

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Connection Groups



“Connecting People to Christ, the Community, and Others”

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Why Connection Groups?

Our vision at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is to be a dynamic mission center in our community that **CONNECTS** people to the life-changing power of Jesus Christ, strengthens families, and equips them to live passionately for Him.

Connection Groups are designed to help connect people to Christ, the community and others.

1. We connect people to **Jesus Christ** so that more people will come to faith in Him. We give witness of our faith by telling people about Jesus' message of salvation. We also help people learn more about Jesus so that they grow in their faith and follow Him.
2. We connect people to **the community** when we put our faith into action by serving and helping people. Every Connection Group engages in a community service project each semester to help us better see people in need through the eyes of Jesus.
3. We connect people to **others**. Connection Groups are a great place to meet and make genuine friends. Besides praying for and encouraging one another, group members **PLAY** together once a semester through some fun activity outside the group, where they also invite non-members to join them.

Immanuel Connection Groups Do 4 Things:

1. Meet together once a week.
2. Serve together once a month.
3. Play together once a semester.
4. Engage in a Community Service project once a semester.

Connection Groups Directory

If you would like to participate in any of the following Connection Groups, please list the Connection Group Number(s) on the Connection Card in the back of this catalogue, in the Sunday bulletin, by calling the church (373-4486) or by registering online at www.ilcmemphis.org.

Connection Group # & Name	Day & Time
General	
1. The Truth Project	Monday / 7:00PM
2. Useful English for Internationals	Sunday / 9:45AM
3. Volleyball	Monday / 7:30PM
4. Parables	Thursday /7:00PM
5. Experiencing God	Tuesday / 7:00PM
6. Adult Information Class	Sunday / 9:50AM
7. Adult Bible Class	Thursday /1:00PM
8. 1 st & 3 rd Thursday Bible Study	Thursday /6:30PM
9. International Missions	Sunday /12:45PM
10. Weight Watchers	Monday / 6:00PM
11. P90X	Tuesday / 6:30PM
12. Weekday Gourmet Group	Tuesday*/6:30PM
13. Stephen Ministry	To Be Announced

Men

- 14. Band of Brothers Saturday* / varies
- 15. Basketball Sunday / 6:30PM
- 16. Men Awake Saturday /7:05AM

Women

- 17. He Speaks to Me Monday /10:00AM
- 18. Crafts Friday* / 6:00PM
- 19. Women of the Word "WOW" Wednesday/9:30AM
- 20. LWML Ladies Guild Tuesday*/10:00AM
(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)
- 21. LWML Ruth and Carol Tuesday* / 6:30PM
- 22. Quilting Tuesday* / 9:30AM

**monthly meetings*

GENERAL

1. The Truth Project

"The Truth Project" is a DVD study that explores the contrast between the secular world view - what the world around us sees as truth, and the Biblical world view - the Truth that is Christ. The study is broken down into "tours" of different areas that impact our lives including history, science, work, philosophy, the founding of the United States and many more! This study brings out many topics that lead to fascinating discussions! Check out www.thetruthproject.org to view a short clip that explains the study.

Leader: Stephanie Glanzer

Mondays @ 7:00PM

Cordova

2. Useful English for Internationals

This basic English as a Second Language (ESL) class is for immigrants who want to improve their English skills to help them communicate more effectively on the job, in school, and socially. Since we use the Oxford Picture Dictionary as our text book, anyone with good English skills can assist our international friends in learning English!

Leader: Becky Tieman

Co-Leader: Clarice Hammett

Sundays @ 9:45AM

Church (Altar Guild Room)

3. Volleyball

This group is made up of people from the congregation and the community. The group is limited to the post-high school age group.

Leader: Ellis Winter

Mondays @7:30PM

School Gym

4. Parables

Compelling and culturally relevant, the stories Jesus told portray eternal realities in a way that speaks to our hearts and challenges our minds. As you study the parables, you'll realize Jesus is talking about your life - the struggles you face and the tremendous promise that lies before you.

Leader: Ed Mell

Thursdays @ 7PM

Bartlett & Cordova

5. **Experiencing God**

Experiencing God is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. By understanding how God is working through us even as we try to fathom His ways, we can begin to clearly know and do His will and discover our lives greatly and gracefully changed.

Leader: Terry Tieman
Tuesdays @ 7PM
Cordova

6. **Adult Information Class**

You are invited to the Adult Information Class (AIC); a class that would change your life. In this 12 week class we talk about the basics of the Christian Faith, Lutheran Doctrine, and God's plan for our lives. The class is laid-back, casual, but very informative! No prior Bible knowledge is needed, and no one will be called on and put on the spot. Just come with an open heart and an open mind! If you are new to Immanuel, the Christian Faith, or have faith questions in general, this class is for you!

Leader: Pastor Lane Reuter
Sundays @ 9:50AM
Room #23 in the school

7. **Thursday Adult Bible Class**

This group meets to study God's Word in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Join us as we grow in our faith and as we enjoy this time of fellowship. We are currently studying Genesis.

Leader: Pastor Lane Reuter
Thursday @ 1:00PM
Church Narthex/Lobby

8. **1st & 3rd Thursday Bible Study**

The evening starts out with a pot-luck supper followed by a Bible Study, a topic of interest, or a movie followed by a discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Leader: Robert "Doc" Sohn
Thursdays @ 6:30PM
Germantown

9. **International Missions**

This group is for people who have a desire to support, or be personally involved in, Christian outreach in other countries. We are currently planning a trip to Bogotá, Columbia in the summer of 2011. Our meeting times will be after the late service on Sunday with a meal.

Leader: Pete Johnson
Sundays, 12:45PM
Church Narthex/Lobby

10. **Weight Watchers**

A regular WW meeting, held on campus for a small discount. A 12-week course, members weigh in and hear a talk. The meeting is 45-60 minutes long. Must sign up and pre-pay; \$110 for returning WW Members, \$120 for new WW Members. Must have 15 commitments to make the class.

Leader: Michelle Reuter
Mondays @ 6:00PM
School's Multi-Purpose Room

11. P90X

This is an exercise group that uses some of the P90X materials most of which are cardio-focused but we will also introduce flexibility, abs, and resistance workouts. Whether you already exercise regularly or you are interested in forming a few good habits, please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings. We will meet for approximately 1 hr & 15 min, exercising 50-60 min. Nutritional information will also be shared at each meeting. Please bring water and a towel; other items will be discussed at each class. Come join the fellowship while getting your heart rate up!

Leaders: Richard and Linda Barnes

Tuesdays @ 6:30PM

Gym or Multipurpose room (may vary)

12. Weekday Gourmet Group

Join Alyce Price (formerly Alyce Mantia) for the evenings of cooking great dinners that can be prepared in no more than an hour or so. We'll explore our roots and family with a dinner from the south of France, or the north of Italy or from the Midwest, East, all with a supermarket shopping list. A contribution toward food costs of \$5 per gathering would be appreciated.

Leader: Alyce Mantia

Phone: 763-963-1963

1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:30PM

Germantown

13. Stephen Ministry

You will be provided with resources, training, support, and a step-by-step process to establish a life-changing, Christ-centered lay caring ministry that works and lasts. With this training, you will be equipped to counsel and support people going through various personal challenges.

Leader: Debbie Goedel

Location, times and days to be announced

14. Band of Brothers

This is a Men's Service Group that will primarily focus on projects within our immediate congregation and community. Projects will include carpentry, construction, clean-up and demo. There will also be opportunities for fellowship, and spiritual growth.

Leader: Peter

Phone: 763-762-762

One Saturday a month

Times and places to be announced

15. Basketball

This group is made up of people from the congregation and the community. The group is limited to the post-high school age group. The evening closes with a short devotion and prayer.

Leader: Jon Gray

Sundays @ 7:00PM

School gym

16. Men Awake

This is a group of guys who love the Lord and support each other in their daily lives. We meet from 7:05-8:30AM every other Saturday. We start our morning off with visiting and praying for each other followed by scripture study. Currently we are in the book of James. Breakfast snacks are usually provided and coffee is always available. January 23rd begins our new session -- please join us -- you'll be blessed!

Leader: Paul Smith
Saturday @ 7:05AM
Church Narthex/Lobby

WOMEN

17. He Speaks to Me

In this exciting adventure, participants will discover how God spoke to Samuel, Samuel's response, and how He speaks to believers today; they will be encouraged to listen and respond to God's voice; and by listening to God's voice and obeying Him, women will experience spiritual growth, Christian discipline, and the desire to serve. (DVD based)

Leader: Shannon Massey
Mondays @ 10AM
Bartlett

18. Craft Group

A fellowship opportunity for women, to meet others and get some crafting or other hobbies accomplished. Possibility of guest speakers / teachers. Must RSVP monthly to Michelle Reuter

Leader: Michelle Reuter
Last Friday of month @ 6:00PM
School's Multi-Purpose Room

19. Women of the Word ("WOW")

Women of all ages gather to study various topics of interest to the Christian woman who wants to grow in her faith and in the Word; this includes caring for each other and the opportunity to share personal life experiences. This ongoing class is designed to welcome new members at anytime.

Leader: Judy Fuelling
Wednesdays @ 9:30AM (Sept. through May)
Church (Altar Guild Room)

20. LWML Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

The LWML focuses on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. We meet once a month for Bible Study and to conduct the business of the LWML. Through donations and projects this group uses funds to help spread God's love in the congregation, community and world.

Leader: Rose Klimek
2nd Tuesday of each month @ 10:00AM
Church (Altar Guild Room)

21. LWML Ruth & Carol Circle

Evening group of the LWML. We have Bible Study, fellowship and prayer time at our meetings. We also try to be involved with mission projects locally and with mites, nationally and internationally as well.

Leader: LaVonne Heckart

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30PM

Church (Altar Guild Room)

22. Quilting

This group meets each month (except in December) to make quilts for charity organizations. Sewing experience is not required.

Leader: Dean Henry

Last Tuesday of each month @ 9:30AM

Church (Altar Guild Room)

Connection Group Covenant Spring 2010

Welcome to Spring 2010 Connection Groups at Immanuel. Congratulations on your desire to grow deeper in your relationship with God through this weekly study and the relationships that will begin in this Connection Group.

As a member of this group, you will be asked to enter into a covenant with the other members to make this Connection Group a priority. To be a part of the group, you are asked to make the following commitments:

- 1) I will make this group a priority by attending each week, keeping up with my assignments and participating openly in group discussion.
- 2) I will regularly attend Immanuel services and contribute to the ministry of the church through my attendance, giving, service, and inviting of others.
- 3) I will strive to build authentic relationships with those in this group by showing care, providing encouragement and praying for their needs.
- 4) I will serve together with my group once a month during the semester and will participate in an outreach project and PLAY together with my group once.
- 5) I will explore honestly my next steps for spiritual Connection.

Name

Date