TRINITY CLASSES

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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 like-minded 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.

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

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.

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-YOUTH

BIC: Bible Instruction Course

Sundays, Jan. 7 - May 19, 9 - 10 AM Community Center E Middle school students, grades 6-8



BIC is designed to challenge middle school students (grades 6-8) to study God's Word and gain understanding of its precepts.

The students will be introduced to:

- Basic Bible doctrine
- A survey of the Scriptures
- Important aspects of Christian living
- A brief history of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Can a person start anytime? Yes.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved? There is minimal homework.

Is there a book to purchase or class fee? Books can be either borrowed or purchased.

Contact Jolyne Cross Matt Parry Joel Tornell

Gospel of John

Sundays, Jan. 7 - May 5, 9 - 10 AM Online only via Zoom



The Gospel of John is a wonderful and loving portrayal of the person and ministry of Jesus. In this study we will examine His life, challenges, and successes to better understand how we believers are to relate to fellow believers and the world around us.



Why study the Gospel of John?

The Apostle John is an eyewitness to the ministry and teachings of Christ Jesus, and he testifies to Jesus'

miracles. The Apostle John also describes Jesus' examples of love, mercy, and compassion, and explains Jesus' passion in obeying the Father and saving humankind. The Gospel of John gives us an example of how best to live our lives in service to humankind and in obedience to Christ Jesus.

Can a person start anytime? Yes.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved?

Students are encouraged to answer study sheet questions during the week. 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

Sermon Review & Application

Sundays, Jan. 14 - May 19, 9 - 10 AM Community Center C Grade 9 through adults



If you have ever longed to process the Sunday morning messages with a larger group of like-minded believers, this class is for you. Come every week or just occasionally to this larger group discussion of the previous week's sermon. Review, unpack, dig deeper,

think through more personal application of the current sermon series – for all this and more come any Sunday morning and join in the discussion.

Can a person start anytime? Yes.

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 Alfonso Hernandez Chris Yohnke

Christianity 101

Sundays, Jan. 14 - Mar. 17, 9 - 10 AM Community Center A & B Grade 9 through adults



This ten-week class focuses on the basics of Christianity and the Bible. Come with us as we discuss topics such as Who is Jesus?, Who is the Holy Spirit?, overview of the Bible, prophecy, and other topics. Trinity's Elders will lead the class and explore a

different topic each week.

Can a person start anytime? Yes. Each Sunday is a different topic so come any week.

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 Paul Sollie

The Story of God

Sundays, Apr. 7 - May 19, 10:45 AM Community Center A & B Grade 9 through adults



All of us have a story. Sharing our story and listening to someone else's story are a couple of the easiest and most powerful ways to connect with those around us. God also has a story, and understanding it helps us connect with Him as well.



This is a seven-week walk through God's story from creation to restoration. We will discover together who God is, what He cares about, and how we are all part of His story.

At the end of this class, everyone will walk away with a summary of the whole story, as well as the questions we discussed and the answers to the questions. You will be able to talk through the story of God with your family, or friends, or neighbors.

Can a person start anytime? Yes.

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 Tim Pace

WOMEN'S CLASS

Abide - 1, 2, and 3 John

Mondays, Jan. 8 - May 13, 9:30 - 11:30 AM Community Center E



How can we hold onto assurance of our faith? How can we discern the truth from a lie? How can we know God loves us? In three short letters, the apostle John reminds an early church facing division, deception, and doubt to hold fast to what they know and to live like

they believe it. In this Bible study on the letters of 1, 2, and 3 John, we will see how John's words reminds us in similar challenges to recall a great salvation and to abide in the truth.

Can a person start anytime?

Yes, but those who start on Jan. 8 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 cost of the book is \$25 and available to purchase the first day of class.

Contact Deb Binder

Register online

trinitychurchmn.com/resources/online-registration

WOMEN'S CLASS

When You Pray

Tuesdays, Jan. 9 - Apr. 9, 6:30 - 8 PM (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) Community Center A & B



Throughout God's Word, we encounter many voices whose prayers model the act of prayer for us. In this study we will consider six of them: Jesus' model prayer, and examples of petition, praise, lament, intercession, and unity.

With the help of different Bible study writers/teachers, we will study these six prayers in the Bible. Through each of their unique writing styles, Bible study methods, and teaching gifts, these women bring their God-given wisdom to the prayers of the Bible and will help through the Holy Spirit to inspire and transform your own prayer life.

Can a person start anytime?

Yes, but those who start on Jan. 9 will gain the most benefit.

What level of commitment/intensity is involved?

The study book has lessons to be completed twice a month. We will meet to watch a video together and discuss the lesson.

Is there a book to purchase or class fee?

The book is \$25 and available to purchase the first day of class.

Contact Shey Larson

WOMEN'S CLASS

Sermon on the Mount

Tuesdays, Jan. 16 - May 14, 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 we study Jen Wilkin's *Sermon on the Mount*. Matthew's gospel opens with Jesus' longest recorded message – a sermon given to His disciples early in His ministry to articulate what the life of a Christ-follower would look like.

In His sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship, Jesus utters some of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. Most of us have only encountered the Sermon on the Mount in fragments, considering its subdivisions as complete teachings in their own right. But what if we navigated these three chapters as they were originally heard: as one cohesive, well-ordered message, intended to challenge us to think differently about repentance, salvation, and sanctification? Seat yourself on a mountainside to learn at the feet of Jesus. Ask for ears to hear and a heart to respond to the teaching of our King.

Can a person start anytime?

Yes, but those who start on Jan. 16 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 \$20 and can be paid the first day of class.

Contact Stacey Jagt

AFFINITY GROUPS

Chronic Illness Support Group

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

Game On for Women

Game night for women & an opportunity to invite friends. Meets Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 22 and Apr. 26, 6:30 PM Contact Kaydene Almquist

K2F Adoption & Foster Ministries

Connecting with other foster and adoptive parents. Contact Missy Rock

Men's Bible Study & Discussion

This group works thoroughly through various books of the Bible. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30 PM 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 of the month, 8 AM (January - May) Contact Keith Kronbeck



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