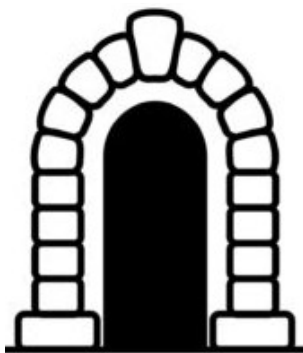


Trinity Lutheran Church
2025-2026

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 offers a variety of Community Building and Small Group opportunities, something for everyone! Some are long-standing groups, while others are just getting started. These groups bring together different generations, with a few designed for specific communities. While some groups already have a set schedule, others will choose a meeting time that works best for participants. Being part of Trinity means participating in the life of the church and these small groups are a meaningful way to build relationships and grow in faith. We hope you'll make it 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.

LuMin WEDENSDAY Meals (Varies-quarterly)

Coordinator: Sara Mullarkey

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

Sweet Treats (Monthly on Saturdays) *Limit 12*

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!

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.

Sharing our Losses (Monthly-TBD) *2 spots left*

Coordinator: Patty Heyse

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. Contact Patty Heyse.

Spanish (TBD)

Coordinator: Jo Anne Gearhart & Shelley Aust

We are hoping to offer Spanish lessons this fall with a new instructor. If you would be interested in learning Spanish as a beginner or an intermediate learner, please sign up so we might plan to let a potential teacher who might be interested. There will be a small fee to help defray the cost of a teacher/leader.

OPEN INVITATION—RSVP REQUESTED

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

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

Coordinator: TBD

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.

Irish Elementary Tutors (Weekly during school year)

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.

Prayer Cards (Various Saturdays 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.

Habitat for Humanity (several times a year)

Coordinator: Steph Dugger & Jo Anne Gearhart

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.

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.

OPEN INVITATION COME AS ABLE

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

Confirmation 6th-8th grade (Sundays at 9 am)

Coordinator: Pastor Rick

Confirmation a three-year journey where students explore Scripture, Lutheran theology, and Luther's Small Catechism while deepening their faith through conversation with friends.

High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade (Sundays at 9 am)

Coordinator: Lisa Dunworth & Maddie Fairfax

HS Youth Group is a place for fun, food, faith, and friends. Through service projects, retreats, and gatherings, youth will grow in their relationship with God and one another.

Adult Forum (Sundays at 9 am)

Coordinator: Paul Johnson and team

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.

NoCo Male Spirituality (Mondays at 6:30 pm)

Coordinator: Peter Mullarkey & Steve Shive

Carrying on the work of Fr Richard Rohr (cac.org) and Illuman (illumina.org) we will utilize the power of ritual, image, and story to expand the depth and breadth of love in ourselves to make a difference in the world, using a circle of structured sharing.

Morning Bible Study (Thursdays at 9:30 am)

Coordinator: Vicki Volbrecht

What happens when people make a conditional promise (covenant) with God? What can possibly go wrong? We will explore the Covenant of Moses, the consequences of breaking the Covenant, God's promise of a New Covenant, and Jesus and the Covenants.

301 Quilters (Fridays at 10 am)

Coordinator: Susan Snyder

Make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other local groups. No sewing skills needed, just a willing heart to serve others in need. Sign up to be added to the contact list.

Trinity Readers (First Monday at 9:30 am)

Coordinator: Lois Smith & Cheryl Smith

Each month a book 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.

Men's Breakfast (First Tuesday at 7:30 am)

Coordinator: Ron Smith

All men are welcome to join at the Breakfast Club (Ft. Collins) for discussion and fellowship.

301 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.

Pub Theology V.3 (Third Thursday at 5:30 pm)

Coordinator: Ron & Bonnie Bend

theology noun thē-'ä-lə-jē: the study of religious faith, practice, and experience especially the study of God and of God's relation to the world.

Saddle up for PubTheo v3! In past sessions, we've explored What Christianity is Not, Holy Envy, and Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians. This time, we'll explore a variety of texts that might help us navigate these divisive times with grace and (hopefully) a bit of peace. We'll make use of a private meeting room at one of our local microbreweries to discuss how we live out our relationship with God and support each other along the way. We hope you can join us!

Chapter Two (Fourth Thursday at 6 pm)

Coordinator: Maddie Fairfax

Join us each month to discuss a book from a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Readers are welcome to attend each month or just when the book interests them.

TGIF (Second Friday at 6:30 pm)

Coordinator: Liz Johnson

Come, relax, and enjoy an evening connecting with others from Trinity and meet new faces! Bring yourself, an appetizer/dessert and a beverage you'd like or would like to share.

Birdhouse Building (TBD)

Coordinator: Tim Snyder & Sam Mullenbach

Let's build and decorate bird houses and feeders to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. We can build them together and/or build and bring for decoration. Ages 8 and up invited!

301 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.

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

Coordinator: Faith Formation Team

Join us for fellowship and fun with games and activities with snacks and treats provided. Friends and neighbors of all ages are welcome!!

Reel Reflections (3-4 times possibly Oct, Nov, Jan, & Feb)

Coordinator: Sara Mullarkey

Watch a contemporary film together and then discuss it in light of our faith.

Free Little Food Pantry (As needed)

Coordinator: Katie Dryg

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.

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.

Time & Talent

Volunteers

What gifts do you bring to worship? While worship services are not technically a small group, we do utilize our volunteers in the following areas. Check the boxes that apply.

Name:

- ☐ 301 Shared Sunday Meals - (set up, serve, clean up)
- ☐ Soup Suppers - (set up, serve, clean up)
- ☐ Saturday cheese & wine fellowship - (set up, clean up)
- ☐ Sunday coffee fellowship - (set up, clean up)
- ☐ Lesson Reader
- ☐ Worship Assistant - (read prayers, distribute communion)
- ☐ Welcome Table Host - (greet people, hand out bulletins)
- ☐ Communion Assistant

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 7 - Rally Day!**

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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