



# SMALL GROUP *ministries*

Fall 2022

*plus*

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER



## About This Booklet

Church is about community, and that can take various forms. We have community when we worship together on Sunday or when we have a meal together on Wednesdays. We have community when we build a Habitat House together or serve on a committee. But nowhere is that community more deeply connected, nurtured and celebrated than in a small group.

In this booklet, you will find various small groups and classes that reach out to different ages, interests and meeting times. This small group will be a new community for you to grow together in your faith, give you a call when you are sick, and celebrate with you when your family reaches milestones.

We want to encourage you to get connected in a small group, class, or service group at Christ Lutheran. Reach out to a group leader via their contact information, or explore all the groups we have to offer in REALM. Just go to [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) (or the Connect app) and navigate to Groups>Find groups (realm login required).

You can also find links to REALM and more information on adult education, small groups and our Caring Ministry at [christelca.org/ministry/providence-adult-ministry](http://christelca.org/ministry/providence-adult-ministry) or by contacting Mary Parker directly at [mparker@christelca.org](mailto:mparker@christelca.org).



# Small Groups

*for adults*

## **BRIDGEBUILDERS**

**meets Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m. • Christ Providence (rm. W156)**

Change begins with an honest conversation, willing to give a voice to unspoken hurts, hidden fears, and mounting tensions. In *Bridgebuilders* by Latasha Morrison, this perspective-shifting book shows how we can participate in this incredible work. With conviction and grace, the author examines the historical complexities of racism and expertly applies biblical principles—such as lamentation, confession and forgiveness—to lay the framework for restoration. *Bridgebuilders* presents a vision of what it means for every follower of Jesus to become a bridge-builder, committed to pursuing justice and racial unity in light of the gospel.

Leader: Kelley Fluharty ([kelleycfluharty@gmail.com](mailto:kelleycfluharty@gmail.com))

## **THE FLOWER MINISTRY**

**meets on Saturday mornings • Christ Providence**

This group meets at Christ Providence and arranges flowers for the Sanctuary, Christ Chapel, Lower Commons (and Christ Concord Sanctuary) every Saturday morning. Occasionally we do arrangements for receptions, special events, and the wedding of a church member. We are also responsible for the Christmas season decorations, Thanksgiving cornucopia, and Easter flowers. We would love to have more members help just once a month and for special events. No floral experience is necessary, lots of on the job training available! A flower arranging workshop is planned for this fall for new members.

Leaders: Barbara Handschin ([hand9241@carolina.rr.com](mailto:hand9241@carolina.rr.com))

and Alice McRorie ([alicermcrorie@gmail.com](mailto:alicermcrorie@gmail.com))

## **SPIRITUAL FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP**

**will meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. • various coffee shops**

We will get to know each other and have casual conversation about what we've been learning through sermons, podcasts, and books for spiritual growth.

Leader: Laura Tang ([lttang@earthlink.net](mailto:lttang@earthlink.net))

# SMALL GROUPS for adults

## **LIVIN' THE DREAM**

### **will meet monthly, dates & times TBD**

The term "empty nest" can evoke a variety of emotions. Some couples wonder about the future of their marriage after the kids move out. But you can grow closer to your spouse and the Lord during this time. Livin' The Dream will offer couples the chance to meet other couples in the same season and create lasting relationships through fun activities, community service projects and regular prayer/study time. We currently have groups forming at our Providence and South campuses. The two campuses will be working together as we get started.  
Leaders: LuAnn Martinson ([luannmartinson976@gmail.com](mailto:luannmartinson976@gmail.com)) and Laura Van Landingham ([justgottasmile@yahoo.com](mailto:justgottasmile@yahoo.com))

## **BINGE JESUS**

### **will meet once a month on Zoom • time and other location TBD**

Binge Jesus is a small group for women in their 30s & 40s who love binge-watching Netflix and diving deeper into the Word! We'll start by meeting once a month on Zoom to discuss shows we all enjoy, plus a good bible study!

Leaders: Alexis Williams ([awilliams@christelca.org](mailto:awilliams@christelca.org)) and Ashley Head ([ashleyehead@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyehead@gmail.com))

## **WE ARE CHOSEN**

### **will meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. • location TBD**

Our small group will revolve around the extremely well acted, directed and written multi-season TV series about the life of Jesus and his disciples called "The Chosen." Participants will watch one episode on their own during the week and we will meet to discuss the episode and dive deeper using the accompanying devotional. Come experience the life-changing series that will help the Bible come alive and make Jesus and his disciples real to you.

Leader: Jill Gibson ([jmgibson@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jmgibson@carolina.rr.com))

## **LIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

### **will meet every two weeks • day and time TBD**

Living the Good News is a bi-monthly Bible Study. We will enjoy fellowship as we dive into a study together. Sweet and savory snacks will be provided! We will plan to meet every two weeks in a home on Thursday or Friday evenings. We will determine as a group which day and at what time to meet.

Leaders: Renato and Linda Moresi ([swiss047@gmail.com](mailto:swiss047@gmail.com))

## **OUT OF TOWNSERS**

Out of Towners is a group that will gather to enjoy various activities together! If you live south of New Town Rd and drive 30 minutes or more to Christ Providence for church, you will want to join the OUT OF TOWNSERS. The opportunities are endless regarding what we can do and enjoy together. As a group we will decide how to plan our afternoons together. Join us for fun and fellowship! The day and time will be determined by the group.

Leaders: Bonnie Roth ([cubfan47@bellsouth.net](mailto:cubfan47@bellsouth.net)) and Marcia Pfeiffer ([marciapfeifer45@gmail.com](mailto:marciapfeifer45@gmail.com))

## **MY BROTHERS' KEEPER**

This group is open to both men and women who are interested in the Biblical view of self-defense and the protection of others. The discussion, books and scenario videos used will help prepare us to 'love our neighbors' while standing against evil. We will continue using *Deadly Force Encounters, Second Edition: Cops and Citizens Defending Themselves and Others* (Artwohl and Christensen, authors) as our group's study guide. This knowledge is crucial for physical, legal and emotional survival. Our meeting dates, times and location(s) will be determined by the group.  
Leader: David Deeds ([ddeeds@bellsouth.net](mailto:ddeeds@bellsouth.net))

## **THE CREW**

**meets Sundays 10-10:45 a.m. • Christ Providence (rm. W150)  
and Christ Online (Zoom)**

The Crew is a Sunday morning Bible/book study for men and women. We will continue to study the book of Ephesians beginning on September 18, 2022. We will review Chapters 1-4 and then begin Chapter 5. The group meets in person at 10 a.m. at Christ Providence (rm. W150) and on Zoom. Come and be part of this study and discussion that includes St. Paul's teaching about 'wives and husbands' and putting on 'the whole Armor of God.' Once Ephesians is completed, the group will choose our next study by consensus.

Leader: David Deeds ([ddeeds@bellsouth.net](mailto:ddeeds@bellsouth.net))

## **PSALM 8: ECO-FRIENDLY**

This small group cares for and loves God's creation. They will take field trips to conservation sites, learn more about the biblical teaching of creation, and four times a year get their hands dirty to clean up the trash along Providence Road around the church (NCDOT Adopt-a-Highway). Join us for fellowship, conservation and caring for this gift of creation.

Leader: Gordon Miller ([gmill9535@aol.com](mailto:gmill9535@aol.com))

## **WOMEN MAKING CONNECTIONS**

**meets Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m. • Christ Providence (Worship Parlor)**

Women Making Connections is a women's centered bible study with laughter and Jesus. Join this spirited group of ladies to discuss the seasonal bible study selection. We will be meeting at Christ Providence in the Worship Parlor on Wednesday evenings.

Leaders: Lara Barnett ([landpbarnett@bellsouth.net](mailto:landpbarnett@bellsouth.net)) and Brooke Schell ([brmax94@hotmail.com](mailto:brmax94@hotmail.com))

## **SOUTH CHARLOTTE BROTHERS**

**will meet Fridays 7-8 a.m. • Arboretum area, location TBD**

Join other men each week for Bible study, fellowship and coffee. This study group is not built for Bible study warriors but rather to demonstrate that God's Word is readily approachable and relevant for all men. Brothers will read a short passage of scripture in advance of our meeting so we can jointly consider its purpose, meaning and application to our lives through lively and fun exchange. Those interested are encouraged to bring their curiosity, sense of humor and willingness to share their perspectives and experiences.

Leader: Ed Locke ([emlockel@gmail.com](mailto:emlockel@gmail.com))

# SMALL GROUPS for adults



## **20/30 SOMETHINGS**

**will meet monthly • dates, time, location TBD**

This group is all about fun, food and fellowship for all young adults ages 24-35. In this stage of life, it's important to stay connected and continuing growing relationships with our peers. This fellowship can make an impact in our lives as we navigate early adulthood. Join us monthly for an evening of games and appetizers, potluck dinners, bible studies, or fun excursions!

*Leader: Sarah Parker ([sgparker4475@gmail.com](mailto:sgparker4475@gmail.com))*

## **CHICK FLICKS**

**meets 4th Tuesdays • various local restaurants**

We gather on the 4th Tuesday of every month for lunch at various restaurants and then attend a movie. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather for Christian fellowship, meet new friends or get to enhance current relationships in a more casual atmosphere. At the same time, you can enjoy a lunch and/or a movie with our sisters in Christ.

*Leaders: Diane Boney ([diane\\_boney@carolina.rr.com](mailto:diane_boney@carolina.rr.com)) and Sharon English ([Sharon.english@hotmail.com](mailto:Sharon.english@hotmail.com))*

## **CORNERSTONE BOOK CLUB**

**meets 2nd Mondays of every other month from Sept. - May**

**10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Providence (Worship Parlor)**

We meet every other month on the 2nd Monday from September through May. Each member chooses a book and is the leader for their book. Come and join us!  
*Leader: Kate Shepard ([ckshepard@gmail.com](mailto:ckshepard@gmail.com))*

## **SOUTH SISTERS**

All women are welcome to join South Sisters. Our primary focus is to build a community of women who support each other and our community through social activities, community service and prayer. We meet regularly throughout the year. For 2022, we are supporting Time Out Youth, A Roof Above and the Union County Christmas Bureau. In October we will be participating in the Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk and Strides for Shelter 5K Run + Walk.  
*Leaders: Laura Van Landingham ([justgottasmile@yahoo.com](mailto:justgottasmile@yahoo.com)) and Jessica Shurley ([jesshurley2@gmail.com](mailto:jesshurley2@gmail.com))*



## **McKNIGHT GROUP**

**meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.**

**at Jonathan's restaurant in Matthews**

The Men's McKnight Group meets with the purpose of getting to know our CLC Staff on a more personal basis. Wanting to know them as more than just a name on the CLC staff list, we invite a different member of the staff to each gathering where they share about their work responsibilities, family, etc. The McKnight Group meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Jonathan's restaurant (10630 Independence Pointe Pkwy, Matthews).  
Leader: *Terry Legvold ([tvlegvold@gmail.com](mailto:tvlegvold@gmail.com))*

## **FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN**

Fairway to Heaven is a fellowship for all who enjoy golfing in a non-competitive, social setting. Golf events are held at various local courses once per month. Any person, regardless of handicap, is invited to join.

Leader: *Joel Barber ([joel.barber@gmail.com](mailto:joel.barber@gmail.com))*

## **SANDRA CAUGHMAN WELCA CIRCLE**

**meets 2nd Tuesdays**

This Women of the ELCA circle group meets once a month in a member's home or at a local restaurant. We do service projects together. This group supports Operation Christmas Child and A Child's Place.

Leaders: *Cathey Wigington ([ccwigington@aol.com](mailto:ccwigington@aol.com)) and Kim Sensenbrenner ([kim.sensenbrenner@gmail.com](mailto:kim.sensenbrenner@gmail.com))*

## **CLARA SULLIVAN WELCA CIRCLE**

**meets 1st Wednesdays at 10 a.m. • Christ Providence (Forum A&B)**

This Women of the ELCA circle group meets once a month from September through June for a Bible Study and fellowship. We support Quilters for Christ and other service projects.

Leaders: *Sandy Herberg ([sherberg@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sherberg@carolina.rr.com)) and Kay Gustafson ([kaygustafson@hotmail.com](mailto:kaygustafson@hotmail.com))*

# ADULT CLASSES *Sundays*

## **CLC BOOK CLUB**

**Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (Lackey Parlor)  
-or- Christ Online (Zoom)**

The CLC Book Club reads and discusses books of all kinds, but primarily books on faith, our relationship with God, human nature, scripture, or biographies of faith leaders. Our discussions can be lively and frank; we thrive on competing opinions, but we expect civility and respect for one another. Even if you have not read the assigned chapter, we encourage everyone to attend. We'll catch you up and let you talk anyway! All are welcome. *Led by Dan Hansen and Carl Edgren.*

## **FAITH FELLOWSHIP: THE BIBLE & BEYOND**

**Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (Forum A&B)  
-or- Christ Online (Zoom)**

Faith Fellowship will be focusing on three different studies throughout the fall semester. In *Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World—Certain Hope in Uncertain Times*, well-known pastor and author Dr. David Jeremiah tackles such relevant issues as job loss, financial distress, violence, natural disasters and rapidly increasing moral depravity—all which cause chaos in the world and in our lives. How are we to not just survive, but thrive as God's children in such a place? How can we bear fruit for the Lord in a broken world? On the last Sunday of October, we will shift focus to *Women of the Bible Speak—Wisdom of the Women and Their Lessons for Today* by Shannon Bream. For advent, we will focus on *Incarnation—Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. *Led by Barbara Burton, Milt Martin, Miriam Morrison, Bob Steele and John Stensrud.*

## **EMERGE**

**Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (Music Room)**

This fall, our focus will be on Season 2 of *The Chosen*, a crowd-funded streaming series following the ministry of Christ and His disciples. The series is accessible in a number of ways, including free from their app which can be found here: [watch.angelstudios.com](http://watch.angelstudios.com). Each episode is about 40 minutes and is followed by a roundtable discussion between the show's creator and various religious scholars. On Sundays, we will discuss each episode as a group and focus on how the story relates to our busy lives. All are welcome. *Led by Rob and Kristen Stark.*

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

**Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (Forum C)**

This women's group is dedicated to the study of God's Word in a relaxed and caring atmosphere of love for one another. This fall we again delve into His Word to enrich our faith and seek answers for living in today's world. Using the Augsburg Fortress Bible Study program and scripture from both the Old and New Testaments, we will focus on the theme of "Celebrating God" in our lives. *Led by Jewel Barber and Joyce Brigman.*

## **THE CREW**

**Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (W150) -or- Christ Online (Zoom)**  
See description on page 5. *Led by David Deeds.*

## **STUDIES OF SCRIPTURE**

**Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (Adult Library)**

This class studies and discusses lectionary lessons from the Lutheran Book of Worship. Find out what the Bible has to say by journeying through the lectionary with others. The lectionary is a collection of appointed scripture readings for each Sunday and for other occasions. The lectionary readings for each Sunday typically include an Old Testament reading, a New Testament reading, and a passage from one of the four Gospels. Many Protestant and Catholic churches use the lectionary readings on a weekly basis. *Led by Hans Teich.*

## **Other Weekly Classes & Bible Studies**

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### **MOMS IN PRAYER**

**Mondays • 8:30 p.m. on Christ Online (Zoom)**

Mothers of children of any age are invited to this virtual-only group with the goal of praying for your own children and those of others in the group. Support one another as we depend on God for guidance & help and find weekly encouragement on this journey of motherhood. *Led by Megan Goodson.*

### **COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS**

**Wednesdays • 9 a.m. at Christ Providence (W150) -or- Christ Online (Zoom)**

Join with a pastor of Christ Lutheran each week to continue the discussion of our current book and how it relates to our Christian lives today. Open to all.

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

**Wednesdays • 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Concord -or- Christ Online (Zoom)**

We meet every Wednesday morning to dig deeper into the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. Grab a cup of coffee (or your favorite morning beverage) and join in the fun as we get to know each other better and discover the application of the scriptural texts to our lives today. *Led by Pastor Tenny.*



# Wednesdays together

## Adult Classes

### **WOMEN MAKING CONNECTIONS**

**6-7:30 p.m. at Christ Providence (Worship Parlor)**

See description on page 5.

Led by Lara Barnett and Brooke Schell.

### **ROMANS & REFORMATION**

**6-7:30 p.m. at Christ Providence (Forum A&B)**

**-or- Christ Online (Zoom)**

While Paul's other letters addressed specific concerns among people he intimately knew, Romans is the Gospel in its purity, laying out justification by faith alone, the necessity of God's grace and the priesthood of all believers. This is why we believe what we believe.

Led by Pastor Scott.

### **LIFE IN CHRIST WITH KIDS**

**6-7:30 p.m. at Christ Providence (W150 A & B)**

While kids are attending their classes & activities, parents are invited to join us for fellowship with other parents. What does being a parent look like when you're following Christ? Come join the conversation.

Led by Pastor Ryan & Ashley Ritzmann.

### **MAKING MARRIAGE WORK**

**6-7:30 p.m. at Christ Providence (Forum C)**

This class will be based on the book *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by Drs. John and Julie Gottman.

Led by Pastor Brook and Kristan Seaford.

### **BRIDGEBUILDERS**

**6-7:30 p.m. at Christ Providence (W156)**

See description on page 3.

Led by Kelley Fluharty.

Wednesdays  
together

## DINNER

**5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Christ Providence**

Plated serving will start at 5 p.m. in the kitchen; eating will be in Fellowship Hall.

Cost is \$6 each or \$25 max per family.

RSVP required by each Friday prior.

[christelca.org/menu](http://christelca.org/menu)

# Wednesdays together music. tech. drama

## Children & Youth Activities

### INFANTS & TODDLERS

6:00-7:30p • Nursery for ages 6wks-35mos (M230-231)  
6:10-6:25p • Preschool Music for ages 2-3 (M237-238)

### PRE-K (AGES 4-5)

6:00-6:30p • Arts & Crafts (M241-242)  
6:30-6:45p • Pre-K Music (M237-238)  
6:45-7:30p • Open Gym (Spirit Hall or playground)

### KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE

5:30-6:10p • Grace Choir (M237-238)  
6:15-6:45p • Faith Jam (M239-240)  
6:45-7:30p • Grace Dance (Center Six • W151) -or- Arts & Crafts (M241-242)

### 3RD - 5TH GRADE

5:30-6:10p • Faith Choir (Music Room • M248)  
6:15-6:45p • Faith Jam (M239-240)  
6:45-7:30p • Faith Dance (C301) -or- Arts & Crafts (M241-242)

### 6TH - 8TH GRADE

5:30-6:10p • Middle School Dance (C301)-or- Open Gym (Spirit Hall)  
6:10-6:20p • Bible Study (Lackey Parlor)  
6:20-6:45p • Worship Tech & A/V (Sanct.) -or- Games/Fellowship (Lackey Parlor)  
6:45-7:30p • Assist with Arts & Crafts (M241-242) -or- MS Music (M239-240)

### 9TH - 12TH GRADE

5:30-6:00p • Core/Peer Ministry (Pit) -or- Open Gym (Spirit Hall)  
6:00-8:15p • Xperience (Pit)

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## Adult Activities

**HALLELUJAH RINGERS** for adults & youth  
5:30-6:00p at Christ Providence (Bell Room)

**LUTHER RINGERS**  
6:00-7:15p at Christ Providence (Bell Room)

**ADULT DANCE**  
7:30-8:00p at Christ Providence (C300)

**THE BRIDGE CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
6:45-7:15p at Christ Providence (Music Room • M248)

**CHRIST CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
7:15-8:45p at Christ Providence (Music Room • M248)



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