Life Group Leader Bios | Winter 2016



Jonathan & Jen Golyzniak 1st/3rd Wednesday | 7 pm Madison - Young Families

We are excited to lead a group of married couples and young families this year! Jon and I moved to Madison 5 years ago and were so blessed to have found such a great church family here at DCC. We enjoy the outdoors, traveling and spending time with our friends around Madison.

Our group consists of married couples and young families who are looking to build strong relationships, get to know other families within our church community, and encourage one other through the many changes that growing families experience. Our gatherings will occasionally include fun family activities and serving together.



Paul and Cassie Smith Wednesdays | 5:30 - 7 pm Sun Prairie - Young Families

Paul is an IT support specialist and Cassie is a web developer. Our daughter, Audrey, is 1 year old. We are starting a young families life group that will combine a time of open discussion designed to support each other as parents, with additional time to discuss questions from the week's sermon. We plan to have child care at our home during our meetings. We ask that if you bring your kids, please chip in to help us pay for the babysitter. We look forward to meeting you!



Kathy and George Oehrlein 2nd/4th Sunday of Month | 6:15-8 pm Madison (close to church) - Empty Nesters

It is a joy to open our home to a Life Group of empty nesters, couples and singles.

We have a deep love for God because of how He continues to demonstrate His faithfulness. We serve in the Care Partner Ministry, Griefshare, and Men and Women's Bible studies. Favorite pastimes include spending time with family, friends, listening to music, traveling and enjoying a good laugh. We look forward to connecting with you.



Kelsey Freitag Thursdays | 6:30 pm Sprecher Road Campus - College Age

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!



Erik and Cassie Anderson Thursdays | 6:30 pm Edgerton - Young Families

We want to stay connected with other Door Creekers from our commuter area, so what better place to make that happen than with a Life Group. Erik works in inside sales for Hellenbrand Water, coaches high school 8-man football for Abundant Life Christian School, and helps out with the high-schoolers at DCC. Cassie is a Shaklee Wellness Coach from home, as well as DCC's new Preschool Coordinator for God's Garden. We have three adventurous and goofy boys, they are Elijah 8, Gunnar 6, and Clay 4.

We are thrilled to open up our home to meet new friends and be rooted in God's word together. Our group can accommodate up to 6 people, preferably other couples in a similar life-stage, but it really is open to anyone willing to come over and hang out with us. The topic will be "You and Me Forever" by Francis Chan.



Jill VoeltzWednesdays | Evenings
Madison - Mixed Group

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.



Paul and Allie Lewis
Every other Wednesday | 7 pm
Cottage Grove - Young Families

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!



Jeff & Denise SorensonDay | 4 pm
McFarland - Young Marrieds & Young Families - children 3 and under

We have been married for 26 years and have two grown children, Jordan and Jaemyn. But we are also in "the system" to adopt and are waiting for God's blessing to show His love to another child. We love working with young marrieds and we long to see them grow closer to each other as a result of growing spiritually! We want to study the Word of God and pray together with this group, while also getting to know each other.



Michelle Tennant Every other Sunday | 6-7:30 pm Cottage Grove - General / Mixed

I am looking forward to leading a sermon-based study this year! Sermon-based Bible studies are a great way to connect with others, discuss the weekend messages and grow in our relationship with Christ. I would love to have you join!

I have been attending Door Creek Church for 15 years and served in many ministries including God's Garden, Greeter, The Road Home, and Dwelling Place. I have three children, the oldest is married. My second child is a junior at the UW. My baby is a freshman at Monona Grove High School. I took an early retirement in 2012 after working in IT for 28 years. Now I volunteer, spend more time with family/friends, and exercise frequently as I live with MS and work at maintaining my functionality.



John & Jelene Gilmore Sunday | 4-6 pm Sun Prairie - Blended Family (open to any families)

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.



Dennis & Cindy SemenicEvery other Wednesday | 7 pm
Sun Prairie - Empty Nesters

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 winter!



Bob Robinson Mondays | Evenings Marshall - General / Mixed

I was born and raised in Congo, Africa and then as adult was educated at MBI and Trinity. I've been married 45 years to my wife, Martha. I've been a pastor of five different churches and I am now enjoying part-time ministry at DCC I also have experienced life "from the pew," as Real Estate Agent and managing a Pizza Hut. We have three adult children, all born in Guatemala while serving as missionaries. My hobbies and interests are family, hunting, fishing, landscaping and electronic games.





Lon Matz

Ron & Sue Shirmulis

Mondays | 7 pm Madison West - Empty Nester

Lon:

I am a native Nebraskan who found his way to Wisconsin In 1990. I brought three small children and a very supportive wife to live and work in the Madison area. That same year we began attending Buckeye Church, now Door Creek, where God continued to nourish us spiritually and provide us with special relationships. Over the years I have been involved in a variety of youth ministries as well as special ministries with international students.

In 2014 I retired from American Family Insurance after a long career and began a new chapter in life. Helping others with home improvement projects has been a part of that new chapter.

I enjoy spending time with my family, which has grown to include four grandchildren who live nearby and an adopted daughter in Christ and her husband. During the cold and snow of winter we flee for a week or two to visit our two Southern California kids who managed to escape the cold of Wisconsin to start their careers. In between family activities we enjoy exercising, hiking and doing our own home improvement projects.

I am looking forward to leading our life group and developing new friendships.

Ron & Sue: 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.



Todd & Jacqui Moss 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.





Elizabeth Peters, Justin & Alison Crubaugh
Thursday | 7:30 pm
Sprecher Road Campus - Young Adult / Post College

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.



Mike Niedermair

Monday | Evenings Sun Prairie / Madison - Singles 35-50

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.