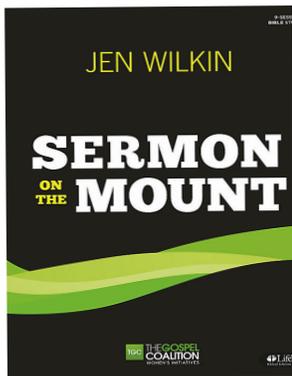
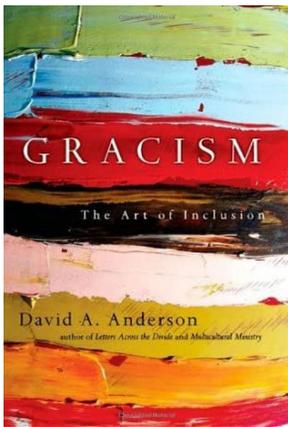


# ADULT LEARNING AT ZION

Starting  
Winter 2021-2022



## SMALL GROUP STUDIES

### "Gracism" by Dr. David A. Anderson

Starting the week of January 3 we will do a 4-week small group study on the book "Gracism" by Dr. David A Anderson.

"The parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor." 1 Corinthians 12:23. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. But the answer is not to ignore these as if they don't matter. Instead, we can look at color, class and culture in a positive way. That's gracism.

Pastor David Anderson responds to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism: radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Building on the apostle Paul's exhortations in 1 Corinthians 12 to honor the weaker member, Anderson presents a biblical model for showing special grace to others on the basis of ethnicity, class or other social distinction. He offers seven sayings of the gracist with practical examples for building bridges and including others.

A Christian alternative to secular models of affirmative action or colorblindness, gracism is an opportunity to extend God's grace to people of all backgrounds. Here's the schedule:

- Week of Jan 3: Everyone Has a Dot and From Racism to Gracism
- Week of Jan 10: The Art of Inclusion, Saying One: "I will Lift You Up" and Saying Two "I Will Cover You."
- Week of Jan 17: Saying Three: "I will Share With You", Saying Four: "I Will Honor You", and Saying Five: "I Will Stand with You."
- Week of Jan 24: Saying Six: "I Will Consider You", Saying Seven: "I Will Celebrate with You" and How Can I Become a Gracist?

Small groups will meet Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings (via Zoom), Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening. You can sign up for a small group and buy the book at the front desk for \$12.

### "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin

Our last Small Group study for the program year will be a 9-week study on the Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin.

What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven? The Sermon on the Mount articulates what the life of a Christ follower should look like, asking us the same questions it posed to its original hearers: How should a disciple relate to sin? To others? To the Law? How does a disciple think, speak, and act? In this 9-session study, examine the words

#### WELCOME

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

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FRI: 9:00 AM - NOON  
SUN: 8:00 AM - NOON

# Small Group Studies - cont'd

of Jesus in-depth as He challenges us to think differently about repentance, salvation, and sanctification.

Here is the schedule:

- Week of Feb 7: The Kingdom of Heaven
- Week of Feb 14: Who is Blessed?
- Week of Feb 21: A People of Influence
- Week of Feb 28: No Class
- Week of Mar 7: "You Have Heard That It Was Said..." Part 1
- Week of Mar 14: "You Have Heard That It Was Said..." Part 2
- Week of Mar 21: Secret Righteousness
- Week of Mar 28: Where Your Treasure Is
- Week of Apr 3: Do Unto Others
- Week of Apr 10: A Foundation That Endures

## Adult Forum Schedule

Sundays 10 AM

### **Jan 9: The Food Group/Fare for All presented by Sean Hurdle, Community Engagement**

The Food Group is a local nonprofit focused on using nutritious food to strengthen community. We work at the intersection of food access, equity, and nutrition issues related to food and hunger in 32 counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin. We break down barriers to growing good food locally and getting good food to those who need it most. Zion partners with The Food Group to monthly house the program "Fare for All." Come and hear about this great ministry and other programs they provide.

### **Jan 16: Get to Know NAMI presented by Kay King**

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. For over 40 years, NAMI Minnesota has worked to promote the development of community mental health programs and services, change public attitudes about mental illnesses, improve access to services and increase opportunities for recovery.

### **Jan 23: Anoka-Hennepin Faith Community Partnership presented by Elizabeth Burgard & Paul Vang**

The Faith Community Partnership is a collaborative effort of the Anoka-Hennepin School District and faith-based organizations, connecting schools and communities to mobilize people to meet the needs of students. Zion is in partnership with three schools: Lincoln Elementary, Anoka Middle School and Anoka High School. Liz and Paul will share more about this great partnership. Questions welcomed.

### **Jan 30: Every Meal (formerly known as Sheridan Story) presented by Brooke Summers**

More than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. When these children don't have access to the free and reduced meal programs at school, they don't have access to reliable food and the risk of hunger is very real. Every Meal works to fight hunger in our community by filling the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended breaks.

### **Feb 6: How the Local Justice System Assists Individuals Who are Victims or Witnesses to a Crime**

Presented by Emily Douglas, Manager, Victim Witness Services for Anoka County

*More information coming soon.*

**Feb 13: Who really is St. Valentine?**

We will explore the man behind the day that we celebrate love and how he became associated with it.

**Feb 20: Dr. Michael Chan, professor at Luther Seminary - Part 1 - *More info to come...***

**Feb 27: Zion's Annual Meeting**

**Mar 6 : Dr. Michael Chan, professor at Luther Seminary - Part 2**

**Mar 13: Addiction, Covid, and the Church presented by Pastor Ed Treat**

Pastor Ed Treat, a person of long-term recovery from addiction and a Lutheran parish pastor of 25 years will share his experience, strength and hope for the church regarding the current addiction crisis as we emerge from the Covid Pandemic.

**Mar 20: God Heard Their Cry**

A 5-week DVD study from That the World May Know featuring Ray Vander Laan. We cry out. In ancient times, nothing was bigger than Egypt. Powerful pharaohs, strong armies, and a multitude of gods. God's people were no match against the Egyptians. Through the story of God's people, we will find our freedom in the midst of life's trials. Session 1 - How Big is Our God?

**Mar 27: God Heard Their Cry - Session 2 - Israel in Bondage: God Heard Their Cry**

**Apr 3 : God Heard Their Cry - Session 3 - Finger of God: The Plagues**

**Apr 10: God Heard Their Cry - Session 4 - Watch with Me: Israel Leaves Egypt**

**Apr 17: No Forum, Easter**

**Apr 24: God Heard Their Cry - Session 5 - The Lord Reigns: The Red Sea**

**May 1 : Archaic Words and Ideas in Hymns: Which, Wert and Art and, Evermore Shalt be.**

Presented by Dr. Jonathan Campbell - *More information coming soon.*

## Support Groups

• **Grief & Loss Support Group** - TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 10 AM | LEGACY ROOM

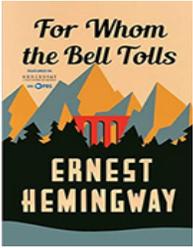
A special weekly seminar and support group that offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. These meetings are open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, or knows someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. All the sessions are stand alone, but it is recommended that you attend them all. Questions, contact Pastor Sue [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

• **Divorce Care Group** -

The group meets Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Legacy Room facilitated by Sandy Wallace. For more information contact Sandy at [sandylwallace@yahoo.com](mailto:sandylwallace@yahoo.com)

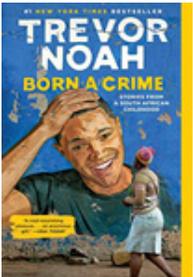
## Zion Pages

Zion's book club will meet on Mondays at 6:30 PM via Zoom. See next page for book selections and dates. If you have questions or wish to participate contact Pastor Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).



### January 24- *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway

In 1937 Ernest Hemingway traveled to Spain to cover the civil war there for the North American Newspaper Alliance. Three years later he completed the greatest novel to emerge from “the good fight” and one of the foremost classics of war literature. *For Whom the Bell Tolls* tells of loyalty and courage, love and defeat, and the tragic death of an ideal. Robert Jordan, a young American in the International Brigades, is attached to an antifascist guerilla unit in the mountains of Spain. In his portrayal of Jordan’s love for the beautiful Maria and his superb account of a guerilla leader’s last stand, Hemingway creates a work at once rare and beautiful, strong and brutal, compassionate, moving, and wise. *For Whom the Bell Tolls* stands as one of the best war novels ever written.



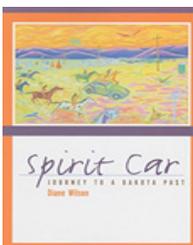
### February 28 - *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah

Trevor Noah’s unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents’ indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa’s tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle. *Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother’s unconventional, unconditional love.



### March 28 - *The Midnight Library: A Novel* by Matt Haig

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig’s enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.



### April 25 - *Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past* by Diane Wilson (a Minnesota Author)

Growing up in the 1950s in suburban Minneapolis, Diane Wilson had a family like everybody else’s. Her Swedish American father was a salesman at Sears and her mother drove her brothers to baseball practice and went to parent-teacher conferences. But in her thirties, Diane began to wonder why her mother didn’t speak of her past. So she traveled to South Dakota and Nebraska, searching out records of her relatives through six generations, hungering to know their stories. She began to write a haunting account of the lives of her Dakota Indian family, based on research, to recreate their oral history that was lost, or repressed, or simply set aside as gritty issues of survival demanded attention. *Spirit Car* is an exquisite counterpoint of memoir and carefully researched fiction, a remarkable narrative that ties modern Minnesotans to the trauma of the Dakota War. Wilson found her family’s love and humor—and she discovered just how deeply our identities are shaped by the forces of history.