



Connect Groups

List of Groups for January to May, 2018

We strongly encourage you to consider attending one of these groups. They are a vital 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 Faith 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 georgiafaith.com/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 Dawn Hill at dawn@georgiafaith.com

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



Men's Group

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)	
Description:	A weekly opportunity will be provided for men to sit down together to share and explore their feelings in a supportive and non-judgmental environment.	
Facilitator:	Ronald Curtis	6786389540 ronald.curtis@ymail.com
Intended for:	Men over the age of 18	
The pitch:	Men, we fail to replace friendships as we age. We become more competitive with others as we work to support our families or achieve goals. We are prone to isolate and only interact with close family members and loved ones. We eventually find it difficult to develop new meaningful relationships. This is often due to us being out of practice and the fear of being vulnerable. Our group will sit down for an hour each week over coffee and doughnuts to engage in a supportive and non-judgmental environment.	
Costs:	Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. No cost to attendees.	
Meeting:	February 24 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith March 3 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith March 10 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith March 17 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith March 24 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith April 7 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith April 14 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith April 21 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith April 28 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith May 5 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith May 12 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith May 19 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Faith	

Choir

- Type: Service group (service of church or community)
- Description: The role of choir is to lead in worship through singing worship songs and guiding the congregation in prayer and praise through song.
- Facilitator: Cayla Wamsley 706-284-6163
thewamsleys11@gmail.com
- Intended for: Any adult who wants to sing
- The pitch: This is the perfect time to join the choir at Faith Lutheran. No audition is necessary and you do not need to bring anything except your singing voice! We will begin singing music for Worship throughout the winter, lent, and Easter seasons.
- Costs: None
- Meeting: Wednesday, January 10 - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
in the church balcony
Every Wednesday evening - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
in the church balcony

Southern Faith Riders

- Type: Social group (recreational fellowship)
- Description: Ride Motorcycles and share the Word
- Facilitator: “GIBBY” SCOT GIBSON 770-331-9314
GIBBY@NUMAIL.ORG
- Intended for: Anyone –Motorcycle not required, car followers
- The pitch: Join in the love of riding and the joy of sharing the Word with all we meet during touring of the region.

This is your chance to get out and enjoy nature, the scenery, and all our Lord has created. Revive your senses the sight, smell, and sounds of our beautiful earth and share the Word with those who our paths cross.
- Costs: Snack or beverage costs when we stop.
- Meeting: Sunday, January 21, following 10:30 am service

Every Sunday following 10:30 am service

The Community Chest

- Type: Social group (recreational fellowship)
- Description: Once a month, Matthew Curtis and I will host "The Community Chest," an afternoon/evening of board games and fellowship here at Faith Lutheran Church. We want to provide a fellowship opportunity for brothers and sisters at Faith as well as an opportunity for friends and neighbors to find out more about our ministry. Whether you identify as a regular or recreational gamer, there is a place for you here!
- Facilitator: Samuel Jeske 262-238-3281
vicar.jeske@georgiafaith.com
- Intended for: Anyone and everyone! Even grade schoolers!
- The pitch: It's no surprise we live in an age driven by the entertainment industry. But what if I told you that we're living in the age of the Board Game Renaissance? Yes - believe it or not - board games are making a powerful, creative comeback! And we'd love for you to be part of it! Once a month, come on down to Faith Lutheran Church for an afternoon of games: Monopoly, Scrabble, Pictionary, Settlers of Catan, 7 Wonders, Carcassone, Werewolf, and Apples to Apples just to name a few! We'll bring the snacks and drinks. You bring your game face!
- Costs: People may - if they wish - bring their favorite game or snack to share, but Matthew Curtis and I will regularly supply a spread of games and snacks.
- Meeting: Once each month - TBD

Pack-A-Bag of food

- Type: Service group (service of church or community)
- Description: Help pack a bag of food for the Backpack Buddies ministry in Coweta County. About 450 bags are packed that go home each weekend with those children who otherwise may go hungry because they have very little to eat. Backpack Buddies serves all the elementary schools and is starting to serve the middle schools.
- Facilitator: Joanne Mellgren 612-708-8340
jpmellgren@gmail.com
- Intended for: Anyone from about 9 yrs old (tall enough to reach the food bins) to adults
- The pitch: We have homeless children, children who have no permanent home in our community who are at risk for hunger. We can be the hands of Jesus to help meet this basic need.
- Costs: no
- Meeting: Wednesday January 24 @ 7:00pm 2015 Sharpsburg McCollum Rd (Hwy 154), Newnan
Wednesday February 7 @ 7:00pm 2015 Sharpsburg McCollum Rd (Hwy 154), Newnan
Wednesday April 11 @ 7:00pm 2015 Sharpsburg McCollum Rd (Hwy 154), Newnan

Faith Lutheran Men's Softball

- Type: Social group (recreational fellowship)
- Description: We will field a team to compete in the Coweta County Rec Men's Church Softball league.
- Facilitator: Scott Buth 678-296-2848
scottbuth@gmail.com
- Intended for: Men - 15 years old and older
- The pitch: Believe it or not, Spring is in the air and it is time to get our church softball team going. I am looking for those interested in playing softball. I'm not looking for all-stars, just those looking for fun and fellowship with others from church. We will have a few practices before the season. The season starts March 5th and will run for about 10 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact me.
- Costs: Registration fee run about \$45 to \$50, depending on the number on the team.
- Meeting: Practices dates and time are TBD
Schedule comes out March 1, 2018

Faith Lutheran Cutting Crew

Type:	Service group (service of church or community)	
Description:	Mowing the church grounds	
Facilitator:	Scott Buth	678-296-2848 scottbuth@gmail.com
Intended for:	Anyone interested in mowing	
The pitch:	<p>Outreach is an important part of our Ministry. Our goal is to reach out to those in our community who don't know Jesus. I believe we can play a role in that ministry when we mow the grass. When the grounds are neat and tidy, we provide an appearance that may be inviting to someone looking for a church home. You never know what will prompt someone to visit for the first time.</p> <p>The schedule will be based on how many volunteer. In the past, we have had enough volunteer, where you were scheduled only twice that year.</p>	
Costs:	No	
Meeting:	Schedule TBD	

RVL Connect Group

- Type: Study group (Bible Study and discussion)
- Description: 30-minute DVD Lesson and discussion
- Facilitator: Mike and Andrea Deschamps 678-850-1786
mna8611@gmail.com
- Intended for: Anyone
- The pitch: The good news of Jesus Christ clashes with the false gospels proclaimed by the governments, organizations and ideologies of this world. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:45, beginning this April, as we follow Paul on his second missionary journey in, A Clash of Kingdoms, using the resources of teacher/historian Ray Vander Laan.
- Costs: None
- Meeting: April 8 6:45-8:00PM – Deschamps Home, 55 Rockland Ct., Sharpsburg, GA
Same location for each session.
- April 15, 6:45-8:00PM
- April 22, 6:45-8:00PM
- April 29 – No Group
- May 6, 6:45-8:00PM
- May 13, 6:45-8:00PM
- Summer get together - TBA

Empty Nesters Lunch Bunch

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)	
Description:	Eat lunch and have fellowship	
Facilitator:	Peggy Covey	770-251-3884 peggy.covey@gmail.com
Intended for:	Empty Nesters	
The pitch:	Come eat lunch by the lake and relax and just enjoy the day. We meet about once a month. Bring a side dish to share. All are welcome.	
Costs:	The cost is the amount of making a dish to share.	
Meeting:	January or February, you will be contacted	

A Capella Singers

- Type: Service group (service of church or community)
- Description: Learning songs to sing acappella during worship services.
- Facilitator: Gary Hill 678-977-2947
gps.hill@gmail.com
- Intended for: Anyone who enjoys singing
- The pitch: Do you have a desire to sing God's word? Do you want to sing with a small group? Then this is the group for you! Harmony or Melody, we will explore all songs that edify our worship.
- Costs: None, all materials will be provided
- Meeting: January 17 - 8:00 - 8:30(after choir) at church
January 24 - 8:00 - 8:30 (after choir) at church
January 31 - 8:00 - 8:30 (after choir) at church
Every Wednesday through the Easter season after choir at church

Teen Group

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship) Service group (service of church or community) Study group (Bible Study and discussion)
Description:	Teen Group will gather to grow in God's Word, to put our hands together in meaningful service at church and around the community, and to have some fun!
Facilitators:	Carrie Hulsey 678-557-8623 carrie.hulsey@gmail.com Mike & Melissa Moro 770-683-8813 mjmor@numail.org Vicar Jeske 262-238-3281 vicar.jeske@georgiafaith.com
Intended for:	Teens (9th-12th Graders)
The pitch:	All teens are invited to participate in our teen connect group. The purpose is to grow in grace, service, and outreach while having fun with our fellow teens. The teen group plans regular activities throughout the year for fun and fellowship. We're putting together a schedule where we get together once a month for social, service, or study focused gatherings. Please see below, and we hope to see you there... don't forget, we're inviting ALL TEENS!
Costs:	Varies by event. \$0-\$20
Meeting:	TBD

Faith and Fire

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)
Description:	Devotion and social time by the fire
Facilitator:	The Muellers and the Christophers 678-378-9939 jajuch@charter.net
Intended for:	Anyone
The pitch:	We will have a brief devotion and enjoy time by a campfire and enjoy hot dogs and Smores.
Costs:	Hot dogs and Smores stuff.
Meeting:	To be determined
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Connecting with Elders

Type:	Service group (service of church or community)	
Description:	This group is to show honor to and learn from our elder, predominately shut-in, members; through cards, visits, food, etc.	
Facilitator:	Antoinette Massmann	770-460-6750 maceek@aol.com
Intended for:	Everyone	
The pitch:	<p>The Bible tells us to honor our elders: “You shall rise up before the gray headed and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:32</p> <p>For in the Lord, they are wise: “With the ancient is wisdom, and in the length of days understanding”. Job 12:12</p> <p>The Lord wants us to love one another: “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need”. Romans 12:13</p> <p>The goals and format will be discussed as a group.</p>	
Costs:	Possible cost of materials	
Meeting:	TBD by the group	

MINGLE (Young Adults Fellowship)

- Type: Social group (recreational fellowship)
- Description: Food and Fellowship with other young adult members.
- Facilitator: Lara Carswell 678-464-0999
lara.carswell@gmail.com
- Intended for: Young Adults - Singles, Married Couples, and Families.
Anyone who has graduated high school up through their 20's, 30's or so...
- The pitch: Our group is a great way to develop relationships with other young adults in our congregation. And we're a lot of fun!
- Costs: Event Costs
- Meeting: Saturday, February 3, 2018 - Potluck @ the Carswells (166 Olmstead Trace, Newnan GA 30263)
- TBD - I will send out the rest of the dates soon (usually one event per month) - we have a Facebook page that is great for keeping up with events!
- TBD