

2017-2018 Adult Forum Schedule

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September 10, 2017	Resilience	Many of our adult forum sessions this year will take a closer look at some of the characters, major and minor, in the Bible. That we know who they are thousands of years later is a testament to the resilience of the ancient Hebrews and early Christians. But just what is resilience? We'll talk about that in two sessions, looking at modern examples of resilient people/characters. Part 1 of 2.	Rev. Elizabeth
September 17, 2017	Biblical Humor	<i>A prophet, a rabbi, and Moses walk into a bar...</i> We all know the serious side of scripture – sacrifice and destruction and mayhem – but there is humor there, too. Our seminary intern, Shay Craig, will help us find it. Part 1 of 3.	Shay Craig
September 24, 2017	Midwest Veterans Closet	On Sunday, Sept. 24 th , as we honor and “toast” our veterans, we'll also have a chance to learn about the Midwest Veterans Closet organization of North Chicago. Mary Carmody, who works with the Veterans Closet, will be our guest speaker and will share with us how she began this important work of offering hope, resources and many needed items to local veterans and their families.	Guest – Mary Carmody

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<p style="text-align: center;">October 8, 2017</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Biblical Humor</p>	<p><i>A prophet, a rabbi, and Moses walk into a bar...</i> We all know the serious side of scripture – sacrifice and destruction and mayhem – but there is humor there, too. Our seminary intern, Shay Craig, will help us find it. Part 2 of 3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shay Craig</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October 15, 2017</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Biblical Humor</p>	<p><i>A prophet, a rabbi, and Moses walk into a bar...</i> We all know the serious side of scripture – sacrifice and destruction and mayhem – but there is humor there, too. Our seminary intern, Shay Craig, will help us find it. Part 3 of 3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shay Craig</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October 22, 2017</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lutheran/Episcopal relationship</p>	<p>This is most certainly true: The life and legend of Martin Luther. Or, <i>How to Party like it's 1517!: A lighthearted look at 500 years of beer and brats.</i> Our guest presenter – a Lutheran pastor who currently serves at an Episcopal church – will also talk about how we, across the English Channel, differ and adjust to one another.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Guest – Rev. Dr. Robin Currie (Pastor Robin)</p>

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October 29, 2017	Book of Ruth	The brief vignette in our Old Testament challenges a lot of what we believe about the role of women in the 21st Century. What was Ruth saying to its original audience and what does it have to say to us now? Part 1 of 3	Shay Craig
November 5, 2017	Book of Ruth	The brief vignette in our Old Testament challenges a lot of what we believe about the role of women in the 21st Century. What was Ruth saying to its original audience and what does it have to say to us now? Part 2 of 3	Shay Craig
November 12, 2017	Parish Planning – one service at 9am – no adult forum		
November 19, 2017	Book of Ruth	The brief vignette in our Old Testament challenges a lot of what we believe about the role of women in the 21st Century. What was Ruth saying to its original audience and what does it have to say to us now? Part 3 of 3	Rev. Elizabeth
November 26, 2017	Recap of Diocesan Convention	Hear from Annunciation's delegates what was discussed at the 180 th Diocesan Convention.	Delegates
December 3, 2017	Lessons and Carols – one service at 9am – no adult forum		
December 10, 2017	Portrayals of Christ figures	Drawing on examples from film, literature, music, and poetry, we'll look at the ways that Christ or Christ-like figures are portrayed. Part 1 of 3.	Michael Chatlien

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December 24, 2017	No Adult Forum – Advent 4 & Christmas Eve Day		
December 31, 2017	No Adult Forum – New Year's Day		
January 7, 2018	Portrayals of Christ figures	Drawing on examples from film, literature, music, and poetry, we'll look at the ways that Christ or Christ-like figures are portrayed. Part 3 of 3.	Rev. Elizabeth
January 14, 2018	10 Commandments	Join us for a discussion of the ten Commandments: What are they really? How do you keep them? What do they mean to people of other cultures or lifestyles?	Rev. Shay Craig
January 21, 2018	Biblical Figures in film - 10 Commandments	Comparing the Biblical accounts of Moses and the parting of the Red Sea and God giving Moses the Ten Commandments with the film depiction.	Michael Chatlien
January 28, 2018	No Adult Forum - 1 service at 9am, with Annual Meeting to follow		
February 4, 2018	Biblical Figures in film - Jesus	Depictions of Jesus - and the Eucharist - in Babette's Feast	Rev. Elizabeth
February 11, 2018	No Adult Forum – 1 service at 9am, with Fat Sunday celebration to follow		
February 18, 2018	Biblical Figures in film - John the Baptist	Depictions of John the Baptist in film.	Michael Chatlien
February 25, 2018	TBD	News from Madagascar	Sue and Simon Babbs
March 4, 2018	Biblical Figures in film - TBD	TBD	Rev. Elizabeth

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