

WHY CONNECT GROUPS & STUDIES?

It's often difficult to get connected in a large church, so we offer smaller groups and studies that help us intentionally engage with others and grow in relationship with Christ. Now is a great time to try or join a Connect Group! Our Connect Groups come in many forms—but all aim to build up, encourage, support and grow together as the body of Christ.

LIFE-STAGE GROUPS

NEW Family Connect Nite

October 5, 7:00 pm | (K-5th & 6-12th grade)

Contact: Emily Smith at emily@salemstlouis.com or Nick Savage at nick@salemstlouis.com

Welcome to another exciting year of Salem Kids' Connect & Impact! Youth Ministry! Join us at Mid-County on Tuesday Oct 5th at 7:00 pm to worship & meet our new leaders - Emily Smith, Director of Kids' Ministry (K-5th), and Associate Pastor Nick Savage (6-12th). We look forward to meeting parents/guardians/grandparents & volunteers to collect feedback on potential ministry activities. RSVP to Emily or Nick to help us plan for seating and snacks.

Couples Connect

1st Tuesday 6:45 pm | Off site (Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7)

Contact: David Long | dplong22@gmail.com

Join David & Samantha Long and neighbors, Paige & Will Hamilton, for monthly dinner and fellowship. Contact David for details on dinner location and dietary needs the week before each date.

NEW Divorced/Singles Connect

Every Other Tuesday, 7:00 pm - TBD (Oct. 5th – Dec.)

Contact Terri Callahan | tlcallahan@yahoo.com

Terri Callahan invites all who are experiencing divorce to review scripture, blogs and other resources as we learn to navigate this new life. We can grieve, heal, celebrate, cry, get mad, all in an empathetic, loving, understanding and safe space. Group will form over Zoom and progress to in-person as possible. Contact Terri for Zoom link & future details.

Contemporary Senior Connect

Sundays, 9:30am | Mid-County

Contact: Gene Sehl | esehl@sbcglobal.net

We are a group of 65+ seniors who enjoy meeting weekly in-person at the Mid-County location for prayer, praise and guest speakers on leadership, ethics and topics relevant to greater St Louis. Newcomers welcome.

Middle-Aged & Young at Heart

Mondays, 6:30 pm | Oct 4th – Mid December

Contact: Paul Fox | paulfox@foxfamilyfarmllc.com

Come out of the clutter and challenges life throws at us to meet God in the pages of His Word. This Biblically-based discussion group starts and stops a new weekly topic every session so that even occasional participants won't miss a beat. Group will meet over Zoom and progress to in-person as possible. Contact Paul for Zoom link & future location details.

ALL AGES: IN-PERSON

NEW How to Read Your Bible Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | Mid-County Sept. 14 - mid December

Register online at salemstlouis or call the office.

Join Pastor Terri Swan and her husband Joe on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning September 14th at the Mid-County location for a new Bible study. This study will draw on selected books from both the Old Testament and the New Testament with references to BibleProject. BibleProject produces free, short-form online videos to help people see the Bible as a unified story leading to Jesus. Register on our website or call the office. All are welcome!

NEW Faith Re-Connect Tuesdays | 7:00 pm at Café Nova Sept. 7 – Mid November

Contact: Jen Adams | adamsjl30@att.net

Longing to re-examine the radical, transforming grace of Jesus Christ? Faith Re-Connect welcomes you for a study of *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by New York Times best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber. An unforgettable account of faltering steps toward wholeness that will ring true for believer and skeptic alike. Faith Re-Connect's next book study will be *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren & Andy Crouch. Contact Jen Adams to confirm group locations.

Sermon Series Book Study

6:00-7:30 pm | Mid-County

Sept. 16 | Oct. 13 | Nov. 10 | Dec. 8

Register online at salemstlouis or call the office.

Join Pastor Deb LeMoine each month as we dive deeper into the sermon series with a companion book study. Group will meet at the Mid-County Site in the Coffee Bar. Attend one or more. All welcome.

Sept: 16: *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton
Oct 13: *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor
Nov 10: *Breakfast at Sally's* by Richard LeMieux
Dec 8: *Book of Joy* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Holy Smoker's Men's Group

First Saturday of the Month

9:00 am | Mid-County

Oct. 2 | Nov. 6 | Dec. 4

Contact: Joe Swan | joeswan@sbcglobal.net

All men are welcome to join together to prepare smoked entrée meats for outreach. Initial planning will take place at Mid-County with subsequent locations TBD. Email Joe Swan for details and listen for Sunday worship announcements.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

**Not sure what you're looking for?
Interested in starting a new Connect Group?
Contact Liz Rea or the church office.**

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**ALL AGES: VIRTUAL
& IN-PERSON**

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NEW Women's Fellowship Group

Mondays | 7:30 pm | Zoom

Oct. 4 – Mid December

Contact: Lauren Caito | lauren.caito85@gmail.com

Focus on Bible heroines and discover more about yourself with Lauren Caito and Anna Hermann using Jean E Syswerda's *52 Women of the Bible*. Designed for women of all ages with busy schedules, each session is stand-alone, requiring no preparation. Group will also explore making a virtual holiday craft that incorporates scripture and/or scriptural truths. Email Lauren for the Zoom link and to help us plan for adequate 'virtual craft kit supplies.

BOLD Connect Group

1st & 3rd Sundays | 9:30 am | Virtual

Contact: Irene Graham | irene.graham6@gmail.com

A community that reflects on life's challenges as they relate to inspirational Christian teachings. We have discussed a variety of books and devotions (i.e. Henri Nouwen, Tom Ehrich, Marvin Pyron) and are currently exploring Bishop Michael Curry's book *Love is the Way*. Our name BOLD comes from - 'balancing opportunities with life's demands'. Email Irene with questions and for virtual information.

Wednesday Women in The Word

Wednesdays | 9:00 am | Zoom

Sept. 15 – Mid December

Contact: Liz Rea | reasatsalem@gmail.com

Join vibrant readers and seekers who aim to grow in Christian faith by studying books of the Bible and the occasional Christian author. Liz Rea will facilitate prayer, round-robin scripture passage reading followed by application/discussion questions for 1 & 2 Peter using the Engaging God's Word series. The apostle Peter is a prime example of the transformed life: a simple fisherman who denied Christ three times yet became a bold preacher and church leader. All backgrounds welcome and no homework required! Contact Liz for Zoom link.

Sunday Bible Connect

Sundays | 6:00 pm | FaceBook Group

Contact: Nancy Ellis | (314) 795-5953

Join Pastor Marvin for an enriching study of Hebrews using William Barclay's book, *The Letter to the Hebrews* (New Daily Study Bible) about the life and teachings of Christ. Barclay wrote "that no New Testament book gives us such a glorious picture of Jesus Christ in all the splendor of his manhood and in all the majesty of his deity." Call Nancy to enroll in the virtual FaceBook group.

Monday Bible Connect

Mondays | 6:30 pm | Cooper's home

30 Week Study, Sept. 13 – March 2022

Contacts: Phil Cooper | philcooper059@gmail.com

Susie Cooper | scoop3917@gmail.com

Phil and Susie Cooper are hosting this amazing, page-turner study of *The Acts of the Apostles* following the Engaging God's Word series guidebook. Also called *The Acts of the Holy Spirit*, this 30-wk journey offers signs, wonders, danger, intrigue, conflicts, confrontation along with compelling early Christian church accounts & unity. Geared to all levels of Bible readers, the series offers weekly questions and commentaries to break down scripture chapter by chapter. You may attend two ways: 1) in-person (masks required) at the Cooper's house, 1309 Greystone Estates Lane, St Louis, MO 63146 OR 2) via Zoom with flexibility to bounce back and forth throughout the 30 weeks. Register by emailing Phil & Susie or online at salemstlouis.com. Newcomers welcome!

Parents' Morning Out
First Wed. of the Month | 9:00 am-Noon
Oct. 6 | Nov. 3 | Dec. 3
Ages: 6 weeks - Preschool
Register online at www.salemstlouis.com

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) is new Salem ministry to parents of young children. Our program includes directed play activities, music class, crafts, story time, and outdoor playground time. We invite children ages 6 weeks through preschool to join us the first Wednesday of every month from 9:00 am-Noon for supervised childcare with Christ-centered learning activities. The cost is \$20 per child (per date) and that includes snacks, specialty classes, and craft materials. For more information contact Emily Smith, Director of Children's Ministry, at emily@salemstlouis.com.

412 Youth Night (6-12th grade)
Bi-weekly Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30 pm
Contact: Nick Savage at nick@salemstlouis.com

Youth Small groups meet bi-weekly on Tuesday evenings. These groups are intended to be an opportunity for students to worship, read scripture and share with one another in a small group setting.

412 Youth Night is based on 1 Timothy 4:12 - *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*



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KidsConnect (Nursery-5th)
Sundays | 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Contact: Emily Smith at emily@salemstlouis.com

We are so excited to kick off in-person KidsConnect classes on Sundays at 9:30 am then a kids fellowship group at 11:00 am. We will have two classrooms: Kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. Nursery care will be available for children under five years old. This fall we'll kick-off Kids Connect with Famous, a series for Kids Connect about Solomon and his famous family.

IMPACT! Youth Events
Monthly | 6:00-9:00 pm | Last Weekend
Sept. 24 | Nov. 27

Contact: Nick Savage at nick@salemstlouis.com

IMPACT! is one awesome night on the last weekend of every month. Impact is a time where our regular student ministry students have an opportunity to invite their friends and family to our church. IMPACT! always includes a special activity like rock climbing, inflatables, 9-Square, basketball, DJ, plus dinner and prayer time. Each IMPACT! event also includes an outreach activity. IMPACT! is free however donations are welcome to offset our cost.

Family Events

Save the Date - More details coming soon!

Grace-Based Parenting Study
Date TBD

Block Party
October 23, 1:00 -3:00 pm | South-City Site

Trunk or Treat
October 30, 4:00-6:00 pm | Mid-County Site

Christmas Tree Lighting
November 26 | 5:00 pm | Mid-County Site

Flapjacks and Flannels
December 4 | 9:00-11:00 am | Mid-County Site