

More groups**Women:**

Thursdays, beginning September 10, 9-11am. *Beth Moore: Daniel, Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy* - a 12 week video-based study. Learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society and explore thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Jesus Christ. \$18 for materials. Childcare will be available. To register, contact Kelly Hein, lkhein@hotmail.com or 507.313.1659.

Tea and Good News (TAG) - A monthly, multi-generational women's gathering at Blooming Grounds. The second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. 1 Thess. 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you are doing."

Men:

Mondays, 6:15am, Burdey's in Peterson, Ben Ekern, 507.864.3742, bekern@acegroup.cc, *Romans*
 Tuesdays, 7pm, Marc-Henry Wakim, 978.494.2329, mwakim89@gmail.com (young adult men)
 Wednesdays, 6:45am, Jeff Peterson, 507.454.7688, jgpeterson03@hotmail.com, *James*
 Saturdays, 7am, Owen Warneke, 507.454.7524, owenowa@hbc.com, *Matthew*
 God's Great Outdoors (G.G.O.) - Enjoy hunting and fishing with other guys? Lou George, georgelou@msn.com.

Celebrate Recovery

CR resumes Friday, September 4 at 6:30pm. Participants encourage one another on the road to Christ-centered recovery from life's hurts, habits, or hang-ups! Evening includes worship, message and small groups. Pastor Joe McConkey, joe@pvwinona.com.

STARTING POINT

Starting Point: Being a Disciple is a 1-on-1 study for adults who want to get grounded in their relationship with Christ. Meeting times are based on participants' schedules. If you'd like to go through the material, or take someone through, contact Pastor Joe, joe@pvwinona.com.

VOLUNTEERING

Imagine the transformation that would happen in our families, church, and community if we all took the time to do what God uniquely designed each of us to do to serve others. Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours every once in awhile, consider making the kind of difference that only you can make. Contact the facilitator listed.

Current serving opportunities include:

Kids' Church (serving Preschool-Kindergarten) Kirsten, kirsten@pvwinona.com
 Kids' Church (serving 1st-4th grade) Kirsten, kirsten@pvwinona.com
 Middle School (serving grades 5-8) James, james@pvwinona.com
 High School (serving grades 9-12) Brian, brian@pvwinona.com
 Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video) and Arts (music, drama, or set design)
 Pastor Chad, chad@pvwinona.com

First Impressions:

Ushering - Kevin Ewert, kevinjewert@gmail.com
 Greeting - Jenn Gelle, jenn@pvwinona.com
 Parking - Bill Braun, bhbraun@hbc.com
 Building & Grounds (hospitality team, cleaning, projects, grounds) - Michael, michael@pvwinona.com

OWNERSHIP

Will you MERGE (to become combined, united, swallowed up, or absorbed; lose identity by uniting or blending (often followed by in or into) with us at PVC to join us as we glorify God by becoming alive in order to make disciples? We believe that as you MERGE with us, you will begin to understand the Gospel better, PVC's DNA better, and how you can join us in achieving the vision that God has given to PVC. Because the reality is, when we do this together, WE are BETTER because of it.

Meet the Zieskes - Informal time to meet the Senior Pastor and his family.

Dessert and childcare are on us! Choose Sun, Sept 27 or Wed, Nov 18

Engage - We are Better Together! First step towards becoming an owner at

PVC. Dinner and childcare are on us! Choose Sunday, Oct 18 or Dec 13

Revolve - A 3 Week Learning Community on learning how to Abide &

Around. Wednesdays, Oct 14, 21 & 28

Grow - 6 Week Small Group based on PVC's Values. Video series will

be available online for groups to watch anytime.

Empower - A 1 day Learning Community discovering your spiritual gifts, your

MCORE (motivational core), and how your life experiences have uniquely shaped you for Kingdom influence. At the end of this session, participants will be asked to discover what's next for them; that may be serving, volunteering, going on a mission trip, or interning. Saturday, Nov 14.



Ushers' Meeting - Today in room 211, right after first service or after second service. All ushers should plan to attend one. Thank you!

Join us as we celebrate communion next Sunday. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. If your diet requires no gluten, we welcome you to celebrate communion by selecting an individually wrapped gluten-free wafer.

Painters Wanted! - We are seeking a group of painters on Tuesday, Sept 1, 1:30-8pm; Thursday, Sept 3, 1:30-8pm; and Saturday, Sept 5, 9am-2pm. Join us as we bring life to classrooms for the fall! Teams will enjoy a meal. Whether you can help the whole shift or just part, please sign up on your bulletin response card or call the office, 452.5518.

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Do you love kids? God has an amazing opportunity for you this fall to serve the kids at PVC. We are seeking regular staffing and subs for our Baby Toddler Zone (BTZ), Pre/K, and 1st-4th grade Sunday morning classrooms at 8:30 and 10:30am; fall sessions kick off on September 13. You will be blessed! If you're interested, please contact Kirsten, 452.5518, kirsten@pvwinona.com, or complete your bulletin response card and drop it in the offering, at the Information Center, or any Kids' check in table. You will be contacted.

New Service Times - Sunday services are now at 8:30am and 10:30am. Spread the word! This change helps us with traffic flow inside and out; increases prep time for second service; and gives us a nicer margin between services.

Volunteer Central - We love our volunteers and are caring for them in a new way! Parking is reserved for you in the top parking lot and you are welcome to stop by the chapel for refreshments before you serve!

Small Group Leaders' Breakfast - Saturday, September 12, 9am. If you missed our last meeting and are a current small group leader or are interested in leading a small group, you are invited to join Pastor Joe for breakfast. The new small group vision will be shared. RSVP to the office, pv@pvwinona.com or 452.5518.

Hymn Sing - Sunday, September 13, 6pm, room 209. All are welcome!

Volunteer Appreciation Event: An Essential Piece - Saturday, September 19, 6:30-8pm, PVC. Attention all Volunteers - If you have volunteered at PVC in the last year, whether 1 time or every week, Pleasant Valley Church invites you and a guest to this volunteer appreciation event. Enjoy dessert, fun, and prizes as we celebrate our volunteers! Childcare will be available. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, September 16.

Family Camp - September 4-7, 2015. PVC families are invited to Arrowhead Bible Camp's Family Camp in New Auburn, WI. Details and registration forms are on the brochure kiosk and at pvwinona.com. Registration and \$25 deposit due to Arrowhead by Monday, August 31.

Ownership (formerly known as membership) - The Governance Board will vote on church ownership for Ashley Christie and Eric Christie at an upcoming meeting. In accordance with our Constitution, any PVC owner with reasons why their ownerships should not be approved, contact Pastor Brandon or Governance Board Chair, Andrew Olsen.



Pleasant Valley Church is pursuing an initiative that will do three things that require sacrifice, commitment and financial resources: Repurpose the facility (classroom remodeling,

audio-visual-lighting (AVL) needs, and traffic flow), Retire existing debt, and Bless local ministries.

We are in phase 2, which includes 100% debt elimination! As of January 22, our debt balance was approximately \$919,000. *Our debt balance, after the August 5 payment, is \$296,160!* We pray that many will increase giving to help meet this goal. If you have not partnered with PVC in this initiative because debt was not a priority, or pledged less than you may have, would you prayerfully reconsider? By eliminating debt, we are setting our church up to be free to be used by God to point people to the Irresistible One, Jesus. Pledge cards are available on the brochure kiosk.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Baby/Toddler Zones (BTZ) are located in the hallway on our lower level. The Baby Zone welcomes birth through steady walkers. The Toddler Zone is for walkers through 33 months.

Kids' Church Pre & K - Preschoolers (age 24-33 mos) through Kindergarten, meet Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30am. Class meets down the hallway on the first floor. Beginning Sept 13, Pre & K will meet in rm 206.

Kids' Church Grades 1-4, Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30am, room 209 (SMC). Students enjoy worship, teaching and fun team challenges, plus small groups for talking points and prayer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

No Sunday Morning Youth (Formerly SML) today and September 6. Class will resume Sunday, September 13 in room 203 (Chapel). 5th-8th grade students are welcome. Adult leaders challenge them to grow deeper in their faith; plus they enjoy games and donuts!

Battle of the Ages - Wednesday, September 2, 7-9pm at the Lions Shelter on Hamilton Street in Lake Park. Middle school vs High school! Come enjoy games and competition! No preregistration necessary. A Medical Release Permission form is due if you don't have one on file since June 1, 2015. Form is available at the church or at pvwinona.com/ministries/middle-school/.

Wednesday Night Youth Group will resume Wednesday, September 9, 7pm at PVC. 5th - 8th grade students are welcome to enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time. Our hope is that the students see the Wednesday night group as their break from the challenges of being a middle school student, and that they are able to be refreshed in Jesus.

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Wednesday Night Youth Group will resume Wednesday, September 9, 7pm at PVC. 9th-12th grade students are welcome to enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.

Life Groups - If you are interested in "moving forward in life together" with other HSM students, contact Pastor Brian, brian@pvwinona.com.

The **High School Ministry** will meet on Wednesday nights for Youth Group, Sunday nights for Life Groups, and various times for special events.

The **College Ministry** will meet on Monday nights for Breathe, Village Groups at various times, and special events as scheduled.

A Sunday morning class will not take place for high school or college students. We want to create a new experience for them! We want them ready for the next phase in their spiritual journey. We believe that there are several things that will be key to that development.

We will be challenging our high school and college students to come alongside our kids and middle school students on Sunday mornings,

encouraging them in their walk with Jesus. We also believe that one of the best ways to grow as a family is to worship together. In addition, we do not want to over-program our high school and college students. We would rather provide an incredible mid-week experience, geared to their life stage, that encourages them to bring their friends.

A final reason for this change is that we want to give our younger kids the best space available on Sunday mornings. We are going "all-in" to make our kids program more dynamic with live worship and age appropriate small groups. We believe that this will not only serve our current attendees, but also draw in the community.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Breathe (College Church) - Mondays, beginning August 31, 7pm at PVC. Breathe WILL meet on September 7 (Labor Day). Need a ride? Cars will be waiting at Krzyzko Commons and Lourdes at 6:45pm.

Want to join a small group? Email h2o@pvwinona.com and let us know you are interested in joining a Village Group!

ADULT MINISTRIES

Women, you are invited to a bonfire hosted by the Men's Ministry, Saturday, September 12, 4:30pm at Lonna Benson's home, 19490 County Rd 18, Lewiston. The men will be cooking for you! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the night out. RSVP to Louise Stenberg, lstenberg@hotmail.com, 507.454.7126.

Men's Retreat - October 23-24 at Camp Victory. Save the date!

Financial Peace University (FPU)

This 9-week class will be offered at PVC on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm beginning September 23. We all need a plan for our money. FPU is that plan! Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Broke is normal. Be weird! \$100 per kit (couples can share a kit). Scholarships are available. Childcare is also available. You can sign up online at www.pvwinona.com.

Not sure if this is for you?

A free, 15 minute preview is being offered today in room 206 immediately following each of the services.

NEXT STEPS

Whether you're new or a long-time attendee, we want PVC to be a place where you grow spiritually. Attending Sunday morning Worship Celebrations is a great place to start, but it simply is not enough. Please consider these next steps:

GROUPS

All groups meet in Winona unless otherwise listed. Contact the facilitator of the group.

Mixed Adult:

Sundays, (every other), 5:30-7pm, Jake & Molly Dahl, 450.3015, jakedahl@hotmail.com, Rushford, MN

Tuesdays, (every other), 6:30pm, Tom Bernatz, dbernatz@centurytel.net, Fountain City, WI

Tuesdays, 7pm, Owen Warneke & Todd Erickson, 454.7524, owenowa@hbci.com, *Parables of Jesus*

Tuesdays, 7pm, Chuck & Stephanie Orr, stephanie_jorr@hotmail.com

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Bob & Andrea Reinert, 452.9657, robertfreinert@gmail.com
Beth Moore: *Revelation*

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Matt Bollinger, 507.273.0701, mrb4686@aol.com, (young families) Lewiston, MN, *Balancing Life's Demands* by Chip Ingram

Wednesdays, 7pm, Glenn & Michele Butler, 608.355.2478,

butlerm@arcadia.k12.wi.us, Arcadia, WI

Thursdays, 9:30am, Allen Thompson, 454.0363 (senior adults), beginning Sept 10
Meeting the Holy Spirit

Thursdays, beginning September 3, 1-3pm & 5:30-7:30pm, an 11 week Precepts study on *Zechariah & Malachi*. Zechariah: What will happen on the day when the Lord is king over all the earth? There is a future time of restoration coming for the righteous. Are you ready for that day? Malachi will prepare you for the day when the Lord opens the windows of heaven and pours out His blessing. Cost for materials is \$35. To register, contact the office, pv@pvwinona.com or 507.452.5518.

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