ideas of freethought and religious skepticism. Are we being wise?

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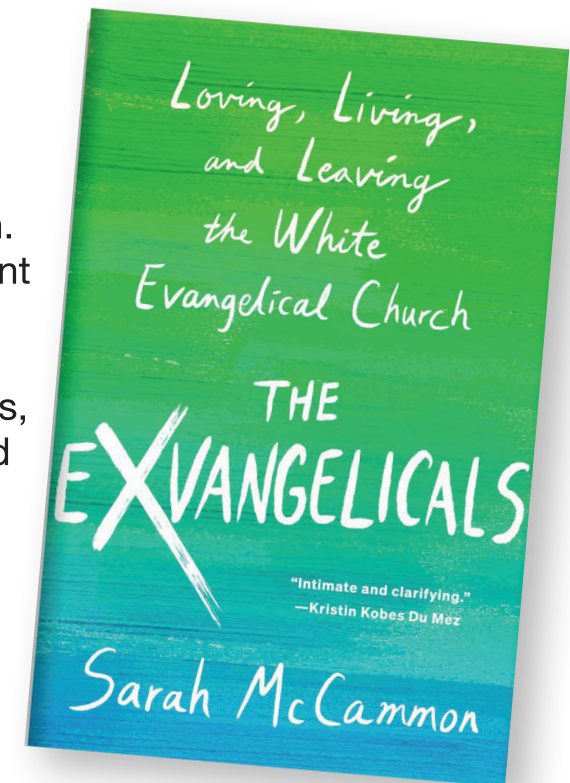
THE EXVANGELICALS



SARAH MCCAMMON is a National Political Correspondent for NPR and co-host of the NPR Politics Podcast. Her work focuses on political, social and cultural divides in America, including abortion policy and the intersections of politics and religion. She's also a frequent guest host for NPR news programs.

She has covered several presidential elections, including the 2016 campaign, when she reported on the rise of the Trump movement.

McCammon is the author of *The Exvangelicals: Loving, Living, and Leaving the White Evangelical Church*, a 2024 book that is part memoir and part journalism, about the movement of people who grew up inside the powerful evangelical subculture and ultimately left in response to its increasing politicization.



JOIN US FOR **HAPPY HOUR**

**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday,
February 6th at Mexico Lindo,
Fitgers Brewery Complex**



**Mexico Lindo will validate your parking
and we will validate your skepticism about
religion. See you there!**



LSF FEBRUARY SOCIAL DINNER

Join us Wednesday February 19th at 5:30pm for LSF's Social Dinner at Fitger's Brewhouse "Barrel Room" (Accross the hall from the Brewhouse). Besides locally famous craft beer the Barrel Room features a full bar where we will first have a mixer/social/happy hour before seating ourselves for dinner.

Plenty of validated parking in the Fitger.s ramp.



Virginia Woolf



Novelist and essayist Virginia Woolf, née Adeline Virginia Stephen, the daughter of freethinker Sir Leslie Stephen and Julia Jackson Duckworth, was born in London in 1882. Starting at an early age, she and her sister Vanessa were sexually abused by two half-brothers. Woolf's mother died when she was in her early teens, followed by the death of her caretaking half-sister Stella, then her father from a slow cancer in 1904 and finally her brother Toby in 1906.

Woolf had the first of several major breakdowns following Toby's death. She moved into the home of her sister Vanessa and her husband Clive Bell in Bloomsbury, which became the hub of the intellectual and largely freethinking Bloomsbury group. In 1905 she began working for the Times Literary Supplement. She married Leonard Woolf in 1912.

Her first book, *The Voyage Out*, was published in

1915, followed by *Night and Day* (1919), *Jacob's Room* (1922), *Mrs. Dalloway* (1925) and *Orlando* (1938). Woolf wrote more than 500 essays, among them "A Room of One's Own" (1929), in which she famously observed, "A woman must have money and a room of her own if she is to write fiction." Her "Three Guineas" was likewise a feminist rallying cry to women to come into their own.

Woolf pioneered the modern novel, employing stream-of-consciousness and a non-linear narrative. *Orlando* featured an androgynous protagonist, reputedly inspired by Vita Sackville-West, with whom she had a love affair. Woolf committed suicide by drowning herself during a recurring period of mental breakdown and despair in early World War II, writing her husband: "I owe all my happiness to you but can't go on and spoil your life." (D. 1941)

"I read the Book of Job last night — I don't think God comes well out of it."

— letter to Lady Robert Cecil, Nov. 12, 1922, *"The Letters of Virginia Woolf, Vol. 2,"* eds. N. Nicolson and J. Trautmann (1976)