

SMALL GROUP, SERVICE MINISTRY OR BIBLE STUDY
SUGGESTIONS FOR GATHERING DURING A PANDEMIC
(click for links to other resources)

- **Parent-Child Book Club** - gather a few parents and children of about the same age, pick a book of interest, google some discussion questions and schedule a zoom meeting to discuss. Check out [some suggestions on getting started](#) and a [grade-by-grade book list](#).
- **Grownups Book Club** - Same as above but with different books. Our Resource Room has a variety of options, or find a book that grabs your attention. Think outside the box: **cookbooks, books made into movies, work/life balance, memoirs, other cultures**, back to school (read the books assigned to your kids), **awesome audiobooks**, and more.
- **Short Story Club** - overwhelmed by the thought of reading a whole book right now? We hear you. A short story is a less time-consuming alternative. Find [tips and suggestions here](#).
- **Take a Hike** - meet a few friends for a socially distanced walk around [Preddy Creek Park](#) just up the road. There are over 80 miles of trails in [Albemarle County Parks](#).
- **Hear a Speaker or Musician** - gather a small group on zoom and share [a video of interest](#). Have a conversation afterwards.
- **Learn about the ELCA's position statements** - [Download an article or video](#) of interest and gather on zoom to discuss. The ELCA provides multiple resources with study guides. You could start with [Faith and Society](#), but there is much to explore.
- **Have a Craftfest** - choose a fun craft geared for your small group, purchase supplies as needed online and then zoom as you create. Share your ideas and creations as you work. (Our Prayer Shawl Knitters have perfected the art of knitting and zooming.) [Tips and suggestions here](#).
- **Movie Club** - choose a movie available online or via streaming, google some discussion questions, watch and gather on zoom to discuss. [Netflix](#) and [Amazon Prime](#) have websites with their current faith and spirituality offerings for adults and children. (We can't promise they are all worth watching, but we bet you can find some that are of interest.)
- **Prayer Sharing** - zoom a small group to share prayer concerns (individual or otherwise) and pray together, or pray for the people on our prayer list. Enjoy coffee and conversation afterwards.
- **Walk those Dogs** - Take Fido and Fifi for a socially distanced walk together. Begin and end with prayer.
- **ZOOMERCISE** - Share a workout video via zoom ([this is one for beginners](#) and there are a oodles of workouts on [youtube](#)) and exercise remotely but with friends. You'll get your body moving and will feel great afterwards. After, enjoy some conversation with your big glass of water.
- **Backyard Jam Session** - Grab your guitars, your tambourines and your kazoos for a socially distanced songfest. **Don't forget to wear your masks and stay apart if you choose to sing**. Make your own "playlist" or [start with this one](#). Firepit and **s'mores** optional.