

Word of Peace  
Lutheran Church

Fall 2018



# **Classes and Groups**

**for Adults, Children and Families**

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# Life groups

Life Groups are committed short-term small groups designed to build authentic relationships, discover our spiritual gifts, and empower ourselves to serve our neighbors. Life Groups will enable people to experience God and others in a variety of ways, so whether you are looking for a group that focuses deeply on Bible study, a book study, a special interest, or a devotion with time for reflection and conversation, you are sure to find the right Life Group for you. And if you don't, why not lead your own?

## Fall Life Groups:

### **Stay At-Home Moms Group**

Wednesdays beginning October 3  
6:30 PM at Ariel Olmscheid's home  
Leader: Ariel Olmscheid

### **Walking Group**

Tuesdays beginning October 2  
9 AM at Word of Peace  
Leaders: Steve & Pat Cina

### **Cooking/Potluck Group**

Sundays beginning October 7  
5 PM at Leah Colby's home  
Leaders: Leah Colby & Michelle Andersen

### **50's & 60's Couples Bible Study Group**

Thursdays beginning October 4  
7 PM at the Messenbrink's home  
Leaders: Clark & Julie Messenbrink

### **Parenting Book Group**

Tuesdays beginning October 2  
6:30 PM at Word of Peace  
Leader: Brandi Snell

### **Family Group (Parents and Children)**

Sundays beginning September 30  
6 PM at the Van De Riet home  
Leaders: Mike & Karee Van De Reit

### **Good News/Positivity Group**

Sundays beginning September 30  
12:15 PM at Word of Peace  
Leader: Julayne Mayer

**Registration Begins September 9 | [wordofpeace.org/lifegroups](http://wordofpeace.org/lifegroups)**

**Questions?** Contact Lydia Svendsen at (763) 496-2421 or [lsvendsen@wordofpeace.org](mailto:lsvendsen@wordofpeace.org)

# Classes for Adults

## Adult Forum

### Heroes of Faith

Begins September 23 | Sundays at 9:45 AM in Room 120

From Abraham to Esther. From Mary to Paul. Some of the most famous characters in the Bible show us what it means to wrestle and grow in faith. Join us for in-depth character studies of these Heroes of Faith. These forums are led by guest speakers and Word of Peace pastors.

#### Guest Speakers:

**Rev. Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker** | Associate Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary  
September 23 & 30

**Dr. Cameron Howard** | Associate Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary  
October 7 & 14

*Heroes of Faith* is a companion study to the 2018-19 Word of Peace churchwide series,  
COVER TO COVER: The Bible in a Year.  
For more information, visit  
[wordofpeace.org/cover-to-cover](http://wordofpeace.org/cover-to-cover)

## Bible 101

Classes Begin September 12 & 13

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM & Thursdays at 10 AM in the Brekke Room

Whether you consider yourself a Bible beginner or a Bible pro, this class is for you! Over the course of nine months, we will examine the major themes of the Bible cover to cover and discover how this ancient collection of stories continues to transform our lives today.

Bible 101 is offered on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings, and the same topic will be discussed at both times.

#### Contact:

Pastor Tyler Strom, Pastor or Faith in Action  
[tstrom@wordofpeace.org](mailto:tstrom@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2400

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# Classes and Retreats for Adults

## Caregiving and Grief: Finding Hope in the Midst of Change and Loss *Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 PM*

You are invited to spend an evening with Pastor Sue Wallager as she shares her personal and professional experiences with caregiving and grief. Pastor Sue will explore the struggles and the hope we can find when we are in the midst of caring for loved ones who are ill, aging or dying.

Sue Wallager is the Pastor of Pastoral Care at Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka. She grew-up Coon Rapids, MN and is a graduate of Luther College and Luther Seminary. This event is free and open to the public.



### Contact:

Pastor Kristin Skare, Pastor of Spiritual Care  
[kskare@wordofpeace.org](mailto:kskare@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2404

## New Member Orientation

**Sunday, November 11 | 12:15-3:45 PM**

Are you curious about what Lutherans believe? Do you want to make new friends? Do you want to (officially) join in the mission and vision of Word of Peace? If so, please join us for the New Member Orientation. You will meet the pastors, hear what we believe and how we do ministry, make and enjoy a meal together, and spend time getting to know one another.

*To register, visit [wordofpeace.org/membership](http://wordofpeace.org/membership) or contact Susen Kay at [skay@wordofpeace.org](mailto:skay@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2400. Child care is available upon request.*

## Adult Baptisms

Adults who have not been baptized into the Christian faith and wish to be baptized at Word of Peace will meet with a pastor prior to their baptism. Together, you will explore the meaning of baptism, go over the baptism service and receive tools and resources for continued faith formation.

*To schedule an adult baptism, visit [wordofpeace.org/worship/baptism](http://wordofpeace.org/worship/baptism) or contact Susen Kay at [skay@wordofpeace.org](mailto:skay@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2400. Child baptism information is on page 9.*

# Classes and Retreats for Adults

November 1-3

## Silent Retreat at Pacem in Terris

Pacem in Terris guests will encounter stillness in the sanctuary of silence and solitude. Detach from the busyness of the world for a while and become one with nature and Christ. Guests will arrive the afternoon of Thursday, November 1 and leave the morning of Saturday, November 3. The cost is \$230 and includes food and lodging.

More information is available at [wordofpeace.org/silent-retreat](http://wordofpeace.org/silent-retreat). If you are interested in attending, please contact Lydia Svendsen, Director of Adult Ministry, at [lsvendsen@wordofpeace.org](mailto:lsvendsen@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2421.

## Praying In Color (Grade 6 through Adult)

Wednesdays, 5:30 & 6:45 PM

October 13, November 14, December 19

*Praying in Color* introduces a way to pray that is meditative, active, visual, serious, and playful. *Praying in Color* is for the word-weary and distracted, or anyone looking for a new way to spend time with God. No artistic ability necessary! Supplies are provided.

### Contact:

Jan Stolba, Word of Peace Member  
[janstolba@yahoo.com](mailto:janstolba@yahoo.com)

Retreat Dates Coming Soon

## Learning to Listen

Learning to be a better listener for your family and friends heals hearts, energizes communities, and transforms the world. Come to Pastor Kristin's home and be trained in the art of listening using techniques from the BeFriender ministry. Learn about what gets in the way of listening, techniques to be a better listener, and how you may use these tools you will receive to share your gifts in the world.

Registration details are coming soon.

### Contact:

Pastor Kristin Skare  
[kskare@wordofpeace.org](mailto:kskare@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2404

## Yoga (Ages 14 through Adult)

Sundays at 5:30 PM beginning September 23

Enjoy free yoga classes taught by Word of Peace member, Marilee Maxwell. Everyone is welcome and each pose is adaptable for varying skill levels. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle and leave your cell phone at home or in your car.

### Contact:

Marilee Maxwell, Word of Peace Member  
[maxwellmc@comcast.net](mailto:maxwellmc@comcast.net) | (612) 210-4391

# Small Groups

## *Bible Study | Fellowship*

### **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study**

Men gather once a month to enjoy a continental breakfast followed by meaningful explorations and discussion.

*The Men's Breakfast & Bible Study meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:30 AM. Contact Rich Karlstad, (763) 497-2140 or [rkarlstad42@msn.com](mailto:rkarlstad42@msn.com) or Paul Olson, (763) 428-4261 or [polson63@live.com](mailto:polson63@live.com).*

## *Bible Study | Fellowship*

### **Sunday Night Men's Group**

Men of all ages meet to share faith, fun and friendship in a very relaxed and non-intimidating atmosphere. This fall, the group will explore "Attitude Adjustment: Down but Not Out" from the *Master Builders Bible for Men*.

*The Men's Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month from 7-8:30 PM, beginning Sept. 9. Contact Pastor Rick Skare to purchase a Master Builders Bible for Men, (763) 496-2400 or [rskare@wordofpeace.org](mailto:rskare@wordofpeace.org).*

## *Bible Study | Fellowship*

### **Tuesday Evening Circle**

Women gather in local homes for an evening of Bible study, social time, and desserts.

*The Tuesday Evening Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month September through May at 7 PM. Contact Sara Hnath, (612) 868-7424 or [hnathgolf@hotmail.com](mailto:hnathgolf@hotmail.com).*

## *Bible Study | Fellowship*

### **Women's Friendship Circle**

A group of women who gather each week to share concerns for themselves and others, pray, and discuss the Bible study found in *Gather* magazine.

*The Women's Friendship Circle meets every Tuesday year-round at 9 AM. For more information, contact Sandra Nelson at (763) 497-3588.*

## *Support Group*

### **Caregivers**

Caregiving is challenging and caregivers often feel alone and isolated. Come and be supported, prayed for, receive tools to cope, and share your story. Come to hear Pastor Sue Wallager speak on Tuesday, October 9 (see p. 4), then stay to discuss the details of this new group.

*More information will be available later this fall. Contact Pastor Kristin Skare at [kskare@wordofpeace.org](mailto:kskare@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2400.*

## *Support Group*

### **DivorceCare**

DivorceCare is a friendly, non-judgmental, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

*DivorceCare meets Mondays at 6:30 PM from September 17 through December 10. For more information, contact Mario Olson, (612) 715-3855/[mario.olson@yahoo.com](mailto:mario.olson@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Harlan, (612) 298-4331/[jharlan716@gmail.com](mailto:jharlan716@gmail.com)*

## *Support Group*

### **Grief Support Group**

The group gives people an opportunity to talk confidentially about grief, whether it be from a recent loss or in the past. As we share with others, we gain comfort and understanding.

*The Grief Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 PM. For more information, contact Shirley Cortiss, (763) 428-4102.*

## *Support Group*

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

People share their experiences, strength and hope so that they may help each other recover from the disease of alcoholism.

*AA meets at 7 PM on Thursdays year-round in Room 161. Call (612) 616-6430 or (612) 860-1747 for more information.*

## Small Groups

*Fellowship | Special Interest*

### **Women's 60+ Book Club**

Women ages 60 and over meet monthly for a book discussion and social time. A new book and meeting date/location is chosen each month.

*The Women's 60+ Book Club meets at various dates and times. The first fall meeting will be September 28 at 9 AM. For information, contact Julayne Mayer at JulayneMayer@hotmail.com*

*Fellowship | Special Interest*

### **Hooks and Needles**

Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks, or hand crafts of any kind and gather with other people who enjoy crafting. You'll meet new people, have fun, and grow in community with one another.

*Dates and times to be determined. Contact Kathy Maas, (763) 228-5646*

*Fellowship | Support*

### **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**

Mothers of children (birth through kindergarten) experience community, personal growth, practical help, and spiritual hope.

*MOPS meets every other Wednesday September through May from 9:15-11:30 AM. COST is \$135 for the year and includes child care. Visit RogersMNMOPS.weebly.com for more information or contact RogersMNMOPS@gmail.com, Heather Swanson at (612) 720-8581 or Jordan Tisor at (952) 232-9773.*

*Fellowship | Support*

### **MOMSnext**

Mothers of children in school face new challenges and issues. This group of women meets to share in community and listen to engaging speakers on topics specific to this stage of mothering.

*MOMSnext meets the 3rd Thursday of every month September through May from 7-8:30 PM. Contact Jennifer Frion, (763) 245-2523 or jrf412@gmail.com to register.*



# An Evening in Venice

Word of Peace Gala  
Saturday, October 13

RSVP by October 3  
wordofpeace.org/Gala



# Choirs for All Ages

**Rehearsals Begin the Week of September 9**  
**New Members are Always Welcome!**  
**No Audition Needed\***

**Women's Christmas Luncheon**  
**Saturday, December 1**  
**9 AM-1 PM**



Enjoy a morning of good food, beautifully decorated tables, fun, and laughter to bring in the Advent season. The Looney Lutherans will join us this year! Using music, comedy, and some help from the audience, these gals love to share their tips for living a long and healthy life, the Lutheran way.

Tickets are \$20 and Registration opens Sunday, October 28. We suggest registering early; seating is limited.

**Contact:** Pastor Kristin Skare  
[kskare@wordofpeace.org](mailto:kskare@wordofpeace.org)  
(763) 496-2404



## ***Kids of the Kingdom (Grades 1-2)*** ***Mondays 5-5:45 PM***

A group of energetic children who are ready to praise the Lord through song. This choir is a wonderful introduction to church music and classic children's songs.

## ***Grace Choir (Grades 3-7)*** ***Thursdays 6-7 PM***

Older elementary students perform a variety of music in worship as well as a spring musical each year. This is a great introduction to musical theatre and every child gets a part!

## ***Voices of Peace (Senior High-Adult)*** ***Wednesdays 7:30-8 PM***

This traditional choir performs a varied repertoire from choral classics to contemporary favorites.

## ***Deo Glorias (Women's Choir)*** ***Mondays 7:00-8 PM***

This small women's gospel choir sings monthly during worship.

## ***Youth Bells (Bell Choir for Grades 5-12)*** ***Wednesdays 4:45-5:30 PM***

Learn the basics in this beginning bell choir.

## ***Angel Wings (Bell Choir)*** ***Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM***

Angel Wings is a Level 3, 5 octave bell choir that performs during worship once a month.

\*Audition is required.

## ***Festival Chorus (Short-Term Holiday Choir)*** ***Rehearsals begin November 7 at 7:30 PM***

The Festival Chorus performs at the Festival of Carols and Christmas Eve worship services in December.

# children's ministry

## Baptism Class

Register online at [wordofpeace.org/baptism](http://wordofpeace.org/baptism)

Parents of children that will be baptized at Word of Peace are required to attend a baptism class. *(If you have already attended a baptism class at Word of Peace or another congregation you do not need to attend again.)* You will explore the meaning of baptism, go over the baptism service, and receive help with faith formation tools.

Baptism Classes are typically held the second Sunday of every month at 11 AM and can be scheduled when you request a baptism.

### Contact:

Susen Kay, Membership Secretary  
[skay@wordofpeace.org](mailto:skay@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2400

## Kids of Peace Preschool

Enroll online at [wordofpeace.org/kidsofpeace](http://wordofpeace.org/kidsofpeace)

At Kids of Peace, we foster learning and spiritual growth and partner with each of our families to nurture your child's development. Our wide variety of curriculum resources, quality staff and small class sizes encourage excellence in learning.

### Contact:

Julie Picconatto, Director of Preschool  
[jpiconatto@wordofpeace.org](mailto:jpiconatto@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2419

## Church School (Age 3 through 5th grade)

**Sundays at 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM**

**Mondays at 5 & 6:15 PM**

Registration forms are available at [wordofpeace.org/church-school](http://wordofpeace.org/church-school) and outside the Children's Ministry office.

Word of Peace partners with parents to teach children about God's love through Bible stories, activities, worship and fellowship.

### Contact:

Dawn Saxton, Director of Children's Ministry  
[dsaxton@wordofpeace.org](mailto:dsaxton@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2414

## Celebrate Communion (grades 3-5)

**Sunday, November 4: 2-5 PM**

More information and registration is available at [wordofpeace.org/kids](http://wordofpeace.org/kids).

All children of any age are welcome to receive Holy Communion at their parents' discretion. Celebrate Communion is a class designed for children in grades 3-5 and their parents to explore the deeper meanings and historical context of the Last Supper.

### Contact:

Kari Osmek, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry  
[kosmek@wordofpeace.org](mailto:kosmek@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2418

# TRUNK OR TREAT

**Saturday, October 27 | 4-6 PM**

Come to Word of Peace for an afternoon of non-scary Halloween family activities, inflatables, concessions and more. Bring new packaged socks of any size or color to be donated to area homeless shelters. FREE and open to the public. Concessions will be available for purchase.



# youth ministry

## 6th-8th Grade Confirmation

**Wednesdays at 5:30 & 6:30 PM**

Registration forms are available at [wordofpeace.org/confirmation](http://wordofpeace.org/confirmation) and outside the Youth Ministry office.

Word of Peace partners with parents to provide 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders an opportunity to connect their faith to their daily lives, serve God's people, study Martin Luther's catechism, and have fun together.

Confirmation students attend large group learning time with music, games, skits and a weekly lesson from the pastor. They also meet in small groups that are led by an adult volunteer guide. Once a month, small groups participate in a fellowship or servant event.

### Contact:

Megan Moen, Confirmation Coordinator  
[mmoen@wordofpeace.org](mailto:mmoen@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2406

## 9th Grade Confirmation

Registration forms are available at [wordofpeace.org/confirmation](http://wordofpeace.org/confirmation) and outside the Youth Ministry office.

Beginning in September of their 9th grade year, students who have completed 6th-8th grade confirmation begin to prepare for their affirmation of baptism through a series of classes. They are then confirmed in January of their 9th grade year.

### Contact:

Megan Moen, Confirmation Coordinator  
[mmoen@wordofpeace.org](mailto:mmoen@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2406

## MSM.AM

**Sundays at 9:45 AM**

**Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 16**

Middle School Ministry in the Morning (MSM.AM) is a time for 6th-8th graders to get together for devotions, Bible study, games and treats! MSM.AM is a wonderful opportunity for youth to grow in faith through meaningful discussion and devotion and to build loving and faith-based friendships.

### Contact:

Christina Verbick, Director of Youth Ministry  
[cverbick@wordofpeace.org](mailto:cverbick@wordofpeace.org) | (763) 496-2430

## High School Youth Group

**2nd & 4th Sundays of each month | 6:30-8 PM**

**Beginning September 9**

High schoolers gather for some fun, fellowship, conversation, snacks, games, Bible study, and service projects. Each time will be different!

*NOTE: There will be no youth group on December 23.*

### Contact:

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**NEW!**

**High School Leadership Training**  
**Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM**  
**Oct. 24, Dec. 5**

Join together with your peers to learn or enhance your leadership skills. Confirmation junior guides and church school teachers and helpers are strongly encouraged to attend.

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Christina Verbick, Director of Youth Ministry  
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**NEW!**

**High School Fall Overnight Retreat**  
**Friday, Oct. 12 & Saturday, Oct. 13**  
**at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids**

Register online at [wordofpeace.org/high-school](http://wordofpeace.org/high-school). Cost is \$15 and breakfast is included.

Come to this retreat to share in the experiences of worship, service, games, and community. This retreat will include 3 other churches from around the area. You are sure to connect with old friends and meet new ones! You won't want to miss this.

**Contact:**

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**December 4 | 6:30 PM**  
**Advent Family Night**

Families of all ages are welcome to come to the Advent Family Night celebration! Come for a peaceful evening of worship and activities that the whole family will enjoy. More information will be available later this fall.

**Contact**

Kari Osmek, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry  
[kosmek@wordofpeace.org](mailto:kosmek@wordofpeace.org)  
(763) 496-2418

**PARENTS**  
**TIME OUT!**

**Saturday, December 15**  
**1 PM - 5 PM**

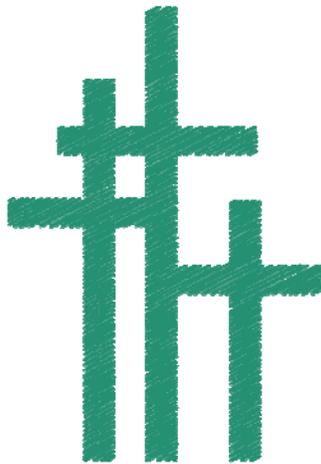
**Child Care for**  
**Infants through 5th Grade**

Parents, bring your kids to Word of Peace and have some time to yourself while your kids have a fun and safe time at church! Get some shopping done or go on a date night!

Parents Time Out is a fundraiser for the middle school and high school youth. More information will be available later this fall.

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