



**Silverdale Lutheran Church**  
**Small Groups Catalog**  
**Spring 2019**



## SILVERDALE LUTHERAN COME : SEE : CONNECT

Welcome to the spring 2019 edition of the SLC Small Groups Catalog. Here you will find all the opportunities to **come**, **see** and **connect** in a small group at SLC. The groups are categorized in five ways: life's ages and stages; Bible Studies; Special Interests, Music and Conversations About Faith. To sign up for a group, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/SeaJdvegrgJkngH93>

### LIFE's AGES and STAGES

#### Young Adults (**NEW Group**)

SLC's small group of young adults (mid 20s to early 30s) will meet for eight weeks to explore the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John:

I am the bread of life	I am the light of the world
I am the sheep gate	I am the good shepherd
I am the resurrection and the life;	I am the way, the truth and the life
I am the true vine.	

We will work to know each other and search God's Word and seek Him as the source of our satisfaction. The seven 'I AM' statements will play a central role as we explore His promises through prayer, discussion and study. We will focus on how we as young adults can navigate life with Christ at the center.

**Enrollment:** 15 openings

**When:** Meeting time is flexible and will be determined via Doodle Poll once group is formed

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Laura Mattson at (269) 993 6775 or  
[laura.b.mattson@gmail.com](mailto:laura.b.mattson@gmail.com)

**Cost:** none

### **The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully (NEW Group)**

This study is offered to older women who would like to talk about accepting and celebrating aging with the book *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*, by Joan Chittister. This illuminating work looks at the facets of aging, from purposes and challenges to struggles and surprises.

**Enrollment:** 10 openings

**When:** Weekly on Fridays at 1 p.m. from March 1 through April 19

**Where:** Crista Shores

**Contact:** Roberta Leonardy (360) 509 8640 or  
[leonardy3135@comcast.net](mailto:leonardy3135@comcast.net)

**Cost:** Approximately \$10 for *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*

### **Fellowship and Faith for Older Men (NEW Group)**

This time of fellowship is offered to older men looking to connect with each other and with God and faith. Group members will enjoy a short Bible study and also have time for fellowship, sharing of memories and perhaps some games.

**Enrollment:** 12 openings

**When:** Weekly on Thursdays at 1 p.m. from Feb. 28 to April 18

**Where:** Classroom 22 in The Gathering Place

**Contact:** Doug Hazen at (360) 692 0208 or  
[doughazen1234@gmail.com](mailto:doughazen1234@gmail.com)

**Cost:** None

## **Moms Circle**

Moms Circle is a group of women who meet weekly to give each other support for the amazing and often very difficult job of being a mom. We pray for our families and discuss a variety of topics around faith and parenting. One of our recent studies included Brene Brown's book, *The Gift of Imperfect Parenting*. This is a great group to pair with Holy Yoga, which starts in the Gathering Place at 9:30 a.m. and then Hearty Meals free lunch

at noon. Free childcare is offered during Moms Circle.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly on Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. throughout the year

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Pastor Paula Burchill at (360) 692-9263 or  
[pastorpaula@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:pastorpaula@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

## **Mens Prayer Breakfast**

This group for men meets each Friday morning at All Star Lanes in Silverdale for fellowship and breakfast. The men also spend considerable time in prayer and thoughts for a variety of people. This is probably one of the longest running small groups at SLC. It has grown and shrunk over the years and currently has more than a dozen men attending. They range in age from millennial and senior citizen and ages in between.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly on Friday mornings at 6 a.m. throughout the year

**Where:** All Star Lanes, 10710 Silverdale Way NW

**Contact:** Jerry Erickson, (360) 813-4423 or  
[norvegr@wavecable.com](mailto:norvegr@wavecable.com)

**Cost:** Breakfast

## Young Families Bible/Faith Study

Amid the busy schedules of young families, this group has been meeting for several years for fellowship and study. Kids (who currently range in age from 1 to 16) are welcome and they always have fun playing together, watching a movies and eating snacks while parents gather for Bible study or to talk about a book focused on faith. Currently this group is reading a book, *Mere Science and Christian Faith*, by Greg Cootsona.

**Enrollment:** 5 openings

**When:** Weekly on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. throughout the year

**Where:** Rotates between members' homes

**Contact:** Kurt & Cheryl Thompson at (360) 633 5835 or  
[kurtandcheryl@hotmail.com](mailto:kurtandcheryl@hotmail.com)

**Cost:** Not available

## Older Family Bible/Faith Study

This group has been meeting for several years and most have older or grown children. They have done a variety of Bible studies and also books about faith, including *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Philip Yancey. They are currently reading *The Book of God*. They meet weekly in members' homes.

**Enrollment:** 4 openings

**Where:** Rotates between members' homes

**When:** Weekly on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. throughout the year

**Contact:** Julie and Dennis Enebo at (360) 698-5524 or  
[jdenebo@gmail.com](mailto:jdenebo@gmail.com)

**Cost:** Not available

### **Central Kitsap Bible/Faith Study**

This group meets in Central Kitsap to discuss a variety of topics around faith and the Bible. Members come from Silverdale, East Bremerton and Seabeck and most are retired.

**Enrollment:** No current openings

**When:** Second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month throughout the year

**Where:** Members homes and restaurants

**Contact:** Gerry & Gloria Crawford at (360) 697 1753 or [g1crawford@embarqmail.com](mailto:g1crawford@embarqmail.com)

**Cost:** Not available

### **Seabeck Bible/Faith Study**

This group meets weekly to discuss a variety of topics around faith and the Bible. Many of the members live in the Seabeck area and are retired, though not all.

**Enrollment:** No current openings

**When:** Weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. throughout the year

**Where:** Members' homes

**Contact:** Mike and Kathy Havers at (360) 830 5370 or \ [haversmk@gmail.com](mailto:haversmk@gmail.com)

**Cost:** Not available

## BIBLE STUDIES

### **Making Sense of the Bible (NEW Group)**

In this Bible study, we will look at the book, *Making Sense of Scripture*, by Lutheran pastor and theologian David Lose. We will engage in conversations around seven major questions of the Bible: What Is the Bible? Is the Bible True? How Is the Bible the Word of God? Where Did the Bible Come From? How Can I Read the Bible with Greater Understanding? Is There a "Center" to Scripture? What Kind of Authority Does the Bible Hold? We will have many opportunities to interact with the Bible, ultimately leaving room for personal transformation of the heart and mind.

**Enrollment:** 15 openings

**When:** Weekly on Thursdays at 1 p.m. from Feb. 28 to April 18

**Where:** Youth Room in the Gathering Place

**Contact:** Ethyl Mae Nelson at (360) 698 5088 or  
[emnelson5@juno.com](mailto:emnelson5@juno.com)

**Cost:** \$12.99 for Making Sense of Scripture

### **Life is Hard, But God is Good (NEW Group)**

We will read the Psalms to see how they apply to our daily struggles. Join us for fellowship and a look at the nurture offered in scripture. We'll share the satisfaction of study time and getting to know others who share our journey. No homework needed!

**Enrollment:** 12 openings

**When:** Weekly on Mondays at 1 p.m. from Feb. 25 to April 15

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Barb Smithson at (360) 813 4721 or  
[barbksmithson@gmail.com](mailto:barbksmithson@gmail.com)

**Cost:** None

## **The Bible Study Where Everybody Knows Your Name (NEW Group)**

If you are looking for a chance to dive into the Bible and be part of a small group "where everyone knows your name" come join us for six weeks. We will be exploring God's word and how we can respond and deepen our faith. Our study will be based on the book, *Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life*, which examines the Old Testament roots and context of the Beatitudes and explores the contemporary implications of these powerful words. We will discover fresh understandings and insights to enrich our faith. The sessions include: The Poor in Spirit; The Mourners and the Meek; The Merciful; The Pure in Heart; The Peacemakers; The Prophets of Righteousness.

**Enrollment:** 12 openings

**When:** Weekly Mondays at 6:30 p.m. from Feb. 25 to April 1

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Debbie Slaton at (360) 271 3233 or [daslaton@hotmail.com](mailto:daslaton@hotmail.com)

**Cost:** \$15 for *Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life*

## **Joy Circle**

This monthly Bible study for women meets in the homes of members from September to June. The group picks a different Bible study every year. They are currently doing *Come, Holy Spirit: A Bible Study on the Third Person of the Trinity* by Rev. Janann Gluth King.

**Enrollment:** 4 openings

**When:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7pm, September to June

**Where:** Rotates between members' homes

**Contact:** Deb Buck at [3cougars@gmail.com](mailto:3cougars@gmail.com)

**Cost:** Between \$8 and \$15

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### **A Faith Study for Pet Lovers (NEW Group)**

As God's people, we are given a sacred duty to care for the world God has made. Many of us choose to care and love an animal companion, from cats, dogs, rabbits, to fish, snakes, and horses, and all types of other animals in between. We meet to share love of animals and love of the Gospel. We'll study the Bible's teachings on Creation, sin, our broken world, promise, prophecy, death, and the hope of the Resurrection. Our final session will be a Blessing of the Animals service, when all animals are welcome.

**Enrollment:** 12 people

**When:** Weekly, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 27 to April 17

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Greg Patterson at (360) 307 0115 or  
[gregory.patterson@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.patterson@gmail.com)

**Cost:** None

### **Walk Then Talk (NEW Group)**

This group will focus on faith and being healthy. Group members will walk for about 45 minutes then discuss scripture for about 30 minutes using a Lenten devotional, Walking to the Cross. There will be differing walking paths for different levels of walkers. The group will focus on either the labyrinth at SLC or areas in the Ridgetop neighborhood. In inclement weather, we'll walk then talk at the Silverdale Mall.

**Enrollment:** 15 people

**When:** Weekly on Mondays at 4 p.m. from Feb. 25 to April 15

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Lisa Ottenbacher at (360) 692-9263 or  
[parishnurse@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:parishnurse@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

## Quilters

Each Monday morning the Fellowship Hall buzzes with the busy sounds of Silverdale Lutheran's quilters group. This group is for anyone who likes to get together to create something handmade that benefits another person. The group has a variety of sewing skills and levels of expertise. The best part is getting to visit with fellow quilters as you work! There's a light lunch and fellowship time, too.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly on Mondays at 9 a.m. throughout the year

**Where:** SLC Fellowship Hall

**Contact:** Barb Pennington at (360) 692 2782 or  
[bardeldry@gmail.com](mailto:bardeldry@gmail.com)

**Cost:** None

## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH

### Animate Faith (NEW Group)

Are you eager to understand more about why you believe what you believe? This study will explore a variety of topics of the Christian faith, including: the cross, the Bible, the church, salvation, Jesus, religion and spirituality, and God. The study will be guided by series of lectures by theologians and pastors (on DVD) and it will involve some self reflection and journaling.

**Enrollment:** 12 people

**When:** Weekly on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. from Feb. 24 to April 14

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Cindy Dodge at (360) 337 7445 or  
[dodge7535@hotmail.com](mailto:dodge7535@hotmail.com)

**Cost:** \$15 for 1 copy of Animate Faith Journal

## **Luther's Writings (NEW Group)**

This small group will focus on selected writings of Martin Luther. We will start with "Two Kinds of Righteousness" and then decide as a group what to study next. The full text of this writing can be found at: <http://www.mcm.edu/~eppleyd/luther.html>. We will be able to find all of our sources online. Reading the text ahead of time will be helpful, but the discussion will still be edifying even if you cannot read ahead of time.

**Enrollment:** 15 people

**When:** The 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.  
February to June

**Where:** TBD (Kim will contact group members)

**Contact:** Kim Grasmick at (253) 709 3012 or  
[kimholmes@peerconsulting.net](mailto:kimholmes@peerconsulting.net)

**Cost:** None

## **Christianity and Criminal Justice (NEW Group)**

How do we as Christians respond to our national system of criminal justice and the people who are serving time in these places? What is our role in this situation? How can we help? Our small group will spend six weeks talking about these issues and how we can be part of the solution. We will visit the women's prison in Gig Harbor twice to be a part of the Southwest Washington Synod's worship services on that campus.

**Enrollment:** 15 people

**When:** Weekly on Sundays at 7 p.m. from Feb. 24 to April 14

**Where:** Church Library

**Contact:** Marietta Nelson-Bittle at (712) 890 9882 or  
[groupconn@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:groupconn@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

## **Esther Circle**

This monthly study for women utilizes the excellent and thorough faith studies that are published in *Gather* magazine, a magazine available from the Women of the ELCA group. In recent months, the studies have covered the gospel of John, lessons from Esther and poetry of the Old Testament. There's also time for fellowship and fun with this group!

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Room 4 at Church

**Contact:** Betty Koster at (360)692-2944

**Cost:** A subscription to *Gather* is \$20 annually

## **MUSIC**

### **Silverdale Lutheran Song of the Church (NEW Group)**

Do you like to sing and want to learn the hymns we sing before Sunday morning? Each week Minister of Music Justin Cormier teaches the hymns during this small group time of fun and fellowship.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly on Thursdays at noon throughout the year.

**Where:** Church Sanctuary

**Contact:** Minister of Music Justin Cormier at (360) 692-9263 or [justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

### **Silverdale Lutheran Folk Music Group (NEW Group)**

All acoustic musicians and their instruments are welcome to this group. The group plays about once a month at worship. Practices are as arranged, usually the Thursday before the Sunday that the group is scheduled to play.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** As arranged throughout the year

**Where:** Church Sanctuary

**Contact:** Minister of Music Justin Cormier at (360) 692-9263 or [justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

### **Silverdale Lutheran All Ages Ukulele Group (NEW Group)**

This new group gives everyone with a ukulele or anyone interested in playing ukulele a chance to play together. The church will have a few ukes to borrow and you might also borrow one from the Kitsap Regional Library's Port Orchard branch.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly, Sundays after the 11 a.m. Service, Feb. 10 to April 7

**Where:** Church

**Contact:** Minister of Music Justin Cormier at (360) 692-9263 or [justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

### **Silverdale Lutheran Symphony Orchestra (NEW Group)**

This new group seeks people who play strings and wind instruments to get together and practice and play about once a month at worship. Rehearsals are as arranged.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** As arranged

**Where:** Church Sanctuary

**Contact:** Minister of Music Justin Cormier at (360) 692-9263 or [justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

### **Silverdale Lutheran Youth Band (NEW Group)**

All youth in junior high and high school welcome to join this contemporary praise band. Any instruments, singers and dancers are welcome. A bass player is especially needed for this group.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly practices on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm throughout the year. The band plays each Sunday morning at about 9:45 am during opening time for Sunday School.

**Where:** The Gathering Place

**Contact:** Minister of Music Justin Cormier at (360) 692-9263 or [justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

## **Silverdale Lutheran Brass Ensemble**

This group of brass players meets to practice and play several times a year for special services, i.e. Reformation and Easter. It is open to all brass players.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**Where:** As arranged

**When:** As arranged

**Contract:** Greg Patterson at (360) 307 0115 or  
[gregory.patterson@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.patterson@gmail.com)

**Cost:** None

## **Silverdale Lutheran Bell Choir**

This handbell choir plays at church often and helps to lead worship. We are a friendly group always looking for new members. Who knows? Maybe we could start a second handbell choir!

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly on Thursdays at 6:45 pm throughout the year

**Where:** Church Sanctuary

**Contact:** Minister of Music Justin Cormier at (360) 692-9263 or  
[justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

## Silverdale Lutheran Church Choir

Singers of all ages and stages are encouraged to join the Silverdale Lutheran Church Choir. This choir practices weekly and then sings at least once on most Sundays during worship. The choir sings a variety of music, with an emphasis on four-part harmony and fun. Free childcare is offered during choir practice.

**Enrollment:** Unlimited

**When:** Weekly on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. throughout the year

**Where:** Church Sanctuary

**Contact:** Minister of Music Justin Cormier at (360) 692-9263 or [justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org](mailto:justincormier@silverdalelutheran.org)

**Cost:** None

Questions? Need more information?

Call/text Marietta Nelson-Bittle

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