



**Study**  
**Grow**  
**Serve**  
**Connect**

A place for you!

Small Group Ministries

Fall 2015

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

## **Small Group Ministry**

Praise God for the people willing to lead our small groups. Their service is appreciated.

Yes, friends and neighbors are welcome. These groups are too special to be kept just to ourselves. Invite your friends.

Is there a topic, time or place missing? Talk to Mich Preus, Small Group Ministry Coordinator, and let's see if that need can be met.

Do not be shy. Do not delay. Stop waiting for the "right" time. Join a small group this fall. You will enjoy the company and grow in faith. That's a real "win-win".

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Worship: 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service  
11:00 a.m. Classic Service

Church Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Ronald A. Youngdale, Pastor  
Jennifer de la Motte, Director of Youth Ministries  
Louise Rickey, Coordinator of Volunteers  
Mitch Preus, Small Group Ministry  
Tammy M. Ferrill-Paiz, Administrative Asst.  
Margaret Munnely, Secretary

## Small Groups – A Place for You!

Good Shepherd offers a wide variety of small groups and that gives each of us an opportunity to find new ways to participate and grow.

### Study Groups

Groups that focus on bible study and topics relating to our faith. A wide variety of age groups, topics and times.

### Growing in Christ

Groups that teach the basics of faith and applications in the real world.

### Connecting

Groups that provide members and friends a fun place to connect. You are not alone!

### Serving Christ

Service to Christ and His Church

Now is the time to get involved. If you see a group that may interest you, call the contact person. Consider this brochure your personal invitation to join!

## Study Groups

Small groups that meet to study books of the bible topics relating to Christians today.

### Adult Bible Study

- Meets weekly to study books of the bible – This Fall they will begin studying the Gospels.
- Meets Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Linda Jahn at 668-8324

### Men's Network - Wednesday

- Meets weekly to study books of the bible or discuss topics relating to our faith under the direction of Pastor Ron.
- Meets Wednesdays, 6:00 a.m. at Panera Bread, 3050 Hotel Dr., Turlock
- Contact – Pastor Ron Youngdale at 667-7712

### Men's Life – Friday

- Meets weekly to study books of the bible.
- Meets Fridays, 6:00 a.m. at IHOP
- Contact – Rob Hillberg at 634-2020

### Bible Discovery

- Meets weekly to study the book of Psalms Meets Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. at Church
- Contact – Judy Ranheim at 634-5584 or Beth Bollinger at 668-9434

### **Couple's Bible Study**

- Couples meeting to study the bible, discuss contemporary issues and strengthen their Christian marriage.
- Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at the home of Jim and Sandie Knapp.
- Contact – Jim and Sandie Knapp at 669-1044

### **Empty Nesters**

- Couples whose children have flown the nest! They meet to study the Bible and topics effecting Christian life. Space is limited, so please call.
- Meets monthly on a Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.
- Contact – Pastor Ron and Pam Youngdale at 667-7712

### **Senior High Nights**

- Senior High age students that gather to strengthen their faith and support each other.
- Meets Sundays, 6:00 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Jen de la Motte at 324-9098

## **Serving Christ in Church and Community**

Groups whose activities serve others

### **LWML Morning Circle**

- Part of a church-wide international ministry to support ministry programs. Activities include support of mission projects (local, national and international).
- Will begin meeting October, 2015.
- Contact – Judy Rexin at 216-7241

### **Chancel Choir**

- Enriching the worship experience at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Dr. Deborah Kavasch

### **Praise Band**

- The group of musicians and singers who lead the contemporary worship service.
- Meets Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Beth Kirkpatrick at 634-1470

### **Handbells**

- Provides special music for worship
- Meets Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Kathie Mackie at 726-8803

### **Thumbsmashers**

- The group of men who make needed repairs around the church. No experience needed!
- Meets Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Contact – Wayne Rickey at 634-3319 or Bill First at 632-7733

### **Altar Guild**

- Prepare the Altar area for worship services
- Contact – Terry Goodwin at 667-9146

## **Growing in Christ**

Groups that help you grow in understanding of faith and ways to live that faith.

### **Faith Basics 101**

- Covers the basic bible teachings as outlined in the Small Catechism. A four-week course.
- Meets 10/1; 10/8; 10/22; 10/29
- Contact – Pastor Ron Youngdale at 667-7712

### **Faith Basics 201**

- An overview of the history and structure of the Lutheran Church and our congregation. One session.
- Meets 11/5
- Contact – Pastor Ron Youngdale at 667-7712

### **Faith Basics 301**

- Training that helps people discover their spiritual gifts and personal style for ministry. One session.
- Meets 11/12
- Contact – Pastor Ron Youngdale at 667-7712

### **Financial Peace University**

- Take control of your money, invest for the future and give like never before.
- 9 week session classes begin on Sept. 14, 2015 and meet Monday evenings (9/14-11/16)
- Contact – Church office at 667-7712

### **Love and Logic Parenting Class**

- In six sessions using humor, hope and empathy, parents are provided with practical tools and techniques to help achieve respectful, healthy relationships with their children, provide real limits in a loving way, and teach consequences and healthy decision making.
- TBD – Spring 2016
- Facilitators – TBA

### **Junior High Confirmation**

- Weekly Class to prepare youth for church membership. Focus on Lutheran beliefs.
- Meets Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Pastor Ron Youngdale at 667-7712

### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation**

- Weekly Class with focus on bible overview and bible basics.
- Meets Wednesdays; 5:45 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Jen de la Motte at 667-7712

### **Learning Matters!**

- Adult Literacy & GED Tutoring – a 6-month commitment to tutor a student once or twice a week at a time that works for both.
- Contact – Pam Youngdale at 667-5494 or Beth Kirkpatrick at 634-1470

### **Running the Rapids with Your Teenager**

- Parents of Teenagers – Have you every been White-water rafting? The sudden rush of adrenaline, exhilaration, White-knuckle terror and overwhelming sense of foreboding is a lot like raising a teenager! This study by Dr. Kevin Hehman will help.
- Begins October 2015
- Contact Jen de la Motte at 667-7712

## **Connecting**

Groups that provide members and friends a place to connect – sharing common interest and activities.

### **Bunco**

- A fun evening activity. The game is easy to learn and those involved have a lot of fun!
- Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month; 6:30 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Sharon Jensen at 667-5756

### **Lit 'n' Latte**

- Book lovers meet every 6-8 weeks to discuss current and classic fiction and non-fiction. See monthly church calendar and News and Notes for meeting dates. Invite a friend!
- Meets as arranged at Starbucks Coffee House at 6:30 p.m.
- Contact – Pam Youngdale at 667-5494

### **Softball Team**

- Co-ed softball during the summer. Plays in a church league in local area.
- Contact – Jen de la Motte at 667-7712

### **Volleyball Team**

- Co-ed Volleyball during the Spring
- Contact Jen de la Motte at 667-7712
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### **Stitches & Quilts**

- A group focused on making quilts, blankets, fabric items and crafts. Donates completed items to local groups, including Turlock Pregnancy Center and Homeless Mission. Organizes annual Craft Faire and other sales during the year. Uses money raised to support missions.
- Meets Fridays, 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
- Contact – Sandy Mann at 634-8213

### **Craft Team**

- A group working on a variety of craft projects in a variety of styles. New ideas welcome! Projects sold during the year will raise funds for missions.
- Meets Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
- Contact – Sandy Mann at 634-8213

### **Knitting Group**

- A group meeting to enjoy their hobby of knitting
- Meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Arbor Manor Community Room.
- Contact – Mariane First at 632-7733

### **Junior High Activities**

- Monthly activities that encourage our youth to stay connected and involved with other Christian youth.
- Meets at various times and places, often Wednesday.
- Contact – Jen de la Motte at 667-7712

### **Senior High Activities**

- Monthly activities that encourage our youth to stay connected and involved with other Christian youth.
- Meets Sundays, 6:00 p.m. at Church
- Contact – Jen de la Motte at 667-7712

### **Kingdom Quest**

- Weekly fun and adventure for children as they explore bible stories and learn about Jesus. Ages K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Meets Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. in Social Hall
- Contact – Jen de la Motte at 667-7712

### **Food ‘n Fun**

- All are welcome to an afternoon spent with friends playing board games, cards, enjoying a snack and socializing.
- Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.
- Contact – Judy Ranheim at 634-5584

### **Dish ‘n That Potluck Game Night**

- An occasion to enjoy dinner and board games with friends.
- Meets last Sunday evening of the month
- Contact – Mariane First at 632-7733