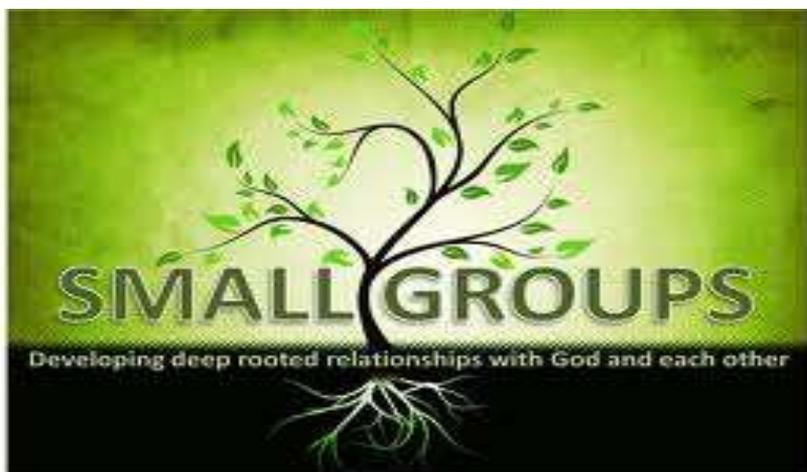


**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
ATHENS, GEORGIA**



**SMALL GROUP
MINISTRY**



PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of a small group is to connect people to one another so that group members become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ by extending hope, transforming lives, and empowering people.

INVITATION

We invite you to become a member of Trinity's small group ministry. Some are under the impression that small groups are just another Bible study or a substitute for Sunday school. That is not true. We are: (1)not just a Bible study, (2) nor are we just a prayer group, (3) nor are we just a social group,(4) nor are we just a support group---small groups are all four and more. A small group is a gathering of 3 to 12 people meeting on a regular basis so that they may grow in the abundant life in Christ. The meetings are typically in a home setting with leadership provided by a facilitator. Small groups are Biblically based (Acts 2:42-47; Romans 16:3-5).**Non-believers are always welcome.** About 75% of people come to faith through significant relationships with another person.

WHAT MY SMALL GROUP MEANS TO ME

Virginia Reece: Being in a small group helps me to grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially.

Pastor Aaron Reinking: Being in a small group has helped me grow in my love for God, and grow closer to my brothers and sisters in Christ who are part of the group.

Ann Perry: For me being in a small group has meant that people who were formerly considered to be acquaintances are now my warm and valued friends.

Janet Rodekohr: Lutherans can often be reluctant to speak about their faith, but small group gatherings help us put our faith into words among people we can trust.

Bill Malueg: Being a member of a small group Bible study for the past two years has been an uplifting experience for me. Each time we meet we not only study the Bible, but we also learn to know one another on a new level. We share each other's ups and downs, celebrations and sorrows. These meetings are like no other Bible study I've been in before. God's word is our focus, but we also have found that each other's company is very supportive.

Jeanie Raney: I have attended two group meetings and have really enjoyed getting to know people better while sharing God's word.

Joe D’Errico: Small groups are a way for me to get to know the members of Trinity better. The studies we do are wonderful, but I think the best part is the sharing we do with each other. The personal feelings we have come out, and we are able to tell each other what is on our mind and heart, and we try very hard to help each other with our concerns.

Dee Burke: Every time I attend small group I am amazed that there is always an “aha” moment. Someone says something about the Bible or explains a passage in a way that knocks my socks off! I have not been so Bible “literate” in the past, so I am discovering new things all the time. The fellowship before, during, and after gives us a way to really get to know each other’s hearts.

Cliff Kachur: I can be edified by reading my Bible by myself, but sharing the experience with others, especially the group that I am a part of, brings about a deeper understanding of the Word. The comments and questions from others helps me to see and understand more than I could by studying alone.



Contact the church office for more information.