

- Are you new to the Church?
- Want to grow spiritually?
- Need someone to pray with?
- Feeling out of touch with Church?
- Interested in doing community service?
- Need a more enriched understanding of the Bible?

**Small  
Groups  
are for  
you**

### Testimonies

*"My small group is my spiritual family now. They are an inspiration to help me follow God's path."*

*"SG ministry helped me find God's purpose for my life."*

*"I've learned how to pray, how to appreciate others a lot more, that prayer really WORKS."*

*"I find committing to community service easier and more fun with my small group."*



St. Maurice and St. Verena Coptic Orthodox Church

## Small Groups

A place where no one stands alone!



**"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47)**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a small group?

A small group is typically composed of 6-10 people who meet to grow in their relationship with Christ, each other and their community.

### How does small groups relate to the Bible?

The new community that formed on the day of Pentecost immediately began to function in small groups. These groups wholeheartedly devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, to the fellowship with one another, to celebrating the Eucharist, and to praying for one another.



### How often do they meet?

Weekly or biweekly

### What do Small Groups do?

Every small group is a little different in its focus. Most choose a spiritual theme to study via a curriculum, DVD, spiritual book or book of the Bible. Many small groups also volunteer in the community. Of course, there's always lots of fun through movie nights, potlucks or other social outings the groups plan.

### What if I don't feel ready to lead a small group at the end of the training?

You can still remain in a small group if you don't feel ready at the end of the training and start a small group when you feel ready to do so.

### What are the qualifications for being a small group facilitator?

None-just a heart committed to loving others and growing spiritually.

## Small Group Training Sessions

February 21

What Are Small Groups?

February 28

Making a Small Group Covenant

March 7

The Heart of Worship

March 14

Experiencing the Word of God

March 21

Diversity: A Gift within the Group

April 11

Dealing with Different Teachings

April 18

Mission and Outreach

April 25

The Honeymoon Is Over!  
Conflict Management

May 2

The Nitty Gritty of Leading Small Groups

May 9

Celebration Dinner

When: Sundays, 5-7 p.m.

Where: St. Luke's Lutheran Church

(3200 Bayview Avenue)

Starting on Sunday February 21, 2010

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