

Small Group Summary

Group Type	Small Group Leaders	Topic	Day	Time
Men's	Mark Manninen	Who Am I? What am I doing here?	Monday	7:00 PM
General	Don Huntington	Leadership	Monday	7:00 PM
General	Lanny Brasile	The Treasure Principle	Monday	7:00 PM
Women's	Linda Zumpf	No Other Gods	Monday	7:00 PM
Support	Karin Schacht	Caregiver's Support Group		
General	Pastor Caleb	God's Light in Gotham's Darkness	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Women's	Peggy Sue	The Power of a Woman's Words	Tuesday	7:30 PM
General	Deaconess Lauren	Ephesians	Wednesday	7:30 PM
General	Barbara & Harold Weidner	Serendipity	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Women's	Pastor Caleb	Weekly Scripture Lessons	Thursday	9:00 AM
General	Mary Alice Kanaly	Fearless	Thursday	7:30 PM
Moms	Cathy Maxwell & Melanie	Mommies	Friday	9:00 AM
General	Ted Voss	Serendipity	Friday	7:00 PM
Women's	Deaconess Lauren	Seasoned Sisters Fantastic After 40	Saturday	7:30 AM
Men's	Pastor Caleb	Revelation Men's Bible Study	Saturday	7:30 AM
General	Pastor Caleb	Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study	Sunday	9:15 AM
Couple's	Deaconess Lauren	Marriage Code	Sunday	6:30 PM



St. John's Small Groups

Connect Guide Winter 2010

How do I join a small group?

It is easy choose any of these ways:

1. Sign-up at the Connecting Point in the lobby.
2. Call the church office and tell us which group you would like to join.
3. Send Deaconess an e-mail at deaclauren@sbcglobal.net.
4. Send an e-mail by clicking on the general e-mail on our church web site.
5. Leave a message 815-923-2733 x 12.
6. Fax to sign-up 815-923-2734.





Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?

Leader: Mark Manninen

Group Type: Men's

Day: Monday

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: The Manninen's Home 15314 Hemmingsen Road in Union 815-923-7675

Description: The universe, God's will, speaking the Christ story, true human fulfillment, God's Law, the point of it all- these are some of the ideas in Pastor Joel Biermann's explorative video Bible study. In six sessions, he takes us from the beginning to that place where, on the Last Day, we find our greatest realization as humans.

Get Connected in a Small Group

Our mission at St. John's is God's Caring Fellowship, Sharing His Love! Have you thought about how that happens? I think that it can all be summed up in one word and that word is connections. We are first connected by God's love through Jesus Christ, and that is how we learn to love. It is that love that can be the real motivation in everything that we do as Christians. It motivates us to spend more time with God, connect to others, and to share His love with others.

The goal is to have 100% participation in small group ministry. You may be thinking that is a tall order, and it is, but I believe that participation in small groups is vital to the growth and nurture of our faith. Small Groups are a vital link to our connection to God and to each other. Relax, this is not a lifelong commitment to one group, the small groups will be short term, lasting no longer than a quarter.



SERENDIPITY

Leader: Ted Voss

Group Type: General

Day: Fridays

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: The Voss' home, 17108 Highbridge Rd, Union
815-308-9126

Description: Serendipity is the facility of making happy discoveries. That is what happens in a small group gathered around studying using the Serendipity Bible where the questions encourage interaction and growth as a group.

REVELATION

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Pastor Caleb

Group Type: Men's

Day: Saturdays

Time: 7:30 AM

Location: Room 110

Description: The group is using *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 and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Cost: \$9.00

SEASONED SISTERS:

MAKING LIFE FANTASTIC AFTER 40!

Leader: Deaconess Lauren

Group Type: Women's

Day: Saturdays

Time: 7:30 AM

Location: Church Library

Description: Over 43 million women are between the ages of 40–60. Popular speaker and bestselling author Participants will experience words of encouragement, challenge, and humor through the study of God's Word.

Cost: \$ 12.00

MARRIAGE CODE

Leader: Deaconess Lauren

Group Type: Couple's

Day: Sundays

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Olsen's 725 Bauman St., Marengo
815-353-9414

Description: Marriages operate by a code—a collection of key words, actions, insights, and attitudes that determine how a couple's relationship works. This group will study those codes and the implications of God's Word for developing a flourishing relationship.

Cost: \$25 for couple includes one book and two study guides.

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THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

Leader: Lanny Brasile

Group Type: General

Day: Mondays

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: The Brasile's 17706 Kunde Road, Union
815-923-2733

Description: In this Bible study principles of managing all that God has blessed us with become personally applicable and more real than ever, with a powerful combination of biblical concepts, practical quotations from the book, thought-provoking questions, group discussion starters, and short Scripture passages for meditation and memorization. Managing God's investment in their lives will become a new delight, as Christians learn to put their resources to their most rewarding use.

Cost: \$14.00 for two books

LEADERSHIP

Leader: Don Huntington and Wayne Gehring

Group Type: General

Day: Mondays

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. John's Worship Center

Description: A study on leadership based on a leadership conference that the leaders attended.



NO OTHER GODS

Leader: Linda Zumpf

Group Type: Women's

Day: Mondays

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Linda Zumpf's home 713 Mildred Dr., Marengo
815-568-5548

Description: In this Bible study, the group will explore what happens when good desires become false gods, robbing us of an intimate relationship with our heavenly father. So discover the freedom in that is only found in Jesus.

Cost: \$13.00 for book.

GOD'S LIGHT IN GOTHAM'S DARKNESS

Leader: Pastor Caleb

Group Type: General

Day: Tuesday

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: The first meeting will be at church and then rotating homes

Description: The Dark Knight, one of the highest grossing films of all times, is filled with images and themes which reflect our Lutheran Confessions. This study will use the film to discuss faith concepts.

Cost: \$5.00 for materials.

THE POWER OF A WOMAN'S WORDS

Leader: Peggy Sue Brasile

Group Type: Women's

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 7:30pm

Location: The Olsen's, 725 Bauman Street, Marengo

Description: Words are one of the most powerful forces in the universe, and they can be used for good or evil. When God created our world, He did so with words. He said, "Let there be..." and it was so. While our words cannot bring into existence things that are not, they do have the power to build courage into a husband's life, instill confidence into a child's heart, fan into flames the dying embers of a friend's smoldering dreams, and draw the lost to Christ.

This book is for every woman who desires to use her words to build up rather than tear down, to encourage rather than discourage, to cheer rather than jeer. It is for all who desire to have more control over that mighty force called the tongue.

Cost: \$13.00 for two books.

EPHESIANS

Leader: Deaconess Lauren

Group Type: General

Day: Wednesdays beginning February 10

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Room 102

Description: Participants will come to understand the dimensions of God's eternal purpose and grace and appreciate the high goals God has for His church.

SERENDIPITY

Leader: Harold and Barbara Weidner

Group Type: General

Day: Wednesdays beginning February 10

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Church

Description: Serendipity is the facility of making happy discoveries. That is what happens in a small group gathered around studying using the Serendipity Bible where the questions encourage interaction and growth as a group.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Pastor Caleb

Group Type: Women's

Day: Thursdays

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: At Church in room 110.

Description: The group studies the Scripture readings for the upcoming weekend.

FEARLESS

Leader: Mary Alice Kanaly

Group Type: General

Day: Thursdays

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: The Kanaly's 1310 Hale Street, Marengo
815-568-6866

Description: Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word *terror*: Fear, it seems, has taken up a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Wouldn't it be great to walk out?

Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less. Can you imagine your life without fear?

Cost: \$22 includes a hardcover book and study guide. An e-book is available on Barnes and Noble for 9.99

MOMMY MATTERS

Leader: Cathy Maxwell and Melanie Schauer

Group Type: Moms

Day: Fridays

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: At Church in room 110.

Description: This group gathers for encouragement through God's Word and sharing mothering insights.