



Trinity's Values

GRACE: *God gives His love, forgiveness, faith, and eternal life through Word and Sacrament. It all starts with His unconditional love for us. (John 1:1-5; 10-14, 3:16, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Acts 2:42, Hebrews 4:12, Mark 16:16, Romans 6:3-5, Acts 8:26-40)*

GROWING: *Grace produces growth. This is a daily, life-long process. We seek to learn of His will, live according to that will, and to lead others to do the same. Growth produces disciples that make disciples. Through His power transformational change is not only possible but promised! (1 John 1:6, Ephesians 4:12-13, Col. 1:28, Romans 8:29, Hebrews 5:12-14, Hebrew 6:1-12, 12:1-3, 2 Timothy 2:2)*

RESCUING: *Lost people matter to God and to us. Communicating the Gospel with relevance is vital to this task. (Proverbs 24:11, Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 15:7, Luke 5:31-32, Acts 17:16-34, Mark 4: 33-34, 2 Timothy 4:2-4, Matthew 5: 13-16, John 17:1ff)*

ADORING: *Grace produces a response - lives lived to give glory, honor, and praise to God. We do this whenever we gather for worship and prayer in both public worship and in small groups, in our private prayer and devotional lives, and when we dedicate our lives to Him. Because God deserves our best, we strive for excellence in all we do. (Psalm 34:1-3, Hebrews 10:25, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Romans 12:1)*

CONNECTED: *God has created us to be one with one another just as Jesus and the Father are one. Because of this we do everything in community with one another, as a church of small groups. (1 John 1:7, Romans 12:4-5, John 17:21, Matthew 17:1, Romans 16:3-5, Genesis 2:18-25, Acts 2:41-47)*

ENSLAVED: *God has equipped all believers to be active participants in His work. We serve as God has SHAPed us (Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences), striving for excellence in our service. We recognize that the primary task of staff and leadership is not to DO ministry but to EQUIP OTHERS for ministry. (Romans 6: 17-18, 12:4-10, 1 Corinthians 12:25, Ephesians 4:11-12; 16, Matthew 25:31-46)*



Connect Guide Fall 2011

What happens at a GRACE group meeting?*

GRACE groups are an opportunity for 3-20 people to connect regularly (many weekly) on their journey to grow closer to God. Spiritual and relationship growth takes place as the group reads, prays, and discusses the application of God's word in their lives. A coached leader facilitates and encourages group conversation.

GRACE group meetings usually last 90 minutes which include friendly conversation, refreshments, and the topic discussion. Each group selects its own topic and most conversations follow an established discussion guide.

How Do I Join a GRACE Group?

1. Contact **Craig Mattes**, our Director of Small Group Ministry at craig.mattes@tlc4u.org or 630-390-3512 so that you can be *personally* connected to a group.
2. Stop by our Connecting Point in the main lobby so that a Connecting Point volunteer can personally connect you to a group.

*GRACE is an acronym that reflects Trinity's core values (see back cover for details).



GROUP TYPE	LEADER(S)	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
General GRACE Groups (mix of men, women, single, married, single again)				
General	Paul Schwartz	Sunday	10:00 am	Lisle
General	Tom & Linda Burns	Sunday	4:00 pm	Woodridge
General	Ed & Karen Klama	Sunday	6:30 pm	Downers Grove
General	Dale & Beth Durfey	Sunday	6:30 pm	Downers Grove
General	Sandy Jett	Monday	7:00 pm	Woodridge/Lisle
General	Ed & Kim Bass	Monday	7:00 pm	Naperville
General	Jo McCroskey	Monday	7:00 pm	Trinity Green Trails
General	Denny Witte	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Lombard
General	Kathi Graham	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Lisle
General	Rich & Shirley Pine	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Woodridge/south Lisle
General	Randy & Martha Mueller	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Downers Grove
General	Margaret Placko & Ron Hornyak	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Naperville
General	Bill & Jan Ameiss/ Bob & Liz Skinner	Thursday	7:00 pm	Wheaton
General	Bob Utesch	Friday	7:00 pm	Woodridge/Bolingbrook
General	Jim & Kathy Zboncak	Friday	7:30 pm	Wheaton
General	Jack & Celeste Giles	Saturday	6:15 pm	Lisle
General	Walt & Sherry Meyers	Saturday	7:00 pm	Bolingbrook
General	Ron & Fontaine Nordman/ Mark & Kris Blumka	Saturday	7:00 pm	Downers Grove/Lisle
General	Jenny Fouchey/Lora Begley	Saturday	7:00 pm	Naperville
General	Amy Davis/Rick Schwer	Saturday	7:00 pm	Naperville
Men's GRACE Groups				
Men's	Antwain Walker	Thursday	6:00 am	Plainfield
Men's	Dave Ellstrom	Thursday	6:35 am	Trinity Green Trails
Men's	Scott Conwell/Greg Schrad	Friday	6:35 am	Trinity Kimberly Way
Men's	Jeff Halldow/ Randy Boomgarden	Saturday	6:35 am	Trinity Kimberly Way

GROUP TYPE	LEADER(S)	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Women's GRACE Groups				
Women's	Heidi Rapinchuk/ Mary Chance	Monday	9:45 am	Trinity/ imberly Way
Women's	Mary Blake	Monday	7:00 pm	Trinity Kimberly Way
Women's	Karen Klama/Nancy Teske/ Amy Glinke/Linda Kyser	Tuesday	9:15 am	Trinity Kimberly Way
Women's	Phyllis Troupe	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Lisle/Woodridge/Darien/ Bolingbrook/Naperville
Women's	Pauline Brunke/ Kris Blackwell	Thursday	7:00 pm	Trinity Kimberly Way
20s and 30s GRACE Groups				
20s and 30s	Derrick & Liz Allen/ Alli Ferguson	Monday	7:30 pm	Woodridge/Naperville
20s and 30s	Chad Leonard & John Noffke	Monday	7:00 pm	Naperville area
20s and 30s	Rachel Dannemeyer	Thursday	7:00 pm	Naperville area
20s and 30s	Jenny Price & Jim Marriott	Saturday	9:30 am	Trinity Green Trails
Family/Parenting GRACE Groups (involvement of children and/or childcare varies from group to group)				
Family/Parenting	Terry and Diane Kulat (aka "Family Connections")	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Trinity Kimberly Way
Family/Parenting	Diane Kulat / Darrell & Barb Dwyer	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Trinity Kimberly Way
Family/Parenting	Diane Kulat (aka "Family Connections Continued")	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Trinity Kimberly Way
Family/Parenting	Elizabeth Marske & Linda Bailey	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Trinity Kimberly Way
Family/Parenting	Craig & Amy Mattes	Friday	6:30 pm	Bolingbrook/Aurora/Plainfield/ Woodridge
Family/Parenting	Sally Heggeland	Sunday	6:45 pm	Trinity Kimberly Way