

A Vision for Adult Christian Formation at St. Peter and St. Paul  
10/18/22

**Our Parish Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**Parish Vision:** God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in: Worship of God, Discipleship for all ages, Serving Christ in the world.

**What Discipleship means for Adults in this parish:**

- An experience of the unconditional love of God,
- A whole-hearted commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- An understanding of God and the Christian life grounded in the Bible and the Creeds,
- A regular life of prayer and connection with God the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives,
- Living faithfully to God in a secular world, with courage and conviction,
- Providing Godly influence in our families and communities,
- Loving others as Jesus loves us,
- Embracing all aspects of the Christian life, including devotion, scripture, training, mentoring, spiritual growth, prayer, pastoral care, service, stewardship and evangelism.

**How will we grow disciples of Jesus Christ?**

- Meeting people where they are in their Christian journey,
- Loving people the way Christ loves us: with grace and truth, justice and mercy, acceptance and accountability, a warm embrace and a higher calling,
- Teaching and engaging the basics of the Christian faith, the Bible and the Christian life, through personal relationships and experiences that model and practice discipleship,
- Equipping parents to lead healthy Christian families,
- Equipping adults for other ministries in the parish and the world.

**What is our basic programmatic framework for Adult Christian Formation?**

- Sunday School classes & groups,
- Evening classes & groups,
- Bible Studies,
- Retreats,
- Special events and programs.

**Ministry Development Goals (10/18/22)**

- Increase post-COVID reengagement in Adult Christian Formation
- Further Develop Discipleship Group Ministry (small group ministry)
- Support family ministry for young adults with kids

## **Programs offered for Adult Christian Formation (10/18/22)**

- Sunday School Classes and Groups:
  - Women's book group
  - Co-ed Bible or book study
  - Growing Christian families (for parents)
  - Rector's class
- Evening Classes and Groups:
  - EfM (Education for Ministry)
- Bible Studies and groups:
  - Sunday evening Lectio Divina group (online)
  - Monday Morning Prayer and Study (7AM)
  - Tuesday Women's Bible Study (10 AM)
  - Two Discipleship Groups (small group Bible studies)
  - Wednesday Women's Bible Study (10 AM)
  - Men's Fellowship and Support (Lunch Wednesday, offsite)
  - Thursday Men's Bible Study (7 AM)
  - Saturday Women's Bible Study (10:30 AM)
  - Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Every other Saturday 7 AM)
  - Daughters of the King (needs leadership to revive activity for prayer and study)
- Retreats:
  - Men's Retreat each October (Sponsored by Brotherhood of St. Andrew)
  - Women's Retreat in March
  - Retreat Quiet Days (Periodically at St. Peter and St. Paul)
- Special Events and Programs:
  - Alpha
  - Outside speakers (occasionally, often in conjunction with other groups)
  - Collaboration with Youth and Children's Ministries:
    - Lenten Programs
    - Advent Wreath Making workshop
  - Israel Pilgrimage (Feb 2019)