



LIFEgroups

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FROM GOD'S WORD

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WITH ONE ANOTHER

The goal and purpose of our LIFEgroups is spiritual and personal growth in Christ. We are confident that participants and leaders alike will be transformed, as we learn and process together, serve together, pray together, and support each other in our journeys with Christ.

What are LIFEgroups?

LIFEgroups are small groups of people who meet regularly to grow in their relationship with Christ, discuss how their faith intersects with their daily lives in caring community, and encourage one another as they find ways to serve Jesus' cause.

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Bethesda's C³ Vision Paradigm guides our LIFEgroups.

Christ: Whatever the curriculum, LIFEgroups integrate the Word of God into their conversations, along with honest reflection on their spiritual journeys. Every LIFEgroup is intended to help participants take a step closer to Jesus.

Wherever our starting point, we want to learn more about God and his Word, learn to recognize His work in our lives, become attuned to his leading for ourselves and for each other.

We want to receive and experience the abundant life Jesus promised (John 10:10b). Our culture and society war against community, but God created us for community and intends to bring his work to fulfillment in us through relationships with others (Gen 2:18, Prov. 27:17, Acts 2:42–47).

Community: We believe community is an essential piece of spiritual growth and Christian experience. We are called to love one another. We also experience and understand more of God in the context of relationships with other people.

LIFEgroups give us an opportunity to connect with others and develop friendships. They give us glimpses into other people's journey with Jesus. These groups allow us to play an active role in our faith and in the life of the congregation, with opportunities to exercise our gifts, receive blessings from others, and intentionally reflect on what we know of God and how that knowledge impacts our daily lives.

Cause: We are invited to serve and share in Jesus' cause to rescue lost people and to build them up as followers of him. God is doing a powerful work of re-creation and restoration as he breathes life into us and as he uses us to point others to him through acts of love and service.

LIFEgroups are an opportunity for us to reach people with the Gospel in a variety of ways: through outreach-oriented discussions, by supporting one another to follow God's leading to share the Gospel with people in our circles of influence, by inviting and welcoming someone new to the group, or by serving together in the community. Each group is invited to develop its own missional focus, while, at times, we will invite all groups to participate in congregational mission projects and community service.

LifeGroups — MONDAYS

Group Demographic: Men

Group Facilitator: Mark Miller

Contact Information: mamaflac@yahoo.com, 715-456-8293

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room

Meeting Time: Mondays, 6:30 am–7:45 am

Curriculum/Description: 1st Peter

Group Name: Solid Rock Café

Group Demographic: Multigenerational women. Married, single, divorced, and widowed

Group Facilitator: Jane Loudon

Contact Information: janelouden1217@gmail.com, 715-835-6064

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Rooms 311 & 313

Meeting Time: Mondays, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Evangelism – A Way of Life* by Rebecca Pippert & Ruth Siemens

Group Demographic: 20s–30s; Singles

Group Facilitator: Pastor Brandon

Contact Information: brandon@bethesdalutheran.org

Meeting Location:

Meeting Time: Monday Evenings

Curriculum/Description:

Group Name: Empty Nesters

Group Demographic:

Group Facilitator: Brian & Janet Amundson

Contact Information: 715-835-0521

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room

Meeting Time: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Directions from the Word of God* by David Rinden

Group Demographic: Open/Mixed

Group Facilitator: John and Jeanne Lutz

Contact Information: johnlutz@ameritech.net, 715-831-0895

Meeting Location: 3207 Chasewood Lane

Meeting Time: Mondays

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*
(Childcare will be made available)

LifeGroups — TUESDAYS

Group Name: Rachel Bible Study

Group Demographic: Women

Group Facilitator: Joan Albright or Louise Koxlien

Contact Information: Joan: 715-830-0221 or Louise: 715-552-3873

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room

Meeting Time: First Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm

Curriculum/Description: “Life Lessons from Joshua”

Group Name: Solid Rock Café

Group Demographic: Women

Group Facilitator: Sue Henneman, Pat Murphy

Contact Information: suehennemann@att.net, 715-552-1378
patree@cvol.net, 715-839-1219

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 313B

Meeting Time: Tuesdays, 5:15 pm–6:45 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Revelation: Unlocking the Mysteries of the End Times*, a 13-week study that helps us discover the encouraging message of Revelation and apply it to our lives today.

Group Demographic: Men

Group Facilitator: David Verhaagh, Jeff Wile

Contact Information: dverhaagh@hotmail.com, 715-8286156
wilejeff@gmail.com, 715-563-8489

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 305

Meeting Time: Tuesdays, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Curriculum/Description: We study different sections of scripture with help, at times, from Max Lucado’s books.

LifeGroups — WEDNESDAYS

Group Facilitator: Chad and Elaine Shiffer
Contact Information: chad@bethesdalutheran.org
Meeting Location: Shiffers' home (320 W. Fillmore Avenue)
Meeting Time: Wednesday AM, Time TBD
Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*
(Childcare Available)

Group Name: Busy Women's Study
Group Facilitator: Brittney Malone
Contact Information: brittney@bethesdalutheran.org
Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 313B
Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 6:45 pm–8:00 pm
Curriculum/Description: *The Power of a Positive Woman*, by Carol Ladd
(Childcare Available)

Group Name: Genesis in Space and Time
Group Facilitator: Nathan Dietsche
Contact Information: 715-835-8701
Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 313
Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm
Curriculum/Description: Answers in Genesis

Group Name: America's Christian Heritage
Group Facilitator: Nathan Dietsche
Contact Information: 715-835-8701
Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 313
Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
Curriculum/Description: American Heritage Series

Group Name: Common Ground
Group Demographic: Singles, Couples with school-age kids
Group Facilitator: Jay & Andrea Anderson, Ross & Michelle Kooiker
Contact Information: 715-836-9358
Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 204a
Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Curriculum/Description: I and II Thessalonians

Group Name: Wednesday Night Bible Study
Group Facilitator: Pastor Venberg
Contact Information: rodney@bethesdalutheran.org, 715-835-5073
Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room
Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm
Curriculum/Description: 1 Timothy

LiFEgroups — THURSDAYS

Group Name: Lose It For Life

Group Demographic: Women

Group Facilitator: Kristin Verhaagh

Contact Information: 715-828-2737

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room (102)

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Lose it for Life*, by Stephen Arterburn

Group Demographic: Open/Mixed

Group Facilitator: Jim & Carol Trullinger

Contact Information: jltrullinger@mmm.com, jactrull@charter.net, 715-835-8513

Meeting Location: 2220 Windsong Ct, EC, WI 54703

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*

Group Demographic: Women

Group Facilitator: Dawn Rico

Contact Information: dawn@bethesdalutheran.org

Meeting Location: Bethesda (Room not yet determined)

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*

Group Name: Band of Brothers

Group Demographic: Men

Group Facilitator: John Lutz, Robert Bandoli

Contact Information: johnlutz@ameritech.net, 715-831-0895

Meeting Location: Bethesda Room 305

Meeting Time: Fridays, 6:30 am–7:30 am

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*

Group Demographic: Women in their 20s

Group Facilitator: Holly Hermann

Contact Information: holly@bethesdalutheran.org

Meeting Location: 3539 Halsey St.

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 8:00 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Boundaries*, by Henry Cloud

LiFEgroups — FRIDAYS

Group Name: Rise Up!

Group Demographic: Women

Group Facilitator: Jackie Vold

Contact Information: mjvold@gmail.com, 715-834-5775

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room

Meeting Time: Fridays, 6:30 am–7:45 am

Curriculum/Description:

Group Name: Circle of Friends

Group Demographic: Women

Group Facilitator: Mandy Heard, Chris Strasburg

Contact Information: mandyheardu@gmail.com, 715-834-5246 (Mandy),
715-835-0721 (Chris)

Meeting Location: Bethesda

Meeting Time: Fridays, 9:15 am

Curriculum/Description: *Directions from the Word of God* by David Rinden

LiFEgroups — SATURDAYS

Group Name: Shoulder To Shoulder

Group Demographic: Men (with an emphasis on 20s to 40s)

Group Facilitator: John Flaten

Contact Information: jflaten1867@hotmail.com

Meeting Location: Fireside Room

Meeting Time: Saturdays, 8:45–9:45 am

Curriculum/Description: 12-week men's Bible study that examines the lives of the Apostles, what they shared, how they were different, where they stumbled, and how Christ transformed them into powerful servants of God.

LiFEgroups — SUNDAYS

Group Demographic: 20s–30s

Group Facilitator: Paul & Bee Larson, Zachary & Alissa Schroer,
Tim & Laura Jones

Contact Information: paul@bethesdalutheran.org

Meeting Location: 1430 Red Pine Dr, EC

Meeting Time: Sundays 6:00 pm–7:30 pm

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*

LiFEgroups — MEETING TIME TBD

Group Demographic: Mid-life and up

Group Facilitator: Jerry and Louise Kooiker

Contact Information: (715) 852-0138

Meeting Location: 2912 Putnam Glen Pl.

Meeting Time: Group will determine the day and time that suits them best.

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*

LiFEgroups — SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

Group Name: Branches

Group Demographic:

Group Facilitator: Deb Hubbell

Contact Information: dahshop@yahoo.com, 715-839-0594

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 204a

Meeting Time: Sunday, 9:00 am

Curriculum/Description: Our emphasis this semester is in developing character through Christ, community and cause. We will begin by focusing on our community by learning about the history of the Lutheran Brethren and what we believe as well as Bethesda's history and structure.

Group Name: iLess

Group Demographic: College Age/Young Adults

Group Facilitator: Pastor Brandon

Contact Information:

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room

Meeting Time: Sunday, 9:00 am

Curriculum/Description: Designed to meet the needs and help in the spiritual growth of young adults in our Bethesda community.

Group Name: Sojourners

Group Demographic: 40-60 years

Group Facilitator: Allen and Jeanne Sternke

Contact Information: 715-597-3526

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 305

Meeting Time: Sunday, 9:00 am

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*

Group Name: To Be Determined

Group Demographic: 25-45

Group Facilitator: Mike & Alissa Amundson

Contact Information: mna95@hotmail.com

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 204c

Meeting Time: Sundays, 9:00 am

Curriculum/Description: *Beautiful Outlaw*

LifeGroups — SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

Group Name: Kingfolk

Group Demographic: Retired/Nearing Retirement

Group Facilitator: Augie Wirkus

Contact Information: 715-831-0460

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 204c

Meeting Time: Sundays, 10:30 am

Curriculum/Description: Join us Sunday mornings for lively discussion and encouragement! Along with our regular Sunday meetings, we also schedule several activities and other times for meeting with our fellow believers for fun and fellowship.

Group Name: ACTS

Group Demographic:

Group Facilitator: Steve and Jodi Flaten, Steve Louden

Contact Information: 715-832-8312 (Flatens), 715-835-6064

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Room 305

Meeting Time: Sundays, 10:30 am

Curriculum/Description:

Group Name: Seekers of God

Group Demographic:

Group Facilitator: Beth Smith, Dennis & Diane Peterson

Contact Information: 715-875-4553 (Beth), 715-839-8648 (Petersons)

Meeting Location: Bethesda, Fireside Room

Meeting Time: Sundays, 10:30 am

Curriculum/Description:

