



Small Groups are spiritual communities composed of the “marks of discipleship”——

scripture reading [teaching], daily prayer, worship, evangelism, serving, building community and relationships, and witnessing.



Small Groups follow the Biblical model in Acts 2. The early church gave themselves to **study, teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.** And they gave to one another as they had need. Because of this commitment, they added to their numbers daily. ***It's clear that God blesses us when we meet together, fellowship together, study together—share life together.***



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They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers ... And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. (Acts 2:42, 44)

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“Challenging Lifestyles” - A dynamic Sunday morning experience for those wishing to learn, experience the lifestyle of Jesus Christ in the 21st Century “challenging lifestyles”.

A Biblical, prayerful, spiritual, nurturing, and supportive fellowship. **Sundays at 10:15 a.m., The Upper Room.**



Contact: Larry Goolsby—
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“Monday Night Group” meets weekly, 7:30-9 pm for study, prayer, fellowship in the Hospitality Room. Contact: Steve North—
steve.celc@gmail.com; 301.871.8161



“THRIVE” for women seeking in-depth Bible study, fellowship, fun, outreach ministries, meets

September-July, 9-10:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Breakfast included. Contact: Sanna Solem—
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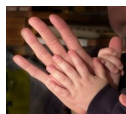
“Men’s Master Builders” meets for breakfast and in-depth Bible study with a focus on men’s issues at **9 a.m. on the 1st Saturday** of the month in the Hospitality Room.

Contact: Pastor Jon at
pastorjon@heartmindsoul.com or
Richard Czypinski—
richard@heartmindsoul.com

“The Table Ministry” - 21st Century table and neighborhood experience, around the Table of Christ. Build genuine friendships in and out of CELC, grow spiritually on every day basis, and respond to the needs of others. **3-session series, with meal, in Host Homes.**



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“PrayerLife Ministry” meets for prayer, study, discussion, and fellowship.

PrayerLife outreach includes Taize Prayer Services, Open Prayer Mornings, and Alpha Prayer Courses. Contact: Florence-301.452.2491; Larry Goolsby 301.946.6479; or Dave Lambert 301.983.5034

“Taize Prayer Services” 3rd Monday of each Month, 7:15 p.m., Hospitality Room,

“Prayer Room I” is open for prayer, from **8:15 a.m.-noon on Sundays.**



Prayer Room II is open for prayer throughout the week.

“Women’s Healing Ministry” -

a 12-step, Christian recovery ministry based on the Beatitudes that uses eight principles as well as fellowship and God’s healing power to help heal hurts and overcome personal defects and replace them with life’s abundance. For information, contact: Florence Heacock—
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“Martha Circle” a Bible study based on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at **10 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday** of each month. Contact: Mary Merrick—301.571.7212

“Rachel Circle” a Bible study based on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at **7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday** of each month. Contact: Alice Daniels— 301.949.4688

Small Groups are:

Spiritual communities where people share their thoughts, feelings, struggles, and joys, while applying Biblical principles in their lives. Small Groups grow in trusting relationships, and participants agree what is shared will remain confidential and differences of opinions are respected. Small Groups are spiritual communities where life transformation occurs through the love and Word of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, in relationships with His people.



Reasons to Join a Small Group:

- You will understand the Bible better in a small group.
- You will begin to really feel like part of God’s family.
- Prayer will become more meaningful to you.
- You will be able to handle times of crisis, change, and stress better.
- You will have a natural way to share Christ with friends, relatives, and work associates.
- You will develop leadership skills you never knew you had!
- You will deepen your understanding of worship.
- You will have fellowship, laughter, and fun