

Life Group Leader Bios | Fall 2016



Carrie Cauthorn

Thursdays | 7 pm
Sprecher Road Campus | College Age

Facilitating the College Age People group (CAP) gives me great joy. Getting the opportunity to view spiritual growth in young adults on a weekly basis is a wonderful blessing. Growing up in a small community with the city life still in reach has given me a firm understanding of how God uses each and every one of us to fulfill His purpose. Attended MATC then transferred to Huntington University for worship leadership. Currently working and volunteering at various churches and Lake Waubesa Bible Camp. Prepare yourself for friendship, fun, and of course laughter.



Jaemyn Sorenson

Thursdays | 6:30 pm
McFarland | Young Singles (men/women) 20s-early 30s

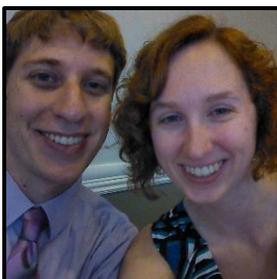
I'm eager to be getting more involved at Door Creek by facilitating a group of singles! I've moved around quite a lot and have been in the Madison area for a little over five years now. I haven't really felt like I belonged to a church since I was little and so being at this church has just been such a blessing to me. It's incredibly important to have other like-minded Christians to be able to share and discuss the Word with. But I'd also love if we could do life together too. Movie nights (I'm a bit of a geek), eating out, going bowling. Looking forward to this new chapter in our lives!!



Emily & Jake Kozelek

Wednesday | 6:30 pm
Madison East | Young Marrieds/Singles Mix

Em and I have been married for about a year and a half. This past March, we moved to the area from La Crosse, WI, where we both went to college. We do not yet have any children or pets and in our free time we like to hike, bike, read, play board games, and watch TV/movies. We are excited to start a Life Group and look forward to meeting everyone!



Allyson & Dan Martin

Thursday | 6:30 pm
Madison East | Young Marrieds/Singles Mix

By day Allyson works as a Food Scientist at Clasen Quality Coatings making new and delicious chocolates to make the world happy. Dan teaches high school chemistry and physics for Apologia Online Academy inspiring students to be scientists one day at a time. By night we are board game enthusiasts, swing dancers, avid foodies and restaurant patrons, and dog parents to our fluffy white bundle of energy, Sherlock. Our group is made up of young professionals who have all recently made Madison their home. We meet every week to live life and encourage each other and we would love to have you join us!



Preston & Holly Tyler

Thursdays | 6:30 pm
Madison East | Young Marrieds/Singles Mix

Holly and I are both in our early 20's and have been in Madison for a little over a year. We moved to Madison to work for Trek Bicycle after graduating from college in Oklahoma. We both are avid cyclists, and enjoy many other outdoor activities. In addition, we recently added a Standard Poodle puppy to our family. Our group currently consists of several young married couples. Anyone is welcome, however I think

that young couples may get the most benefit from our awesome group. We will review the discussion guide each week, and we are also considering starting a bible plan to discuss as a group. We are excited to continue into the fall, and plan to have a lot of fun, and some great desserts to share!



Paul and Cassie Bueno

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 7 pm
Sun Prairie | Young Families

Paul is an IT support specialist and Cassie is an applications developer. Our daughter, Audrey, is two. We follow a video Bible study curriculum for parents of young children. Childcare is provided at our home during our meetings, so you are welcome to bring your kids. We look forward to meeting you!



Ben & Nicky Hacker

Thursday | 6 pm
Madison East | Young families

We met at UW Stevens Point where we were both music majors and involved in the Cru worship band. After undergrad we moved to the Kenosha area so Ben could attend seminary at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. God has blessed us with three young children: Quinn (4), Norah (3), and Graham (1). We love doing things in/around the Madison area as a family. On most summer afternoon/evenings you can expect to find us walking downtown, hiking/picnicking at Devils Lake, or attending whatever community event is going on. In the winter we love watching

movies, reading books, and enjoy building relationship over a hearty meal around our table. We're passionate about raising our kids to love God by living for God ourselves. We want to be in a group where the Gospel continually transforms lives as we seek to be more like Jesus. Let's do life together!



Alissa & Eric Willman

Sunday | 5 - 7 pm
Cottage Grove | Young Families

Our family celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary this August, with Clara (4) and Abe (2). Both of us grew up in non-believing families and became believers after we were married for a couple years. We have a deep passion for talking and living real life as followers of Christ. Our group meets on Sunday evenings in family homes to share a potluck meal together with a sermon discussion following. We encourage our group members to bring any questions about the sermon or any other questions of faith. We look forward to growing and supporting each other, wherever you are on your journey!



Rena Crispin

Mondays (2x a month) | 7-8:30 pm
Madison South | Singles 50+ (women)

I joined Door Creek Church two years ago. Previously I attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Madison, where I worshiped, served, and ministered through music as a member of the gospel choir for 20 years. I'm all about sharing God's Word in beautiful harmony. Oh, and I love the outdoors. If you come in the northwest doors for a Sunday service you'll often find me outside the door, serving as a greeter and enjoying God's weather!

This group is a small group (8 - 10) of Christians and seekers who want to learn more about Jesus through His Word, serve in the community together, and fellowship with one another within the common bond of being single (unmarried)--for any reason.



Mike Niedermair

Monday | 7 pm
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.



John & Lori Severson

Thursday | 7 pm
Madison/McFarland | Blended Family

John has been following Jesus since 1987, while living and working in North Africa. We have been in the blender, blending our families for 20 plus years. We really do have his, hers and ours. Two of our children together are in college and one is a high school senior. Three of the older kids have families and one works and has horses. I hope to encourage you in your walk with Jesus by helping your family.



John & Jelene Gilmore

Every other Sunday | 4:30 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 didn't 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.



Jeff & Denise Sorenson
 Sunday | 3-5 pm
 McFarland | Adoption/Foster Support

We have been married for 26 years and have two grown children, Jordan and Jaemyn. We were previously in the Dane County Foster system but are now working with an agency for a domestic adoption and are waiting for God's perfect timing to share His love with another child! It's our hope to raise Godly children as well as learn from and encourage one another to parent with wisdom, grace and lots of joy and prayers, while we walk alongside each other on this journey of adoption and/or foster care.



Michelle Tennant
 Every other Sunday | 11-1:30 pm
 Cottage Grove | General / Mixed (Wheel Chair Access)

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. I am looking forward to leading a sermon-based study this year!



Bob & Martha Robinson
 Wednesday | 7 - 8:30 pm
 Marshall | General / Mixed

Bob and Martha both grew up in foreign countries, Bob in Congo, Africa and Martha in Guatemala, Central America. Together they have partnered in ministry for years as Missionaries, Pastors, Church Administrators, Directors and Church Planters. Bob is currently on staff as Pastor in the Care Ministry and Martha is leading a Spanish Bible Study. Together they have three children and 11 grandchildren.

Our first study will be through the Book of Daniel as we learn the struggles of Daniel and how they mirror our own. Larry Osborne's "Thriving in Babylon" series introduces us to Daniel through a 5-part video series, covering Daniel's fears about the future, concern for his safety, and discouragement about the culture in which he lived.



Jill Voeltz
 Wednesdays | 6:30 pm
 Madison | General/Mixed Ages

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.



Bill & Karen Lerch

Thursday | 7 - 9 pm
Beaver Dam | General/Mixed Ages

We met while teaching high school in the south suburbs of Chicago (Bill- Science; Karen- Music). Not long after becoming a HS guidance counselor in the NW suburbs of Chicago, we became Christians. Bill became active as a church leader and spent time at Trinity Divinity School. The family then moved to Manitoba, Canada where Bill served as an Associate Pastor in an Evangelical Free Church. Twelve years later, with two kids at Taylor University and aging parents, we moved to Beaver Dam. Bill served 3 years as an Associate Pastor at Harvest Church. God continued to move in his heart and gifted Bill with a burden to help hurting churches. For 13 years Bill served as an Intentional Interim Pastor in 7 Wisconsin churches and retired in 2014. Now both Bill and Karen attend Door Creek Church. Bill volunteers as a Big Brother and Karen teaches private piano lessons in our Beaver Dam home. We are looking forward to serving our fellow brothers/sisters-in-Christ via leading a sermon-based Life Group.



Phil & Carolyn Nelson

Sunday | 7 - 8:30 pm
Middleton | General/Mixed Ages

We've lived in the area for over 26 years now and have attended DCC for about two years. Phil and I both enjoy the arts, outdoor activities, write, and creating sculptural works. Through the years, both of us have enjoyed leading couples and groups and being in discussions that are lively, transparent, and flexible. We welcome families, but childcare is not provided.

Lon Matz | Ron & Sue Shirmulis

Mondays | 7 pm
Madison West | Empty Nesters



Lon:

We began attending Buckeye Church in 1990, 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.

I enjoy spending retirement 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. 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 2015 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.



Rick & Diane Newman

Every other Tuesday | 6:45 -8:00 pm
Madison | Empty Nesters

We have belonged to Buckeye/Door Creek church since November of 1993. We currently both serve at Hy-Vee on East Washington avenue.

We've been married over 37 years. Our one daughter and two grandsons live in Illinois. Because of our love for the Lord, we wish to teach our descendants about Him and leave a lasting Christian legacy. We meet every other Tuesday night and no childcare is

provided. We welcome others to grow deeper in His word by discussing the sermons.



Mark & Candace Moody

2nd and 4th Monday | 7:00 -8:30 pm
Fitchburg | Empty Nesters

We have been blessed to have attended Door Creek Church for about 6 years. Candace has been retired for 5 years and Mark will retire at the end of 2016. We love to travel, volunteer and spend time with our wonderful family.

Candace grew up in WI but has relocated often with husband Mark's job. Mark grew up in a diplomatic family in Greece for 9 years and we are happy to be back home. We have two grown sons and 4 grandchildren (under age 5) who all live within 8 miles of our home.