

Trinity Lutheran Church

KEYSTONE

Small Groups



*KEYSTONE: the central stone at the summit of an arch,
locking the whole community together.*

**Jesus is the CORNERstone of the church,
and small group ministry is the KEYstone of the church.**

We rejoice in the work that God has done through Small Groups at Trinity and promises to continue! You have asked for opportunities to **CONNECT** together in the family. To **PRAY** together and to **SERVE** our community and God more deeply. Small Group Ministry is essential to who we are as God's people in the church.

This year the small group brochure offers **32** opportunities from which people may choose. There is something for everyone – both with existing groups and emerging groups. Small groups engage our generations together and have some dedicated for certain folks.

Groups will meet for one year September through August. **Each group will pick a day/time that works best to meet, unless there is already an established time.** Being a part of Trinity's community involves engaging in the life of church and this opportunity to build relationships. Please make this a priority!

INTEREST GROUPS

Trinity Readers (First Monday of the month at 9:30 am)

Coordinator: Nadine Hunt

Each month (in person and via Zoom) a selection is discussed from a variety of both fiction and non-fiction books that is assembled annually by the group. Readers are welcome to attend each month or just when the book interests them.

Chapter 2 Trinity Readers (Fourth Monday of month at 6 pm)

Coordinator: Adrienne Jurgenson

Too much of a good thing, the original Book Group needed to expand. Join us each month to discuss a book from a variety of both fiction and non-fiction books. Readers are welcome to attend each month or just when the book interests them.

301 Quilters (Fridays at 10 am)

Coordinator: Susan Snyder

Members from the 301 Faith Partners make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other local groups (women's shelter, Rescue Mission, foster care, etc.). No sewing skills needed, just a willing heart to serve others in need. No registration required but sign up to be added to the contact list.

Sweet Treats (TBD)

Coordinator: Katie & Tasha Barron

Yum! Meet in the church kitchen to bake cookies (or another sweet treat). The treats will be served at fellowship once a month and given out to our visitors as a welcome gift!

Game Night (TBD)

Coordinator: Rebecca Roland

Bored? Come play games and eat food!!

Table for 8 - Pie & Coffee (TBD) Limited Space!!

Coordinator: Cherlyn & Dale Gorsky

Fort Collins has everything EXCEPT a great place for pie!
RSVP for this table of 8 folks to share pie, coffee, and our life stories with one another in our homes.

Spanish (Thursdays at 3 pm & 4 pm)

Coordinator: Jo Anne Gearhart & Shelley Aust

Quieres hablar español? We are offering two Spanish classes starting Sept 7 for eight weeks, taught by Margaret Wick and LuLu, a native speaker. Beginners class (3 pm) is for learning conversational Spanish, intermediate/advanced class (4 pm), is for those with more knowledge of Spanish. Our group is easy-going and relaxed, no pressure to perform, and no judgments. Classes may be offered again in January and April/May.

Irish Elementary Tutors (Tues 9:30 am & Wed 12:30 pm)

Coordinator: Mary Raich

301 Faith Partners read with one or two students at a time in English and encourage them as they make progress.

Pub Theology (Tuesday & Wednesday at 6 pm)

Coordinator: James Gearhart

Regardless of your beverage of choice, we will be taking advantage of local pubs as the place to do ‘contemplation time’ (the time after a beer has been poured while the head settles) together with one another, and maybe/hopefully, with a stranger or two. Now might be the perfect time to recognize the theologian that you are.

Saints & Sinners Golf (Friday/Saturday Mornings)

Coordinator: Dan & Donna Dauner

The group will play once a month at a northern Colorado golf course. Events will be held on Friday or Saturday mornings, whichever best matches availability of those that sign up.

Faith Formation Fellowship (One Saturday a quarter at 6 pm)

Coordinator: Faith Formation Team

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun with games and activities with snacks and treats provided. Friends and neighbors of all ages are welcome!! No registration required.

JOY (Just Older Youth) (TBD)

Coordinator: Jennifer Anderson

Quarterly Luncheon. No registration required but RSVP requested for each luncheon. Cost will vary depending on the meal.

TGIF (Second Friday of the month at 6:30 pm)

Coordinator: Liz Johnson

Come, kick back, relax, and enjoy an evening connecting with others from the Trinity family and meet new faces! Bring yourself, an appetizer/dessert and a beverage you'd like or would like to share. No registration required. Just come!

BIBLE STUDY/CHRISTIAN LIVING

Grace Tables Limited Space!!

(Sundays at 6:30 pm & additional groups TBD)

Coordinator: Ron & Bonnie Bend

A monthly, DVD-based study series with time for fellowship, prayer and snacks. Initial meeting time, Sunday at 6:30 pm. We hope to add more groups at various times, depending on interest.

Morning Bible Study (Thursdays at 9 am)

Coordinator: Pastor Rick Reiten

Together we walk through the books of the Bible, exploring God's Word for our present day lives. No registration required.

Women's Bible Study Limited Space!!

(Two Mondays a month at 7 pm)

Coordinator: Emma Cleveringa

Do you identify as a woman? Are you interested in joining other women for Bible Study and time together? Join the Women's Bible Study! We will study Esther and her great story of threat and deliverance looking at history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives today. Cost \$20 for participant book and materials.

“I love to tell the Story” (Mondays at 12 pm)

Coordinator: Pastor Rick OR Deacon Katie

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a discussion of the weekend sermon to share where we see God present in our lives.

SEASONAL SAMPLERS

Gift of Empathy (Saturdays at 4 pm mid Sept-beg Nov)

Coordinators: Sara & Peter Mullarkey

“If we had more empathy, the world would be a better place.” We’ve all likely had thoughts like that—and you’ll learn how to help make that change happen in this book study of *The Gift of Empathy*. This study will explore practical ways to use the key skill of empathy in all situations and settings. Books \$7.50.

Why Lutheran? (Sundays at 9 am in October)

Coordinator: Pastor Rick Reiten

Explore what it means to call ourselves Lutheran! No registration required.

Advent Devotional (Thursday at 6:15 pm) **Limited Space!!**

Coordinators: Sara & Peter Mullarkey

Join us on Zoom for four Thursdays in Advent, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 as we wait and prepare. We will meet from 6:15-8 pm, becoming acquainted with each other as we explore and discuss how a weary world rejoices, an Advent series from *A Sanctified Art* based on Luke's Gospel.

“People on the Move” (Sundays at 9 am in March)

Coordinator: Deacon Katie Kline

Lenten Bible Study on immigration theology by Dr. Rev. David Vasquez-Levy. No registration required.

“People on the Move” (Wednesdays at 7 pm in March)

Coordinator: Deacon Katie Kline

Lenten Bible Study on immigration theology by Dr. Rev. David Vasquez-Levy.

HEALTHY BODY & SOUL

Home Visits w/Communion (TBD)

Coordinator: Kathy Gauger

This group is for those currently doing home visitation and those interested in exploring it as a possibility. We'll have an opportunity to learn from each other and be inspired by God's work.

FULL

Prayer Cards (Third Saturday of the month at 2 pm)

Coordinator: Erik Elliott & Joleen Fairbairn

This group meets once a month at church to make homemade greeting cards. The group will decide how the cards will be used. No crafting skills needed, just a willing heart to serve others in need.

FULL

Yoga-All Levels (TBD)

Coordinator: Kati Thompson

A beginner friendly and gentle, stress-relieving yoga class to stretch and strengthen the body gradually. These slow paced classes allow space and time to cultivate awareness and reflection. A perfect place for any student wanting to create a calm meditative state of mind. Cost \$10/class w/professional instructor.

Good Grief (TBD)

Coordinator: Patty Heyse

Good Grief offers an opportunity to support one another as we share journeys of grief and loss in a small group setting. This group provides a space for sharing experiences as well as support and insights with one another.

WORSHIP & SERVICE

Trinity Garden (Spring & summer months)

Coordinator: Nyla Anderson

The Trinity Garden Group is made up of a group of gardeners who prepare, plant, maintain and harvest the vegetables grown in the South lawn garden. Vegetables grown and harvested are shared with the volunteers and the members of the 301 Faith Partners.

Free Little Food Pantry (As needed)

Coordinator: Marilyn Morrissey

The Little Pantry is a cupboard in front of our church along the street, with non-perishable food accessible to anyone who needs it. We are always looking for members to pick a day to stop, check it and replenish from the supplies in the storage room next to the kitchen. We also need people to grocery shop. They may stop by the office for our tax-exempt number and turn in receipts to be reimbursed from member-donated funds. We will meet during coffee hour to welcome and train new members, as needed.

Habitat for Humanity (As needed)

Coordinator: Steph Dugger

We volunteer to build a house annually with several other churches in the community. We have 3-4 build days a year in which we need 3 volunteers each build day (we volunteer with 301 Faith Partners). The hours of a build are 8 am-approx 3 pm and no experience or skills needed. We also have volunteers (3-4 people) bring lunch for those building once a year. In 2023 our next 2 build days are September 9 & November 11. The September date we need volunteers to bring lunch to the builders.

Funeral Serving Group (As needed)

Coordinator: Deana Andrist

Every family deserves a good funeral, and this team is essential for that experience. Use your hospitality gifts to set up the provided lunch, serve, clean up and care for the family during a time of grief.

Chancel Choir (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm September-May)

Coordinator: Choir Led

A group that gathers to sing AND MORE! Choir is an essential ministry that cares for one another and serves by leading worship Sunday morning. All are welcome, as we rehearse on Wednesday evenings. No registration required but sign up to be added to the contact list.

Hand Bell Choir (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm September-May)

Coordinator: Carol Hemken

A group that gathers to ring bells AND MORE! Handbells is a unique collaboration of ‘ringers’ who care for one another and lead worship about once a month, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings prior to choir. No registration required but sign up to be added to the contact list.

Getting Connected

We want registration for all groups unless otherwise stated because group size will be limited to 6-8 people not including the coordinator(s). When you sign up, please prioritize your group choices, because if a group is full, you may not be able to get in. Sign up early to guarantee your spot with space limited groups. Last day of sign up will be **September 10**.

Registration For Small Groups - If you cannot make it to the Small Groups Fair on August 19 & 20 please list your choices page 11 and return to Amanda in the church office.

- *Please list your small group choices.
- * You may be in multiple groups, but it is important to commit to each group.
- *In some cases, a group may be full.

Person 1 Name:

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Person 2 Name:

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