

ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES 2018-2019

WELCOME TO EASTER LUTHERAN'S ADULT MINISTRIES

"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

Connection is vital to our lives as human beings. Connecting to the Body of Christ is vital to our lives as people of faith. We want you to connect and grow with us here at Easter. There are so many ways to engage within our church it might seem overwhelming. Certainly, there is something for everyone! Adult Ministries is a big umbrella that includes groups like ManUp, Life Groups, Encore!, Older Wiser Lutherans (OWs), Young Adults, and various Bible Studies.

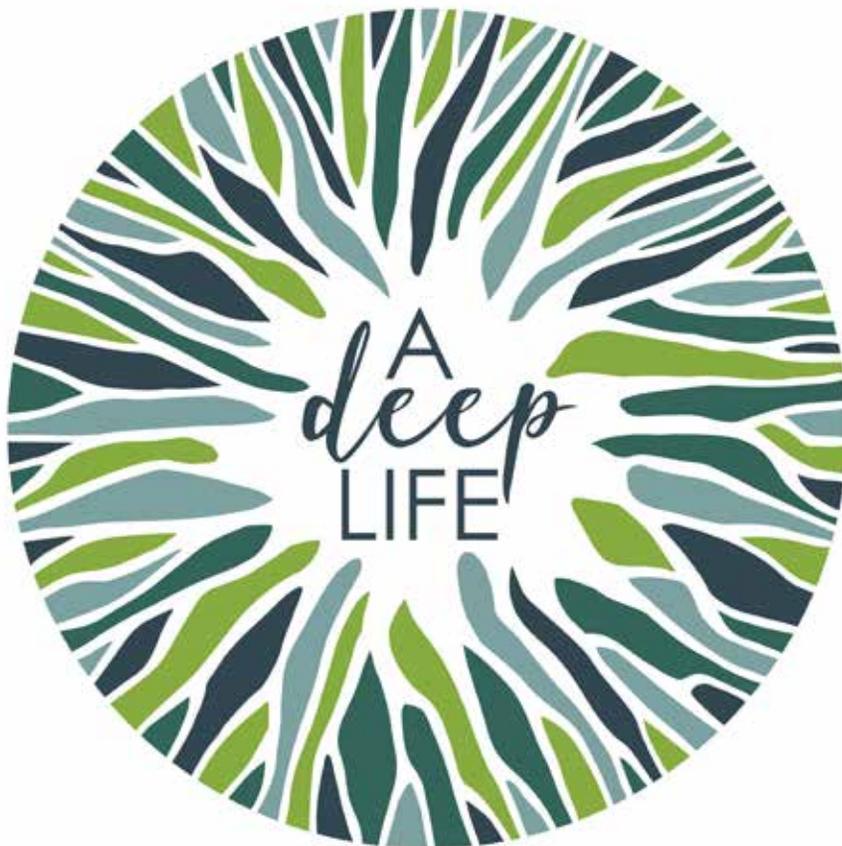
These are open opportunities in which anyone can participate throughout the year. Come once, twice or every time and you will be welcome! (HINT: the more you attend, the greater your experiences and connections will grow).

We invite and encourage you to participate in Life Groups. By their very nature, Life Groups are a more intimate and small gathering of people who meet on a regular basis and therefore consist of the same people every time. We launch new groups each fall and as requested throughout the year. Please let us know of your interest!

"Though many, we form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" the Apostle Paul tells us in the book of Romans. So don't do life alone!

We sincerely hope that Easter Adult Ministries can connect you with the larger body of Christ so you can grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace." Colossians 3:15





Pastor Brandon Newton

Amy Vigesaa
Life Group Coordinator

Dave Montgomery
Adult Ministry Coordinator

JOIN IN!

Ways to Engage in Adult Ministries

Easter has various ways you can find out what is going on:

- Easter’s website at easter.org - Adult Ministry items are under Connect
- Facebook (search for Easter Lutheran Church)
- Weekly Announcements (available at worship or easter.org under Events & News or on the Live Streaming page)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Easter Lutheran’s App (download from your favorite App store)

Adult Ministries

When: Many options covering week days, evenings, and weekends at locations around the community and at each Easter campus.

Contacts: Dave Montgomery, Coordinator, dmontgomery@easter.org
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 Amy Vigesaa, Life Group Coordinator, amy@easter.org
 Amy Young, Young Adults, amy@youngmn.com

Website: easter.org (Connect)

Easter *Adult Ministries* is for all adults seeking connections for growing their faith through spiritual, community, social and personal experiences. We wish to provide inspiration to women and men by providing opportunities for worship, discipleship, service and fellowship. We minister to all adults with a passion for sharing the love of Jesus and of serving others. We grow best with the support and encouragement of each other.

Easter *Adult Ministries* provides activities, events, small groups, classes, Bible studies and volunteer opportunities that can support your life journey from young adult, mid-life and senior years. Whether you are looking for an adult Life Group, women’s, men’s, or senior adult group, Easter Lutheran has many options to help you navigate life with God at the center. If you have a desire to find out more, please contact the Adult Ministries team about the many options available “to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ.”

Opportunities to Connect and Grow through Adult Ministry!

- Weekend Worship
- The Well – Wednesday Education
- Life Groups
- Young Adults
- Encore!/Senior Ministries
- Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLs)
- Wednesday Women’s Bible Study
- ManUp

Other Opportunities

- Community Outreach – Programs & Offerings
- Mission Trips
- Retreats





When: Because every life group is different, each group meets at different times and different places. We launch new groups each fall and as requested throughout the year.

Contacts: Amy Vigesaa, Easter Life Group Coordinator
amy@easter.org 651-600-8228

Website: easter.org (Connect / Life Groups)

Easter is a large church and *Life Groups* make it a little bit smaller! *Life Groups* is a small group ministry open to anyone seeking friendship and deeper connections. Being in a *Life Group* is an excellent way to foster authentic and purposeful relationships within Easter's community. What does a *Life Group* look like?



- Consists of 4-12 people
- Gather on a regular basis (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly)
- Engaged in fellowship, service, reading Scripture, and prayer
- Usually formed around a similar life stage or interest
- Many share a meal together

Every *Life Group* looks a little different, depending on what works for the participants. Couples, young parents, families, empty-nesters, women and men — all actively growing deeper together and closer to God. Currently, we have 25 Life Groups meeting in homes and at Easter. Join us!



When: Dates, days, and locations vary, and we alternate between service projects and devotions. We gather once a month.

Contact: Amy Young, amy@youngmn.com

Website: easter.org (Connect / Young Adult)

We're a ministry group of *Young Adults* in their 20's and 30's. Our group is made up of single young adults, as well as dating and married couples. A goal of the group is to build lasting friendships and to grow in faith together while having fun!



We gather for fellowship, service opportunities, community activities, faith conversations and devotions. Some examples of past events include bowling, an annual ugly sweater Christmas party, serving at the community meal, attending a Lenten worship service followed by happy hour, volleyball and devotions around a bonfire.



We are always looking for new members to join and would love to get to know you and answer any questions you might have about the *Young Adults* group!

Encore! / Senior Ministries

When: Various events, around the community and at each Easter campus

Contact: Richard Tester, rltester@aol.com or 651-452-7342

Website: easter.org (Connect / Encore!)

Encore! is a vibrant adult ministry here at Easter. Encore is organized around three teams: Learn, Gather and Serve. Each team is tasked with providing events and activities that fall into those categories.

Encore!
Adult Ministry



- **The Learn Team** offers educational events like retreats, book studies and excursions.
- **The Gather Team** is the social side of *Encore!* and brings members together for film/game nights, field trips, progressive dinners, golfing and an annual Christmas Party.
- **The Serve Team** organizes opportunities to serve others at Feed My Starving Children, monthly Red Cross Blood Drive, the cleanup of our Adopt-A-Street in Eagan and other options throughout the year.

Encore! also coordinates with the *Life Group* for Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLs). This group meets once a month (typically the 2nd Thursday) for events or outings that accommodate our more seasoned seniors.

In addition *Encore!* supports SALT (Seniors Learning Together), a coalition of Dakota County churches that offers presentations each Fall and Spring. They provoke thought and curiosity about the world in which we live.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study

When: Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., September - May
Easter by the Lake, 4545 Pilot Knob Road (Pilot Knob & Cliff)

Contact: Marci Campen, biblestudy@easter.org

Website: easter.org (Connect / Bible Studies & Adult Education)



- Learn more about what you heard/ experienced at worship last Sunday
- All women are welcome (young, old, single, married, Bible expert, never read the Bible, whatever your circumstance!)
- Come every Wednesday, a couple Wednesday's a month, or whatever works with your schedule
- Each week Pastor Angela will lead us as we dive deeper into the previous Sunday's worship series
- Childcare can be arranged, for a small fee, but we will need advance notice one week ahead of time to make sure we have the nursery staffed

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, year round

6:45-7:30 a.m.

Easter on the Hill

Bibles and coffee provided

Meets every week

**Stop by before you
head to work!**

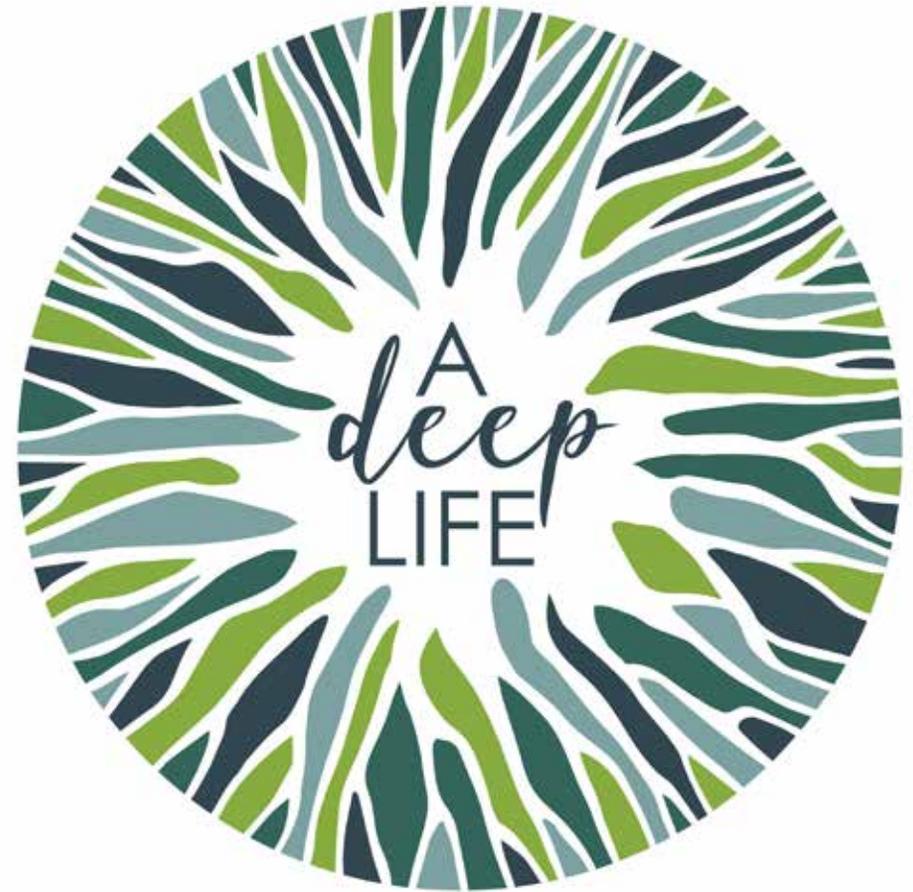


The Journey

- Interact online with the eight modules of **The Journey**. Each module has a specific topic with a series of associated video lessons. Some lessons are designed to be completed individually, in your own time and space, and some are completed with your traveling companion and/or cohort.
- Meet at least once per month with traveling companion for prayer and discussion of the curriculum.
- Meet at least once per month with a cohort for prayer and discussion of the curriculum.
- If you would like to interact with Pastor Steve in a large group, and meet new people, then you are invited to gather at 7 p.m. at Easter by the Lake on the third Tuesday of each month.



*Learn more at easter.org
on the *Deep Life* page*



*Slow down.
Take a breath.
Go deeper instead of faster.*

*Go to easter.org (Events & News)
for A Deep Life Resources link*

MEN'S MINISTRY AT EASTER MANUP

When: Breakfast, 2nd Saturday, October - May
Tap House Testimonies, 3rd Monday of each month year round

Contact: Tom Yelle, manup@easter.org or 612-860-6451

Website: easter.org (Connect / ManUp)

The goal of *ManUp* is to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ. We do that through sharing our stories, fellowship, Bible study and service projects. We seek to develop deeper relationships between men of faith. Men of all ages are welcome.

Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday, Oct.-May
8-9:30 a.m., Easter on the Hill
We gather for a breakfast and a Bible study or faith story.

Tap House Testimonies

3rd Monday, 6-7:30 p.m.
PR's Sports Bar
14889 Florence Trail
Apple Valley
Fellowship and sharing faith stories while eating dinner and enjoying a beverage if you like.



Weekend Worship Options



Easter on the Hill

4200 Pilot Knob Rd

Saturday - 5 p.m. (band-led)

Sunday - 8:30 & 10 a.m. (organ-led)



Easter by the Lake

4545 Pilot Knob Rd

Sunday - 9:30 & 11 a.m. (band-led)



6:30-8 p.m., Easter by the Lake
A Bible-learning time for all ages
Everyone welcome - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY