

## "Friends in Faith" Council Meeting – March 19, 2019

### How are groups going?

Groups are going well, making it work for them. As in many groups, some don't read the material, but wait for the leader to provide an over view of the text and chapter. I encourage leaders to do everything they can to encourage the group to read before they come. When sending out date reminders, possibly include the reminder to read the corresponding biblical text and add a theme encompassing question. New folks are being invited in when there is room. Leaders are getting better at recruiting their own new members through conversations in the congregation and as they meet new people.

### Next Study

We plan on beginning a new study in September.

We all agree that whatever is chosen, we would like at least one meeting with the pastors for introduction and direction.

The study is most impactful when it is connected to Adult Education or ExALT themes.

Suggestions from the group:

The Small Catechism

A book from the Bible. If a book from the Bible, perhaps a commentary on that book as well.

The Beatitudes

Suggestions from the Wolfe and Albert groups:

Forgotten Luther

Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God by Kelly Brown Douglas

What's Faith Got to Do with It?/Christian Souls by Kelly Brown Douglas

NT Wright books

### Group Events

Two were suggested:

A Wednesday night panel sharing what these groups have meant to the members. Specifically in regard to relationships and how they have been impacted by this ministry.

A picnic event for all small group members

It could be totally social

It could be a morning of Faith in Action events followed by a social picnic

### Faith in Action Possible Projects.

This could be the group doing something totally on their own.

This could be more like Gods Work Our Hands with a meal following

Intentionally eating with others at the MVCC Thursday meals

Preparing a meal for MVCC

Meal team for ExALT or a special event

Outreach to absentees

Social Justice activities

More of the Lutheran/Catholic conversations and having that spill into the community

Participate as groups attending speakers at PLU or other publicized events

Host a fellowship hour and use for recruitmentg

Help with grounds work through Carolyn Dahle

Assist in the Food Bank

Assist in the MVCC Back to School Event, Christmas Event, etc.

Host their own small group picnic or social event in the summer.

### Other Thoughts

This is great visioning, but no one volunteered to lead an event.

If this ministry is to grow, we need more study leaders.

A few felt their members were all over involved and too weary to take on new events or Faith in Action Activities.

## SMALL GROUP MEMBERS

### Jason & Aidan Cornell & Family

Jon & Erica Thornton & Family  
Lee & Megan Hutton & Family  
Emily Thompson & Family  
Carol Powers & Craig Murray

### Kevin & Sonja Dahl

Keith & Marlene Wright  
John & Carolyn Dahle  
Mark Cantrell  
Neil Jerstad  
Skip & Janice Harrison  
Glenn & Carol Petersen  
Tom Som

### Josh & Katrina Lelli & Family

Troy & Carianne Kehm-Goins & Family  
Michael & Jenny Grayum & Family  
Carmen Van Soest  
Michael Brauhn

### Ken & Sandi Swanson

Ellen & Loren Leapaldt  
Eloise Homan  
Pat Clement  
Mary Finney  
Lindy & Diane Nelson  
Stu & Marilyn Luckman

### Ben & Wendy Wadnizak

Sam & Cindy Jones  
Erik & Diksha Knierim  
David & Lynn Nichols & Family

### John Meagher & Karin Weberg & Family

Ken & Barb Edmonds  
Walt & Terry Freed  
Bill & Kathy Harris  
Dan & Peggy Thurston  
Pam Clark  
Rod & Chris Ray  
Connie McCrossin  
Daryl Bakke  
Chuck & Karen Treneer

### Terry & Pili Wolfe

Fred & Meleney Albert  
Beth Ann Johnson  
Gerry & Marie Philipsen

### Mark & Julie Williams

Karen Fink  
George Rowe  
Janet Larson  
Jeff & Mary Quinn  
Genie Lennon  
Dave & Kim Lawson

### Lynn Wadnizak

Dotty Shiremen  
Carolyn Dahle  
Karen Dewitt  
Jean Gottgetreu  
Kim Soeder  
Gloria Ratcliffe  
Betsy Tunstall  
Carolee Berntsen  
Judy Lisher  
Kim Lawson  
Diane Nelson  
In September:  
Jeanne Anderson  
Zoya Walker