



GOOD NEWS GROUPS

CONNECT • GROW • IMPACT...UP CLOSE

Spring 2024

WHY JOIN A GOOD NEWS GROUP?

God did not design us to face life on our own. Instead, he intended for believers to be woven together in a community so that they might encourage one another as together they walk the often-difficult path of life.

We strongly encourage you to consider joining one of our Good News Groups. As we get bigger, they are an increasingly important way for us to carry out our ministry:

- They are a way that our church provides opportunity for members to get to know one another better.
- They are a way that we help new members assimilate, knitting them into the Good News family.
- They are a way for you to connect with your fellow Christians.

THREE TYPES OF GOOD NEWS GROUPS

There are three different types of groups:

- **Connect Groups** gather for recreational fellowship.
- **Grow Groups** gather for Bible study and discussion.
- **Impact Groups** gather for church or community service.

If you plan on joining a Good News Group, you can sign up at church or by visiting GoodNewsLC.org/ministry/good-news-groups.

It is also important for you to act quickly if you see a Good News Group that you like. We will cap our Grow Groups at 8-10 people. Connect Groups and Impact Groups may be larger. Good discussion is difficult if Grow Groups get too large.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: Playing family friendly board games and card games with friends and their families.

Facilitator(s): Gary and Amy Pepin gpepin@gmail.com
(920) 763-2606

Intended for: All

The Pitch: Come have fun with friends, family, and children to enjoy fellowship and fun. Play different family friendly board games and/or card games.

Costs: None

Meeting Info: We will meet at our house:

4038 Red Hawk Run
Black Earth, WI 53515

February 18

March 17

April 21

May 19

3:00 p.m. each time

MEN'S CARD NIGHT

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: This group will gather to play cards. The game might vary from night to night (examples: euchre, cribbage, hearts).

Facilitator(s): Dan Shinnick shinnick.dan@gmail.com
(608) 224-9292

Intended for: Any men who are interested

The Pitch: Sitting around a card table is a great opportunity to have fun, get to know others, and enjoy a little friendly competition! These card nights will be relatively low-key. Even if you don't have a ton of experience, you're welcome to come and learn!

Costs: None

Meeting Info: Location: Shinnick Home; 8982 Domini Road
6:00 PM
Friday February 9
Saturday March 16
Saturday April 27
Saturday May 18
Saturday June 15 (cookout, spouses welcome)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: An informal meet up for coffee, conversation, and prayer at Good News

Facilitator(s): Steve Grahn

Intended for: Adults

The Pitch: Stop in at church for a bit to say hi and catch up with some fellow Good News members (or guests). We'll put some coffee on and enjoy each other's company in our comfy gathering area. Pastor or Vicar will share a little biblical encouragement and we can pray for whatever might be on our minds that day. There's no real agenda but to deepen our bonds of Christian love.

Costs: None

Meeting Info: Meet at Church

9:00 a.m. until whenever

Every Wednesday morning

FEMALE FRIENDSHIP FORUM

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: A gathering of adult women to enjoy each other's company and conversation

Facilitator(s): Sadie Sutter sadiesutter@gmail.com
(608) 279-4089
Liz Borgwardt elizabeth.oconnor@mail.wlc.edu
(920) 392-6628

Intended for: Adult women

The Pitch: Each month we'll arrange to meet at a local establishment for some snacks, beverages and conversation. Enjoy sharing the joys and struggles of life with your fellow Christian women.

Costs: Up to the individual

Meeting Info: Locations and times to be determined

Dates:

Friday March 8

Friday April 12

Saturday May 18

Saturday June 22

AXE THROWING

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: Axe throwing at Skal in Mount Horeb

Facilitator(s) Dan and Stephanie shinnick.dan@gmail.com
Shinnick (608) 224-9292

Intended for: Adults

The Pitch: Throwing axes and trash talking, what could be better?

Costs: Approximately \$25 per person

Meeting Info: March 3
Skal (209 E. Main Street, Mt Horeb)

BOWLING

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: Bowling in Black Earth

Facilitator(s) Dan and Stephanie shinnick.dan@gmail.com
Shinnick (608) 224-9292

Intended for: Everyone

The Pitch: An afternoon of bowling with your friends from Good News.

Costs: \$10 - 15 per person for two hours bowling

Meeting Info: April 7, 12:00 noon
Black Earth Lanes 1031 N Mills Street, Black Earth

INDOOR MINI GOLF

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: Indoor Mini golf

Facilitator(s) Dan and Stephanie Shinnick shinnick.dan@gmail.com
(608) 224-9292

Intended for: Everyone

The Pitch: An afternoon of indoor mini golf with your family and friends from Good News.

Costs: Approximately \$20 per person for 1 round mini-golf, beverages, Pizza and ice cream

Meeting Info: April 28, 12:00 noon
Vitense Golf Land – 5501 Schroeder Road, (West Beltline Highway & Whitney Way), Madison, Wisconsin

BIBLE STUDY: FAMILY AND TECHNOLOGY

Group Type: Grow Group

Description: Using resources from Andy Crouch's *The Tech-Wise Family*, we'll be discussing technology in the home, family patterns, rhythms and habits.

Facilitator(s): Dan and Erin Biank ELBiank@aol.com
262-271-5103

Intended for: Primarily for parents of kids still at home.

The Pitch: We'll be tackling the issue of technology in the home and how to keep it in its right place, as a tool rather than something that dictates our patterns. We're hoping to learn from and inspire one another, as we look with new eyes at the technology we use every day.

Costs: None

Meeting Info: Location: Good News
Day/Time: Sundays from 10:15-11:15a
February 18 – March 17

BIBLE STUDY: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Group Type: Grow Group

Description: A study of the basic teachings of the Bible, including what we believe and teach as a Lutheran church.

Facilitator(s): Pastor Bauer pastor@goodnewslc.org
(608) 772-7500

Intended for: All are welcome
This is also the class intended for anyone interested in becoming a member at Good News.

The Pitch: Human beings often demonstrate that they are pretty good at asking the right questions.. They aren't so great, however, at arriving at the correct answers to those questions. In this class we'll see how the answers to life's most important questions – questions that everyone wants answers to – are all found in God's Word, the Bible. Not only that, but God's answers to those questions are always good news.

This class is a great opportunity for Good News members to review the teachings of the Lutheran church; it's also a class designed for anyone interested in membership at Good News.

Costs: None

Meeting Info: Location: Good News
Day/Time: Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting February 5
Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm. starting February 7

BIBLE STUDY: *THE CHOSEN*

Group Type: Grow Group

Description: At each Bible study, we'll discuss an episode of the TV show "The Chosen." This TV show is a historical drama that centers on the lives of Jesus and his followers. Although The Chosen is based on the stories found in the Bible, it adds plenty of creative backstory as well. This makes it great Bible study material! In our weekly discussions, we'll delve into the Bible passages that each episode draws on and talk about how The Chosen's depictions of the disciples helps us understand the effect Jesus has on his followers--including us.

Facilitator(s): Vicar Borgwardt
vicar.borgwardt@goodnewslc.org 920-970-9113

Intended for: Anyone 7th grade and up is welcome to attend this Bible study (Although, if you're planning on watching the episodes as a family, it should be noted that the first episode has some intense scenes involving demon possession that might be disturbing for younger children.) Childcare can be provided--please let me know in advance if you'll need it.

The Pitch: Whether you're looking for an introduction to the life of Jesus or whether you know the Gospels backwards and forwards, this Bible study will help you learn about our Savior and his followers in a brand new way! The Chosen brings to life the culture that Jesus navigated, which gives us new understanding and appreciation for his words and actions recorded for us in the Bible.

Costs: Don't worry about subscribing to another streaming service--all episodes of The Chosen are available for free at thechosen.tv or on the app store.

Meeting Info: Meet at Church
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Mondays starting February 5 for 8 weeks

GOOD NEWS CHOIR

Group Type: Impact Group

Description: Our church choir gathers to rehearse music for use in our Sunday morning services.

Facilitator(s): Stephanie Shinnick fvllmom@hotmail.com
(920) 428-6201

Intended for: Adults who have an interest in singing (teens welcome too!)

The Pitch: Christians love to sing when they gather. Music is an incredibly valuable and effective way to proclaim what our God has done for us. Our church choir exists to enhance our Sunday services with music. Being part of the choir is a great opportunity to enjoy God's gift of music and provide a valuable service to our congregation as we worship.

Costs: None

Meeting Info: Sunday mornings from 8:00-8:45 a.m. at Good News

EVERYDAY MISSIONARIES

Group Type: Impact Group

Description: This group will meet monthly to discuss the practice of living everyday as a missionary for God's kingdom and share stories to encourage one another as we do.

Facilitator(s): Pastor Bauer pastor@goodnewsclc.org
(608) 772-7500

Intended for: Anyone interested

The Pitch: As society becomes increasingly post-Christian, the church's mission to reach lost souls must become increasingly personal. God has given each of us our own mission field – we just sometimes need a little help seeing it! The goal of this group is help people see what God is *already* up to in their lives as he works to bring the good news of Jesus to more people.

Costs: None

Meeting Info: We will meet monthly on Sundays. There will be two times and locations offered:

Bauers' house from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Borgwardts' house from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Dates:

February 25

March 24

April 28

GOOD NEIGHBORS OF GOOD NEWS

Group Type: Impact Group

Description: This group's goal will be to deliver a warm welcome to new residents of Mt. Horeb and the surrounding communities by visiting them to deliver a welcome gift.

Facilitator(s): Pastor Bauer pastor@goodnewslc.org
(608) 772-7500

Intended for: Anyone interested

The Pitch: Every church wants to be welcoming, and so do we. In fact, we don't want to wait to welcome people when they show up at our door. We want to welcome them at theirs. If you've ever moved to a new community, you know what it's like to not know anyone. We want to meet our new neighbors, show them a little Christ-like love, and make sure they know where to find us when they need us.

Costs: None

Meeting Info: The visits will start in May when the weather gets warmer and the daylight hours are longer.

We will schedule an orientation meeting prior to starting those visits.

COMPASSION CREW

Group Type: Impact Group

Description: This group will organize acts of compassion for members of our church and community who are need.

Facilitator(s): Stephanie Shinnick fvlmom@hotmail.com
(920) 428-6201

Intended for: Anyone interested

The Pitch: This group is mainly to organize different ways to reach out to members and others in the community who may need some care or compassion. Examples include: Sending cards to members for anniversaries, birthdays, etc., arranging rides for people that don't have access to transportation, visiting people who aren't able to get out of the house much, sending care packages to students, and organizing meals when needed (not necessarily providing all the meals, just organizing them).

Costs: None

Meeting Info: There might be a meeting once a month in person, but the organizing can be done through email and phone calls.

GOOD NEWS GARDENERS

Group Type: Impact Group

Description: We will be maintaining and enhancing the flower beds and landscape areas around our church building.

Facilitator(s): Tom Hansel tahansel2@gmail.com
815-519-5058

Sandy Petersen

Intended for: Plant lovers, plant experts, people that love being outside and beautifying properties.

The Pitch: Join the Good News Gardeners to help make our church grounds beautiful now and for years to come. This is an impact/service group but there is no doubt it will also be a connect group as we work together and have fun. Let's make the Good News grounds beautiful and have fun doing it.

Costs: None. People may consider bringing plants from their homes that need to be split up.

Meeting Info: We will meet at church. This group is being formed in the spring but the hope is to be around summer and fall. We will have a planning meeting mid-February, most likely on a Saturday morning when the snow is gone and we can walk the grounds. Date to be announced.