

# BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES – Winter 2026

## SUNDAY

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY “OUR PRAYER: MESSY OR MESSIANIC?”** A study of the Lord’s Prayer. I was young; it was hard to wait a whole week. Dad had promised ice cream. I ran into my parents’ bedroom. “Can I have my ice cream, you promised!” “Son,” he said, “It’s 7 in the morning.” 12 hours later I did get my ice cream, with sprinkles, chocolate syrup, butterscotch syrup & whipped cream. I got it all over my shirt plus a whopping stomachache. Our prayers to the Father can be messy; but the Lord’s Prayer is Messianic. It is full of promise as we say God’s Word back to God.

Day: Sunday Morning  
Leaders: Tom Bird and Pastor David Rutter  
Location: Church Fellowship Hall  
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## MONDAY

### **“Proverbs”**

Day: Mondays (*Beginning 1/5/26*)  
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
Place: Lighthouse Café  
Leader: Pastor Roth

This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more Christian adults may grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

Themes from the book of Proverbs include:

- The Beginning of Wisdom
- The Way of Life and the Way of Death
- The Way of Life and the Way of Death - Part 2
- No Christ, No Wisdom; Know Christ, Know Wisdom
- Wisdom Contrasts Good and Evil
- Wisdom Builds a Better Life
- The Words of the Wise
- Wisdom for Hezekiah's Court
- Words from Agur, Lemuel, and a Happy Household.

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Leader: Pastor Roth  
Place: Lighthouse Café  
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

## TUESDAY

**Adult Instruction Class -**  
*Membership Class or Review of Christian Doctrine*

***Held at the Ministry Center  
With Pastor Roth (Beginning 1/20/26)***

This is a class that is designed for those who would like to learn about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. It prepares people for membership in the Lutheran Church and Trinity. It is a great way to get your questions answered in an informal and non-threatening atmosphere. Childcare and all the necessary materials are provided. The following topic will be covered.

- God's Word
- God's Grace
- The Triune God
- Jesus Christ
- The Holy Spirit
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Living the New Life of Faith
- Fulfilling the Great Commission and Living the Great Commandment
- Rejoicing in God's Gift of Community
- Integrating into the Life of the Church

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Ministry Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Leader: Pastor Roth

**“Revelation”**

Join Pastor Micheel on Tuesday evenings as we walk through the book of Revelation using the *Journeys Through God's Word* series. The *Journeys Through God's Word* series examines how different books of the Bible establish important themes, and how they relate to each other. What truth does Revelation provide for the future? Learn the meaning of the symbols. Experience comfort in the words. Find answers to many of the questions people ask. There is no cost for this study. All study materials will be provided. Please bring your Bible.

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Place: Trinity Ministry Center, Lighthouse Cafe

Leader: Pastor Benjamin Micheel

**WEDNESDAY**

**Playing God: Redesigning Life**

Son-Risers Bible Study

***(Beginning 1/7/26)***

***Playing God*** explores the ethics of “perfecting” humanity through DNA, cloning, stem cell research, and more.

Chapters include:

- And You'll Be Like God
- In the Beginning God Created
- In Search of the Perfect Child
- The Immortal Clone
- The Stem Cell Revolutions

- The Valley of the Shadow of Death

Day: Wednesdays  
Time: 6:45 – 7:45 a.m.  
Place: Ministry Center  
Leader: Pastor Roth

## **THURSDAY**

### **Adult Bible Fellowship**

Join with a host of other adults for a time of fellowship and study of God's Word. Plenty of breakfast treats abound in this group.

Day: Thursday Mornings  
Time: 9:30am– Coffee and social time  
10:00-11:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
Location: Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center  
Leader: Pastor Tom Batsky

***A THURSDAY EVENING Women's G.R.A.C.E. Group Study  
Begins Thursday, January 8 (for 6 weeks)***

***“Storm Sisters: (Friends Through All Seasons)” Soup, Salad, & Study  
(Soup & Salad 5-5:30, or just join the Study from 5:30-6:30)***

**On Thursday evenings from January 8 – February 12 (*we'll be finishing before Lent starts!*), a women's small group will be meeting downstairs in the Ministry Center for study & fellowship where we will go through Afton Rorvik's book, Storm Sisters: Friends Through All Seasons. **NO HOMEWORK IS INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY.** From 5-5:30 soup & salad will be available, or participants can just join the study from 5:30-6:30.**

**Afton is a close friend of our September retreat speaker Sharla Fritz, and many got to meet her at that event. Her book shows “what it means to have sisters of the heart walk with you along life's challenging paths. Readers will find themselves inspired, and they will also discover thought-provoking questions to help them explore their own hopes, needs, and directions.”**

**In case of bad weather we will have the study on ZOOM (*a link will be emailed to group members*).**

**We're hoping you will join us as we grow together and learn more about living as Sisters in Christ!**

**Please sign-up with the church office, or use the QR code, which aids in ordering the materials.**

**Several women provide leadership in this small group; for further information contact Deb Kane at 440-596-8011 or [karl.deb.kane@gmail.com](mailto:karl.deb.kane@gmail.com)**

Begins: Wednesday, January 8, 2026 (6 weeks)  
Time: 6:30 to 7:45pm – Ministry Center, Lower Lounge  
Format: No Homework – Everything done in class  
For: Women of all ages – Singles, Married, Moms, Widowed, Young & Old  
***Childcare Available on request***  
*To Register visit our MinistryOne app, or call the church office.*

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Children's Sunday school will ~~meeting~~ *at 9:30am with an opening in the Gymnasium.* We will then move to the Children's Ministry Room on the lower level (next to the Fellowship Hall). Join us in learning from the Bible about God's love for us. We're excited to dive into God's Word together! If you would like to get involved in helping in the Children's Sunday School, contact the church office or the Children's Ministry Director: Natalie Liss (Natalie.Liss@discovertrinity.org)

### **5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study**

Beginning at 9:30 in room 204, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of school. Led by Harrison Folk.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **6TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION (PUBLIC SCHOOL)**

There is no regular class. Students are using the "Guided By Truth" confirmation journal and will meet with their confirmation mentor throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Micheel with questions or if you missed orientation and need to get materials.

**If you were not able to be at the Confirmation Orientation, please contact Pastor Micheel for more information at [benjamin.micheel@discovertrinity.org](mailto:benjamin.micheel@discovertrinity.org)**

**YOUTH GROUPS** – Contact Harrison Folk with any questions at [Harrison.folk@discovertrinity.org](mailto:Harrison.folk@discovertrinity.org).

### **Jr High Drop Ins:**

every Wednesday from 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the Solid Rock Café

### **Senior Youth:**

every Sunday from 1:30-3:00 at the Solid Rock Café

### **Junior Youth:**

Every other Sunday from 1:30-3:00 at the Solid Rock Café

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Contemporary Praise Team** - Practice will be held weekly. You can participate as often as you would like, you don't have to sing every Sunday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lisa Dove for more information. (lisaldove@gmail.com)

**Adult Choir** Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. All persons high-school-aged and above are welcome. Non-members are welcome. Persons not able to attend every week or who desire to sing [only] during holidays, are welcome. With respect to Sunday Services, the choir typically sings at one Service on two or three Sundays per month. This year, something new

--- a Sunday afternoon Christmas Concert. With choral music, it's always a great time! Some voice instruction is provided. Often a person will say, "I can't sing." Not to worry, because with a few tips concerning using one's voice and being in the company of other singers, the inability to sing usually fades quickly. Come try it and be blessed every Wednesday evening. Contact Pastor Rutter for more information [david.rutter@discovertrinity.org]

**Handbell Ensemble** Mondays, 6:30 p.m. – 7 :30 p.m. We plan to meet for most Mondays in February until Easter. Last season we welcomed five new ringers --- first-timers --- wonderful! Many congregation members were inspired while hearing the bells. Consider joining our Handbell group for the the Easter cycle. Music reading is not required, but helpful. Ringers don't have to be members of Trinity --- as everyone in Grade 9 and above is welcome. Please contact Pr Rutter [david.rutter@discovertrinity.org] for more information or to enroll.

**Brass Ensemble** players of brass instruments are encouraged to contact Pastor Rutter. The Brass Ensemble usually plays on Easter Sunday, and Pentecost Sunday. Practices occur one time for 90 minutes prior to each Festival Service, usually on a Saturday morning. Our congregation has been blessed for many years, including this past season, with excellent brass players. More players are always welcome. [david.rutter@discovertrinity.org]

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

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***Stephen Ministries Mission: Christ caring for people through people.***

Stephen Ministers are lay members of our congregation who receive extensive training to be able to provide one-to-one, confidential, Christian care to people experiencing challenges in life— such as grief, loneliness, divorce, job loss, anxiety, health issues; this is only a few of the many life difficulties they be there to help you through.

We believe that ***“God is the Cure Giver, Stephen Ministers are the Caregivers”***

Be sure to visit our website to learn more about Stephen Ministry- [www.trinitystjoe.org](http://www.trinitystjoe.org); church tab; Stephen ministry tab

***To receive care from a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Roth or Betty Perrone in the church office.***

STEPHEN LEADERS: Pastor Michael J. Roth, Pastor David Rutter, John Kroonblawd, Sheila Kroonblawd, Betty Perrone, Jean Christensen, and Michelle Brow

## **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Weekly Wednesday Prayer Meeting** Join Pastor Rutter in an evolving group interested in praying for individuals and for community, national, and worldwide needs. The Meetings will begin with a Scripture Reading and will conclude with the various requests of the group. The Pastor will normally lead the prayers. A take-home sheet of various prayer needs will be available each week. We're planning to hold this Prayer Meeting year-round --- possibly breaking at the time of Christmas. God answers the prayers of His people. Many blessings result when God's people gather to pray.

When: Wednesdays, Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Lighthouse Café, Ministry Center

### **SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**

- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**
- **DINNER FOR EIGHT**
- **S.A.G.E.S.**
- **HONEST CHATS**
- **GRIEF SHARE (on-line)**
- **3 C'S GROUP**
- **LADIES AID / LWML**
- **MEN'S NETWORK**
- **ART FUN 101**
- **QUILTERS GROUP**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **PRAYER MINISTERS**
- **FUNERAL MEAL MINISTRY**
- **CARING MEAL MINISTRY**
- **ELDER CARE**
- **FOOD TRUCK**
- **SOUP KITCHEN**
- **CHURCH SERVERS (ushers, etc)**
- **ALTAR GUILD**
- **BOTANICAL BRIGADE**
- **BEYOND THE WALLS/ Nursing Home Worship**
- **PRAYER PARTNERS**

**And so many more ways to get involved...watch the TLW & Connected and listen to the pastor's verbal announcements on Sunday morning.**

Please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office at 269-983-5000, if you have any questions.