

# Welcome to Kaleidoscope

## Video Transcript

Hello friends and welcome to Kaleidoscope Indy! We are flattered that you wanted to know [more about us](#)! Kaleidoscope Indy was created with one objective: to provide a safe space for the LGBTQIA+ community and our allies.

My title is Pastrix Carmen, but you can call me Pastrix or Carmen or whatever you are most comfortable with. I answer to many names like Carla, Karma, Carmine and almost anything else you can think of, but please call me Karen! **I am the Mama Bear of the group and I take my job very seriously. If you are not respectful of people's pronouns or if you're disrespectful of the gathered community, you will be asked to leave immediately.** Because we are committed to our promise of a safe space.

**Kaleidoscope meets on Thursday evenings beginning at 5:30 with Queer Café obviously that includes coffee bar. This is a time to sip beverages and catch-up with each other. The Experience begins at 6:00 and is different every week.**

On the first Thursday we gather around **The Table to share a meal together.** We have a volunteer that makes delicious food and takes into account vegetarians and those with gluten and dairy allergies so that everyone can participate in The Table.

The second Thursday is a mixed-bag. One of our favorite activities is Show-n-Tell. Yes, you heard me right. It's the same show-n-tell you had in elementary school. It gives everyone a chance to share a small part of their lives with us while we get to know each other better.

**On the third Thursday we have a guest speaker or sometimes a panel discussion.** This is an opportunity for people to share about the work they are doing in the community, tell their own story, or help educate us on some of the problems our LGBTQ siblings are experiencing and how we can help.

**Finally, the fourth Thursday is an interactive experience. Sometimes it's a game night, other times it's a painting night, tie-dye night, or craft night. These are always a lot of fun and it is so amazing to see everyone's creations.**

But Kaleidoscope isn't just on Thursday nights. We share upcoming events and things we think others in the **group would enjoy and so we create these extra opportunities to come together in community and have some fun.** Some things we've done in the past are attending a play, going to a concert or drag show, and I even had a cookout at my house!

But to-date I think by far the most important work we have done is with the trans- and non-binary Community. **We hosted a Trans-Mission panel discussion in July that gave us tons of ideas for supporting this community.** The discussion was excellent and I think we ALL learned

something that night. One of the ideas birthed out of the panel discussion was hosting **Open Closet where people donate gently used clothes and then the trans and non-binary community is invited to come and shop for free if they make donation of their own.**

So, Kaleidoscope is more than just loving and supporting each other, but also serving our community. Like us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and follow along with what we are doing and see if we deliver what we promise. Then come check us out on a Thursday night, and see what you think. The more the merrier, so feel free to invite a friend to come with you!

We meet at Roberts Park United Methodist Church on the corner of Vermont and Delaware Streets, but let me assure you that even though we call ourselves an inter-faith group, pushing religion, any religion is not what we are about. We are not a church. There is also no age limit at Kaleidoscope and we are an intergenerational group. We have two excellent allies in our group, Steve and Faye, who are everyone's adoptive grandparents. They'll love you the minute you meet them and you can't help but love them back.

One of the best things about Kaleidoscope is the diversity. We have gay, trans, non-binary, lesbians, poly, and queer people. So whatever your letter, there's sure to be someone here that shares some of your experiences. And it provides a great opportunity for us to learn from each other.

Consider yourself officially invited to participate in Kaleidoscope. Again, I can't wait to meet you, and I hope to see you on a Thursday.