



Adult Forum Schedule

April 23 – May 21, 9:30 a.m.
In the Chapel Lounge

April 23

Restorative Justice Community Action

Cynthia Prosek

Restorative Justice Community Action (RJCA) has provided a community-based approach to criminal prosecution with the mission of fostering individual growth while strengthening communities through restorative justice practices. Rooted in indigenous practices, restorative justice focuses on the transformation of individuals, repair of relationships, and community building while addressing harm in the community. This approach reduces the barriers to a criminal conviction and provides the opportunity for a second chance.

Meet with RJCA staff to learn about restorative justice practices and how this alternative to traditional punitive responses to behavior increases community safety and well-being.

April 30

No Forum

May 7

**Truth Seeking and Truth Telling
Lutheran Involvement in Native American Boarding Schools**

Lora Dundek

Many church bodies are now in a process of soul-searching regarding their historical support for placing Native children in boarding schools in order to remove any trace of their heritage. The ELCA has also embarked on this reflection process as well. Mount Olive member Lora Dundek is actively working on this project.

May 14

Mother's Day Event

May 21

Conversation on Adult Forum Topics for 2023–2024

May 28 – September 3

Sunday Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Adult forums on June 18 and 25 (see next page)

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June 18 and 25, following the 10:00 a.m. liturgy
In the Chapel Lounge

June 18 and 25

The Priestly Culture as Taught in Hebrew Scriptures

Hamline University Professor Emeritus Earl Schwartz

We are once again privileged to have Earl Schwartz join us. He has been with us before, and positive responses to his presentations bring him back to Mount Olive as often as possible.

This time Earl will present on the “priestly culture” as taught in the Hebrew scripture. He calls this culture “the underlying ‘life force’ basis of purity, impurity, and sacrifices.” He will explain how Israelite practices, as described in biblical texts, do and do not appear to resemble similar non-Israelite practices. He will then explore how the prophetic tradition came to re-contextualize these practices in distinctly biblical ways.