



Connect Groups

List of Groups for
September to
December, 2018

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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.
- Social Groups: These focus on recreational fellowship.
- Service Groups: These focus on serving the church or community in some way.

It is also important for you to act quickly if you see a Growth Group that you like. We will cap our Growth Groups at 12-14 people. (Help Groups and Play Groups may be larger.) Good discussion is difficult if Growth Groups get too large.

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

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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:	Join us on our journey with Paul as the gospel clashes with the self-centered world of Hellenism. Using the resources of teacher/historian Ray Vander Laan or “RVL” for short, we’ll examine the Bible within the context of Paul’s day, and see how God’s word is as relevant and powerful in our day.
Costs:	None
Meeting:	Sept. 9, 5:30-8:00PM – Deschamps Home, 55 Rockland Ct., Sharpsburg, GA (Same location for each session.) Sept. 16, 6:45-8:00PM Sept. 23, 6:45-8:00PM Sept. 30, 6:45-8:00PM Oct. 7 – No Group Oct. 14, 6:45-8:00PM Oct. 21, 6:45-8:00PM Christmas Party TBA

Bible Study for the Boys

Type:	Study group (Bible Study and discussion)
Description:	Bible studies led by peers where everyone can get involved, and other activities and events for fun and community service throughout the year. The Bible studies will focus on what we, as young men, can learn from what God teaches us.
Facilitator:	Noah Kvidt 404-583-8816 noahkvidt@yahoo.com
Intended for:	Teen Guys (ages 13-18)
The pitch:	This is a chance for young men to delve into God's Word and learn about what He teaches us with fellow guys while having a good time.
Costs:	There may be costs for activities we do outside the Bible studies, but the studies themselves will be free.
Meeting:	August 28 - 5:30 pm to 7pm - Adams' house at 127 Silverbell Lane, Sharpsburg Future meetings will take place every other Tuesday Locations will vary but will be discussed at prior meetings

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, October 31, 2018 7pm – 8 or 8:30pm *we may add some dates depending on their need.
- NEW LOCATION:** 96 Werz Industrial Boulevard, Newman GA (just off Millard Farmer Industrial Blvd across from Truett's Chick-fil-A)

Love in Action

Type:	Service group (service of church or community)
Description:	Developing and implementing a more structured process for church members to support one another in a variety of life circumstances.
Facilitator:	Dawn Hill 678-977-2946 hill.dawnm@gmail.com
Intended for:	Anyone
The pitch:	<p><i>⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.</i> Roman 12:9-13</p> <p>As we grow, we need to develop a more formal process to support one another in times of need, like having a baby, hospitalization or extended illness, or other life events. Through meals, prayers, cards, visits, etc, we would like to have a means to match needs with available volunteers to meet them as we walk through this journey together. The goal of this group is not to perform all the service ourselves but to facilitate a process where everyone who wants to can have the opportunity to serve one another.</p>
Costs:	None, refreshments will be provided
Meeting:	Initial meeting will be Sunday, September 9 at 11:40am. The group will then determine the next date and time to meet. Once or twice a month.

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 fall and advent seasons.
- Costs: None
- Meeting: Wednesday, September 5 - 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

Junior Choir and Sunday School Choir

Type:	Service group (service of church or community)	
Description:	Singing Praise to our Lord!	
Facilitator:	Antoinette Massmann	678-939-6959 maceek@aol.com
Intended for:	Students of all grade levels	
The pitch:	You don't have to be a singer, just have a love for the Lord!!	
Costs:	no	
Meeting:	September 16- Sunday School Choir 9:40am Junior Choir 11:40am Every Sunday In the Sanctuary	

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:	Wednesday, September 5, 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm after choir at church Every Wednesday through the Advent season after choir at church.	

Honey - A Sweet Introduction

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)	
Description:	Become an informed honey consumer	
Facilitator:	Steven Page	770-683-2465 stevepage@numail.org
Intended for:	Everyone	
The pitch:	What is honey, buying honey, types of honey, uses of honey, and a honey tasting.	
Costs:	free	
Meeting:	October 14, 1 pm - 3 pm Faith Lutheran Church	
	November 4, 1 pm - 3 pm Faith Lutheran Church	
	TBD	

Men's Group

- Type: Social group (recreational fellowship)
- Description: A weekly opportunity will be provided for men to sit down with six to eight other men for a short devotional and then share and explore their feelings in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. Each cycle will be for 13 weeks.
- Facilitator: Ronald Curtis 678-638-9540
ronald.curtis@ymail.com
- Intended for: Men over the age of 18
- The pitch: As 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 ourselves 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 being out of practice and the fear of being vulnerable. Groups will sit down for 60-90 minutes each week to engage in a supportive and non-judgmental environment.
- Costs: Refreshments, when provided, are at no cost to attendees.
- Meeting: Each Monday at 7pm at Faith

MINGLE (Young Adult Fellowship)

- Type: Social group (recreational fellowship)
- Description: Fellowship with other young adult members.
- Facilitator: Lara Carswell 678-464-0999
lara.carswell@gmail.com
- Intended for: Young Adults – Singles and Married Couples (with and without kids). Anyone who has graduated high school up through “not old yet”(20's – 40's)
- The pitch: Our group is a great way to develop relationships with other young adults in our congregation. And we are a lot of fun! You don't have to attend all events.
- Costs: Event Costs
- Meetings: Saturday, August 18th at 4:30 PM - Potluck @ the Carswells (166 Olmstead Trace, Newnan, GA)
- Saturday, September 8th at 6:30 PM – S'mores & Kickball at the church fire pit (Faith Luteran)
- Sunday, October 14th at 4:00 PM – Wargo's Pumpkin Patch (2041 Loan Oak Rd., Grantville, GA)
- Friday, October 19th at 5:00 PM – Oktoberfest in Downtown Newnan (Tickets: Mainstreet Newnan)
- Novemeber – TBD
- Saturday December 1st at 10:00 AM – Christmas Brunch Potluck @ the Sorensens

Join our Facbook Group for more event details:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/faithmingle/>

Ravenous Readers

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)	
Description:	Reading and discussing literature	
Facilitator:	Victoria Page and Holly Buth	470-435-0115 Hollybuth@gmail.com
Intended for:	Any adult	
The pitch:	If you love to read and discuss books, enjoy different points of view and like exploring different genres, this book club is for you!	
Costs:	Books, if you choose to purchase	
Meeting:	September 27: optional 6:30 social time; 7-8pm book discussion. Holly Buth's home 50 Foxcroft Court, Newnan	
	October 25: optional 6:30 social time 7-8pm book discussion at Victoria Page's home 180 Barrington Grange Drive, Sharpsburg	
	November 29: optional 6:30 social time 7-8 pm book discussion Holly's house	

SHIELD 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
Sherry Kangas 404-680-2175
sherry.kangas@gmail.com
Ashley Kangas ashleykangas1234@gmail.com
Vicar Reinemann 651-472-3067
vicar.reinemann@georgiafaith.com
- Intended for: Teens 13-18 years old
- The pitch: Every Sunday afternoon, teens will have the opportunity to build relationships with other Christian teens, to hang out, have fun, but most importantly to grow in faith in our Savior and build our identity on Him and Him alone. Join us! Go to georgiafaith.com/shield for more detailed information.
- Costs: Fellowship Activity may have a nominal fee.
- Meeting: 1st Sunday of the Month – Bible Study @ The Townhouse, 5-7pm
 - 2nd Sunday of the Month – Dinner & Devotion @ TBD, 5-7pm
 - 3rd Sunday of the Month – Bible Study @ The Townhouse, 5-7pm
 - 4th Sunday of the Month – Fellowship Activity @ TBD

Southern Faith Riders

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)
Description:	Ride Motorcycles and share the Word
Facilitator:	“GIBBY” SCOT GIBSON 770-331-9314 747GIBBY@GMAIL.COM
Intended for:	Anyone –Motorcycle not required, CAR followers WELCOME
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, AUGUST 5, following 10:30 am service.
Rides:	Weather permitting leave Faith every Sunday at 1400 local or 2:00pm.

The Community Chest

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)
Description:	Once a month, "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:	Matthew Curtis matthewcurtis2021@yahoo.com Joshua Buth jbuth95@gmail.com Tori Buth christone7@gmail.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 a spread of games and snacks will be provided.
Meeting:	Once each month - TBD

The Faithful Stitchers

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)	
Description:	We will work on our stitching projects (quilting, sewing, cross stitch, crocheting, needlepoint, or anything else) and enjoy social time.	
Facilitator:	Mary Beth Eckhardt	678-458-9566 g.e.eckhardt@gmail.com
Intended for:	Anyone	
The pitch:	Bring whatever stitching project you're working on and enjoy visiting while you stitch. We'll share our projects and ideas, learn from each other, and get to know our fellow stitchers.	
Costs:	Only the cost of your stitching supplies. No additional cost	
Meeting:	Thursday, September 6 -- 1:30-3:00 pm in Classroom 4 at Faith	
	Thursday, October 4 -- 1:30-3:00 pm in Classroom 4 at Faith	
	Thursday, November 8 -- 1:30-3:00 pm in Classroom 4 at Faith	

The Sit and Knit Group

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)		
Description:	Knitting		
Facilitator:	Cindy Adams	770-601-7768	Cinderadams@yahoo.com
Intended for:	Anyone		
The pitch:	Knitting is a dying craft, please help me keep it alive.		
Costs:	Cost of needles and yarn		
Meeting:	Saturday, September 8, 10:00 am-11:00 am 127 Silverbell Lane Sharpsburg		
	Every other Saturday 10:00 am-11:00 am 127 Silverbell Lane Sharpsburg		

Vicar Family Album - Volume 1

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)
Description:	Planning and creating a remembrance album for all of the wonderful men & women that we have grown to know and love over the years of our Vicar training program. We be contacting and gathering family pictures and/or mementoes to add to our ever growing family album. Designing and carrying out the construction of the book itself. And we will have a group to follow up every year with our new Vicar as they become an addition to our family.
Facilitator:	Peggy Clow 770-329-0558 pkclow@hotmail.com
Intended for:	Anyone interested photo albums, scrapbooking, book building or just reuniting friends and family!
The pitch:	Did you ever try to remember that very first Vicar and wonder where he is and what he is up to? Well I do all the time and my memory is short and old! So here's what we are going to do.... we are going to reach back into our memories and contact all those Vicars.... now Pastors.....and families and build a remembrance Family Album just for them. I'm sure it will take some timebut oh what fun to catch up with families, hear old stories, see old faces and new children! Come join us bring back those memories!
Costs:	Donations only for materials to build the book we decide to create.
Meeting:	Sunday, September 9 after church in classroom. We will have a get started meeting and develop a calendar to go forward. Sunday October 14 Sunday November 4

Women's Mentorship Group

Type:	Social group (recreational fellowship)
Description:	Women in our congregation will provide mentorship opportunities and be a leadership resource to our high school and college age women members by meeting periodically and talking about real world problems from a Christian world view.
Facilitator:	Christell Bakken 559-312-6243 ckbgarden@gmail.com
Intended for:	High School & College age women
The pitch:	<p>How can I minister more effectively to my friends, family, members of my church? How do I figure out how to use the gifts God gave me? What are those gifts? How will I manage high school and college? Time management, peer pressure? What do I want to be when I grow up?</p> <p>This will be a place to talk with and develop relationships with other women to get answers from those who have asked the same questions.</p>
Costs:	Activity costs for occasional events and if we go out to eat for a meeting.
Meeting:	Sunday, August 26th 4pm. Location TBD Sunday, September 16th at 4pm. Location TBD Sunday, October 14th at 4pm location TBD November Mtg-Coordinate over Thanksgiving Break while home from College December Mtg-Coordinate over Christmas Break