

Adult Education at All Saints: May-June 2008

In May we will have three options for adult learning every week:

Option 1 - Sunday 9:45 am

Augsburg Bible Study: God, the People, and the Covenant (1,2 Chronicles, Daniel, Haggai, Nehemiah). (March/April/May)

Join us in studying the Bible's First Testament, the one Jesus studied and lived by. We will be studying Chronicles, Daniel, Haggai and Nehemiah from their historical context, prophetic voices, and meaning to modern life. We will explore the founding of the Covenant, the rise and fall of the North and South Kingdoms and the Imperialism that surrounded Israel. Are we not challenged by imperialism today? Are important parts of our society at high risk? What can we do personally and as a congregation? We will touch on the creation of and struggle to keep God's covenant from the time of David through the Assyrian and Babylonian conquests to today, where we find ourselves battling in that same part of the world. Has nothing changed?

No experience necessary! We learn and have fun. See Dr. John Laughlin or Sven Allenbach-Schmidt for more information.

Parables: Stories for Life in God's Word (June 1 - July 27)

An in-depth exploration of the parables of Jesus and their varied meanings, pointing out applications for our life of faith today. Participants will discover fresh perspectives in these timeless words, to enrich faith and deepen discipleship. By Richard J Henderson, produced by The Kerygma Program of Augsburg Fortress. Led by Dr. John Laughlin

Option 2 - Sunday 9:45 am

Entering the School of Your Experience (April 27 - May 25)

This will be a four-part exploration into spiritual formation and transformation through Contemplative Living. This series is based

primarily on the writings of Thomas Merton and other spiritual writers: Eckhart Tolle, Wilkie Au, Psalmist and Karen Armstrong. There will be questions for dialogue and a chance to practice what we are learning.

In our busy world we yearn for closeness with God, but what can one hear amid the noise and distractions of the over-busy and demanding day? We are so distracted by choices and interruptions that some now refer to a new diagnosis: "Cultural Attention Deficit Disorder."

We will read, discuss, and practice a nearly lost prayer form which has been making a slow return through the work of Thomas Keating in what he calls "Centering Prayer." Ultimately, Contemplative Living leads us to a sense of well-being, profound gratitude, and a clearer understanding of our purpose in life. This course will be facilitated by Dr. John Laughlin.

Option 3 - Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study: 1 Samuel

Most Tuesdays Pastor Gary is leading a Bible study on the book of 1 Samuel. See <http://www.allsaintsbowie.org/news.htm> for the upcoming week.

--Nathan Rich, Adult Education Coordinator
