

The Grieving Process

Coping with a death often results in stressful changes. Attempts to deny the pain and confusion of grief can lead to despair and loneliness. *Gaining an understanding of the grief process in a caring and supportive atmosphere increases coping skills and leads to personal growth.* That is where Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition can help.



How Do I Join?

Individuals may join the group at any time. There is no fee and no R.S.V.P. needed. Donations are welcomed.

Coalition Member Churches

Bloomington

Christ the King Lutheran
Church of St. Edward
Nativity of Mary Catholic
Normandale Hylands United Methodist
Oak Grove Presbyterian
Peace Lutheran
St. Bonaventure Catholic
St. Luke's Lutheran
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Transfiguration Lutheran

Richfield

Catholic Church of St. Peter
Church of the Assumption Catholic
House of Prayer Lutheran
Oak Grove Lutheran
St. Richard Catholic
Woodlake Lutheran



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Grieving Death and Growing 2026



Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition

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Grief is a universal experience.

Churches in the Bloomington-Richfield area are working together to provide support and education for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.



**Group meetings are held on
Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Each session includes:

4:30-5 p.m. – Educational presentation
5-6 p.m. – Small groups will be formed to share concerns and experiences

Education

Understanding the grief process and the many emotions involved in working through one's grief makes the journey less frightening. Guest speakers share their own experience and professional knowledge on grief and loss.

Support

Small groups will follow a speaker or video each week. In these groups, participants will have the opportunity to share their feelings and concerns with others who are also working through the grief process. Trained facilitators lead the groups.



*This is a group that nobody wants to join
but are grateful to find.
I can't say enough about their help
through a very tough time in life & their support.*

—Anonymous



2026 Schedule

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Educational Presentation: 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Small groups: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Winter 2026

January 8 - February 26

**St. Richard Catholic Church
7540 Penn Avenue South
Richfield, MN 55423
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Spring 2026

April 9 - May 28

**Peace Lutheran Church
8600 East Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438
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Summer 2026

July 9 - August 27

**Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
2200 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
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Fall 2026

September 24 - November 12

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
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