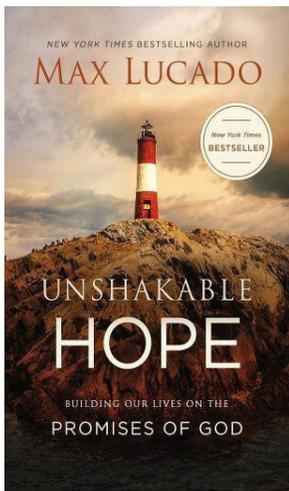


ADULT LEARNING AT ZION

Starting
Fall 2019



ZION
LUTHERAN + ANOKA



12 WEEK SMALL GROUP STUDY

Unshakable Hope - Building our lives on the Promises of God

Nothing lifts us out of fear and weariness like hope. An anchor through life's storms, hope buoys our spirits and seeks to make a way when we face tough times. After 40 years of ministry and speaking to hurt hearts, Max Lucado has learned that the promises of God will give you the strength you need. Each chapter in *Unshakable Hope* explores one Biblical promise that will help equip you to face every day with courage.

We will begin part one of the study the week of September 30 and go through the week of November 11. Part two begins the week of January 13 through February 17. Books can be purchased at the front desk for \$14.

You can sign up for a small group at the Welcome Desk starting August 25 as well as buy the book, which comes with a reading schedule.

Small group sessions will be:

- A - MONDAYS | 2:00 PM | LEGACY ROOM - Facilitator: Pr. Dixie Johnson
- B - MONDAYS | 7:00 PM | OFFSITE - Facilitator: Pr. Norm Berg
- C - TUESDAYS | 7:00 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM - Facilitators: Pr. Brent Campbell, Ken Johnson and Greg Bergeron
- D - WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM | LEGACY ROOM - Facilitator: Pr. Jim Barsch
- E - WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | LIBRARY - Facilitators: Pr. Sue Wallager, Pr. Connie Tiede and Pr. Brent Campbell

WELCOME

We invite you to come experience God's love at Zion Lutheran Church.

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OFFICE HOURS

M-F: 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM
SUN: 8:00 AM TO NOON

Adult Forum Schedule

Sundays 9 & 10 AM
Fellowship Hall

Education isn't just for the youth! Each Sunday morning we have adult forums for those who are interested in learning more about the church, our community and faith. Adult forums are held at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The schedule for the Fall/Winter is:

Sep 15: Dr. Bob Albers will be back, this time sharing about grief and loss. The inevitability of grief in our lives is a given! Each time we suffer the loss of a significant person, place or thing, we grieve. This two-session forum will be devoted to learning about the nature and dynamics of grief so that we can develop healthy ways of coping with loss. The role of faith will be addressed.

Sep 22: Dr. Bob Albers, part 2 of Grief and Loss

Sep 29: Together in Faith – Zion Lutheran Church and Camp Wapo. Elizabeth Schoenknecht, the Director of Major Gifts and Congregational Engagement at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp will be here to share about this great partnership. For many years Zion Lutheran Church has sent large groups of youth and young adults to Camp Wapo. Camp is an extension of our ministry at Zion where participants can know Christ in these places of grace, forming people of faith. Hear from some of Summer 2019 campers and their experiences while learning about the ministry and mission of Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp.

Oct 6: Session one – *The Man Who Won't Go Away* from a DVD Study called "Who Is This Man?" by John Ortberg. On the eve of his crucifixion it seemed like Jesus' influence on the world had ended. On the contrary, it had just begun. In this five-session video-based study, pastor and bestselling author John Ortberg reveals how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world, and how you as a Christian can make an inescapable influence too.

Oct 13: Session two – *A Revolution of Humanity* from a DVD Study called "Who Is This Man?" by John Ortberg.

Oct 20: Session three – *The Power of Forgiveness* from a DVD Study called "Who Is This Man?" by John Ortberg.

Oct 27: Stewardship Brunch. No Forums

Nov 3: Brittany Tedford from EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services will share on the topic of National Adoption Month (November) and International Adoption. EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services has been uniting children with their forever families for over 40 years. Started by a group of friends who saw significant barriers to adopting, EVOLVE is dedicated to breaking down those barriers. This November, National Adoption Month, EVOLVE wants to highlight the need that exists all over the globe for loving families to open their hearts to international adoption. Although the need continues to rise, the number of families that choose international adoption as a way to grow their family declines. EVOLVE believes that every child deserves nurturing, permanent, and supportive familial relationships and we remain child-focused in our efforts to meet this vision.

Nov 10: Session four – *Why it's a Small World After All* from “Who Is This Man?” by John Ortberg.

Nov 17: Session five – *Three Days That Changed the World* from “Who Is This Man?” by John Ortberg.

Nov 24: Congregation-wide Advent Fair

Dec 1: A Revelation of Hope: the Testimony of God’s Redemption through Troubled Times in the Book of Revelation, presented by Dr. Judy Stack. Though the Book of Revelation has been exceptionally influential on the Church’s imagery, symbolism, and theology, most people find it a difficult book. Its misuse has put off many, and the descriptions of violent upheaval in the “end times” often causes more fear than comfort. But the book addresses many of our fundamental questions—questions the early church grappled with too: Will God remain silent and allow injustice and suffering to go on forever? Does God care about us and what is happening on the earth? What is the future of this world? Is there any hope? Come explore this rich theological resource of hope and confidence in the face of chaos and fear.

Dr. Judith Stack has a PhD in New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary. She has taught at undergraduate institutions and seminaries and has been an active teacher in congregations, including as a staff person for faith formation and education and as a congregational consultant. She has two books forthcoming in 2020 on the Gospel of Matthew.

Dec 8: Session 2 of A Revelation of Hope: the Testimony of God’s Redemption through Troubled Times in the Book of Revelation, presented by Dr. Judy Stack

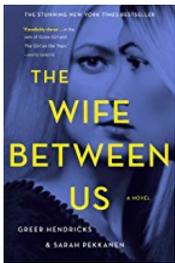
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Dec 29: No Forums

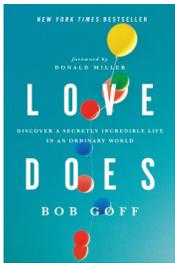
Support Groups

- **Grief Support Group** - Six sessions, offered twice a year, for those who have lost loved ones.
Facilitated by Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org (*Watch for more information.*)
- **Divorce Care Group** - Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Theater facilitated by Sandy Wallace.
For more information contact Sandy L. Wallace at sandylwallace@yahoo.com.



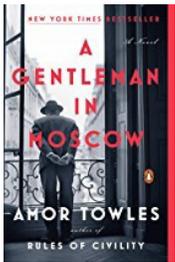
October 28 - **The Wife Between Us** by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume she is obsessed with her replacement – a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man they both love. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing. Twisted and deliciously chilling, Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen's *The Wife Between Us* exposes the secret complexities of an enviable marriage - and the dangerous truths we ignore in the name of love. Read between the lies.



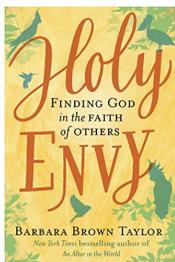
November 25 - **Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World** by Bob Goff

Bob Goff has become something of a legend, and his friends consider him the world's best-kept secret. Those same friends have long insisted he write a book. What follows are paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action. Bob believes *Love Does*. When *Love Does*, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one life you don't want to miss. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too



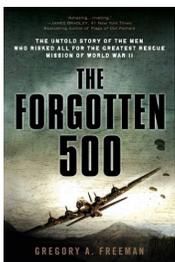
January 27 - **A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel** by Amor Towles

He can't leave his hotel. You won't want to. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose



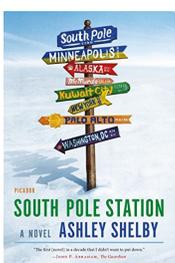
February 25 - **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others** by Barbara Brown Taylor

The author recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. She contemplates the myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, as she sets off with her students on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques. Troubled and inspired by what she learns, Taylor returns to her own tradition for guidance, finding new meaning in old teachings that have too often been used to exclude religious strangers instead of embracing the divine challenges they present. Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions—even those whose truths are quite different from hers. The one constant in her odyssey is the sense that God is the one calling her to disown her version of God—a change that ultimately enriches her faith in other human beings and in God.



March 23 - **The Forgotten 500:** by Gregory A. Freeman

The astonishing, never before told story of the greatest rescue mission of World War II—when the OSS set out to recover more than 500 airmen trapped behind enemy lines in Yugoslavia... Classified for over half a century for political reasons, the full account of this unforgettable story of loyalty, self-sacrifice, and bravery is now being told for the first time ever. *The Forgotten 500* is the gripping, behind-the-scenes look at the greatest escape of World War II.



April 27 - **South Pole Station: A Novel** by Ashley Shelby (a Minnesota Author)

A warmhearted comedy of errors set in the world's harshest place, Ashley Shelby's *South Pole Station* is a wry and witty debut novel about the courage it takes to band together when everything around you falls apart. Do you have digestion problems due to stress? Do you have problems with authority? How many alcoholic drinks do you consume a week? Would you rather be a florist or a truck driver? These are some of the questions that determine if you have what it takes to survive at South Pole Station, a place with an average temperature of -54°F and no sunlight for six months a year. Cooper Gosling has just answered five hundred of them. Her results indicate she is abnormal enough for Polar life.