

Life Group Leader Bios



Paul and Allie Lewis

Every other Wednesday | 7 pm
Cottage Grove

We are excited to start leading a young families life group this fall! Paul and I are both Registered Nurses at UW Hospital. We had our first child in May 2014, a little girl named Charlie, and are expecting another on the way due Jan 5th, 2016.

We will also occasionally have full-family fun get-togethers. We plan to have child-care here for our meetings. We are excited to meet you and your family!



Elizabeth Peters, Justin & Alison Crubaugh

Thursday | 7:30 pm
Sprecher Road Campus

I'm Elizabeth Peters and I am a leader with the Young Adult group. I have been involved with the group for four years, being a leader for 3 of those years. I really enjoy meeting new people and hearing their stories. I am up for anything from being outdoors, playing sports, watching movies, and spending time with friends! If you are interested in getting to know other young adults around God's word and fun events, please join us! (Starts September 17)

My name is Justin Crubaugh and I am the teaching leader of the young adults group at door creek church. I'm 26 and married to Alison who is a teacher at Jefferson west elementary. In 2011 I graduated from the University of Northwestern St Paul with a ministry degree. Recently I accepted a position with Dean health insurance as a claims programmer. My wife and I enjoy playing sports such as volleyball and basketball with our friends.



Tim Nelson & Amy Nipp

Thursdays | 7 pm
Eastside of Madison

Amy and I are excited to answer God's call to lead a new group for young couples and singles who looking to get plugged in and 'Do Life' together. We joined DCC during the summer of 2014, after moving up from Arizona for jobs. We immediately got plugged into a life group, which completely changed our outlook on the relocation.

We are both engineers by profession, engaged and will be married in spring of 2016. Our favorite activities include: running, hiking, kayaking, mountain biking, and ultimate frisbee to name a few. We are excited to see God work in this new stage and look forward to meeting you!



Mark Felton

Mondays (2x month) | 6:30-8:30 pm
McFarland

I was born and raised in Madison. I am married to Janet and we have two great daughters, Britney and Chelsea. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, helping others, traveling, and time on the lake fishing. In my day job, I am blessed to serve as Treasurer for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, an evangelical campus mission serving students and faculty on college and university campuses nationwide.

We have been attending Door Creek Church for six years and are involved in volunteering in a number of areas. Our Growth Group is a sermon based group with a mixture of singles and couples. We would love to have you check us out.



Brad and Kris Sullard

Every other Thursday | 7 pm
Cottage Grove

We are starting a brand new Life Group this fall! All ages and stages are welcome. We will host childcare in our home.

Brad and Kris were high school sweethearts. Kris has been an educator for twenty-five years. We are blessed with four awesome children: Rachel and her husband Ryan live in Oklahoma City, Alison is a graphic designer, and Caleb is a middle school student. We love enjoying the culinary delights of Madison's food and beverage scene. We are excited to make some new friends as we pursue life in Christ together.



Aisha Smith

Thursday | 7 pm
Madison

A native of the Chicagoland area, Aisha moved to Madison five years ago to start law school. Despite her original plans to move back home after graduation, she's still here and she loves it! Life Groups have been a major part of Aisha's Door Creek experience since she started attending the church regularly almost two years ago, and she's passionate about helping people new to the church form meaningful connections and find fellowship.

This group of young professionals and families enjoys learning to apply God's word to everyday, real-life situations and praying each other through difficult times. They can also be found eating good food, playing games, and even hiking together.



John & Jelene Gilmore

Sunday | 4-6 pm

Sun Prairie

We're a grateful couple learning to trust God's transforming grace as we - walk with Jesus in a 2nd marriage, heal and recover from divorce and navigate all the very unique dynamics of a blended family life. John is in marketing and Jelene is a director of autism services. Our collective kids comprise of, Hannah (23 - out on her own), David (21 - out on his own), Derek (19), Jenna (16), Julia (14) and Daisy (our dog - who would be offended if we did include her).

Divorced, remarried, blended family - our group focus will be to connect with individuals and couples trying to better understand how the Gospel of Grace can bring hope and empowerment to those of us who have first-hand experience with divorce, remarriage & blended family life.



Darrin Vant Hoff

Tuesdays | Evenings

Sun Prairie

I'm Darrin Vant Hoff and I am one of the pastors on staff here at Door Creek Church. I love connecting with people at Door Creek Church and I am excited to start a small group for singles in their 30's-40's. We are unique and growing group in the church at large and finding a community of believers to encourage one another in our relationship with Jesus is very needed. I can't wait to see who God brings together to study His Word and do life together.



Jill Voeltz

Wednesdays | Evenings
Madison

I live on the east side by Olbrich park with my husband John and dog Murphy. I can't wait to meet you and grow together in God's Word. Our group will be sermon based and discussion will be around the weekend message. We are looking forward to being in a group from all stages of life.



Ron & Sue Shirmulis

Mondays | 7 pm
Madison West

In April we relocated to Madison to be close to daughters and grandchildren. We babysit our grandchildren two days a week. Ron enjoys golf, working around the house and spending time with the grandchildren. Sue enjoys projects and being with friends. We are looking forward to making new friends and growing in our spiritual walk.



Dennis & Bev Krizan

Every other Thursday | 6:30 pm
Cottage Grove/Madison East

Dennis and I love Madison! Some of our favorite past times include checking out Madison's restaurants & coffee shops, good movies, walking trails, and spending time with family, friends and our two dogs. I'm on staff at Door Creek Church as the Groups & Guest Director and Dennis spends much of his time outdoors working for his concrete flatwork business. We look forward to connecting around God's word and fun social gatherings!



Homer & Sandra Braden

2nd/4th Monday | 6:30-8:30 pm
Waterloo (Rotates homes)

We are a mixed group of empty Nesters. We share a light meal before our study. We are a sermon based life group. We enjoy going deeper into God's word and applying it to our daily life. We also gather and serve together over the course of the year. Some of the things we like to do are cookouts, game nights, and movie nights. Some of the service project we have participate in Habitat for Humanity, Adopt a Teacher, and Missions.

Homer and Sandra have been married for 30 years. We have two married adult daughters, and two grandsons. We have lived in Waterloo for 15 years. We joined Door Creek Church in 2010 and have been involved in Life Groups, Dwelling Place, Connecting, and Missions. We enjoy growing, serving, and gathering together



Kevin & Brenda Philips

Sunday | 3:30-5 pm
Monona

My wife Brenda and I have three kids below the age of 7 which keeps us busy. We love having BBQ's, my wife loves children's literature and World magazine. I love theology and inductive Bible study. I serve as a chaplain during the week and in sales.



Mike Niedermaier

Thursday | 7 pm
North Madison

Mike is a Relationship Banker in Madison where he has enjoyed working with his clients for 18+ years. Together Mike and his daughter, Mari, enjoy camping, cookouts, social events, volunteering in their community and ushering at Door Creek Church. Mike is looking forward to opening his home to others and connecting around God's Word.



John & Dana Ball

Wednesday | Evening
Madison (Rotates homes)

Dana and I met in Dallas, Texas. We have been married for 35. We have two grown/married kids and have five grandkids. We love road trips and time with family and friends. Our greatest joy comes in encouraging believers in Christ to abide moment by moment in Him, celebrating with them as they discover He is enough!



Todd & Jacqui Moss

Saturday or Sunday | Evening
Eastside of Madison

My wife and I each came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior at young ages and were blessed to grow up in Christ centered homes. We met in college and have now been married for 10 years. We have a young daughter, Stella, who is 18 months old. We both work full time jobs out of the home; I work in Sales in the Electrical Industry and Jacqui works in Clinic Operations. In our free time we enjoy spending time as family and doing DIY projects around the house. We are looking forward to growing in Christ with you.



Wilmot & Lucy Valhmu

Every other Thursday | Evening
Madison (close to DCC)

We enjoy serving at Door Creek and spending time with our four boys and daughter. Lucy teaches at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, while I serve as a regional immunization advisor at the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. For leisure, I follow and watch spectator sports, including the Wisconsin Badgers basketball and football teams. I also participate in social media.

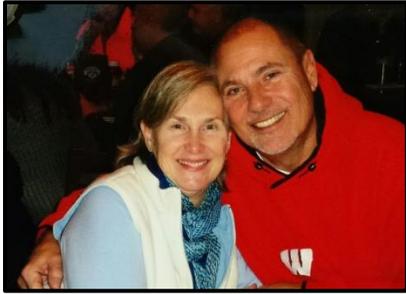
Our Life Group consists of eight members, is currently studying the sermon series, but we have previously done study series on the books of Romans and James, the Fruit of the Spirit, and marriage. We meet on every other Thursday evening in the Grandview Commons community. The Group welcomes you to join us as we do life together.



Ben & Leah Plucker

Monday | Evening
East Madison/Cottage Grove

My wife Leah and I have been hosting a life group for about two years now. The group is comprised of singles and couples in their 20's and 30's. The goal of our group is to further our relationships with God, connect with each other, and learn how to live out God's word in our everyday lives. Our study varies from sermon-based discussions to topical studies. In our free time, Leah and I like to explore new things around Madison, cook up new recipes, and spend time with friends and family. We look forward to meeting you!



Dennis & Cindy Semenic

Every other Wednesday | 7 pm
Sun Prairie

Dennis & Cindy are active retired empty nesters who enjoy motorcycling, ATV and boating. They have been involved in Life Groups for many years and like to connect with others around God's Word. They are looking forward to meeting you and leading a Life Group this fall!



Scott & Lisa Stearns with co-leads Marc & Kerri McDowell

Every other Monday | 7 pm
Cottage Grove/Madison

Marc and Kerri and Lisa and Scott have been in leadership together in the Exploring Christianity (Alpha) program for many years. They have formed a friendship and love for seeing others discover Christ and grow in their Christian faith. They wanted to start a group to allow others to grow their faith and connect with others in a small group setting. Our format will either be sermon based or topical. We would love to have you grow with us.



Kelsey Freitag

Thursdays | 6:30 pm
Sprecher Road Campus

I'm facilitating the College Aged People or CAP group. I did a year at University of Northwestern in St. Paul, joined the Army National Guard, and this fall I am a transfer student into the School of Education at UW Madison. Some of my interests include: hunting, fishing, music... and recently... cats. CAP is really laid back and a great way for 20 somethings to get involved with other Christ-followers with all of the craziness going on in our lives. We'd all love to get to know ya!