

#### Dear Friend.

I'm so glad you are considering a Trinity Class. The preaching during our Sunday gatherings can only scratch the surface on the bottomless depths of the gospel. It is vital to the life of every believer to engage in independent study and prayer as well as to actively function within the greater church community. Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Here at Trinity, there are three primary ways to grow together:

- Trinity classes
- Affinity groups
- Community groups

Classes help us learn from the perspectives and gifts of others in an environment free of judgment. In Trinity classes there is honest interaction with the Scripture alongside other likeminded but equally imperfect brothers and sisters in Christ.

Affinity groups, as the name suggests, are designed to help us build friendships and meet new people where there is already common interest. These groups have a low commitment level and work well as a "next step" in becoming more involved at Trinity.

Community Groups require a deeper level of commitment and act as a kind of "internship" for practicing gospel truths in the everyday stuff of life we all face. This community context helps us fully realize our identities as both disciples who are still growing and as disciple-makers encouraging growth in each other and sharing our faith.

Generally speaking, Trinity Classes fall into three categories: Gospel Exposure, Gospel Expansion, and Gospel Expression. They represent areas of your faith journey in which we can always continue to learn, apply, and grow. These categories are not mutually exclusive, but different classes will have special emphasis on one or more of the three. The question you need to answer is "what area do I most need growth in right now?" That will help you choose a class.

### How to best use this catalog:

- Read through the descriptions of the class categories.
- Pray about which category you need growth in most right now.
- Look for the classes offered in that category, and check compatibility with your schedule.
- Consider the affinity groups for more ongoing interaction.
- Email the contact person with any questions.
- Register for the class(es) on trinitychurchmn.com/resources/ online-registration.
- Come ready to grow and to help others grow to be more like Jesus.

Finally, ask yourself "how am I applying what I am learning?" Joining a Community Group is likely the best way for you to apply what you're learning. Contact one of the pastors to learn more about joining a Community Group.

Thank you for choosing Trinity as your church home. We are glad you're here.

Sincerely, Tim Pace Community Life & Adult Ministries Pastor 952.469.6266 tpace@trinitychurchmn.com

## **CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS**



Gospel Exposure: There are always more areas of our lives that need to be exposed to the gospel. This foundational category poses questions like: Who is God? Why do I need God? What does God think of me? How could the gospel possibly apply to...?



**Gospel Expansion:** This category applies the gospel understanding to all areas of life. Classes in this category explore questions like: How does the gospel influence my work? my marriage? my parenting? etc.



**Gospel Expression**: It's a natural response to share the joy we feel as the gospel changes our lives. Classes in this category ask the question, "Who am I sharing with and how?"

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## SUNDAY CLASS

### The Scientific Case for God

Sundays, Sept. 25 - Dec. 4, 9 AM Community Center A Grade 6 through Adults



There are many who believe that God and science are mutually exclusive. These dynamic videos from the creators of *The Truth Project* discuss how recent developments in science support the Biblical narrative concerning creation and first causes being directed by

the intelligent design of the Lord. Notes will be provided and there will be time for discussion. These videos are a great encouragement to believers and provide excellent apologetic argument.

Can a person start anytime?
Yes, but those who start on Sept. 25 will gain the most benefit.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved? There is no homework for this class.

Is there a book to purchase or class fee? No

Contact
Jim Gronvall

## SUNDAY CLASS

#### **James**

Sundays, Sept. 25 - Oct. 16, 9 AM Online Only via Zoom





The Book of James is a wonderful guide for us believers as we travel through our life's journey in this world. It was written by the Lord Jesus' half-brother James.

Why study the Letter of James?

- To recognize the believer's responsibilities in this world.
- To learn how prayer can work in the believer's life.
- To understand God's view of the 'rich and famous' compared to the poor.
- To grasp when believers are to judge, and when we are to discern.
- To understand the power we have available to us, if we only apply it!

Can a person start anytime?

Yes, but those who start on Sept. 25 will gain the most benefit.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved?

While there is no homework, students are encouraged to answer study sheet questions during the week. Our answers to these questions will be discussed during our Sunday morning discussions. Discussion will be via Zoom with link provided before the class starts.

Is there a book to purchase or class fee?

No. Study sheets are free and will be available for download.

Contact Chuck Tremain

# SUNDAY CLASS

### Jonah

Sundays, Oct. 23 - Nov. 20, 9 AM Online Only via Zoom





The Book of Jonah is a wonderful guide for us believers as we travel through our life's journey in this world.

Why study the Book of Jonah?

- Jonah is Mr. or Ms. Everyperson in this world. When God asks, we tend to run in the opposite direction.
- We, who believe in the saving grace of Christ Jesus, are God's voice, hands, and feet in this world!
- To God, every person in this world is precious to Him.
- God so wants us to choose Him and obey Him!
- The Book of Jonah helps the Jew (and we believers) to understand his/her role and responsibility to those in this world who do not yet believe.
- We can run, but we cannot hide.
- Do not be a 'Jonah'!

Can a person start anytime?

Yes, but those who start on Oct. 23 will gain the most benefit.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved?

While there is no homework, students are encouraged to answer study sheet questions during the week. Our answers to these questions will be discussed during our Sunday morning discussions. Discussion will be via Zoom with link provided before the class starts.

Is there a book to purchase or class fee?

No. Study sheets are free and will be available for download.

Contact Chuck Tremain

# WOMEN'S CLASS

### **Better (Book of Hebrews)**

Mondays, Sept. 12, 2022 - Feb. 13, 2023, 9:30 - 11:30 AM Community Center E



Jesus is better. In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, we will explore how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40).

Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone.

Can a person start anytime?
Yes, but those who start on Sept. 12 will gain the most benefit.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved? There is weekly homework, however, we understand that work does not always get completed. We welcome all to come regardless of the state of their homework.

*Is there a book to purchase or class fee?*The book is \$16 and available to purchase the first day of class.

*Contact*Deb Binder

# WOMEN'S CLASS

### Acts (Part 1)

Tuesdays, Sept. 13 - Dec. 13, 9:30 - 11:30 AM Community Center A & B



We are a women's Bible study that strives to encourage one another in our walk with God and with one another. Join us as Phyllis J. Le Peau leads us through the first part of the book of Acts in this LifeGuide Bible Study and we will begin to understand

what the Holy Spirit can do in us and in the world. The people of the early church discovered what true power looks like. Jesus transformed their lives—and they changed the world! Acts is the extraordinary record of what these early Christian disciples did. The power that we see in action in this book is the same power that can transform our lives.

Can a person start anytime?
Yes, but those who start on Sept. 13 will gain the most benefit.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved? Weekly lessons are done in between classes.

Is there a book to purchase or class fee?
The fee, including book, is \$15 and can be paid the first day of class.

Contact Stacey Jagt

# WOMEN'S CLASS

## Elijah

Tuesdays, Sept. 13 - Dec. 6, 6:30—8:30 PM Community Center A & B



Join us as we go through Priscilla Shirer's video Bible study on the life of Elijah. In this faith-building study, you'll discover how Elijah's obedience to God kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven's fire to fall. God is also working in

your life today to fashion a fiery, bold faith that will empower you to share the hope of Christ with your family, friends, co-workers, and community.

Can a person start anytime? Yes, but those who start on Sept. 13 will gain the most benefit.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved?
Uses a workbook with 5 relatively short lessons to be done every 2 weeks. Every other week, we will meet to watch a video together and discuss the lessons.

Is there a book to purchase or class fee?

The book is \$17 and available to purchase the first day of class.

Contact Shey Larson

## AFFINITY GROUPS

### **Chronic Illness Support Group**

Network for those with chronic illness or care for one who does Meets monthly Contact Lindy Kes

### **Game On for Women**

Game night for women & an opportunity to invite friends Meets Sept. 30 and Oct. 28 Contact Kaydene Almquist

## **Grief Support Group**

Network for those who have lost a loved one Meets 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of each month Contact Lyn Koch

## **K2F Adoption & Foster Ministries**

Connecting with other foster and adoptive parents
Contact Missy Rock

## Men's Bible Study & Discussion

This group works slowly through various books of the Bible Meets Tuesday evenings Contact Jeff Christina

### **Men's Breakfast**

All men are welcome to come, eat, pray and challenge each other to a more dynamic faith as we follow Christ together
Meets 3rd Saturday morning of each month
Contact Keith Kronbeck

