

## Sunday Adult Education Classes, Continued

9:45-10:45 am

### Bible Study

Room 22

Lower level

George Hunsberger will lead this class, with Kent Fry assisting. The class will focus on the book of Revelation. The Book of Revelation has often been misunderstood or interpreted in strange ways; therefore ignored by many Christians. It is a fitting conclusion to the Bible.

### Spiritual Formation

Centennial Room (Room 24)

Lower Level

Kama Jongerius facilitates this class in which we will study the sermon text of the day highlighted in the lectionary-based study series, "Seasons of the Spirit". While this class is Bible-based, the goal is to deepen our practices of faith and to demonstrate hospitality, care-filled listening, and confidentiality in a small group atmosphere.

Thank you to our adult education planning team:

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### LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Wednesday evenings

Sept 19-Nov 14; Jan 16-Mar 20

Dinner: 5:30

Adult Classes: 6:30-7:30

### Bi-lingual Bible Study and Prayer Library

Join this group of English and Spanish speaking people who study scripture, share their lives, and pray for one another. Angel Lopez and Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas facilitate this group.

### "Men"

Chapel

Based on a podcast launched on July 11, 2018 by John Biewen from "Scene on Radio" this season-long series will be asking questions like, "How did we develop into a male-dominated society? How can we get better at seeing sexism? What does it mean to be a male in the midst of the "Me Too" movement? This discussion-based class will be facilitated by Kama Jongerius and Steve DeYoung.

### Knitting Group

Prayer room

Join this group of knitters and they work on prayer shawls and share in prayer for the concerns of our congregation. Sandy Stielstra is the contact person for this group.

## THIRD REFORMED CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2018 - MAY 2019



At Third Reformed Church, we value life-long learning. On Sunday mornings, adult learners have the opportunity to attend one of three educational opportunities - each geared toward a specific learning style. On Wednesday evenings, we offer an adult bilingual (Spanish and English) Bible study/prayer group, and also a topical study addressing current day issues. We invite you to join us on this path of deepening our faith.

### **Adult Education Classes**

**Sundays; 9:45 - 10:45 am**

**The Chapel Class theme this year is "Reclaiming Jesus". We will consider how Jesus remains relevant for us in these changing times, and in all we do.**

"Reclaiming Jesus" (Four week series)

**Sept 16 Reclaiming Jesus; Pastor Kent Fry**  
What is the Christian's responsibility in today's society to reclaim and proclaim Jesus as Lord?

**Sept 23 Reclaiming Jesus through Worship; Steve Orlow**  
How do we broaden the ways we worship to acknowledge God's divine participation in this world, and to ponder how God asks us to live our lives and show love for one another?

**Sept 30 The Connection between Service and Reclaiming Jesus; TRC deacons Scott Millen and Amy Lunn**  
How do we, as individuals and as members of TRC, reclaim Christ through acts of service? What is our congregation doing, and what are we hoping to do?

**Oct 7 Faith and Learning: Loving God with Our Minds; Jonathan Hagood**  
What is the connection between learning/education and reclaiming Jesus?

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“Discerning Jesus” (Three week series)

**October 14**     **Discerning Jesus in the writings of John Knox; Suzanne MacDonald**  
John Knox (1513-1572) was a Scottish minister, theologian and writer who was a leader of that country’s Reformation.

**October 21**     **Discerning Jesus in the writings of Frederick Buechner; Jeff Munroe**  
Author Frederick Buechner, born in 1926, has been described as revolutionizing contemporary Christian literature through his approachable, universally applicable subject matter. Jeff has recently published a book about Buechner’s writings.

**October 28**     **Discerning Jesus in the writings of Jon Meacham; Linda Walvoord deVelder**  
Jon Meacham is a presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author whose most recent book is entitled The Soul of America.

**Nov 4**            **How Refugees Reveal Christ to Us; Larry Jackson**  
In their vulnerability and humility, refugees can teach us lessons about our Christian faith. Larry Jackson, from Church World Services will lead.

**Nov 11**          **Hard and Holy Work: Refugee Resettlement; Kristine Van Noord**  
Resettlement work is hard - for both refugees and their hosts. Kristine Van Noord of Bethany Christian Services will share how such work shapes people.

**Nov 18**          **TBA**

**Nov 26**          **No education; Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Dec 2, 9**         **Life as a Bi-Racial Family; Ben and Trina Lichtenwalner**  
What are the challenges of being a bi-racial family in Holland? What does it mean to Ben and Trina to “reclaim Christ” as issues of race reemerge in public discourse?

**Dec 16**          **No education; Children’s Program**  
**Dec 23/30**       **No education; Christmas break**

**Jan 6**            **Acton Institute; Rick Capotosto**  
The Acton Institute’s mission states they are: “a think tank whose mission is to promote a ... virtuous society characterized by individual liberty and sustained by religious principles” Rick will elaborate on their efforts.

**Reclaiming Christ by Seeing Through Others’ Eyes**  
(8 week series)

**Jan 13**          **Latin America: Geography and History; Jonathan Hagood**  
Jonathan will help us better understand Latino/a people by educating us on the history and geography of Latin America.

**Jan 20, 27/ Feb 3**     **Reclaiming Jesus by Seeing through the Eyes of Hispanics; Angel Lopez**  
Angel will present on various aspects of being Mexican, including the cultures of Mexico, the Mexican-American border, and Mexican religious practices

**Feb 10**          **The Story of LaRoca Church; Pastor Jose Pacheco**  
Congregations get started in many different ways. The RCA has its own “formula” for church starts. Hear of a different way of planting a congregation.

**Feb 17, 24**      **Seeing through the Eyes of the Incarcerated; Dan Rooks, Steve Orlow**  
Dan and Steve regularly lead classes in non-violent communication at the men’s Ionia State Prison. They will share their understanding of incarcerated life, and the lessons they and their class learn as they study and share together.

**March 3**         **Crossing Borders; Zoe Zuidema, Angel and Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas**  
Zoe will share stories of immigrants she met in Morocco who are stuck “in between” their homeland and their desired destination, as well as risks they take on the journey; Angel and Janelle will speak of some of their experiences crossing borders.

**March 10:**       **No education; Church Retreat**

**March 17**         **James Baldwin; Fred Johnson**  
Fred Johnson, history professor at Hope College, will present on James Baldwin (1924-1987), an American novelist and social critic who wrote Notes of a Native Son, and was featured in the documentary, “I Am Not Your Negro”.

**March 24**         **The Harlem Renaissance; Fred Johnson**  
The Harlem Renaissance was an intellectual, social and artistic explosion that took place in Harlem, New York during the 1920’s. Fred will talk about the significance and impact of this period in American history.

**April 7**           **The Music of Lent; Linda Fulton**  
We don’t often consider the various streams of hymnody that compile our modern Christian hymnal. Linda will give us an overview of our hymnody history, ending with some Lenten hymns.

**April 14**          **The Music of Lent; Linda Strouf**  
Linda Strouf will lead us through various forms of music that help us experience the sentiments of Lent.

**April 21**          **No education; Easter**

**April 28**          **Growing Young; Dale Dykema**  
Dale Dykema, vice president of consistory, has enthusiastically embraced the initiative our church began one year ago: inviting youth and children into all aspects of church leadership. How is that effort progressing, and how is it changing us?

**May 5**            **The Star of Utrecht; Anne Larson**  
Anne is the author of “Anna Maria van Schurman, ‘The Star of Utrecht’”. van Schurman (1607-1678) was considered the most learned woman of her age. Anne Larson, of the Hope College French department, will talk about the challenges facing scholarly women in the early modern period.

**May 12, 19**       **TBA**