

2016-2017

St. Mary's Dinner Club



Greetings and thank you for showing your interest in joining the St. Mary's Dinner Club (SMDC)! We had a successful first year in 2015-2016, and hope to gain some new faces as well as returning Dinner Club members. Spread the word and ask around to hear about the fun experiences others had in this wonderful adult fellowship opportunity.

What is the St. Mary's Dinner Club?

St. Mary's adults who enjoy conversation and great food have the opportunity to meet other adults of the church in an informal monthly/semi-monthly dinner setting over the course of a five month or more period of time.

SMDC is open to all folks in the St. Mary's Church community, including singles, couples, young adults, middle-aged adults, and seniors. We are pleased to bring this opportunity to interested persons to share in their Faith and fellowship. For this first attempt of the SMDC, groups are intended to ideally be of eight people. Many homes can accommodate up to eight people fairly easily, so that is always the general goal. However, depending on the exact numbers who sign up, adjustments will be made in group sizes as needed.

This series of the SMDC will run from September/October 2016 through March/April 2017. Once the names/contact information from all interested parties has been collected, each will be randomly assigned to appropriate group sizes, and their contact information will be provided to those participating in the Dinner Club in September. We are also looking at a potential potluck to begin the year with all the SMDC participants in September, with details to follow after all interested participants have been identified for this new year.

After each small group has been identified, they will individually determine their own meeting dates and schedule. SMDC is not in charge of setting up dates for meals or communicating with each group after the initial groups have been established. Some groups of eight may meet once per month while others may squeeze their four meetings into a five-month or whatever time period it takes to accommodate their schedules. Groups can also meet more than 4 times if they so choose and schedules allow.

Each year, the SMDC will begin fresh with advertisements for any interested members (new and returning) to consider joining, and a new random assignment of individuals into groups will follow each new year of the Dinner Club.

What are the goals of the Dinner Club?

- Foster Christian fellowship and community through small-group, informal monthly/semi-monthly dinners.
- Provide an opportunity for St. Mary's adults to get better acquainted with each other.

How will it work?

More details will follow once an official list of interested participants is made, but on the next page is an example of the initial, basic set-up for each small group of four couples—again, subject to change slightly depending on participation numbers. Read from left to right for each specific meal. Adjustments can be made within each group depending on the meal choices and participants' discretion. Individual food allergies will also have to be discussed and taken into consideration within each individual group.

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Schedule (each group will determine dates)	Host: Entrée, Beverages, & an Appetizer	Salad or Appetizer	Side dish and/or Bread	Dessert
First Dinner	Members #1	Members #4	Members #3	Members #2
Second Dinner	Members #2	Members #1	Members #4	Members #3
Third Dinner	Members #3	Members #2	Members #1	Members #4
Fourth dinner	Members #4	Members #3	Members #2	Members #1

We would love to have you participate in this year's St. Mary's Dinner Club!

If you are interested in joining, please contact us to be assigned to a group for this year. Names and contact information must be received by **Wednesday, August 31st, 2016** in order to participate this year and gain additional information about the initial potluck and Dinner Club groupings in September.

Please contact us by any one of the following ways:

Mail: Will and Kate Swanson
624 Early Street
Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

Phone: 1-515-320-5155 (Kate's Cell)
1-507-269-6042 (Will's Cell)

Email: willandkate2013@gmail.com

When you contact us to participate in the SMDC, please provide us with **ALL** of the following information (as it applies):

- ✓ Your name(s)
- ✓ Your address
- ✓ Your phone numbers – both home AND cell phone please
- ✓ Your email address

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you!