



### Worship Schedule:

Saturday, 5pm - Holy Communion (Jan. 13—March 24)

Sunday, 8am - Holy Communion

Sunday, 9am—Sunday School / Fellowship Hour

Sunday, 10:00am - Holy Communion



## Peace Lutheran Church Small Group Listing 2018



The **SMALL GROUPS AND MINISTRIES** of Peace Lutheran Church are designed to meet the mission of our church which is “to equip disciples of Jesus Christ for ministry and mission.” As disciples, we are called to follow Jesus Christ, to grow in our relationship with Him, and to share with others the good news about Him. Each Small Group or Ministry embraces this discipleship through prayer, study, fellowship and service.

Small Groups and Ministries are open to members and non-members. Members are encouraged to invite their families and friends to join us as we grow in our relationship to Christ and with each other.

Please “Sign Up” by using the “Welcome Sheet” at worship, attend the group or call the leader for more information.

### *SMALL GROUPS AND MINISTRIES PRAYER*

*Almighty and loving God, as we walk the sandy beaches, hear the waters surrounding us, are warmed by the bright sun, see the green growth of nature, we celebrate your many blessings with our community of disciples and ask that you lead us in new ways of serving and loving to shout glory to you, God and Savior. Amen.*

**CLASS ON “THE SHORT BOOKS OF THE BIBLE”** THE CLASS WILL BE OFFERED ON JAN. 17, 24, 31 AND FEB 7 FROM 10:00 AM TO NOON IN GOOD SAMARITAN HALL, RM. #2, AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 15840 MCGREGOR BLVD., FT MYERS

### Description

This bible study will be led by Pr. Walter, Peace Lutheran Church and Fr. Lorenzo, St. Columbkille Catholic Parish. The study will continue the blessed times last year when we gathered in worship, learning and service to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We will study Jonah, Titus, Philemon and Jude. Please bring your Bible. Refreshments will be served. .



### “SELF-WORTH: GROUNDED IN THE WORD” LED BY PR. MICK

THE CLASS WILL BE OFFERED EVERY TUESDAY, BEGINNING JANUARY 16 THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, FROM 10:00 TO 11:30AM, GSH BETHANY ROOM

### Description

Class participants will focus on concrete aspects of self-esteem which will be highlighted through Biblical stories. Today, many people rely on self-help books to build up their sense of dignity and worth. In contrast, this class will examine Scripture to help participants claim their own uniqueness and value as God’s children. Come to share, listen, and learn from each other.

### “WHAT IF” ~ LED BY PASTOR CAROL, BEING HELD ON SUNDAYS, AT 9:00AM,

GOOD SAMARITAN HALL, BETHANY ROOM

### Description

*What if a jogger runs at the speed of sound, can he still hear music on his IPOD?*

*What if glass blowers inhale, do they get a pane in the stomach?*

*What if a kid refuses to take a nap, are they guilty of refusing a rest?*

*What if God sneezes, what do you say?*

“What if” questions obviously can be very humorous, however humor as we know is often used as a means for avoiding things we would rather not deal with. “What if” questions are questions we all ask of ourselves. We wonder “what if, or what may be.” “What if” questions have the potential to paralyze us or free us from the would have/should have moments in life.

Beginning on Sunday, January 14, 2018, between worship services, we will explore “what if” questions in the Word of God. By studying God’s Word, we will discover how God directs us in finding the answers to our own “what if” questions.

“What if you attend?” We will look to the Word for answers to some “what if’s”.

January 14: “What if we care?”

January 21: “What if we are honest with ourselves?”

January 28: “What if we fail, are victims, are isolated?”

February 11: “What if God was one of us?”

What if you attend? Well aside from delving into the Word of God, opportunities abound to meet others who ask themselves the same questions as you do!

## HOUSE OF PRAYER MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Visit the House of Prayer website to pre-register and prepay for these groups at [hoperetreatcenter.org](http://hoperetreatcenter.org).

The events below are held at Peace Lutheran Church

**Centering Prayer**, Meets 1st Monday of each month, through March, 2018, 9:30-1pm, \$20/person in advance

This group uses the book, “*The Heart of Centering Prayer: Nondual Christianity in Theory and Practice*”. Coffee and tea are provided. Facilitated by Dr. Sharon Rocks.

**Richard Rohr DVD Series**, Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, through May, 2018 9:30-11am, \$20/person

Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism.

Fr. Richard’s teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy—practices of contemplation and self-emptying, expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized.

### Women’s Story Circle

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month, through May, 2018, 1-3pm, \$20 per person.

Each of us is a constantly unfolding narrative, a story no one else can tell. When we write our stories and listen to the stories of others, we witness the power of community and the connection to a divine Higher Power. No previous writing experience necessary. Bring a notebook and a pen. Facilitated by Barb Darling



**SUNSHINE SOCIALS** ~ LED BY ERIKA AND JIM MACDOUGAL 239.277.3965

### **Description**

Join the group of members, visitors and friends for “social time.” It is always great enjoying fellowship with your family in Christ outside of the church atmosphere.

**JANUARY 14, SUNDAY BRUNCH, LEXINGTON COUNTRY CLUB**

**FEBRUARY 23, FRIDAY, “MAMA MIA!” AT THE BROADWAY PALM**

**MARCH 6, TUESDAY, TWINS VS. ORIOLES, 1:00PM, HAMMOND STADIUM**

**MARCH 10, FRIDAY, “ANYTHING GOES” AT THE BROADWAY PALM THEATRE**

REMEMBER: SUNSHINE SOCIAL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS OF PEACE LUTHERAN.

**SARAH CIRCLE** ~ LED BY JEAN EHLERS, 239.208-3425, MEETS ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, OCTOBER THROUGH MAY, AT 9:30AM, BETHANY ROOM

### **Description**

Sarah Circle is a monthly women’s Bible study group based on the women’s Lutheran magazine, *GATHER*.

**CARING CONNECTION** ~ LED BY PARISH NURSE, MARILYN KRANICH, RN, 239.437.2599, X213

### **Description**

Peace’s health ministry, The Caring Connection, provides you the opportunity to help determine the direction for future activities and programs. The group also coordinates meals for the bereaved or ill, as well as urgent transportation needs. Watch for information and sign ups in the announcements. Marilyn also coordinates programs and activities, such as “Lunch and Learn,” Tai Chi, Movie Matinees, SHINE, CPR Training, Dementia Support Groups, and other informative and social events.

**BEFRIENDER MINISTRY** ~ LED BY MARILYN KRANICH, RN 239.437.2599 EXT 213 OR TRISH SPOTTS 239.432.9498

### **Description**

A new cohort of BeFrienders will begin training in February and an information session will be held at 1:00pm on **Monday, January 22**. Please contact Marilyn if you would like information prior to that date to explore your role in this listening ministry and to discuss the discernment process.



## **THE LIFE AND WORKS OF C. S. LEWIS: A PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

LED BY DR. MARY & TONY APPLIGATE THE CLASS IS OFFERED EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10:00 TO 11:30AM, BEGINNING JANUARY 18 TO MARCH 8

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), one of the intellectual giants of the 20th century, used his analytical skills to explore the nature and implications of the Christian faith. His works are extraordinarily popular to this day, and three of his fictional Chronicles of Narnia have been made into major motion pictures. Lewis is credited by thousands of readers for having inspired them to more effectively understand and live out their faith.

Mary and Tony Applegate count themselves among those inspired by Lewis. They are retired professors of literacy education from Philadelphia and longtime students of C. S. Lewis. They have taught a C. S. Lewis class for 20 years at their home congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lionville, Pennsylvania.

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION** ~ LED BY SUE ANN COLLINGE, BEING HELD ON MONDAYS, JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5 AND 12, AT 9:00AM, GOOD SAMARITAN HALL, BETHANY ROOM

### **Description**

There seems to be two main reactions to The Book of Revelation: 1) many avoid Revelation because they think it is too complicated and 2) people use Revelation as apocalyptic literature telling us when the world as we know it will end! Both of these ideas are false and I hope for attendees to discover this in the four weeks we are together. You are not asked to buy a book for this study. We will begin by answering some basic questions like who wrote it, why the genre of Revelation, when was it written and discuss the beginning chapters. I have found Revelation to be a thoughtful and wonderful book – enlightening! As one person said when asked to sum up Revelation, “Jesus wins!” Come join us as we explore, learn, and discuss The Book of Revelation.

SueAnn Collinge is retired in Rochester, Minnesota, where she was born and raised. She taught High school for 25 years in MN before she and her husband moved to Plant City, FL, for 16 years. God called her to ministry later in life and she is now a retired rostered deacon in the ELCA, Florida-Bahamas Synod. SueAnn served at Apostles Lutheran in Brandon, Florida, for over 9 years as an AIM until retirement when she and her husband moved back to MN. Today, AIMs have been renamed Deacons. She and her husband enjoy volunteering at Mayo Clinic and their churches during the time they are in Rochester. SueAnn loves scripture and teaching and is eager to share the Book of Revelation with Peace Lutheran. They are renting a condo for 5 weeks close to Peace, and she would like to share her knowledge and faith with those who choose to attend this study.

**SPANISH CLASSES** ~ LED BY PEGGY KOPPEN 239-481-4895, Meets in GSH Room #2

### **Description**

Join Peggy Koppen as she teaches conversational beginners and intermediate Spanish Classes. Sign up on the yellow Welcome Sheet or call the church office to register.

**INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH** MEETS TUESDAYS FROM 10:30AM TO NOON

**INTRO TO CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH** MEETS THURSDAYS AT 3:00PM

**ADVANCED CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH** MEETS TUESDAYS FROM 9:00AM TO 10:15AM

**SEWING FOR PEACE** ~ LED BY JOYCE JENSEN 239.481.1535 & MARY KLAUS 239.454.1185

1:00PM - 3:00PM EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON ONGOING/YEAR ROUND

GOOD SAMARITAN HALL BETHANY ROOM

### Description

Sewing for Peace is a year round group that continues to outdo themselves with more school bags sewn, layettes gathered, quilts made, and taking on another community project in partnership with Lutheran World Relief (LWR). No experience necessary. Contact Joyce Jensen or Mary Klaus for more information.

**KNITTING MINISTRY** ~ LED BY JEAN MECIONIS 239.222.2569

### Description

Love to knit and/or crochet? We are a dual purpose group that loves to knit and to crochet prayer shawls for those who need our special care. The prayer shawls are blessed and prayed upon during Sunday worship before they are delivered. We also knit hats, mittens and sweaters for the people of Appalachia. If you are interested, please contact Jean Mecionis.

**BOOK CLUB** ~ LED BY LEOLA BONGE 402-990-2233

**12:00pm-1:00pm, SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

GOOD SAMARITAN HALL, ROOM #2

### Description

The Peace Book Club will resume on January 8. Book selections are read prior to the discussion each month. All meetings are at 12 noon on the 2nd Monday of each month, January through March. This is a list of books we selected:

January 8– THE ZOOKEEPERS WIFE by Diane Ackerman;

February 12– THE MEMORY WEAVER by Jane Kirkpatrick;

March 12 - A LIGHT FROM A DISTANT STAR by Mary McGarry.

All are welcome - women and MEN. Come join us.



**BRIDGE CLUB** ~ LED BY WENDELL MAZE 317.412.6672

1:00pm-3:00pm, EVERY THURSDAY JANUARY THRU MARCH, GOOD SAMARITAN HALL, RM #2.

### Description

Come and relax and enjoy! Every level of player is welcome.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** ~ LED BY FORREST JENSEN 239.464.2759

10:00AM - 11:00AM ~ EVERY FRIDAY ONGOING/YEAR ROUND

GOOD SAMARITAN HALL, Rm#2

### Description

Join us for study for upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings.

**LET'S DO DINNER** ~ LED BY ROXANE VERMILLION 610.393.1056

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

### Description

“Let’s Do Dinner!” is a small group for people who are interested in getting to know others who are part of our family at Peace. What better way is there that to share a meal and to spend an evening with a small group of 5, 6, 7, or 8 people from Peace. After you have registered, you will be assigned to a group of either 6 or 8. You will be able to choose the size that is right for you when you register. Each group will stay together during season and will meet 3 to 4 times. It will be up to each small group to determine the hosts, the date and format for each gathering.

How does it work? Contact Roxane Vermillion at roxverm1@gmail.com or 610.393.1056 Please be sure to indicate the size of the group that you would prefer. Come join the fun! Have a wonderful time getting to know our family at Peace!

**CHOIR** LED BY ~ RIC JAEGGI 239.437.2599 EXT 208

**7:00-9:00pm THURSDAYS AUGUST—JUNE**

BETHLEHEM ROOM

### Description

The Sanctuary Choir is a ministry which provides meaningful and spiritual worship experiences through inspirational music—sung, played and heard. The choir provides music most often at the 10:00am Worship Service and at Festival Services. New members who love to sing are always welcome.

Upcoming events for Music at Peace:

Friday, February 2, 7:00pm, there will be a 50th Anniversary Concert, celebrating when Ric took his first lesson. His teacher, William R. Memmott will be included in the concert and celebration. On Tuesday, January 23, Music Gettysburg! Will perform at 7:00pm with stories of the Civil War. On February 25, we will have a Windows 3.0 Concert at 3:00pm and on March 18, the combined choirs of Peace and St. Columbkille perform at St. Columbkille at 2:00pm.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** LED BY RIC JAEGGI 239.437.2599 EXT 208

**5:30-6:30PM THURSDAYS, JANUARY— JUNE**

PLC SANCTUARY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### Description

We were blessed to have acquired a 3-octave set of Schulmerich Handbells from Christ Lutheran Cape Coral. What a wonderful addition to the ministry through music here at Peace. The first bell choir filled up quickly, and we are quickly approaching enough to begin a second choir. This one would be more inclined to beginners or rusty ringers. They play about once a month. Please contact Ric to express interest in joining this ever expanding series of givers of the gift of music.

