

## 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

Jan 16-Mar 20

Dinner: 5:30

Adult Classes: 6:30-7:30

### Bi-lingual Bible Study and Prayer

Chapel

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.

### Code Switch

Prayer Room

Based on NPR's podcast, "Code Switch" this discussion-based class will listen to stories from journalists of color about the lives they lead in light of race and identity. The episode, "Talk American", will be discussed on January 16. This episode asks: What is the "Standard American Accent"? Where is it from? What does it mean if you don't have it?" Code Switch goes on a trip to the Midwest to find out. Facilitated by Kama Jongerius.

### Knitting Group

Library

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.



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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.**

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.

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

**Jan 13 Latin America: Geography and History; Roberto Venegas**

Roberto is from Costa Rica, and is a Calvin College graduate who works at Crossroads Multicultural Ministry. He'll 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 TBA**

**March 3, 2019 Reclaiming Jesus: The 'Justice Involved' (Incarcerated) Person Daniel Rooks and Steve Orlow**

Dan and Steve will introduce Robert Gardner, prior resident of Ionia Correctional Facility, and discuss the first person experience of Justice in Michigan. We will reference the utility and effectiveness of Non-violent Communication and Restorative vs. Retributive Justice.

**March 10 No education; All-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 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 Reclaiming Jesus: Justice in America; Daniel Rooks and Steve Orlow**  
Dan and Steve will look at the current state of Justice in America, how we became the country with the most incarcerated citizens, and the hope for the future.

**May 19 Reclaiming Jesus: Compassionate (Non-violent) Communication; Daniel Rooks and Steve Orlow**  
Steve and Dan will discuss dealing with discord in prison and the applications to dealing with discord in church and in life. These strategies include differentiating observations from evaluations, experiencing and expressing feelings, identifying and connecting with needs, and making requests rather than demands. By learning the basic skills of compassionate communication, we can be empowered to transform conflict.