

# Small Group newsletter



March/April 2008

Hello Small Groups!

As we literally spring into this new season, let's take a moment to talk about the next few months for small groups! If your group is looking for new ways to connect outside small group time, please consider opportunities in Missions, Mens, Singles and Womens ministries. They are offering fantastic classes, events and service opportunities. We have listed several opportunities in this newsletter and there is more information in each individual ministry newsletter or on the Hope Web site. Check them out!

Have a great spring!

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: MISSIONS

### Mission Riverside coming soon!

Grab your family, friends or small group and help us finish the Hope Circle of cabins at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp in Story City. Mission Riverside is a one-day, family-friendly opportunity. All ages and skill levels are welcome! Come to serve, connect and grow by working together. Just \$5 covers all the food and drinks. For dates and registration information, visit [www.hopewdm.org/missions](http://www.hopewdm.org/missions) and click on the "Mission Riverside" link.

### Upcoming Mission Trips and Meetings:

**Mission Appalachia** – July 26-Aug. 2: Informational Meeting on Sunday, April 20 at 12:30 pm in Rm 212

**Mission Ghana** – July 30-Aug. 10: Informational Meeting on Sunday, April 13 at 12:30 pm in Rm 128

**Mission Navajo** – Sept. 12-21; Informational Meeting on Sunday, July 13 at 12:30 pm in Rm 212

### September Food Packaging Event: Sept. 2-9

Join churches, state and local government, corporations and individuals in an exciting opportunity to live out God's call... to feed those in the world with the greatest need. Many volunteers will be needed! If you are interested in participating, please e-mail

[Dina.remington@hopewdm.org](mailto:Dina.remington@hopewdm.org) and indicate if your interest falls in the following categories: 1) Donations of goods and/or money; 2) Corporate donations and/or volunteers; 3) Individual, family or small group volunteers. Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more details on this event.

[www.hopewdm.org/missions](http://www.hopewdm.org/missions)

## World Vision Experience: AIDS Coming to Hope ♦ March 27-31

Can you survive the journey of a child?



Come walk in the steps of a child living in an AIDS-affected community in Africa. This interactive exhibit features a stirring audio tour combined with captivating photography that will transport you to the heart of Africa. You'll gain a completely new perspective on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time.

*Please allow 40 minutes for your experience.*

*Audio portion of the Experience contains situations that may be disturbing to children under 12. Parental discretion advised.*

*No strollers, please.*

**Free tickets and information available at  
[www.hopewdm.org/world\\_vision](http://www.hopewdm.org/world_vision)**

**REGISTER EARLY**

More than 300 volunteers are needed for this event!  
To volunteer, visit: [www.hopewdm.org/world\\_vision](http://www.hopewdm.org/world_vision).

# Adult Ministry Small Group Opportunities

For complete details or to register, please visit [www.hopewdm.org/adult\\_ministries](http://www.hopewdm.org/adult_ministries) or pick up a Hope Catalog. Childcare is provided unless noted.

**Movie Night at Hope:** 1st Saturday monthly, beginning in May 2008. Light meal and popcorn served at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at 7:00 pm in The Bridge. All adults (regardless of marital status) are welcome to join Singles of Hope for a light meal, popcorn and a movie the first Saturday of each month. Please watch the weekend bulletin and [www.hopewdm.org/adult\\_ministries](http://www.hopewdm.org/adult_ministries) for movie titles. Pre-registration is encouraged. Movie is free. A free-will offering for food will be accepted. Sorry, childcare is unavailable.

**Line-Dancing Lessons:** Fridays, May 2 – May 30, 6:30-8:00 pm, Gym. Learn to synchronize your steps during these fun-filled, free lessons! This will be a great time of exercise, fun and fellowship. Come by yourself or bring your friends, and dance to a variety of music. For more information contact Margie Hague at [mlh1234@mchsi.com](mailto:mlh1234@mchsi.com). Sorry, childcare is not available.

**“Value-Packed Parenting”:** Sundays, April 13 – May 18, 11:00 am – Noon, Rm 128. Do you wonder how to protect your children from the pleasure-driven world that we live in? Dr. Kevin Leman has created a new DVD series which deals with issues that all parents face. Using his wisdom and humor, Dr. Leman covers topics such as communication, discipline, improving your child’s self confidence, defusing anger, and helping kids to overcome the negative influence of the Internet, media and technology. This seven-week class will incorporate a DVD presentation and small group discussion. Dr. Leman is a Christian author and psychologist who has written extensively and has had years of counseling experience, in addition to being a father of five. This class is for parents of children of all ages, from toddlers to teens. Cost: \$8/workbook

**Alpha:** Sundays, Sept. 14 - Nov. 16, 5:45-8:15 pm, Dinner begins at 5:45 pm in The Bridge. Holy Spirit Retreat: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 & 25, Location TBD. Everyone is Welcome at Alpha! Each week after an informal dinner, Pastor Mike Housholder or Pastor Caroline Boehnke-Becker discusses a variety of pertinent Christian-faith topics. Small-group time after each talk gives everyone an opportunity to get to know each other and to learn together. The Alpha workbook is \$5, and a free-will offering is taken for dinner. *If you’ve already taken Alpha, consider inviting someone to take Alpha with you, becoming a host, or joining one of the teams (prayer, kitchen, etc) that support Alpha.*

## Just for Men:

**PIGS – Pretty Interesting Guy Stuff:** PIGS meets on a year-round basis in small groups for Bible and book studies, fellowship, and prayer. PIGS is open to new participants throughout the year. An updated list of classes and locations is available from [larry.lang@hopewdm.org](mailto:larry.lang@hopewdm.org). Cost: Books as studied. Sorry, childcare is not available.

### Meeting Options:

- **Wednesdays at 6:30 am.** A hot breakfast is served in The Bridge. Small groups meet from 7:00–8:00 am.
- **Wednesdays from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm.** Small groups meet in Rooms 213 and 216 for study and prayer. Each person brings their own lunch to the meeting.
- **Thursdays at 6:30 am.** Donuts, coffee and juice are served in Room 214. Small groups meet from 7:00-8:00 am.

**Contacts:** Wednesdays – Scott Brunscheen ([scott@salisburyhouse.org](mailto:scott@salisburyhouse.org)) or Carl Voss (975-6669). Thursdays – Bill Love ([bill@lovescott.com](mailto:bill@lovescott.com))

## Just for Women:

**Lunch with Jesus: “The Vision of His Glory”:** Wednesdays, April 30 – June 11, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Rm 214 OR Mondays, April 28 – June 16, 6:30-8:30 pm, Rm 130. This seven-week Bible study written by Anne Graham Lotz studies the book of Revelation. Along with a Bible study workshop that shows an effective way to read, study and apply Scripture, this study will help you find hope through the revelations of Jesus Christ and discern a new vision of his glory to impart to others. Please pre-register. Cost: \$7