



## Faith, community, and service for real life

**“Kairos has helped me recognize that I am the church...in my home, in my community, and in the world.”**

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**“By asking probing questions about Scripture we connect ‘take-aways’ from our discussion to contemporary issues.”**

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**In the 21st Century we think the time has come to inhabit Luther’s vision.**

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**K**airos is a house church that gathers people to deepen their faith, live as disciples, and explore the connections between faith and life today. We offer a unique way to worship and a community of welcome and care, where each person is encouraged to live out his or her passions and vocation.

**What is a “house church”?** The first followers of Jesus met in homes, and Martin Luther had a vision for small communities that would gather in homes to learn, pray, and serve their neighbors. Kairos follows this model to offer intimate and interactive worship without the costs of a building. Participants aim to be full-time disciples served by a very part-time pastor.

**What is the Kairos ethos?** We’re a community that dives deep into Scripture and asks “How does this form my tomorrow?” Everyone has a voice and we’re not afraid to ask questions. Participants have input into the direction of the ministry and are encouraged to use their gifts.

**What is worship like?** Kairos has simplified worship shaped by the Lutheran liturgical tradition. Instead of sermons, we have a facilitated conversation about the sacred text and how it informs our lives. The format allows everyone who wants to be heard (although it’s OK to just listen). People say that exploring Scripture in community sticks with them in ways they don’t get with a normal sermon. We have an extended period for sharing of joys and prayer concerns, and most services include communion.

**How does Kairos serve?** We continue a long association with The Welcome Church, providing “coffee hour” and Welcome Home kits. We also offer free Art/Meditation workshops for the community several times a year. Our people volunteer at food pantries, Code Blue shelters, Boy Scouts, a drug/alcohol recovery center, and more.