

Over the past few months, I've been visiting the adult Sunday School classes to talk about a shift in our format. We are finally ready to try out our Sabbath Sundays and new adult Sunday school classes! This new format will include regular Sabbath Sundays on which we will not have Adult Classes and will instead look to rest. These breaks will also help us structure our classes in ways that let new ideas take root. Some classes will continue, like the Bible Study class. Others will change topics with each break. Some will only happen between two Sabbath Sundays as a onetime session. There is a lot of room for creativity and new voices! We hope this encourages us to share the teaching and the learning across our classes.

Our first Sabbath Sunday will be July 5. So, we will not have Sunday School that day. You are encouraged to do whatever feels restful to you during that normal Sunday School time. Maybe you sleep in and go to church at 10:15 for worship. Maybe you get brunch on your way to worship. Maybe you will get brunch with some of your church friends on the way to worship. Maybe you get to church at the normal time and prayerfully walk the property or pray in your usual room. The goal is not to skip Sunday School but to take that hour to find some rest for your spirit.

Then, on July 12, we'll jump right back into our Adult Sunday School classes.

Bible Study in the Parlor – The Minor Prophets

Let's work through the twelve minor prophets. What are the themes, goals, and contexts of these shorter prophetic books? Are they still relevant? What do we do with the discomfort, challenge, and maybe even terror we find?

This class will be led by Pastor Chesna and while we'll work through the books sequentially, it'll be fine if you are travelling and miss meeting times. Come when you can!

Caminantes Class in F104 – *Solito*, a memoir by Javier Zamora

Join the Caminantes Class! Starting July 12th, we will be walking alongside *Solito*, a memoir by Javier Zamora. This book recounts Zamora's solo journey from El Salvador to the United States at age nine to reunite with his parents. Please pick up your book and discuss the intro questions with each other on July 12 while Linda is in San Diego with our youth group.

Through this powerful story, we'll explore themes of migration, belonging, resilience, and hope. Whether this story feels personal to you or offers a new perspective, there is a place for you in this conversation.

This class will be led by Student Minister, Linda Sanchez. Books will be provided for all participants. Come and journey with us!

Transformations Class in the Conference Room – *Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evans
(This book is in progress)

How do we read the Bible with both our intellect and imagination? Rachel Held Evans explores old and new ways of reading our sacred texts and invites readers to fall back in love with scripture by exploring context and diverse interpretation. Connect our ancient text to our daily lives by exploring the Bible again.

I'm excited to see how we learn with and from each other this summer. If you are interested in teaching a round of Sunday School, please talk to me! If there is a class or topic you are interested in, let's talk about it.

See you in church,

Pastor Chesna

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