



## Messiah Small Groups...

"Knowing and being Known"

"Serving and being Served"

"Loving and being Loved"

"Celebrating and being Celebrated"



*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship...Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2: 42a,46,47*



## Messiah Lutheran Church

A great place to be!

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# MESSIAH SMALL GROUPS



"Being in a Small Group is nearly the best part of being at Messiah. I know that there is a group of people who truly care, who look for me in church, and remain connected with me and my family outside of church."—

Dan and Gelene, Small Group Members



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## Messiah Small Groups are:

### Built Upon a Great Foundation

The early church grew from Small Groups of people studying the Word of our Lord and connecting with one another in the Body of Christ in the comfort of their own homes.

### The great foundation of Small Groups continues strong today by offering:

- The opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's Word.
- Relationship building opportunities.
- A relaxed, friendly setting in the comfort of one another's homes.
- Personal interaction, discussion, and real-life application.

## Small Groups are:

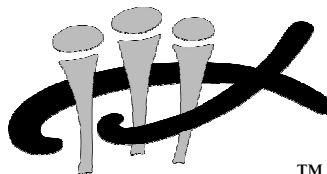
- Where 6 to 10 members gather to study the Bible, enjoy fellowship, and pray for one another.
- Where God's Word is studied and applied to real-life situations in each members lives.
- A fellowship of peers who gather for mutual encouragement and support in their faith journey.
- Where the Body of Christ can practice reaching out by sharing their group and faith with others.

## Types of Small Groups

- Couples
- Singles
- Mixed (Couples and Singles)
- Special Interest

## Benefits of Small Groups

- You gain a better understanding and are able to apply the Bible better because of the Small Group setting.
- You become connected with others of similar backgrounds and learn common interests.
- You gain encouragement, support, and prayer from the other members.
- A safe and relaxed setting where you are welcome to ask questions about faith and life.



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## 5 Core values of Small Groups:

**Worship (to know):** Through prayer, members develop a closer relationship with Jesus their Savior.

**Word (to grow):** In a Small Group setting, the Bible is not only studied, but is applied to real-life situations.

**Fellowship (to serve):** Members connect relationally, serve each other, and are encouraged to participate in regular service at Messiah and in our local community.

**Witness (to share):** By practicing the multiplication of their groups, members are able to share their faith and groups with others.

**Confidentiality (to build trust):** Trusting relationships are essential to building a Biblical and caring community in Small Groups. "What is said here—stays here," is the motto of each Messiah Small Group.

*Every Messiah Small Group is centered on these core values.*



" We firmly believe that the Bible-based fellowship, support, and community found in Small Groups exemplify a Christian life. We are not meant to be alone!"— Steve and Sandi, Small Group Members

## To get involved

Please fill out the enclosed Interest Card and return it to the church office. Your information will be matched with others of similar interests. You will be contacted by someone who will invite you to join a Small Group that will begin forming soon!

You can also sign-up for Small Group by completing an Interest Profile on-line! Visit our web page at [www.messiahlincoln.org](http://www.messiahlincoln.org)

## For additional questions



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