



Connect Groups

**A ministry of
St. Peter Lutheran Church**

List of Groups for February 2018 to April 2018

We strongly encourage you to consider attending one of these groups. They are an important part of our ministry:

- They are a way that our church provides opportunity for members to get to know one another better.
- They are a way that we help new members assimilate, knitting them into the St. Peter Lutheran family.
- They are a way for you to connect with your fellow Christians.

If you plan on attending one or more of these Connect Groups, it is important that you sign up at stpetermodesto.org/connect There are three different types of groups:

- Study Groups: These focus on studying and discussing Scripture, as well as group prayer.
- Service Groups: These focus on serving the church or community in some way.
- Social Groups: These focus on recreational fellowship.

It is also important for you to act quickly if you see a Study Group that you like. We will cap our Study Groups at 12-14 people. (Service Groups and Social Groups may be larger.) Good discussion is difficult if Study Groups get too large. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Schroeder (deacon@stpetermodesto.org) or Pastor Schroeder (dan7schroeder@gmail.com)

May God bless you as connect to Christ and to each other!



St. Peter Connect Groups **November 2017 to January 2018**

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Ladies' Tuesday Night Bible Study

- Type:** Study Group
- Description:** We meet every other Tuesday evening at 7:30. Currently completing the Book of Acts, then will move onto the current study entitled "Engage".
- Facilitator:** Karen Adams **Phone:** 209-918-3211
Email: kachoosun@sbcglobal.net
- Intended For:** All ladies high school and older
- The Pitch:** Fellowship with ladies of faith will give you an opportunity to share your faith, to grow your faith, and to spend time in the Word.
- Costs:** None
- Meeting:** Next meeting will be January 23rd, 6:30, in the conference room.

Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study

Type: Study Group

Description: We meet every other Tuesday evening at 7:30. Currently completing the Book of Acts, then will move onto the current study entitled "Engage".

Facilitator: Karen Adams

Phone: 209-918-3211

Email: kachoosun@sbcglobal.net

Intended For: All ladies high school and older

The Pitch: Fellowship with ladies of faith will give you an opportunity to share your faith, to grow your faith, and to spend time in the Word.

Costs: None

Meeting: Next meeting will be February 2, 10:30 in the Conference room.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

- Type:** Study Group
- Description:** A Bible study that involves breakfast and a study called, "Galatians: Set Free." A new study, yet to be determined, will begin at the end of February.
- Facilitator:** Pastor Schroeder **Phone:** 619-852-2440
Email: dan7schroeder@gmail.com
- Intended for:** 12 men, 18-years old and older.
- The pitch:** Start your day with food, fellowship, and feeding your faith with the Word of God. Learn more about the men Jesus chose as his disciples.
- Costs:** The men attending rotate covering the cost of the meals.
- Meeting:** Meets Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 am, at Perko's Restaurant, 3500 Oakdale Road, Modesto (the northeast corner of Sylvan Avenue and Oakdale Road)
February 6, 6:30-7:30 am
February 13, 6:30-7:30 am
February 20, 6:30-7:30 am
February 27, 6:30-7:30 am
March 6, 6:30-7:30 am
March 13, 6:30-7:30 am
March 20, 6:30-7:30 am
March 27, 6:30-7:30 am
April 2 - No Study
April 9, 6:30-7:30 am
April 16, 6:30-7:30 am
April 23, 6:30-7:30 am
April 30, 6:30-7:30 am

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Type: Study Group

Description: A Bible study called, "Unraveling Revelation."

Facilitator: Pastor Schroeder

Phone: 619-852-2440

Email: dan7schroeder@gmail.com

Intended For: Anyone high school age and older. There is no limit on the amount of people who want to participate.

The Pitch: Have you wanted to read the last book of the Bible, Revelation, but didn't know where to begin with all the numbers and strange pictures? Have you heard people say, "It's SO confusing and SO hard to make sense of!"? It doesn't have to be. Join us on Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30am in the church fellowship hall, beginning January 4, as we spend time in Revelation where God comforts his people in their struggle against Satan and the forces of evil. We will be assured that we will see triumph because of God's love and care for us.

Costs: No cost

Meeting: Meets on Thursday mornings 9:30-10:30 am in the church fellowship hall.

February 1, 9:30-10:30 am

February 8, 9:30-10:30 am

February 15, 9:30-10:30 am

February 22, 9:30-10:30 am

March 1, 9:30-10:30 am

March 8, 9:30-10:30 am

March 15, 9:30-10:30 am

March 22, 9:30-10:30 am

March 29 - No Study

April 5 - No Study

April 12 - No Study

April 19 - No Study

April 26, 9:30-10:30am

Words Bringing Wisdom - Facebook Study Group

- Type:** Study Group
- Description:** This study group uses a private Facebook group to discuss books that help us grow in faith and apply Bible truths to our lives. In the first session we will be reading the book "2000 Demons" (147 pages) by E. Allen Sorum.
- Facilitator:** Pastor Schroeder **Phone:** (619) 852-2440
Email: dan7schroeder@gmail.com
- Intended for:** Anyone high school age and older. There is no limit on the amount of people who want to participate.
- The pitch:** At a time that works best for you, participate in a study of exploring the riveting scriptural account of Jesus driving out a legion of dark foes in the book "2000 Demons" by E. Allen Sorum. This book reveals the very real danger of evil spirits, even to this day. However, it will also show you the power your Savior wields over the darkest of foes. Above all, this book will reassure you of the ultimate protection Jesus won for you and all who believe, thanks to his victorious death and resurrection. We will read through one chapter a week (7 chapters total) and share reactions to questions posed to the group.
- Costs:** Participants will need to purchase the book "2000 Demons" from Northwestern Publishing House for \$13.99. Also, you will have to sign up for a Facebook account in order to be in the private Facebook group. A Facebook account is free.
- Meeting:** We will "meet" by weekly sharing reactions to questions posed to the group about a chapter in the book that week. This will be done online on the private Facebook group page, "Words Bringing Wisdom: A St. Peter Facebook Study Group." Days and times will be determined by each person when it works best for them to read the week's chapter and to record their responses to the questions for each chapter.

CARE Committee

Type: Service Group

Description: The purpose of the Care Committee is to encourage and help church members in their time of need. Members of our church may not always be able to attend worship or church functions because of health reasons or transportation so we want to bring Christian fellowship to them with monthly visits.

Facilitator: Diana Hillstrom

Phone: 209-408-0748

Email: rndhillstrom@gmail.com

Intended For: Anyone

The Pitch: If you are a good listener and encourager you would be great a great fit for the Care Committee and encouraging others when they are not able to attend church.

Costs: No cost

Meeting: Meet with your visatee monthly in person. Arranged on your own schedule. The CARE Committee meets as a whole once a quarter after church during fellowship time. (Date TBD)

Prayer Chain

Type: Service Group

Description: When there is a member with a prayer request, an e-mail will be sent out to everyone on the Prayer Chain list. You are asked to pray for that person.

Facilitator: Deacon Schroeder

Phone: 209-409-4657

Email: deacon@stpetermodesto.org

Intended For: People of all ages

The Pitch: Prayer is the easiest way that you can be of assistance to your brothers and sisters in Christ. God tells us to come to Him in prayer and that He will answer those prayers.

Costs: No cost

Meeting: No meeting, just emails sent listing who to pray for

Cycling

Type:	Social Group	
Description:	The intent is to promote bicycle riding as an outdoor activity through rides and education.	
Facilitator:	Jon Miller	Phone: (209) 526-7041
		Email:
Intended For:	This Connect Group will be directed toward beginning bicycle riders, both kids and adults.	
The Pitch:	Enjoy the freedom and exhilaration of riding a bike. Feel like a kid again, lose weight, gain fitness, and improve your disposition. The intent is to promote bicycle riding as an outdoor activity that improves physical fitness, boosts happiness, reduces stress, and promotes fellowship among members of St. Peter. If the member already owns a bike, the cost will be minimal, provided the bicycle is in working order. If it needs attention, bring it along and we will use it as a training aid while we spruce it up. There will be education involved with the first few sessions: safe riding in town, how to be seen, adjustments and maintenance, how to fix a flat, and more. The last session may include a trip beyond Modesto for a fun place to ride.	
Costs:	Potential cost would be involved in snacks or whatever you choose to eat when we go to a restaurant.	
Meeting:	We will meet at church on the following dates: February 3, 10, and 24 March 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14, 28	

Los Modestos

- Type:** Social Group
- Description:** Get together of people interested in practicing Spanish.
- Facilitator:** Deacon Schroeder **Phone:** (209) 409-4657
Email: deacon@stpetermodesto.org
- Intended For:** All levels welcome, we can learn from each other. All ages welcome.
- The Pitch:** This is an informal get together to practice Spanish with your friends from church. The idea is to get people talking in Spanish no matter the level of speaking ability. We will meet at group member's homes and at restaurants.
- Costs:** Potential cost would be involved in snacks or whatever you choose to eat when we go to a restaurant.
- Meeting:** We will meet at church the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of each month from 10 to 11 am. (Except where noted)
February 3, 1:00-2:00 pm
February 17, 10:00-11:00 am
March 3, 10:00-11:00 am
March 17, 10:00-11:00 am
April 7, 10:00-11:00 am
April 21, 10:00-11:00 am

Taste of Modesto

Type:	Social Group		
Description:	Enjoying different eating establishments in Modesto while also enjoying Christian fellowship.		
Facilitator:	Linka Schroeder	Phone:	(619) 852-2600
		Email:	linkacv@att.net
Intended for:	21 years old and older ladies of the congregation.		
The pitch:	Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship once a month at different Modesto eateries.		
Costs:	The cost of your meal and beverage.		
Meeting:	The restaurant will be different each month 6:30 pm Feb. 13th at Papapavalos 6:30 pm Mar. 13th (to be determined where) 6:30 pm Apr. 10th (to be determined where)		

Tough Mudder Half

Type:	Social Group		
Description:	Training/exercising to be able to do a Tough Mudder Half on March 24th in Sacramento. We will be using a "couch to 5K" program to help us train for the running part of the Tough Mudder.		
Facilitator:	Linka Schroeder	Phone:	(619) 852-2600
		Email:	linkacv@att.net
Intended for:	Anyone over 16, male or female who wants to train for a Tough Mudder Half.		
The pitch:	It's always great to exercise and you will have accountability partners to encourage you to train. We will have a "couch to 5K" plan to help you prepare for the Tough Mudder running part. You will have the fun benefit of racing the Tough Mudder Half together with your St. Peter family...AND get a cool T-shirt that said you did it!! Join us!		
Costs:	Between \$75 and \$90 a person depending on when you sign up for the Tough Mudder Half.		
Meeting:	Tough Mudder Half March 24th, 2018		
	1 Day a week joint walk/run. Meet at church on Tuesdays at 9:00am and/or Saturdays at 10:00am		
	You will also have a walk/run program to follow on your own.		

Pioneers

Type:	Study Group, Service Group, Social Group		
Description:	Pioneers is our church's version of a "Boy Scouts" or "Girl Scouts." Young people learn life skills while growing in their Christian faith. Pioneers is open to students from Preschool to 8th grades.		
Facilitator:	Deacon Schroeder	Phone:	209-409-4657
		Email:	deacon@stpetermodesto.org
Intended For:	Boys and girls in Preschool to 8th grades.		
The Pitch:	This is a great way for kids to get to know each other and learn new things. Activities include cookie baking, archery, camping fishing, nature hikes, gardening, etc		
Costs:	Occasionally there will be costs for outings or supplies but we try to keep these to a minimum.		
Meeting:	Dates and times vary depending on the event but we usually schedule events for Saturdays or Sundays and on the first Thursday of the month at 3:30-5pm for the Preschool-3 rd Grade group and the second Thursday of the month at 7pm for the 4 th -8 th Grade group.		

Youth Group

Type: Study Group, Service Group, and Social Group

Description: St Peter's youth group is open to students from 9th grade through High School. We have an active group which meets regularly for Bible Study, Christian fellowship and service activities. We want our Youth Group to prepare students to grow into their faith and not out of it.

Facilitator: Deacon Schroeder **Phone:** 209-409-4657
Email: deacon@stpetermodesto.org

Intended For: Teens in 9th through 12th grades

The Pitch: This is a great way for teens to get to know each other and learn new things. Activities include hiking, going to the beach, bowling, movie night, serving a meal at a homeless shelter, etc.

Costs: Occasionally there will be costs for outings or supplies but we try to keep these to a minimum.

Meeting: Our usual meeting day and time is the third Thursday of every month at about 7pm. Other events will vary but usually take place on Saturday during the day or Friday evenings.