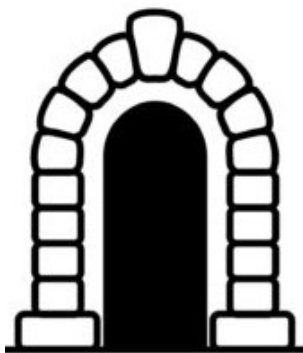


Trinity Lutheran Church
2024-2025

COMMUNITY BUILDING & SMALL GROUPS



KEYSTONE

*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.**

This year there are many Community Building and Small Group 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. Some groups 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!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

These groups are Pre-Sign Up Required. To keep the groups a manageable size (8-10) and ensure sustainability, we need people to commit and sign up in August.

Grace Tables (Monthly Sundays at 6:30 pm)

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.

Home Visits w/Communion (As needed)

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.

Supper Symposium (Third Saturday at 6 pm Sept-Apr)

Coordinator: Peter & Sara Mullarkey

Exploring Spiritual Practices for Pursuing Justice and Beloved Community. Our text will be *Hope is Here!* by Luther E. Smith Jr. No meeting in December.

LuMin Sunday Meals (Varies-quarterly)

Coordinator: Sara Mullarkey

Cooking dinners together for LuMin students and bringing the meal to the LuMin building on TLC's designated Sunday evenings. We will worship with the students, then serve the meal, and help cleanup.

Sharing our Losses (Monthly-TBD)

Coordinator: Patty Heyse

Full
An opportunity to support one another as we share journeys of grief and loss. This group provides a space for sharing experiences as well as support and insights with one another.

Good Grief Book Study (Two times monthly Jan-May)

Coordinator: Patty Heyse

Good Grief identifies ten stages of grief, recognizing that grief is complex and deeply personal. Whether mourning the death of a loved one, the end of a marriage, the loss of a job, or other difficult life changes, *Good Grief* is a proven steady companion in times of loss. This group will discuss one chapter of the book at each meeting.

Sweet Treats (Monthly on weekends)

Coordinator: Katie & Tasha Barron

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

Table for 8 - Pie & Coffee (Quarterly on weekends)

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.

OPEN INVITATION—RSVP REQUESTED

These Groups are Open Invitation, meaning come when you are able BUT an RSVP is Needed for each meeting/date.

Habitat for Humanity (4 times a year)

Coordinator: Steph Dugger

Volunteer to build a house annually with several other churches. There are 3-4 build dates a year in which we need 3 volunteers at each date (8am-3ish pm). No experience/skills needed. Once a year we also need volunteers to bring lunch for those building.

Faith Family Hospitality FFH (4 weeks a year)

Coordinator: Steph Dugger

During Trinity's assigned weeks we host families experiencing homelessness from 5pm-7am. We need volunteers to be evening host, prepare meals, serve dinner, spend the night, shop during the week, and help with set-up and teardown.

JOY-Just Older Youth (Quarterly)

Coordinator: Jennifer Anderson

JOY delights in welcoming all older adults and those young at heart to gather for a luncheon, fellowship, and sometimes learning. An RSVP sign up link will be sent before each luncheon. Cost will vary depending on the meal choice. **The first luncheon of the year is Monday, October 14!**

Prayer Cards (Third Saturday at 2 pm)

Coordinator: Erik Elliott

This group meets 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.

Saints & Sinners Golf (Friday/Saturday May-Oct)

Coordinator: Dan & Donna Dauner

The group plays several times a year at a northern Colorado golf course. Tee times will be held Friday or Saturday mornings, whichever best matches the availability of those participating. Sign up to be added to the contact list.

Hand Bell Choir (Wednesdays at 5:15 pm September-May)

Coordinator: Jill Hunt

Handbell Choir is for anyone who is interested in ringing bells, no experience necessary, you just have to be able to count, and is open to middle school and above. They perform about once a month. Sign up to be added to the contact list.

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

Coordinator: Tessa Espinosa

Choir is an essential ministry that cares for one another and serves by leading worship Sunday morning. All are welcome, please sign up to be added to the contact list.

OPEN INVITATION COME AS ABLE

These Groups are Open Invitation, come when you are able.

Adult Forum (Sundays at 9 am)

Coordinator: Paul Johnson

Features presentations and discussions on a wide range of topics and issues that affect the church and its members.

Sermon Discussion (Mondays at 12 pm)

Coordinator: Peter Mullarkey

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

Morning Bible Study (Thursdays at 9 am)

Coordinator: Deacon Katie Kline

Together we walk through the books of the Bible, exploring God's Word for our present day lives.

Prayer Group (Last Monday at 10:30 am)

Coordinator: Pat Wiedower

We gather to listen to God and each other. We pray for the leadership of each of the 301 Faith Partner congregations and for all of us who worship in this beautiful church.

Free Little Food Pantry (As needed)

Coordinator: Marilyn Morrissey

The Little Pantry is in front of the church, with non-perishable food accessible to anyone. We are looking for members to pick a day to stop by and check if it needs to be replenished, from the supplies. We also need people to grocery shop using our tax-exempt number and turn in receipts to be reimbursed.

Pub Theology 2.0 (Tuesdays at 6 pm)

Coordinator: James Gearhart

In Pub Theology 1.0, the stated goal was to reverse the notion that church folks are those who are simply called out (ekklesia='called out') of the world. Returning to **pub-lic** places we disciplined ourselves to actually study theology, seeking a deeper understanding of what we believe about God and things of God. Non-Lutherans and non-Christians joined us. Pub Theology 2.0 will continue to wrestle with important **pub-lic** questions: i.e. Does truth telling really matter? Is faith cut and dried? Is conformation different than confirmation? Should Cristian nationalism really be the law of the land?

Funeral Serving Groups (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.

Spanish (Thursdays at 3 pm or 4 pm)

Coordinator: Jo Anne Gearhart & Shelley Aust

Quieres hablar español? We are offering two Spanish classes this winter for eight weeks (requested \$15 donation).

Beginners class (3 pm) is for conversational Spanish.

Intermediate/advanced class (4 pm), is for those with more knowledge of Spanish. Our group is easy-going, no pressure to perform, and no judgment.

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

Coordinator: Jo Anne Gearhart

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

301 Quilters (Fridays at 10 am)

Coordinator: Susan Snyder

Members from the 301 FP 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. Sign up to be added to the contact list.

Trinity Garden (Spring & summer months)

Coordinator: Nyla Anderson

A group of gardeners who prepare, plant, maintain, and harvest the vegetables grown in the church garden. Vegetables are shared with the volunteers and the 301 Faith Partners.

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 Two (Fourth Thursday at 6 pm)

Coordinator: Maddie Fairfax

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.

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!!

TGIF (Second Friday 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.

301 FP Get Togethers (Second Thursday at 3:30 pm)

Coordinator: Len Russ

Takes place at a different local brew-pub each month, the location is picked closer to the date, so check the e-News. All gatherings are informal just show up when you can.

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. Cost \$10/class w/professional instructor.

Film Group (TBD)

Coordinator: Coordinator is Needed! Are you interested??

Watch a contemporary film together and then discuss.

Games/puzzle/mahjong/Bridge (TBD)

Coordinator: Coordinator is Needed! Are you interested??

Playing Games, all games.

Getting Connected

We want registration for all groups because in some cases the size of the group matters and will be limited to 8-10 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 8.**

Registration For Small Groups - If you cannot make it to the Small Groups Fair in August please list your choices on page 11 and return to Amanda in the church office or at amanda@trinitylutheranfc.org.

- ★ 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, so sign up early.

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