

Fall 2021 Adult Christian Formation Survey

This fall I'll be working with adults during our Sunday School hour: 9:15 am in the sanctuary for now, moving to a different room once All Souls comes back to the sanctuary. The plan is to have a Zoom option for folks to participate from home, live on Sundays, and to use Zoom to record our conversations for the following Midweek Message. That should cover all the bases!

I've been selecting the materials for the Midweek Messages for so long, I thought it was time to put out a survey to see if there was a particular area or topic that folks had a particular interest in. Please look over the following options, and rank your top three. Put a 1 next to your preferred selection, a 2 next to your second favorite, and a 3 – you guessed it! – next to your third. You can also write in something else at the bottom. Email back your selections or drop off the form on Sunday. I'll weight the responses to form a plan for our next few studies.

Thanks in advance for your input! Whatever we end up choosing to start with, I'm looking forward to some wonderful, Spirit-filled conversations together!

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan



___ Bible Study: since we just did two months on Ezra and Nehemiah, I'm leaning towards something from the New Testament, perhaps Philippians.

___ Theology: there is an intriguing-looking series from our denominational publishing house (Augsburg Fortress) called "Animate." There are series on Faith, Bible, and Practices. Here's the link: <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286326/Animate>. There would be a cost involved with this one. Of course, we could also just pick some other theological matter and dig into that.

___ Interfaith/Ecumenical: there is a wonderful resource called "Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith" that looks at a multitude of Christian denominations and other religions, using our own ELCA Lutheran denomination as a point of comparison. We could spend a few weeks talking about the other communities of your choosing.

___ Music/Arts: We could look at the Bible in Art, or spend some time going over the history, musical structure, and meaning of various hymns. We might even sing together! Or make some art together!

___ History: We'll start with a time period, event, or significant historical figure, or look at the historical context of some part of the Bible, and then gather together the resources to learn more about our choice. We also might be able to borrow an archaeological study Bible.

Other ideas and suggestions: